

NEWSCAPE



Charleston, South Carolina, February 21, 2013. Photo by Victoria Bergesen

From the Editor:

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

I look forward to hearing from you by August 1, 2013 for inclusion in our Autumn 2013 issue. We would all love to hear about your projects, meetings and schools. *Please let us know of any changes in your Chairmen or Presidents.*

All submissions must be original material and may include photographs. Articles should be in Word format and sent as attachments to e-mails to: victoriabergesen@gmail.com

-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:

The NGC Landscape Design Schools Committee is pleased to advise you that the 2012 Landscape Design Schools Operations Guide is now available from NGC Headquarters in St Louis for \$10. Contact Teri Virga, Member Services, at 1-800-550-6007, Extension 17 to order copies. **All State NGC LDS Chairmen are required to obtain a copy** as any new Series of LDS Courses begun after May 2013 are required to follow the directions stated in the 2012 LDS Operations Guide and use the updated LDS Forms and Documents for Reproduction, LDS 1-25. All State NGC LDS Series currently in progress at the end of the 2011-2013 ad-ministration are 'grand-fathered to follow the curriculum for the LDS Courses I through IV as outlined in the 2007 NGC Landscape Design Study Program Operations Guide. However, these Schools must use the 2012 updated Forms LDS 1-15 and Documents for Reproduction, LDS 16-20 available at the NGC website www.gardenclub.org.

The majority of the 2012 LDS Forms have been made interactive. Chairmen may either print the forms out and fill in manually, or do them interactively. Remember that LDS16, Mini Guide for Students and Consultants must be distributed to all students and Consultants.

All recommendations approved by the NGC Executive Board since 2007 are included in the 2012 LDS Operations Guide. The forms have been simplified, some have been eliminated, and others have been combined. Note that there are five examination questions for each lecture rather than 'any number of questions'. We expanded the list of possible Special Interest Topics. There are now 2, not 3, Certificates for Non-Members. The Certificate of Attendance is for non-members who attend a Course; the Certificate of Achievement is for non-members who complete a series of 4 Courses and pass the examinations, all with a grade of 70 or more.

There is a new topic in Course IV, *History and Development of Community Gardens*. The Required Reading for this new



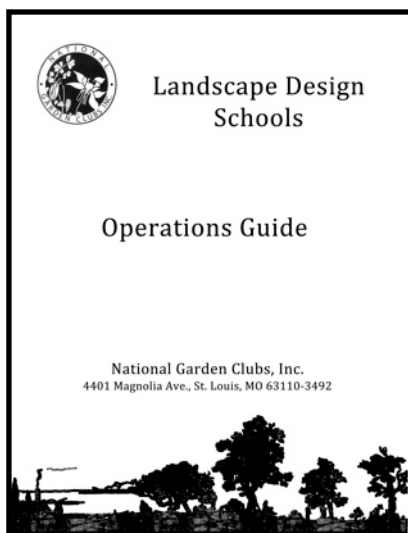
Page 1 Window Box, Charleston, SC. Rotary International Garden, Janesville, WI Page 2, top 3 Japanese Garden; bottom Celtic Bench. Photos by Victoria Bergesen.

topic is a presentation by Laura Lawson titled *A Brief History of Urban Garden Programs in the United States* available at <http://ljlawson.rutgers.edu/assets/pdf/UGPlecture.pdf>.

In Course I we combined *The Private Garden* with *Planning Your Home Grounds*. We moved *Color in the Landscape* from Course III to Course I. There are no changes in the curriculum in Course II. We moved *Herbaceous Materials in the Landscape* to Course III from Course IV.

The NGC Landscape Design Schools Committee hopes that the State LDS Chairmen will find the 2012 NGC LDS Operations Guide most helpful when planning courses. NGC Committee members will be glad to assist you in any way. Please feel free to contact any of us.

Jane Bersch, Chairman



NGC SCHOOLS

Greetings fellow Landscape Design Consultants,

I mentioned in this space a year ago that our NGC schools are extensively inter-related. While I was working (registrar, proctor, state chairman) at a Gardening Study School (GSS) in Southern California the last week of January that thought was strongly reinforced.

One of the students was our California State Landscape Design Chairman, well on her way to becoming a Gardening Consultant. She is a Landscape Architect, a contributor to *Stewards of the Land* and will join the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) Board of Directors as a member of the Landscape Design School Committee this year. All three of the Gardening Consultants taking this course to refresh their credentials are also Landscape Design Consultants. A number of students who will soon become Gardening Consultants are already Landscape Design Consultants. Two of the four instructors for this GSS course are Landscape Architects--one sufficiently multi-faceted that he was teaching *Classifying Plants!* The other was teaching our supplemental subject, *Landscape Design for Your Yard*. Hopefully

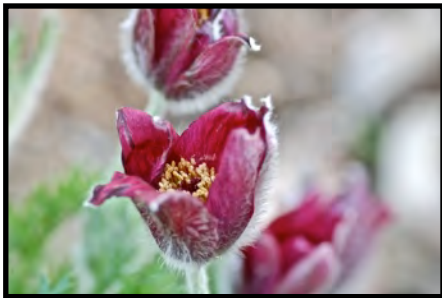
this class gave students some practical ideas for the application of garden design principles to their own homes and also makes them want to attend Landscape Design School. We had lots of examples of NGC Consultants from different schools working and learning together.

Attending Landscape Design School began my personal journey that led to becoming a Gardening Consultant and then an Environmental Consultant. It put me on the path to joining the Board of Directors of California Garden Clubs, Inc., where my first role was chairing our Landscape Design Council and where I have now served many years as Gardening Study Schools Chairman. It put me on the path to joining the board of directors of NGC. Little did I know 20 years ago when I attended my first Landscape Design Course all of the journeys that would begin.

So I encourage you to follow all of these paths. Attend the different schools. Join your Consultants Councils. Share your knowledge in your garden clubs and in your communities. Continue supporting the schools and the refreshers. Keep learning. Help beautify our world. Enjoy the journey. I

look forward to participating in the Tri-refresher at the NGC Convention in Seattle in May-- yet another example of the interrelationship between the three schools.

Greg Pokorski, NGC ES, GS and LD Schools Coordinator



Pulsatilla vulgaris "Roteglucke"
Photo by Victoria Bergesen.

BOOK REVIEW

Natural Companions-the Garden Lover's Guide to Plant Combinations by Ken Druse. Stewart, Tavori & Chang. 2012. 256 pages, hardcover \$40.

Thank goodness for winter in Ohio. It gave me time to enjoy a number of new books I consider must-haves for the landscape gardener and plant lover.

Working with photographer Ellen Hoverkamp, Ken Druse perused gardens to select the ingredients of landscape 'recipes' he includes in this book. Ellen, working with an oversize 12" x 17"inch computer scanner, creates wonderful works of art featuring plants.

Ken Druse organized his inspiring 'recipes' by various whimsically-titled themes and subjects inviting you to walk with him from one to another: The Naked Gardener; Dedicated Followers of Fashion; Back to the Future; Don't Eat the Daisies, Try the Daylilies; Zone Denial, Paradise Contained, et. al. He covers all the principles and elements of landscape design that we are so familiar with from our NGC Landscape Design Schools.

Even if you do not sit down and read this cover-to-cover, you can enjoy the fabulous pictures. The volume is gorgeous enough for coffee table book and informative enough to serve as a reference and inspiration.

Barbara Shepard, LDS Chairman, Garden Club of Ohio

STATE NEWS

CALIFORNIA

Eureka Landscape Contest

The Eureka Sequoia Garden Club continued its Front Yard Landscape Contest by naming "Six Jewels on G Street." In August, two garden club members viewed and evaluated all of the properties along the 39 blocks of G Street in Eureka. If a pro-



Home of Alison Arkley. Photograph Mary Lou Godwin.

perty's score was more than 90 out of 100 points, it was declared a contest winner. The evaluation form included points for use of plant materials, design principles evident, perfection of hardscape and fences and maintenance. Both judges were NGC Landscape Design Consultants. The committee obtained the property owners' names, and photos were taken of each property. The winners were invited to attend the club meeting on October 19, 2012 to receive certificates of recognition.

Mary Lou Godwin, Master LD Consultant

OHIO

We've Been Busy!

Course III was held at the Clarke County Extension Service Building in Springfield in October 2012. The group enjoyed the facility's landscaped garden and trial

gardens. Twenty-eight people attended with fifteen taking and passing the exam. We always do an optional fun yet educational tour in addition to our regular lectures, and this time we went behind the scenes of Meadow View Garden Center and Landscape Design, in New Carlisle.



Touring one of the new state-of-the-art greenhouses at Meadow View, New Carlisle, OH.

Photograph: Barbara Shepard



Deb Knapke shares examples of the different stages of planning a landscape for the newly designed Walnut Grove-Flint arboretum cemetery, Worthington, OH that she helped design. Photograph: Barbara Shepard

We are holding Course IV on April 11-13, 2013 at the United Methodist Church in Mason, OH. For more information contact Barb Shepard: dshep6380@sbcglobal.net or 614-890-4627. Course 1 is scheduled for September 11-13, 2013 in Brecksville, OH. For more information contact Barb Shepard (see above).

The Ohio Landscape Design Consultants Council met in conjunction with the Dawes Arboretum, Newark, OH "Ohio Sustainable Landscape Symposium" in October 2012. We attended the symposium lectures and toured the arboretum. Our Spring meeting will be May 4, 2013 at the Beech Creek Botanical Gardens and Nature Preserve in Alliance OH. pi

Barbara Shepard, LDS Chairman

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS/ REFRESHERS

ALABAMA
 May 1-2, 2013. Auburn.
 Course I. Chairman K. T. Owens (251) 743-3846

COLORADO
 June 7, 2013. Ft. Collins.

Refresher: Exploring Public Places for People.
 Chairman Audrey Coyle
 (719)495-3880 afloris@q.com

ILLINOIS
 October 22-23, 2013 South Barrington. Course III.
 Chairman Dolores Lederer (847)381-5828

KENTUCKY
 May 1-3, 2013. Bowling Green. Course II.
 Chairman Martha Morgan
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MASSACHUSETTS
 October 31-November 2, 2013 Wellesley. Course IV.
 Chairman Jane O'Sullivan
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MICHIGAN
 May 9-10, 2013 Ludington. Course IV.; Course I Ann Arbor: Chairman Terry Harding (231)947-0568.
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MISSOURI
 October 29-31, 2013 Columbia. Course I.
 Chairman Linda Houston
 (573)642-9419

MONTANA
 May 17-19, 2013 Helena Course III. Chairman Mary J. Olsen (406) 266-5695

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NEBRASKA

March 22-23, 2013 Kearney
Course II. Chairman Alice
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OHIO

April 11-13 Springfield.
Course IV.
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VIRGINIA

April 12-13, 2013,
Gloucester, Course I
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WEST VIRGINIA

May 15-17, 2013.
Morgantown. Course III.
Chairman Betty Harler
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STATE LDS CHAIRMEN & COUNCIL PRESIDENTS!

Please notify me if you are
leaving your position. It would
be a great kindness if you would
give me the name and e-mail
address of your successor.
Thanks, Victoria Bergesen
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*Garden Walk of the Garden Club of Charleston. Charleston, South Carolina.
Photo: Victoria Bergesen*