

NEWSCAPE



Artist Jacques Majorelle (1889-1962) began his Marrakech garden in 1924, opening it to the public in 1947. Designer Yves St. Laurent (1937-2008) and Pierre Bergé acquired the gardens in 1980, restoring them to their present state. Although irrigated, the garden excels in its collections of cacti and succulents. An American is challenged by the use of vibrant colors with these desert plants which we usually pair with earth tones.
<http://jardinmajorelle.com/ang/>
 Marrakech, Morocco. Photo: Victoria Bergesen

From the Editor:

Welcome to our new readers! You have been a busy group: so many schools, refreshers and events. *Please be sure to forward Newscape to your Consultants.*

Your new editor, Caroline Carbaugh, looks forward to hearing from you by August 1, 2015 for inclusion in our Fall 2015 issue. We would all love to hear about your projects, meetings and schools.

All submissions must be original material and may include photographs. Articles should be in Word format and sent as e-mail attachments to:

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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:

As President Linda Nelson's administration is winding down and this is our last *Newscape* for 2013-2015, I want to say how proud I am of all the State Presidents and their Landscape Design Schools Chairmen and Council Presidents for their dedication to promoting the NGC Landscape Design Schools program. Since the Seattle Convention in May 2013, half of the states comprising NGC, Inc. have held Courses in Landscape Design. Several completed the curriculum based on the *2007 Operations Guide* and are now into series using the *2012 Operations Guide*. For others, they have followed the *2012 Operations Guide* curriculum. Many of the states have held or will have held by May 2015 a full series of the 2012 curriculum. Members of garden clubs and LD Consultants have had the opportunity to attend Tri-Refreshers in Washington, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Ireland, New York and California. A Bi-Refresher was planned by National Capital Area Garden Club in the Philadelphia, PA area. Refreshers are planned for in Colorado, Maryland,

Iowa, South Carolina, California, and Tennessee. Mexico members just enjoyed a Tri-Refresher. There will be a Tri-refresher held in conjunction with the Louisville, Kentucky Convention in May 2015.

All these events provide our members and also non-members who attend the events, with the knowledge to become better informed of sound environmental procedures and policies in regard to landscaping our homes, schools, historic sites, parks, and our community. *Making a world of difference* will be the result.

For the past two years, my dedicated and enthusiastic Landscape Design Schools Committee has helped the garden clubs through the Landscape Design Courses. I am so appreciative of all their efforts and thank them sincerely. We have seen the 2012 Landscape Design Operations Book come into full operation. It has been a joy to work with them. Kudos to the 3 Accrediting Chairmen, Alexis Slafer, Heidi Kost-Gross, and Carol Bullard; to Janet Kinney, the Instructors' Chairman, to Terese D'Urso, the Reading and Literature Chairman; to Victoria Bergesen, Councils

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Chairman and Editor, par excellence, of *Newscape*. A thank you also to Maria Renee Diaz who has inspired the International Affiliates to promote the Landscape Design Program.

With the 2015-2017 administration, there are going to be some changes in the Landscape Design Schools Committee. Some of the NGC Regions will be having a new Accrediting Chairman. Mary Jane Peters of Houma, Louisiana, will be handling South Central, Rocky Mountain and Pacific Regions. Heather White of College Station, Texas will be in charge of New England and Central Atlantic Regions. Donna Donnelly of Elloree, South Carolina will be the LD Councils Chairman and Caroline Carbaugh of Fort Washington, Maryland, will take over as Editor of *Newscape*. Victoria Bergesen will be Instuctors Chairman. Terese D'Urso continues as Reading/Literature Chairman and Alexis Slafer, as Accrediting Chairman for South Atlantic, Deep South and Central Regions. Their emails are in the box on page 2. More details will be on the NGC website soon.

With new Presidents coming in for each state, there may be changes in chairmanship of Landscape Design Schools and

Councils. Please let me know of any of these changes so that we can update the Landscape Design Schools Directory.

Jane Bersch, Chairman



Pink Azaleas. Okatie, South Carolina. Photo: Victoria Bergesen

NGC SCHOOLS

Greetings fellow Landscape Design Consultants and participants in our Landscape Design Schools,

As the 2013-2015 NGC term approaches its conclusion I want to thank everyone (including NGC, Regional, State and Local Landscape Design Committee chairmen and LD Consultants and students) who made the choice to begin or continue the journey through NGC's Landscape Design School, to attend a refresher event or to help sponsor or conduct a school or refresher. Your choices matter and can make a world of difference far into the future.

As we approach a new garden club term with a new theme I

hope we will remember and long embrace the message of this term—that individually and collectively, as garden club members and as participants in NGC's education programs we are *Making A World of Difference* in our clubs, our communities, our states and our nation. Our choices to increase our awareness about protecting and conserving our natural resources and to sustainably beautify our environment matter.

Thank you for choosing to support the objectives of NGC's Landscape Design Schools, which include becoming better informed in order to promote positive changes in our surroundings to encourage beauty, utility, convenience, sound ecological practice and ease of maintenance—and to promote landscapes that will sustain sound management. May our choices always be well informed so that they make a positive world of difference. Thanks for your involvement in NGC Schools and I hope you will choose to continue to be involved.

Greg Pokorski, Educational Schools Coordinator



Shadows and reflections, as well as vibrant colors, play an important part in this garden. Jardin Majorelle, Marrakech, Morocco. Photo: Victoria Bergesen

STATE NEWS

Florida

I was delighted when I learned about the availability of a Landscape Design School near me in Miramar, FL. I had just been asked to join the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board of my city, Coral Gables. Even though I had been a garden club member for years and have a degree in design, the leap to giving advice about landscaping in my community and local public spaces was a bit of a tangent

The Landscape Design School has been helpful in so many ways: learning about the history of landscape architecture and design; understanding of

the process of developing a site plan to master plan with plant selection; and evaluating environmental and maintenance issues. Local speakers have included landscape architects, university professors, and city public works managers. We have even been escorted to Miramar’s City Plaza by the designing landscape architect!

Our Coral Gables Landscape Beautification Advisory Board is composed of 7 volunteers, appointed by the Mayor or one of the City Council Commissioners for a two-year term. We abide by the Sunshine Laws of Florida, with our meetings and records open to the public. The Coral Gables Public Service Director brings to our attention city projects regarding street-scape enhancements, park renovations and special city projects such as installations of art in public spaces, maintenance of the Library’s Butterfly Garden, and the Million Orchid installation. We discuss such issues as traffic routing and the preservation of historic trees. We act as liaisons to bring to the City’s attention our neighbors’ concerns about areas needing landscape beautification throughout our city of 45,000 residents.

In addition, we co-sponsor the annual Arbor Day Observance of planting of trees with the Coral Gables Garden Club. We invite nearby school children to join in for a “tree talk” and

refreshments. On that day, we award certificates to six homeowners selected for outstanding residential landscapes by our board members.

This spring we will host a workshop on a Saturday morning at the winter Farmers’ Market on ways to beautify your home, bringing in students of Landscape Architecture to give suggestions. We hope this will encourage our residents to do their part to further beautify Coral Gables.

What do you see as you walk or jog through your hometown, as you drive to the post office, or at your child’s school? Attend the next LDS and become proactive in making your community beautiful!!

Kay Murff



Photos: Public Affairs Department of the City of Coral Gables

Washington

The Washington Consultants Council (WCC) meets four times each term. Council members include Landscape Design, Gardening Study and Environmental Study Consultants. Late summer and early spring meetings afford us the opportunity to tour gardens in their prime. This term's tours took us to: King County Master Gardener Demonstration Garden; WCC's Judy Boxx's garden, featuring numerous garden rooms and garden art she and her husband created; and our State Headquarters House and gardens. The latter included a discussion about interesting plants members grow, with samples and cuttings provided. We will tour the Highline Botanical Garden in May and are looking forward to next term's tours and programs.

Debbie Skow, LDS State Chairman

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS/REFRESHERS

ALABAMA

May 4-5, 2015. Auburn. Course I. Chairman: K. T. Owens (251) 743-3846

CALIFORNIA April 23-24, 2015. Santa Rosa. Course II. Chairman: Alexis Slafer

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CONNECTICUT

March 24-26, 2015. New Haven. Course I. Chairman Susan Laursen (203) 415-2077 sklaursen@aol.com

FLORIDA

March 17-18, 2015. Miramar. Course IV. Chairman: Jayne Hemstreet (813) 977-5156. jehems@gte.net

June 15-16, 2015. Gainesville. Tri-refresher. Event Chairman: Jeanice Gage (352) 332-1596. jeanicegage@cox.net

GEORGIA

May 4-5, 2015. Marietta. Course IV. Chairman: Jane Whiteman (404) 252-4473. jamawhit@bellsouth.net

KENTUCKY

May 12-18, 2015. Louisville. Tri-refresher. Event Chairman: Jo Jean Scott (270) 781-2089. Jojogarden-34@gmail.com

MARYLAND

September 19-October 1, 2015. Annapolis, Course II. Chairman: Diana Bonner (410) 643-6779 debonner@verizon.net

MASSACHUSETTS

October 29-31, 2015. Wellesley. Course II. Chairman: Maureen O'Brien (781)407-0065

MICHIGAN

May 2, 2015. MSU, Hickory Corners. Tri-refresher. Event Chairman: Lynn Divald (269) 243-3827. YdoubleLNE@aol.com

May 7-8, 2015. Ann Arbor. Course IV. State Chairman Terry Harding (231)947-0568 cell:(231)735-4315 wsharding@chartermi.com

MISSISSIPPI

April 21-23, 2015. Course IV. State Chairman: Melanie Gousset. (573)642-9419

MISSOURI

March 25-27, 2015. Fulton. Course IV. Chairman Linda Houston (573)642-9419. Unity_4_every1@yahoo.com

NEW JERSEY

April 14, 15 & 17, 2015. East Brunswick. Course III. Chairman Peggy Koehler (908)526-1309 koehlerpeggy@yahoo.com

NEW YORK

April 15-17, 2015. Chappaqua. Course II. Chairman: Antoinette Babb (845) 246-4445

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PENNSYLVANIA

March 29-31, 2015. Lancaster.
 Course IV, Chairman: Vivian
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April 19-21, 2015 Erie. Tri-
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VIRGINIA

April 15-16, 2015. Gloucester.
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WEST VIRGINIA

May 20-22, 2015. Morgantown.
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WISCONSIN

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**PLEASE consult our
 website for the latest
 information on schools and
 refreshers:
www.gardenclub.org**



Kasbah, Chefchaouen, Morocco. Photo by Victoria Bergesen

IMPORTANT!

Don't forget to notify NGC LDS Chairman Jane Bersch and incoming NGC LD Councils Chair Donna Donnelly of your successors if you are leaving office. Please make note if your Accrediting Officer will be changing. Victoria Bergesen will be the new Instructors Chairman. See page 2 for e-mail addresses.