

# NEWSCAPE



*Luxembourg Palace, Paris, France  
Photo by Caroline Carbaugh*

## From the Editor:

Welcome to our new readers! You are a busy group with many schools, refreshers, and events. *Please forward Newscape to your Consultants.*

Please send me information about your projects, meetings and schools by August 1, 2019 for inclusion in our Fall 2019 issue of *Newscape*. I look forward to including articles and photos about your events.

All submissions must be original material. Photos are welcome! Please send articles in Word format and photos to the Editor at [CSCarbaugh@verizon.net](mailto:CSCarbaugh@verizon.net).

**Caroline Carbaugh**  
**Newscape Editor**

## OBJECTIVES OF THE LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS

- ✿ 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.



*The Tuileries, Paris, France  
Photo by Caroline Carbaugh*

**NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CHAIRMAN:**

“Natural landscapes, which are not affected by mankind, do not need to be designed or maintained. When man is introduced to the equation, he affects the land. The greater the number of people who use and/or change the natural site, the greater the need for design to fit the needs of man to the site’s physical capabilities to support the desired uses.” *Stewards of the Land*

This is just one of a wide variety of topics and concepts studied in NGC’s Landscape Design (LD) School. There are currently fifteen scheduled opportunities in thirteen states to learn from these popular courses. And eight Multiple Refreshers are scheduled to enhance your knowledge and refresh your credentials. As this garden club year and the current national and state garden club administrations move toward their ends, it is not too soon to start planning LD Schools for the next year and the next administration and as part of your National Garden Week observances. This school can help you accomplish your mission to provide education and can help you attract new members.

New curriculum was approved at September’s Fall Board Meeting in Orlando – to be used in new school series beginning on and after July 1, 2019. It is posted on the NGC website along with existing curricula for schools in progress and/or beginning prior to July 1. Schools in progress and beginning before July 1 continue to use *Stewards of the Land* as the official

text. A supply of the text is readily available from Member Services. After July 1, there will be no official text and each instructor will teach from their own outlines which will expand on the required subjects.



*Orchids at Hillwood, Estate Wash., DC.*

A new Handbook, common to Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Schools will be launched soon. Watch for it on the website in conjunction with new forms common to the three schools, designed to make school administration easier and more understandable. Until these become available, continue to follow the LDS Operations Guide and use only the fillable forms available on the website. Many state chairmen do not use the required forms, complicating the administrative process and resulting in incomplete and inaccurate records in many places. Please read and follow instructions in order to help us help you. The Reading Exams based on articles in *The National Gardener* are not released to State Chairmen until your course has been approved by the LDS Instructors Chairman.

*The National Gardener*, available by subscription and online, contains LD Schools news and almost always includes a feature

article on Landscape Design which is tested on in every LD School course. That publication is required reading for all LD Consultants which should include all LD Chairmen.

I asked in the last issue, “How do your states and councils promote good landscape design and NGC schools? We want you to share with *Newscape* so that we can share the information nationally. Do you have awards programs?” I really do want to hear from you so that our LDS Committee can learn from you and so that we can share your ideas and successes with all LD Consultants and Councils.



*Photos by Caroline Carbaugh*

Thanks to all the clubs, states and councils who have provided courses and refreshers and special events this term. Thanks to all the local, state and national chairmen who have made these events happen. Thanks to all who have supported and attended our programs. Please continue to share LD information and promote LD education that helps all of us recognize and practice good land use.

**Greg Pokorski,  
NGC LD Schools Chairman  
NGC LDS Accrediting Chair-P, RM, SC**

**STATE NEWS**

**Colorado**

Hello from Colorado! Great snow is going on here, so hopefully you are reading your gardening and landscaping books and planning for summer. While you are planning, please put us on your calendar for the in-between month of November. Our Landscape Design School, Course 3 will be held on November 15 and 16, 2019. It will be a perfect time, between putting your garden to bed and gearing up to ski/snowboard or have winter activities. Please contact me for more information at [gailf\\_designs@yahoo.com](mailto:gailf_designs@yahoo.com) or 303-809-7094.

**Gail Fischer,  
LDS Chairman for Colorado**

**Connecticut**

In February 2019, the Connecticut Landscape Design Council judged the landscape design exhibits at the 38th Annual Connecticut Flower & Garden Show. In the hours before the show, the team of 13 LD Consultant Judges and 4 LD Provisional Consultants were able to enjoy the exhibits before the crowds arrived.

Creating exhibit landscapes in a Garden & Flower Show context presents several unique challenges. The purpose of these landscapes was to demonstrate and sell their talent, expertise, and products. Given these challenges, we were amazed and delighted by the scale, craftsmanship and creativity of the landscapes.

We divided into teams and narrowed the 20+ field down to the top 4 exhibits and then reevaluated as one group the designs before selecting the winner.



The first of these landscapes was a formal garden of boxwoods, shrubs and spring flowers. A pale stone patio pleasantly lightened the space in the center of the garden. The entryway trees and front plantings were key to creating a cheerful and intimate feeling of walking into a garden room.

The second Asian-themed landscape was an ambitious installation with numerous oriental features including a beautiful large gong, pagoda, pergola, fire pit, water elements and specimen plants. This landscape highlighted many structural and stylistic possibilities.



The third landscape was a clever use of “neighboring yards” to highlight a shared rain garden. The installation was anchored by two pale beige cottages on top of a slope with matching fences that created a wonderful contrast against the black backdrop. The point that the common rain garden did not detract from either yard was successfully illustrated. Overall, this was a great use of space.



The fourth landscape, titled “Stairway to Heaven”, featured a nine-foot tall tumbling waterfall. The placement of large conifers at the top of the waterfall further created a dramatic sense of height. The result was a rich but uncluttered landscape. This superb landscape demonstrated an expert use of design principles and elements.



The “Excellence in Design” Award went to this fourth landscape: “Stairway to Heaven” by Aqua Scapes of CT, LLC. due to their creative use of space, principles and elements, implementation, and our overall impressions.

Looking at many types of landscapes in one morning made the importance of methodical evaluations clearer to our judges. We are very fortunate to have a couple of very experienced successful professional landscape designers on the Council. Their commentary at the end of each assessment helped the newer Landscape Design Consultant judges interpret the pros and cons of each landscape. Many of our judges found the experience in a Show a very effective way to turn theory into practice. Best of all, the commentary and camaraderie of novice and experienced judges provided a richer learning experience for all.

*Susan Laursen, CT LDC Chairman*  
*Sue Kelly, Carol King-Platt, Lee Anne Moran*

**Kentucky**

This is extra clay soil from a lot being developed close to our home. I am going to make a berm out of this clumpy, now wet 10 tons of clay. I bought 4 cubic feet of perlite for drainage, 500 lbs of topsoil to incorporate, I will add 2 cubic feet of vermiculite to start,

1/2 bale of peat moss. I also will add 600 lbs of humus, 250 lbs plus of pine bark fines, 800-1000 lbs of additional compost and organic soil mix. I intend to mix this up and take a soil test eventually and grow annuals and perennials. I want to get a big rock for hardscape plus other hardscape. It will take a while but I love this stuff. Less to mow.



*Jim Mullen, KY LDC Chairman*

**Maryland**

Landscape Design Council’s special program on September 18, 2018, “Updating the Bones of the Garden” was very successful with 42 attendees and 32 Consultants refreshing. The instructors were outstanding: Ann Betten, Owner of “Betten Landscape Designs”, Scott Aker, Head of Horticulture and Education at the U.S. National Arboretum, Wendy Brister, Owner of Harvey’s Garden in Wrightsville, Pa., Ruth Rogers Clausen, Author, lecturer and on the Board of the Delaware Botanic Gardens (see Ruth’s article in the fall 2018 issue of *The National Gardener*), Michael Judd, Author, Landscape Designer and permaculture pioneer and the always popular Carrie Engel.

*Doris White, MD LDC Chairman*



*Scott Aker, National Arboretum, and Diana Bonner*

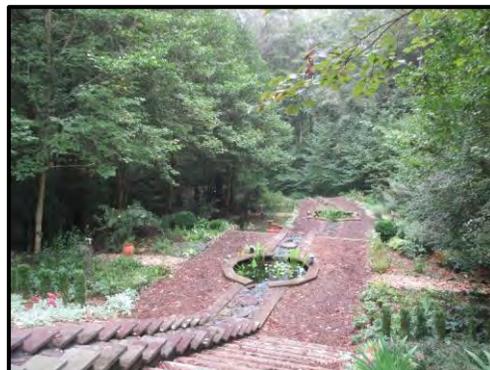


*Ann Betten, Betten Landscape Designs*

*Photos by Susie Middleton*

### National Capital Area

In September, the Landscape Design Council of the National Capital Area toured an impressive 10-acre private Persian Garden in Huntington, MD. The extensively landscaped garden includes koi ponds, boulders and a stream. In the spring, there is a burst of color from over 10,000 bulbs -tulips, daffodils and hyacinths – that were planted by our host and homeowner. A Persian Garden follows specific guidelines using geometric shapes and principles and has a water feature in the middle.



*The Twelve-Sided House*



Photos  
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Carbaugh

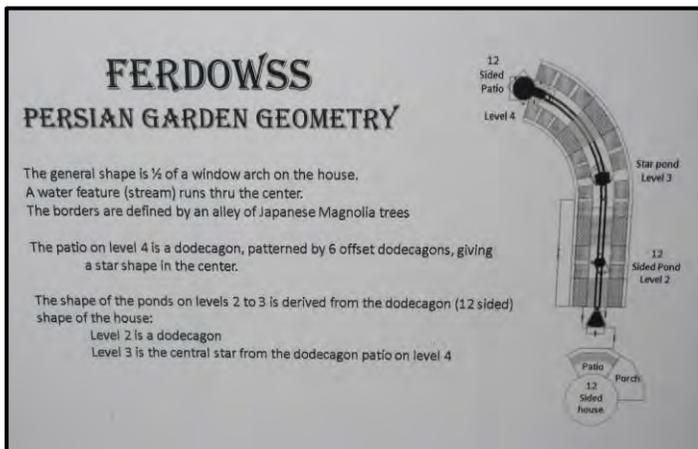
*Caroline Carbaugh, NCA LDC*



*A Horse made of Driftwood*

### North Carolina

We recently held LDS Course 3, Series 7 in Raleigh, NC at the JC Raulston Arboretum on February 11-12, 2019. We had 35 students attending. Gordon Chappell, an Architect Instructor from Williamsburg, Va., gave one of the lectures. This was the 3rd Landscape Design School we have had in North Carolina in 9 years. Our 4th Landscape Design School Course 4 will be on August 12-13, 2019 at the JC Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh, NC. We welcome you to come join us for this course.





*Photos by Linda McLendon*

I am so proud that North Carolina will have over 20 new Landscape Design Consultants after August 2019. They will be joining the 10 Master LD Consultants bringing our totals to more than 30 in our state. We will continue to offer more Landscape Design Schools in North Carolina in the future. We are very thankful that we have finally been able to bring back our NGC, Inc., sponsored schools here in North Carolina. It has been so much fun and has been a great learning opportunity for us all.

***Linda McLendon, LDS Chair, GCNC  
LDS Chair, SAR & NGC LDS Reading Chairman***

## Pennsylvania

Longwood Gardens is renowned for its extraordinary fountains. On October 4, 2018, Central Pennsylvania Area Landscape Design Council visited Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA to see the new fountain show. We also had a behind-the-scenes guided tour by one of our own members who is a Docent at Longwood.



Pierre du Pont and his family had a long history of gardening. In 1907 Pierre started his planning for beautiful gardens for his family and friends to enjoy. In 1921, the gardens were opened. At that time the latest technology was used to heat, water, and power the complex, but the systems were hidden in tunnels so as not to detract from the grandeur of the glass-covered peristyle and surrounding rooms.



The original fountains were built in the mid 1930's and had no modernization of the system until a couple of years ago. We were delighted to see the outcome of their work with two fountain shows and a tour of the gardens.



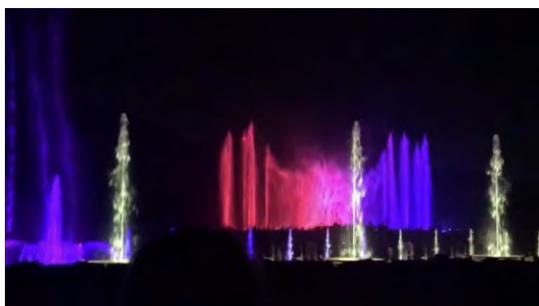
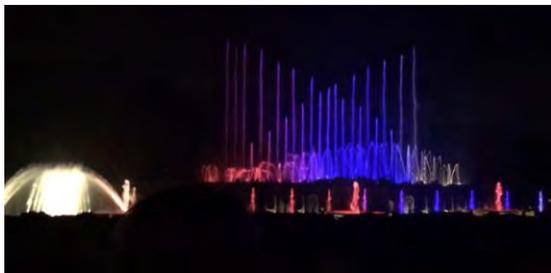
The afternoon fountain show gave us a taste of what was to come. Later we were treated to a specular evening event, complete with colored lights and fireworks, as the fountains danced to the music of the Beatles. If you are like me, growing up in the sixties, the Beatles were "THE GROUP".

Pierre du Pont left the family legacy with the Gardens of Longwood where visitors gather from all over the world.

We are fortunate to live here in Pennsylvania where it is just a short trip to spend a day looking at the

wonders of Longwood. We will long remember the time we visited Longwood Gardens as a council.

**Joyce Crider, GCFP, Central Area Landscape Design Council, Chair**



*Photos by Joyce Crider*

### South Carolina

The Landscape Design Consultant's Council of South Carolina completed their 2017-2019 term with a program at Magnolia Plantation and Gardens on February 22. Magnolia's gardens are America's oldest Romantic Gardens. The focus of the tour was the study of Magnolia's unparalleled collection of camellias. The South's expert on camellia culture, Tom Johnson, has traveled the world over in search of rare varieties to add to Magnolia's collection. Tom had thirty of our members spellbound with his legendary knowledge of camellias and the gardens were at the peak of bloom for our tour.



*A rare scented camellia hybrid*



Other tours during 2017-19 were to Beaufort S.C to study the horticultural contributions of the early Spanish settlement of Santa Elena at Port Royal in 1565. Our two other tours were to study old private gardens in Camden S.C and to visit a private English-style garden in Spartanburg S.C. that contained 300 David Austin roses.



Our final meeting included the election of new officers:  
 President: Karen Prewitt  
 Vice President: Susan Epstein  
 Secretary: Judy Robinson  
 Treasurer: Linda Sicheloff

Mary Alice Hall was our outgoing president.

***Karen Prewitt  
 President. LDCC of SC***

*Photos by Karen Prewitt and Kate White*

### Tennessee

Four Landscape Design Consultants from the Middle Tennessee area are considering working with the Landscape Design for the Franklin County Square. Their Franklin County Garden Club was approached by the City of Winchester at their February Meeting to give plant selection advice to add to the current plantings around the square. Budget and irrigation and maintenance were discussed at this first contact and a meeting is planned with the LD Consultants, the City, and others interested in helping for the last week of February.

There are about 18 lovely black metal hanging baskets already in place around the square with no permanent irrigation. The current plantings feature the 'Rising Sun Redbud', developed in Franklin County.

This is a 2008 design rendering from an architectural firm, much of which has been implemented. The City is requesting assistance in adding seasonal color with annual plantings.



**Sandi Eichenberger, LD Consultant,  
Trillium Tri-Council President, TFGC**

The Trillium Consultants Council has taken the place of the individual councils and will hold the next meeting at the Convention in Memphis. It is good group of dedicated persons enjoying their education and projects as well as planning for special trips! While they are LD Consultants they will belong to the TCC.

**Carole Whited, TFGC LDS Chairman**

**Virginia**

**VIRGINIA GARDENS TO VISIT**

Throughout the State of Virginia, there are many wonderful gardens to explore. Many are small, low-key and private – creating intimate gems to be discovered by invitation only. Others are medium size, well-known and often visited. There are also sprawling examples of the love of horticulture exhibited by so many Virginians. These gardens include botanical gardens and arboretums. Additionally, Virginia has a unique reputation for its many historically significant gardens. These include country estates and centuries old plantation gardens. Historically, gardens were created for the beauty and enjoyment a beautiful, well planned and maintained garden can produce.

A few of the gardens I have visited over the last two years follow –

**Colonial Williamsburg** is one of my favorites. I have toured the backyard gardens, the Governor’s Mansion gardens, and so many more. This part of Virginia exemplifies our great American heritage, the charge for independence, and helps to engage and educate future generations. The gardens are true to the era and serve as a reminder of our country’s past. The preservation efforts of Colonial Williamsburg are to be greatly admired.



*The Palace Garden in Williamsburg*

**Monticello** - Albemarle County – this property was Thomas Jefferson’s home for many years. The property reflects his talent as both an architect and a gardener. The gardens are a testament to Jefferson’s creativity, curiosity and dedication to experimentation in horticulture and education. Mr. Jefferson—author of the Declaration of Independence, the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom, third president of the United States, and founder of the University of Virginia – also spent a portion of his childhood at Tuckahoe Plantation in Goochland County.



*Monticello*

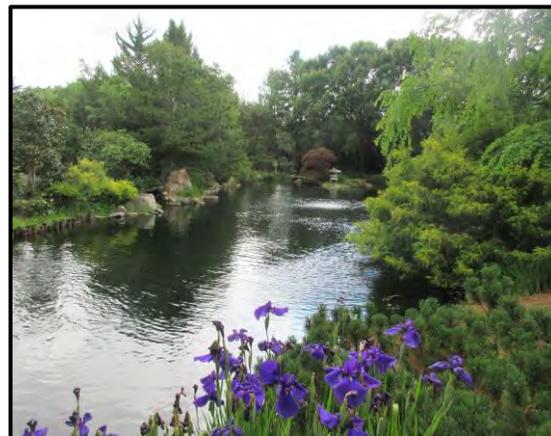
**Tuckahoe Plantation** in Goochland County – where Thomas Jefferson spent some of his boyhood, lives on as an example of the strong commitment the various owners of the property have shown over the years to preserve the identity and heritage of the property. The manor house, kitchen building, school house and several outbuildings have been well preserved. A visit to the plantation is a trip back in time.

**Edith J. Carrier Arboretum and Botanical Garden** - James Madison University in Harrisonburg – This property is a woodland sanctuary on the James Madison University campus. It is considered a public urban garden and serves as a greenspace preserving native plant species. This property is a tremendous educational source for all ages.

**James Madison’s Montpelier** - Montpelier Station - The home of former President James Madison has been preserved after extensive archeological research of the structure. The home has many wonderful and interesting features. and has undergone a restoration to restore the original layout. There are fantastic gardens, wooded walking trails, a Museum and archeological exhibits to explore. Each year since 1934, the Montpelier Steeplechases have been held on the front lawn of James Madison’s home. “The hurdle course features the only live brush jumps in the Commonwealth of Virginia.”



Over the last few years, **Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden** in Richmond has received accolades for its progressive and imaginative programs and events. Through their commitment to continuing to maintain a bona fide botanical garden, the garden leaders and volunteers (of which there are many) have done an outstanding job.



*Ginter Garden, Photo by Caroline Carbaugh*

A garden I have just recently learned about is the **Quarry Garden** at 1643 Salem Road in Schuyler VA. This garden has been in the making for over twenty years. It is privately owned and being expanded as opportunity presents itself. The various gardens are built around rock quarries used for several decades to mine soapstone. Their website is inviting and loaded with information gardeners like myself find enticing. Please look at their website to discover the level of sheer horticulture bliss they are continuing to create.



Additionally, a new book I just ordered - [VIRGINIA ROCKS](#) A Guide to Geologic Sites in the Old Dominion by Albert B. Dickas lists geologic sites across the Commonwealth, “introduces readers to 50 of the state’s most compelling and accessible geologic sites and to the great variety of rocks, minerals, and landforms created over the course of its more than one billion years of geologic history.” Any gardener who has studied soils, rivers, and rock formations will be interested in this book.

**Judy Hodges, President VA LDCC**

## LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS/REFRESHERS

### Alabama

**April 22 – 23, 2019.**

**Auburn.** Course 4.

State Chairman: K. T. Owens  
(251) 743-3846;

### Arizona

**January 25 – 26, 2020.**

**Phoenix.** Course 2.

State Chairman: Judy Tolbert  
602-421-5290;  
Tolbertjl10@gmail.com

### Connecticut

**March 26 – 27, 2019.**

**New Haven.** Course 1.

State Chairman: Susan Laursen  
(203) 415-2077;  
sklaursen@aol.com

### Florida

**April 26 – 27, 2019.**

**Fort Myers.** Course 2.

State Chairman: Pat Richardson  
407-469-7082;  
Ogrampat42@yahoo.com

### Illinois

**March 26 – 27, 2019.**

**South Barrington.** Course 2.

State Chairman: Dorie Lederer  
(847) 381-5828;  
hlederer@buycps.com

### Michigan

**April 22 – 23, 2019.**

**Grand Haven, MI.** Course 1.

State Chairman: Doris Ann  
Campbell; (734) 439-7727  
Campbell.doris.ann@gmail.com

### Missouri

**March 19 – 21, 2019.**

**Springfield, MO.** Course 2.

State Chairman: Josie Raborar  
(417) 818-4780  
jraborar@sbcglobal.net

**September 10 - 12, 2019.**

**Springfield, MO.** Course 3.

State Chairman: Josie Raborar | See  
phone and email above.

### National Capital Area

**March 25 – 26, 2019.**

**Fairfax, VA.** Course 4.

State Chairman: Lisa Adelman  
(703) 476-8353;  
lisadel321@aol.com

### New Jersey

**March 5 - 7, 2019.**

**East Brunswick, NJ.** Course 1.

State Chairman: Terese Blake  
(732) 546-0338;  
Terese.blake@gmail.com

### New York

**March 20 - 21, 2019.**

**Rochester, NY.** Course 1.

State Chairman: Roberta Saraceno  
DuBeshter ; (585) 230-7587  
robertadubes@gmail.com

### North Carolina

**August 12 - 13, 2019.**

**Raleigh.** Course 4.

State Chairman: Linda McLendon  
(919) 736-1255;  
McLendonL@aol.com

### Ohio

**April 23 – 24, 2019.**

**Wooster.** Course 4.

State Chairman: Debbie Sickmiller  
(419) 281-4336;  
sickmiller@zoominternet.net

### Texas

**September 23 - 24, 2019.**

**College Station.** Course 3.

State Chairman: Michele  
Wehrheim; (313) 649-1067;  
Texaslandscapedesignschool  
@gmail.com

### Virginia

**April 8 – 9, 2019.**

**Richmond.** Course 1.

State Chairman: Glenda H. Knowles  
(757) 651-0401;  
ggknowles@cox.net

### West Virginia

**May 5 – 16, 2019.**

**Morgantown, WV.** Course 1.

State Chairman: Jan Mitchell  
(304) 292-8110  
Jangarden2@comcast.net

NGC Tri-Refreshers will take place in Colfax CA, Lafayette LA, Altoona PA, Gainesville FL, Kearney NE, West Palm Beach FL, and Tampa FL. Please consult the Multiple Refresher website for more information.

<http://www.gardenclub.org/schools/multiple-refreshers.aspx>

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[www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)



*Monet's Water Lily Pond at  
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