

# NEWSCAPE



## Spring Gardens



*The Rock Garden at New York Botanical Garden.  
More spring garden photos inside!  
Photo below: Vizcaya, Miami, FL. Photos by Victoria Bergesen.*

### From the Editor:

This issue is packed with terrific information. I hope that the photos of spring gardens will be welcome. *Please be sure to forward this to all your Consultants.*

I look forward to hearing from many more of you by August 1, 2012 for inclusion in our Autumn 2012 issue.

We would all love to hear about your projects, meetings and schools. You are all doing so much; we can all use new ideas.

All submissions must be original material and may include photographs. Articles should be in Word format and sent as attachments to E-mails with "Newscap" in the subject line.

*-Victoria Bergesen-*

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE LANDSCAPE DESIGN STUDY PROGRAM**

- ✿ Develop a greater sense of appreciation, pride, and knowledge about our private and public gardens.

- ✿ Become better educated to make changes in our surroundings so that they will be more beautiful, useful, convenient, ecologically sound, and easily maintained.

- ✿ Stimulate interest in all phases of landscape design, including community planning that will affect all of our lives.

- ✿ Develop a contingent of qualified Landscape Design Consultants to serve in such decision-making areas of public life as providing leadership, educational programs, scholarships, awards, and promoting better landscape design.



NEWS FROM YOUR NATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

From our National Chairman:

Soon we welcome the beauty of spring. The plans for changes I want to make in my landscape are being formulated. Attending Landscape Design School in April here in New Jersey is on my calendar. Throughout the states, similar Schools are scheduled and will stimulate interest in the many phases of landscape design, including community gardens and rain gardens. My sincere thanks to all the chairmen of Landscape Design Schools and Landscape Design Councils who contribute so much to the success of our Schools and the Program.

Victoria Bergesen, LDS Consultants' Councils and Newsletter Chairman, and I have been working on clarifying, updating, and improving the Landscape Design Schools Operation Guide and hope to receive its approval at National Convention in Buffalo in May.

If you are planning to attend NGC Convention in Buffalo, consider taking the Tri-Refresher planned for Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. An impressive collection of gardens and landscapes are on the itinerary. Please do read the article here by Multiple Refresher Chairman, Libby Coffey, regarding credit one can obtain

depending on one's Consultant status, when attending a Bi- or Tri-Refresher.

It is important that the paperwork following Course or Refresher completion be handled within the required six-week period. Rosters and Attendance Summary Forms must go to the appropriate Accrediting Chairmen and to the Schools Secretary at NGC headquarters in St. Louis along with \$5 accreditation fee for all desiring credit.

The three Landscape Design Accrediting Chairmen are:

*Pat Clayes* (South Atlantic, Deep South and Central Regions) P.O. Box 757, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352-0757 patclayes@aol.com

*Allison Beards* (South Central, Rocky Mountain, Pacific Regions) 34 High St., Belfast, ME 04915(Nov-April) 101 Ryan Rd., Northport, ME 04849-3457(May-Oct.) windynt@prexar.com

*Jacqueline Connell* (New England and Central Atlantic Regions) Note: currently, please use Jacqueline's Massachusetts address: 982 Home Rd., Great Barrington, MA 01230-9309 themusesgarden@netscape.net

*Katie Roth*, Schools Secretary National Garden Clubs, Inc., 4401 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110-3492 kroth@gardenclub.org



Top two: New York Botanical Gardens; Bronx, NY; Boerner Botanical Gardens, Milwaukee, WI; Kingwood, Mansfield, OH. Photos By Victoria Bergesen.

I strongly urge all state Landscape Design Chairman to keep their paperwork and records in order. If they are not continuing in the position, this is most important. Please help and guide your successor as they learn procedures.

When the newly updated Operations Guide becomes available, do order a copy to pass on. Transition will go so smoothly this way.

A reminder to the state Landscape Design Schools chairmen: Please send me a copy of "Event Announcement" Form LDS 1 when you register your School with the NGC Schools Secretary at NGC Head-quarters. Copies also go to the Reading Chairman, Jo'C Walker, and the Instructors' Chairman, Becky Linney.

The Landscape Design Schools Committee is here to help you. All are listed on the NGC web site, [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org), under Schools>Landscape Design>Forms.

I wish you all many happy gardening days.

*Jane Bersch, Chairman*

**LISTEN UP  
REFRESHING  
CONSULTANTS!**

There have been many questions concerning eligibility to receive multiple credits when

refreshing in a Tri- or Bi- Refresher.

*Credit may be offered to Master Consultants in each of the schools in which he/she is a Master. All other refreshing Consultants shall receive credit for one school only.*

If you are a Master in all three schools, you may receive credit for all three schools. If you are a Master in ESS and GSS but not in LDS, then you may receive credit for ESS and GSS if you so choose or LDS only.

After attending and enjoying an outstanding learning experience in NGC schools, it is very meaningful to continue your education by refreshing in what you have learned. There is always something new and exciting going on in our gardening world.

*Elizabeth K. Coffey, Chairman  
Multiple Refreshers, NGC*

**NGC SCHOOLS**

Greetings fellow Landscape Design Consultants,

Thank you for supporting the informative NGC Landscape Design School program and congratulations for all you do to stimulate interest in all phases of landscape design and to encourage, implement and publicize projects that make our communities more beautiful and sustainable.

Students and Consultants are encouraged to read and share information about Landscape Design Schools and other NGC schools that is published in *The National Gardener* and *Keeping in Touch* (your garden club president receives *Keeping in Touch* – ask her/him to share the news with you and your club). Revisions in the school programs and requirements are officially published in *The National Gardener* in addition to interesting and educational articles about varied aspects of landscape design.

Your state and national volunteer landscape design (and other schools) chairmen put in a great deal of work to bring you these educational opportunities and to administer the programs. Many thanks for all they do. We are here to answer your questions and help you realize the many benefits of participating in these programs. Keep studying and refreshing in Landscape Design (there is no end to the opportunities to learn more). And if you have not already done so, expand your horizons by attending Environmental Studies and Gardening Study Schools. The schools are extensively interrelated.

*Greg Pokorski, NGC ES, GS and LD Schools Coordinator*



**TIPS FOR FILING SCHOOL PAPERWORK**

Event Announcements from the South Atlantic, Deep South and Central Regions are flying into my mailbox from Katie Roth, NGC Schools Secretary! Thank you to the states which have held, are currently holding or will hold landscape design schools in the future. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about your state’s landscape design school records. If my records cannot help you, then I can ask Katie Roth to help. Katie is on top of everything! If you are unable to reach me via telephone (909-337-6911) at my main home in the San Bernardino Mountains of California, I am most likely at my desert home (760-773-0516) in Palm Desert, California. However, the best way to reach me is via Email: [\\_patclayes@aol.com](mailto:_patclayes@aol.com) I check my email on a daily basis.

PLEASE NOTE: All forms to NGC and NGC LDS Chairmen are to come from the State Landscape Design School Chairmen, *not from the local school chairmen/ registrars*. It is the State Landscape Design School Chairman’s responsibility to send forms and information to NGC. See Page 7 of the current *LDS Operations Guide* which explains that the State LDS Chairman is the one

person who sends fees to NGC Headquarters and all forms and correspondence relating to the educational program (i.e., courses and refreshers) to the NGC Landscape Design Committee. If you follow this rule, you will save this chairman and others a lot of headaches and time.

Also, for those states that have a Landscape Design School Chairman and a Credentials Chairman, please share all information that you receive from NGC and the NGC LDS Chairmen with each other. In some states, this is not being done: creating confusion and incorrect record keeping.

Finally, you may be unaware of the fact that I am a past California LDS Chairman. I made a few mistakes on NGC forms during my term as California’s LDS Chairman and had a few questions, but I learned from those mistakes and from the answers to my questions. I went on to do a good job for California thanks to the help of the past NGC Accrediting Chairman for the Pacific Region, Sally DeSimone. As your NGC LDS Accrediting Chairman, I want to be like Sally DeSimone and help your state’s LDS Chairman do a GREAT job!

*Pat Clayes, LDS Accrediting Chairman (South Atlantic, Deep South, Central)*

*Photos top to bottom: Brooklyn Botanical Garden, NY (2); Fellowes-Riverside Metro Park, Youngstown, OH; Elm Bank, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Wellesley, MA. Photos By Victoria Bergesen.*



**WHY LDS SCHOOL?**

Many people ask me, “What benefits will I get from this course?”

- ✿ An in-depth study of landscape design
- ✿ A comprehensive understanding for creating and evaluating your own landscape
- ✿ Insights to help with design for your club’s civic projects
- ✿ Skills to judge completed landscapes for awards and contests
- ✿ Knowledge to assist with awards briefs
- ✿ Confidence to serve as guardians and consultants of land use and outdoor beauty
- ✿ Ideas to present landscape-related presentations to instruct and encourage others in good landscape practice
- ✿ Knowledge to serve and assist on civic boards for parks, tree commissions, planning, and zoning
- ✿ After passing two courses, an invitation to become a provisional member of a Landscape Design Consultant Council which enables you to: attend special educational programs presented by professionals; tour public and private garden, practice evaluation of landscape designs; support profession of landscape design through scholarships
- ✿ Most of all, fun and life-long friendships with wonderful like-minded people

*Barbara Shepard, Garden Club of Ohio, Landscape Design Schools Chairman.*

**STATE NEWS**

**CALIFORNIA**

This past year was incredible for our Landscape Design Schools. Congratulations are due to the 40 new Landscape Design Consultants who completed all four courses of the two schools offered in 2011. Taking advantage of the new alternatives for course scheduling, these two schools were completed in less than the previous two-year requirement. CGCI LDS Series 24, sponsored by the Costa Verde District, was completed in less than one year. While the 25<sup>th</sup> Series, a fast-tracked “noble experiment” sponsored by the Colfax Garden Club, *was successfully completed in six weeks!*

The Costa Verde Series was held at the South Coast Botanic Garden in Palos Verdes Peninsula, with an attendance of over 40. The school added 22 new Landscape Design Consultants and refreshed 5.

During the fourth course, we presented a Landscape Design Commendation to the South Coast Botanic Garden (SCBG) in recognition for good land use. The SCBG was realized through the cooperative efforts of Los Angeles County, the SCBG Foundation and the community. It is a public botanic garden containing over 200,000 species of plants from around the world. The 87-acre public garden is one of the

world’s first botanical gardens to be developed over a sanitary landfill. The success of this reclamation effort is apparent in the peaceful shady groves and gardens of spectacular color enjoyed by visitors throughout the year. The presentation of this award during a Landscape Design School is particularly appropriate because, as members of the CGCI Landscape Design Council, these new Consultants are encouraged to recognize and honor good landscape designs and land use.

The Colfax Garden Club was the dedicated and energetic sponsor of Series 25, held in Colfax. Kudos go to the School co-chairs, Myrtle Findley and Bili Winter, as well as the rest of their committee for their dedication and efforts in successfully organizing and completing this school. We gained 18 new consultants and 2 refreshed during this school.

By holding these two schools in the same year (in both the north and south of the state) we allowed those missing a course to complete the requirements necessary to become Landscape Design Consultants or to refresh their credentials. While there are no new Landscape Design Schools currently being planned, discussions are under-way regarding the possibility of holding Series 26 & 27.



*The South Coast Botanic Garden provided unique opportunities for refreshing lunch breaks and inspiring landscape design.*

*Alexis Slafer, Landscape Design Schools Chairman.*

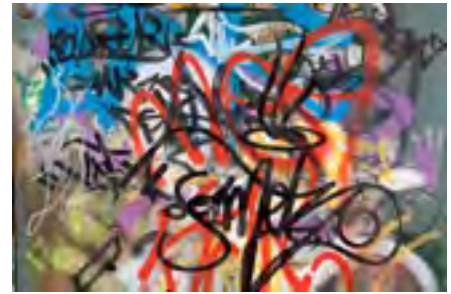
**California Landscape Design Council**

Since summer, the California LDC awarded 8 Landscape Design Commendations, one Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture and 3 Certificates of Appreciation or various landscape projects throughout California. More awards are in the works to be given at CGCI's Winter Board Meeting in Pismo Beach where our council will meet. Two Los Angeles County police officers were given Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of their outstanding skill in

managing good land use at the 101 Hollywood Freeway tunnel and embankment at Lemon Grove Avenue and Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, CA. As the sides of the Kingsley tunnel had always been plagued with gang tagging and trash, the officers wanted to improve the landscape around the tunnel. The officers brought the community together via a town hall meeting and asked for support: to remove graffiti and develop a simple beautification project to bring beauty to the community. With the help of the community, Cal-Trans (California Department of Transportation) and the Assistance League of Southern California, phase 1 of the project was completed, including anti-weed barriers, mulch, tunnel entry fencing and plantings of *Bougainvillea spinosa* (Fragrant Bougainvillea) and *Thevetia peruviana* (Yellow Oleander). These plants' root systems will prevent erosion on the slopes. According to Cal-Trans, both plants are drought-resistant.

At our last, meeting Jeffrey F. Gamboni, L.A., presented a PowerPoint presentation of his landscape project for Stockton Beautiful at the Victory Park Rose Garden in Stockton, California. A garden/landscape tour, via PowerPoint, is planned for the council's upcoming meeting in Pismo Beach, CA.

*Pat Claves, CGCI DLC Chairman.*



*Photo from istockphoto.com.*

**KENTUCKY**

The Kentucky Landscape Design Consultants Councils ongoing project assists with landscaping the grounds of our State Headquarters, the Nannine Clay Wallis House in Paris, KY. The grounds contain old-growth trees as well as many memorial trees chosen for unique attributes. The lawn is an arboretum, which includes a beautiful conifer. Many groups visit and are given a booklet illustrating and describing the plants. Council member Judy Ferrell is the Arboretum Chair. The Kentucky Council is sponsoring Landscape Design School, Course I on September 19-21, 2012. The location is Warren County Extension

Office, 3132 Nashville Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101. Please contact Jim Mullen, Kentucky LDS Chair, 270-522-4130, jim.mullen@att.net or Martha Morgan, Kentucky Landscape Design Consultants Chair, 270-781-5695,

marthamorgan@insightbb.com  
for more information.

*Martha Morgan, Kentucky Council  
Chairman.*

**MARYLAND**

The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc. Landscape Design Council is very proud that it achieved its goal: award winners in each of our five districts. The projects included: two Habitat For Humanity locations, landscaping at public libraries, an elementary school, a historical house, a veterans' cemetery, a hospice, a homeless shelter and a new visitors center. The winners of the \$1,450 cash awards will be announced at our March annual meetings. We look forward to more winners in 2012, rewarding clubs for their hard work in beautifying our communities.

The Council used its new state-of-the-art projector at its September meeting and after the program on night blooming gardens, visited the gardens of three members. We are in the process of converting our many LDC slide programs onto DVD's and creating new programs to be made available, along with a LD Consultant, for garden club programs.

We have contributed to our two state scholarship programs and at our December meeting,

one of our scholarship winners was our guest. She discussed her plans in landscape architecture. She's on our radar as a future garden club member and Landscape Design Consultant!

*Diana Bonner, LDC Chairman.*

**NEBRASKA**

Nebraska is excited to be hosting our first Landscape Design School beginning Oct. 12-13, 2012 in Kearney, Nebraska.

I'm indebted to other states for their brochures to help me formulate our own.

*Alice Hemsath  
Landscape Design Chairman.*

**NEW JERSEY**

Course III, Series 16 was held on April 5 and 6, 2011 at Holly House on the campus of Rutgers Gardens. Registration far exceeded 2010 with 59 students attending (up from 44 last year), including a few traveling from Cumberland County in South Jersey, one student from Connecticut and one Refresher from Maryland. 19 students took the exam.

Opening up Landscape Design School to Master Gardeners and announcing this program statewide through the MG State Coordinator at Rutgers University resulted in 33 Master Gardeners attending and

gaining Continuing Education Credits for their county MG programs. It is worth noting that many garden club members are also Master Gardeners.

After their presentations, Bruce Crawford and Steve Kristoph had wonderful plant material on hand for eager students to purchase. A new addition to the teaching staff this year was Kirk Brown joining us from Pennsylvania where he has taught for several years in that state's LDS program. Landscape Architects and husband/wife team, Denise and Eric Mattes, returned with their well-developed Power Point presentation and Rutgers professor, Seiko Goto, also returned.

Course IV will be April 17, 18 and 20, 2012 and we're counting on another successful program!

*Nancy Schmaltz, LDS Chairman.*

**OHIO**

Salute to a Grand Lady of  
Landscape Design  
Luisa Mae Bird  
(1925—2011)

In September we lost our first lady of the Garden Club of Ohio Landscape Design School program. Luisa was a member of GCO's Series I in 1970 at Canton, Ohio. She qualified as an Accredited Landscape Design Consultant in 1972. She was passionate about the importance of landscape design education in the NGC Schools and at Ohio State University. She chaired our Council's Scholarship Program for many years, befriending OSU faculty and students.

Luisa was the model of the traditional garden club lady, always perfectly coiffed and manicured. She was famous for her color-coordinated outfits, including deliberately wearing shoes of two different colors! Even when she had trouble walking in later years she wore high heels. Yet she never hesitated to pull over to the side of the road and plunge into the brush, secateurs in hand, looking for plant material!



We were all inspired by her passion, enthusiasm, and knowledge of floral design, horticulture, landscaping and the environment. It was her way with people that we will remember most. After talking with her, we felt as though there was nothing beyond our reach. What a gift she had! And how generously she shared it with us.

Luisa was a member of Belle Fleur, Serendipity, and Worthington Hills Garden Clubs. She served as NGC Central Atlantic Regional Director (1997-8), Garden Club of Ohio President (1976-7) and as a Golden Circle Member of the NGC Board, she had served in many capacities on that Board for over

thirty years. She was Master Landscape Design Consultant, a Master Flower Show Judge, a member of Ohio Judges Council and a founding member of the Ohio Landscape Design Consultants Council.

We all miss Luisa's generosity, enthusiasm and love.

*Barbara Shepard, Ohio LDS  
Chairman*

**OLDCC**

Ohio Landscape Design Consultants Council's goals are

- ✿ To educate our Council members to provide outreach to our communities, local commissions and park boards.

- ✿ To assist our communities through Beautification Contests.

- ✿ To support and encourage landscape students through our scholarship program.

Our October 2011 OLDCC meeting was held at Marvin's Gardens, an organic nursery near Lebanon (Southern Ohio). Owner Marvin Duren spoke about native trees suitable for suburban gardens. By-laws were discussed and partially updated.

The next OLDCC meeting will be held on April 21, 2012 at the Quail Hollow Nursery in Hartville, Ohio (Northern Ohio). Our program will

include a speaker on rock gardens Quail Hollow has beautiful display gardens and a wonderful selection of unusual plants

Our geographic diversity requires some members to travel for hours, so we meet only twice a year. We look forward to increasing Council membership and attendance. The old saying, "A chain is only as strong as its weakest link" is very true.

*Joyce Roth, OLDCC President*

**Ohio Landscape Design School**

Course I Series XIII was held October 6-7 with the examination Oct. 8, 2011 at Natorp's Garden Center Meeting Room in Mason, Ohio. We had 44 total in attendance: GCO Member Students 18; NGC Member Students (our delightful sisters from Kentucky) 7; Non-Member Students 7; Staff, Instructors, and Guests 12. Thirty two (32) students took the test and all passed. We had two GCO members refreshing to receive Master status-Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich and Dianna Mullins. We have 67 accredited consultants: 25 are Masters, 13 are emeritus. Course II will be held in April 2012 and Course III in October 2012. *See listings at the end of the newsletter.*





*Ohio LDS, Mason, OH. Photo by Barbara Shepard.*

**WASHINGTON**

The Chinook District of the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs (WSFGC) invites you to attend Landscape Design School Course III, April 24-26, 2012 at the Normandy Park Community Club, 1500 Shorebook Dr, Normandy Park, WA. Cost: \$60 for two days; \$35 for one day; \$5 for the exam, refresher or reinstatement. Instructors include a University of Washington professor of Landscape Architecture, a well-known Pacific Northwest Horticulturist, and local Landscape Architects and Designers. You may bring your own lunch or order lunch no later than April 12 for \$11. Coffee, tea and treats will be served throughout the day. Please register by March 31 to avoid a \$10 late fee. Registration brochure available at [www.wagardenclubs.com](http://www.wagardenclubs.com) or contact the local Chairman, Debbie Skow, [d.sk.1159@gmail.com](mailto:d.sk.1159@gmail.com) or 206-248-4313.

State Chairman JoAnn Goldman, [aljo2009@q.com](mailto:aljo2009@q.com) or 206-362-3201.

Washington Consultants Council visited Soos Creek Garden in Auburn last September. The 23-acre public space is comprised of many garden rooms with diverse plantings and its easements protect the salmon habitat in the creek. Council membership is open to all NGC Accredited Consultants and Provisional Consultants from the three NGC Schools: Landscape, Environment and Gardening Study. We collect dues, \$20 from a consultant in two or more areas, \$10 for one field of study. The money funds WSFGC awards for a Garden Club Growing Project, Landscape Design projects and Recycling. The Council meets at least twice a year to continue studies about the earth, gardening and landscape design through lectures, workshops, discussions and tours. Contact Lana Finegold at: [lanafinegold@msn.com](mailto:lanafinegold@msn.com) or 425-747-5742.

**WEST VIRGINIA**

West Virginia Garden Clubs will sponsor Landscape Design School, Course II, Series X, on May 23 through May 25, 2012. The school will be held on the Evansdale Campus of West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV. Information is

available from LDS Chairman Donna Davis, 64 Bryant Davis Lane, Saint Mary's, WV 26170. Phone/Fax 304 684 3136. E-mail: [dadodavis@frontiernet.net](mailto:dadodavis@frontiernet.net).



*Wave Hill, Bronx NY. Photo by Victoria Bergesen.*

**LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS**

**CONNECTICUT:** New Haven **Course II**, March 27-28, 2012  
Chairman: Leslie Martino, 203-389-4434

**GEORGIA:** Augusta **Course IV**, May 4-5, 2012  
Chairman Jane A. Whiteman 404-252-4473  
[jamawhit@bellsouth.net](mailto:jamawhit@bellsouth.net)

**KENTUCKY:** Bowling Green **Course I:** September 19-21, 2012  
State Chairman: Martha Morgan 270-781-5695  
[marthamorgan@insightbb.com](mailto:marthamorgan@insightbb.com)

**MARYLAND:** Derwood **Course IV:** Sept. 19-21, 2012  
State Co-Chairmen:  
Dianne Gregg 301-299-6465;  
Paula Knepper 301-424-7582

**MASSACHUSETTS:**

Wellesley  
**Course III**, November 1-3, 2012  
 Chairman: Jane O'Sullivan  
 781-659-4423  
 jeosullivan@comcast.net

**MICHIGAN:** Ludington  
**Course II**, April 19-20, 2012  
 State Chairman: Terry Harding  
 (231)947-0568  
 wsharding@chartermi.com

**MONTANA:** Helena  
**Course I**, March 16-18, 2012  
 Chairman: Mary J. Olsen  
 406-266-5695

**NEBRASKA:** Kearney  
**Course I**, October 12-13, 2012  
 Chairman: Alice Hemsath  
 308-224-3771  
 dhemsath@charter.net

**NEW JERSEY:** E. Brunswick  
**Course IV**, April 17, 18, 20, 2012  
 State Chairman: Nancy Schmaltz  
 732-741-1943  
 nan234@gmail.com

**OHIO:** Mason  
**Course II**, April 12-14, 2012  
 State Chairman: Barbara Shepard  
 614-890-4627  
 dshep6380@sbcglobal.net

**OHIO:** Springfield  
**Course III**, October 11-12, 2012  
 State Chairman: Barbara Shepard  
 (614)890-4627  
 dshep6380@sbcglobal.net

**VIRGINIA:** Gloucester  
**Course III**, March 29-30, 2012  
 Chairman: Bill Smoot  
 757-393-4617  
 billsmoot@cox.net

**WASHINGTON:** Normandy Park  
**Course III**, April 24-6, 2012  
 Chairman: JoAnn Goldman  
 206-362-3201  
 aljo2009@q.com

**WEST VIRGINIA:** Morgantown  
**Course II**, May 23-5, 2012  
 State Chairman: Donna Davis  
 304-684-3136  
 dadodavis@frontiernet.net

**REFRESHERS**

**FLORIDA:** Gainesville  
**Tri-Refresher**, June 19-21, 2012  
 Chairman: Claudia Bates  
 352-317-2831

**NEW YORK:** Buffalo  
**Tri-Refresher**, May 20, 2012  
 Chairman: Joan Peard  
 716-634-1353

**A Postscript from the Editor**

We have nine schools and two refreshers before the August 1 deadline for the fall issue of *Newscape*. We hope to hear all about them. Please take some pictures! As you can see, some of our pages need photos to break them up a bit.

It is so easy to shoot pictures these days with digital cameras. Try to show some action, not just people sitting. Those of you giving Course IV, have a great opportunity to show students landscape judging. Refreshers always include some wonderful landscapes: please share them. Councils can send in photos of their projects or their meeting places.

*Victoria Bergesen, Editor*



The Japanese Garden at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, New York was designed and constructed by Takeo Shiota in 1914-15. It remains a popular spot for contemplation.

*Photos by Victoria Bergesen*