

# NEWSCAPES

## Convention Tri-Refresher

*Remarkable private and public gardens were viewed in May*



These remarkable planted arches grace the entrance to the U. S. Botanic Garden in Washington D.C. *Photo Victoria Bergesen.* Complete report on page two...

### From the Editor:

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue. I look forward to hearing from many more of you by February 1, 2012 for inclusion in our Spring 2012 issue.

We would all love to hear about your projects, meetings and schools. Now that you have seen *Newscapes*, I am sure you can see how your news will fit in.

Please be certain that all submissions are original material and feel free to include photographs. All articles should be in Word format and sent as attachments to E-mails with "Newscapes" 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.



TRI-REFRESHER AT THE NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS CONVENTION



**Top:** *Dumbarton Oaks*

**Second:** *Dumbarton Oaks*

**Third:** *Tudor Place*

**Bottom:** *Osama Shimizu pruning in his lush home garden.*

*Photos: Victoria Bergesen.*

The Tri-Refresher held at the National Garden Clubs, Inc. 2011 Convention in Washington, DC was a great success! It was the first time National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc., had held a tri-refresher for a national convention. Committee members enjoyed learning the process and particularly liked meeting so many new and entertaining people, first by telephone or E-mail and then in person at the convention.

Organization was the key to success. Ten tours and three seminars were eligible for refresher credit. As seven hours of credit is the tri-refresher requirement at a national convention, consultants were able to choose the tours and seminars which most interested them and also satisfy the required credit hours.

We toured some of the most interesting and famous historic homes, museums and private homes in the Washington, DC area. Friends of the National Arboretum board member, Sally Boasberg, shared her garden in Georgetown with us, pointing out an array of some of the newest plants in the trade. Holly Shimizu, Director of the U.S. Botanic Garden, led us through her beautifully landscaped home garden while her husband, noted landscape designer Osamu Shimizu, demonstrated some pruning techniques. We toured the privately-owned former home of President James Monroe and the garden of Herb Society member, Cynthia Rinek, with

more than 400 lavender plants!

Other tours were of the Hillwood Estate's museum and gardens, Dumbarton Oaks, Tudor Place, Arlington National Cemetery, and President George Washington's Mount Vernon and River Farm estates. The tour of the National Cathedral included high tea in the Pilgrim Observation Gallery and a breathtaking view of our nation's capital.

Sant Ocean Hall in the Museum of Natural History, was a tour requirement for Environmental Council consultants, but other consultants came to learn the history and secrets of the ocean. It was an amazing experience!

The eligible seminars were very appealing and gave lots of information about the US Botanic Garden, the horticultural education department of the Smithsonian Institute, and the Alice Ferguson Foundation's Hard Bargain Farm Environmental Center.

We were delighted to host the convention and hold a tri-refresher for National Garden Clubs, Inc. We are honored to have our own Shirley Nicolai, who is a Master Consultant in Landscape Design Council, Gardening Consultants Council and Environmental Consultants Council, as the President of NGC, Inc.

Karen O'Meara  
President, Landscape Design Council, National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.

**NGC LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS - JANE BERSCH CHAIRMAN**

NGC Schools offer members a multitude of opportunities to learn and become better stewards of our world. At the recent NGC Convention in Washington, D.C., the name of Landscape Design Study Program was changed to "Landscape Design Schools" to coordinate with the titles of Gardening Study Schools and Environmental Studies Schools. The Operations Guide will be updated but all the material contained therein is still correct. Several other recommendations were approved of which LDS Chairmen should be aware.

1. Landscape Design School Courses held back-to-back are required to have a two (2) day minimum for each course.
2. All requirements as stated in the LD Handbook/ Operations Guide must be maintained; i.e., number of subjects and time allotment for each subject--ten (10) hours per course--exclusive of the examination time allotment.
3. Unless these requirements are met, the LD School Chairman has the final authority to grant or not grant approval or accreditation for a state school course or refresher.
4. Disqualification of LD Schools/Refreshers held without prior NGC accreditation
5. The establishment of a six-week timeline for LD School chairmen to submit

rosters following the conclusion of a course, refresher or multiple refreshers. (This ruling applies to state-sponsored, regional-sponsored and NGC-sponsored courses/ events.)

Do consider scheduling a series of LD Schools Courses. The LD Study Program Operations Guide outlines the procedure and we will assist. For any concerns, contact [Janebersch@aol.com](mailto:Janebersch@aol.com).

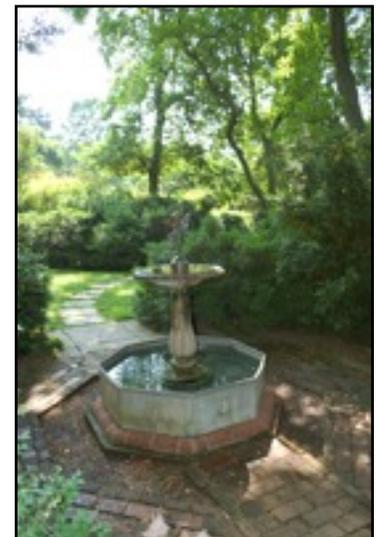
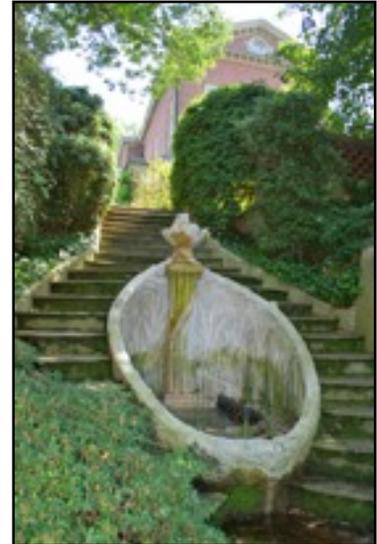
**NGC LANDSCAPE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**READING LIST**

The updated Recommended Reading List is on the page 6 of *Newscapes*. If you have any suggestions of good reference books in landscape architecture, design, trees and plants, please share the information with us. Our greatest resource is our membership.

Email [jocwalker@centurytel.net](mailto:jocwalker@centurytel.net)  
 Enjoy reading,  
 Jo'C Walker, Chairman, LDS Reading/Literature

**Top:** *Dumbarton Oaks*  
**Medium:** *Boasberg Garden*  
**Bottom:** *Tudor Place*  
*Photos: Victoria Bergesen*



**STATE NEWS**

**MARYLAND**

The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc. Landscape Design Council held its April meeting and garden tour at Historic London Town, a 23-acre park and historic site on the South River near Annapolis. The site is the location of the largest ongoing archaeological exploration in Maryland and the National Historic Landmark William Brown House, circa 1760. Historical gardening techniques and heirloom plants are featured in the kitchen garden, African American garden, medicinal garden and seasonal ornamental gardens.

In June, the Council visited Ladew Gardens in Monkton, Maryland. The 22 acres of gardens include 100 larger-than-life topiary forms and 15 theme gardens. A few are the pink garden, Victorian garden, berry garden, formal rose garden, orchard garden, yellow garden, teahouse garden, waterlily garden and iris garden. There is also a manor house, circa 1747, on the property. At September's meeting, we will present gardens of some of our own consultants.

Our Council has launched a concentrated campaign encouraging clubs to submit their landscape and/or Habitat for Humanity projects for Landscape Design Council cash awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and HM awards. We are hoping for winners in each of our Districts.

Quarterly LDC newsletters keep our consultants informed and involved.--Diana Bonner, FGCMDC LDC Chairman

**OHIO**

On August 4-5, twenty-three people attended the GCO Ohio Council of Landscape Consultants Refresher taught by Dennis Karem, a Hilliard, Ohio Landscape Architect with Environmental Management, Inc. and popular Landscape Design School Instructor.

Concentrating on hands-on drawing and designing our own gardens, Dennis took us through quick Power Point overviews throughout the two days with pictures to remind us of landscape design principles. We each completed actual drawings of our own home landscapes after reviewing each step of the process, ending with upgrades, changes and plant selection. At certain steps, Dennis would give us 15-minute exercises to quickly sketch 3 different ideas for things like the walkway to the front door, placement of specified plants, etc. to help us gain confidence in our knowledge and open up the creative side of our thinking.

We received rave reviews for this class as "the best landscape class ever", and students asked us to incorporate this into the regular landscape design classes. At the very least, we highly recommend everyone consider this for a refresher topic. It was great!--Barbara Shepard, Ohio Landscape Design School Chairman

**WASHINGTON**

The Washington Consultants Council is composed of Gardening Consultants, Landscape Consultants and Environmental Consultants. These past two years the Council met four times. (9/15/09-visited three home gardens in Chinook District and toured The Cove to see native landscaping for stream restoration and salmon habitat by Doug Osterman; 4/13/10-tour to Pacific Science Center in Seattle to see the Butterfly House, Insect Village and Salt Water Tide Pool exhibits, 9/22/10 toured Sekuma Brothers Berry and Tea farm in Mount Vernon; 3/29/11-Swanson's Nursery presentation *Structure and Design in the Garden*. by Alex Lavilla and installation). The Council funds a number of WSFGC cash awards (Garden Club Growing Project, Landscape Design, Recycling). --Lana Finegold, Washington Consultants Council President



*Students designing their gardens, Hilliard, Ohio. Photo: Barbara Shepard.*

### RECOMMENDED READING LIST

The reading list has been reviewed for current updates. The latest revision dates have been noted. Additional reference works have been added to the original list.

#### Landscaping

- Birnbaum, Charles & Robin Karson. *Pioneers of American Landscape Design*. (2000).  
 Birnbaum, Charles & Stephanie Foell. *Shaping the American Landscape: New profile from the Pioneers of American Landscape Design Project*. (2009).  
 Booth, Norman & James Hiss. *Residential Landscape Architecture: Design Process for the Private Residence* (2011).  
 Eddison, Sydney. *The Gardener's Palette: Creating Color in the Garden*. (2002).  
 Hobhouse, Penelope. *The Garden Lover's Guide to Italy* (1998). Part of Garden Lover's Guide Series.  
 Rodgers, Elizabeth. *Landscape Design: A Cultural and Architectural History* (2001).

#### General Horticulture

- American Horticultural Society. *A – Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants* (2004).  
 American Horticultural Society. *Encyclopedia of Perennials* (2006).  
 Armitage, Allan. *Armitage's Native Plants for North American Gardens* (2006).  
     *Herbaceous Perennial Plants: A Treatise on their Identification, Culture, and Garden Attributes* (2008).  
 Dirr, Michael. *Dirr's Hardy Trees and Shrubs: An Illustrated Encyclopedia* (1997).  
     *Manual of Woody Landscape Plants: Their Identification, Ornamental Characteristics, Culture, Propagation and Uses* (1998).  
 DiSabata-Aust. *The Well-Tended Perennial Garden: Planting and Pruning Techniques*. (1998, expanded edn. 2011).  
 Druse, Ken. *The Passion for Gardening* (2003).  
 Holmes, Roger & Rita Buchman. *Taylor's Master Guide to Gardening* (1994). This is the basis for the paperback, Taylor's Guides on various gardening subjects.  
 Horticultural Committee of the Garden Club of America. *Directory of Gardening Resources* (1999).  
 Hudak, Joseph. *Gardening with Perennials Month by Month* (1993).  
 Schenk, George. *The Complete Shade Gardener* (2002).  
 Schmid, George. *An Encyclopedia of Shade Perennials* (2002).  
 Tripp, Kim & J. C. Raulston. *The Year in Trees: Superb Woody Plants for Four-Season Gardens* (1995).  
 Wyman, Donald. *Wyman's Gardening Encyclopedia* (1997) .

Jo'C Walker: Revised 9/1/2011

**UPCOMING LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS**

**ALABAMA:** Auburn University:  
10/5-6/11 **Course II**  
State Chairman: K.T. Owens  
(251)743-3846

**CALIFORNIA:** Colfax:  
9/10-11/11 **Course I**;  
10/8-9/11 **Course II**;  
10/15-16/11 **Course III**;  
10/22-23/11 **Course IV**;  
Palos Verdes:  
9/22-23/11 **Course IV**  
State Chairman: Alexis Slafer  
(323)292-6657  
[aslafer@ca.rr.com](mailto:aslafer@ca.rr.com)

**ILLINOIS:** Warrenville:  
11/10-11 **Course IV**  
State Chairman: Julie Hansen  
(847)291-9639  
[plantmaster7@gmail.com](mailto:plantmaster7@gmail.com)

**LOUISIANA:** Baton Rouge:  
9/13-14/11 **Course IV**  
State Chairman: Clara Earl  
(225)924-6429  
[clarae2003@yahoo.com](mailto:clarae2003@yahoo.com)

**MARYLAND:** Derwood:  
10/31-11/2/11 **Course III**  
Chairman: Dianne Gregg (301)  
299-6456

**MASSACHUSETTS:** Weston:  
10/27-29/11 **Course II**  
State Chairman: Jane O'Sullivan  
(781)659-4423  
[jeasullivan@comcast.net](mailto:jeasullivan@comcast.net)

**MICHIGAN:** Ludington:  
9/8-11/11 **Course I**;  
4/19-20/12 **Course II**  
State Chairman: Terry Harding  
(231)947-0568  
[wsharding@chartermi.com](mailto:wsharding@chartermi.com)

**OHIO:** Cincinnati:  
10/6-7/11 **Course I**  
State Chairman: Barbara Shepard  
(614)890-4627  
[dshep6380@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dshep6380@sbcglobal.net)

**SOUTH CAROLINA:**  
Charleston: 11/7-9/11 **Course I**  
Chairman: Susan Epstein  
(843)556-5343

**TEXAS:** College Station:  
9/26-27/11 **Course III**  
State Chairman: Janell Zeigler  
(252)865-2904  
[cnzeigler@aol.com](mailto:cnzeigler@aol.com)

**VIRGINIA:** Richmond:  
11/3-4/11 **Course II**  
State Chairman: Bill Smoot  
(757)393-4617  
[billsmoot@cox.net](mailto:billsmoot@cox.net)

**WASHINGTON:** Normandy  
Park: 10/25-27/11 **Course II**  
State Chairman: JoAnn Goldman  
(206)362-3201  
[alj02009@q.com](mailto:alj02009@q.com)

**REFRESHERS**

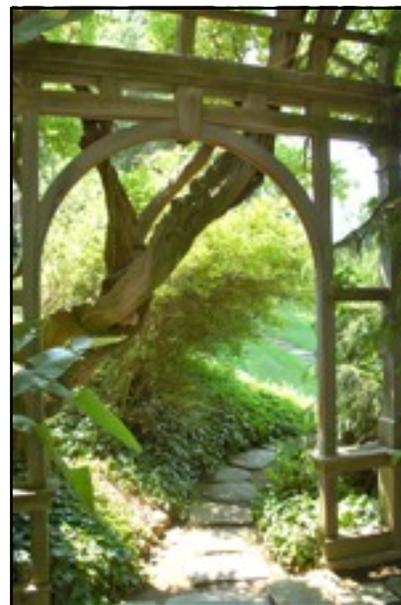
**CALIFORNIA:** Valley Center:  
10/28-29/11 Bi-Refresher  
Chairman: Barbara Watzke  
(760)746-4047

**FLORIDA:** West Palm Beach  
1/31-2/1/12 Tri-Refresher  
Chairman: Barbara Hadsell  
barbarahadsell@cs.com

**INDIANA:** Spencer:  
11/14-15/11 Tri-Refresher  
Chairman: Maxine Huff (812)  
382-4292

**IOWA:** Madrid: 9/17/11  
Landscape Design Refresher  
State Chairman: David Moody  
(515)576-6021  
[pnmoody@mchsi.com](mailto:pnmoody@mchsi.com)

**MICHIGAN:** Grand Rapids:  
10/2/11 **Tri-Refresher**  
Event Chairman: Jeanne Poll  
616-335-3585



*Dumbarton Oaks. Photo: Victoria Bergesen.*