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FROM OUR NGC LD CHAIRMAN

FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED

I was reading an article on Frederick Law Olmsted written by a Harvard psychiatrist (Michael Sperber, MD) in the alumni magazine which was interesting in that it provided a background for the route taken by this multi-talented person and how he came to ultimately choose landscape design as his focus.

We have Olmsted to thank for our many open spaces which we enjoy to this day; New York City's Central Park, the US Capitol grounds, Niagara Falls Reservation, campuses at UC – Berkeley and Stanford, Boston's Emerald Necklace series of parks, and the grounds of McLean Hospital in a northern suburb of Boston, a renowned psychiatric facility. This facility became his home in his old age.

Olmsted was born in 1822, received a master's degree at age 42, and an LLD in 1893 at the age of 71. Before he became interested in landscape architecture he was professionally peripatetic. His career included stints as a businessman, a scientific farmer, a merchant seaman, an anti-slavery writer, correspondent for a newspaper and a magazine founder. He described himself as "a loitering, self-indulgent dilettante sort of man".

Two events served to guide him to his final occupation. The first occurred in 1857. While enjoying some treats at a bakery in Liverpool, England, the proprietor suggested he visit Birkenhead Public Park which was close by. This flat farmland of 120 acres had been designed by Joseph Paxton and now included a lake and hills, shady glens, meadows and footpaths which went through leafy clumps of trees. Olmsted was fascinated by the perfection of this landscape; the underground water system and the winding paths. None of

these features were present in the United States' public spaces. This setting gave him "a feeling of relief from the cramped, confined, and controlling circumstances of the street and the town". This was an observation of a 'pschoarchitecturist'.

The second event which directed him to landscape architecture occurred six years later when he was at a New Haven resort and met a commissioner who was involved in the planning of Central Park and he learned of an opening for the job of construction superintendent for this project. He applied and was chosen for the position.

He was overjoyed with the success of this project and exclaimed that "If a fairy had shaped it for me, it could not have fitted me better. It was normal, ordinary, and naturally outgrowing from my previous life history."

His life history contained several tragedies which helped to set the stage for his landscape design style. His first shock was the death of his mother from an overdose of laudanum after a prolonged bout of postpartum depression. In an undated note he wrote: "When I was three years old I chanced to stray into a room at the crisis of a tragedy therein occurring, and turned and fled from it screaming. It was a long while before I could be soothed, and those nearby said that I would forget what I had seen."

It is thought that he suffered post-traumatic distress syndrome. This condition was exacerbated fourteen months later when his father married a woman who did not want the boy at home, so he was placed in the care of various teachers and clergymen.

When he was seven years old the clothes of a teacher caught on fire causing her death. A stepsister died of measles when he was ten

years old. Between the ages of nine and fourteen he lived with a pastor who was known to abuse his pupils. He frequently escaped into the woods.

He had little recollection of his mother as a young boy or as an adult. When asked, he envisioned his mother sewing under a tree while he played in the grass.

Can we extrapolate his yearning for nature and open spaces from the trauma of his childhood? By introducing nature into the urban scene can we ameliorate some of the influences of life in the city? Irritability, impatience, nervous tension, our anxieties? Thus we have open space and pleasant scenery as an antidote for fast paced lives.

Ironically Olmsted had to spend the last five years of his life at McLean Hospital (1898 – 1903). His hospital records are sealed, but he was alert enough to complain that some of his design concepts for the grounds had not been followed.

The very productive life of Frederick Law Olmsted is a good example of life's adversities being used constructively for the benefit of future generations.

Dear Landscape Design School Chairmen:
In order to complete the paperwork after a course or refresher is finished it is important to submit the required rosters and attendance forms to the proper Accrediting Chairmen, the state school registrars (or chairmen) and to the Schools Secretary at NGC headquarters in St. Louis (including the \$5.00 accreditation fee) .

It is especially important to send this information to the proper state registrars for students who are from a state other than where the school is held. It might be helpful if you could obtain the name of this registrar from the out-of-state student upon enrollment or during the event.

For your information I am listing below the three LD Accrediting Chairmen, the regions for

which they are responsible, their street and email addresses.

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So that students may receive credit for the course or refresher it must be registered with the Schools Secretary (Forms LDSP 1, 2 a/b) accompanied with a check for the \$5 registration fee to NGC. The event is automatically then listed on the website of NGC and in The National Gardener and publicity may be distributed.

Following the above rules students will receive credit for their efforts in a reasonable time and the records will be accurate.

Many thanks go to all of you for your many contributions to the success of the Landscape Design School Program. Marion Ryan, LD Chairman, NGC

FROM THE INSTRUCTORS' CHAIRMAN

Many thanks go to all of the state and course chairmen who spend so much time in preparing and holding these courses. In order to make it easier to run these courses start three to six months before the date set for the course. All of the forms needed for the courses are on the NGC website: www.gardenclub.org/schools/landscapedesign/

[forms.](#)

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact a committee member. We are working for you.

Janet Kinney, LDSP Instructors' Chairman

FROM THE READING/LITERATURE CHAIRMAN

Many people are delaying either starting new landscape projects or redoing aging ones, but regardless of the schedule it is never too early to start the planning process. More concern can be given to the selection of plant materials that require less water, require less maintenance and have fewer pest or fungus problems. Many homeowners are choosing less expensive plants, ones easily replaced if necessary. For new beds, a sheet of graph paper, tape measure, ruler and pencil will efficiently work wonders. Time spent now is well worth expending.

Lucy Hendy, Chairman, LDSP Reading/Literature



FROM ACCREDITING CHAIRMEN

To the NGC LD Schools State Chairmen in the New England and Central Atlantic Regions: State Chairmen, this would be a good time to go through your files and see who needs to refresh. Perhaps you need to apply for extensions for some of your folks who cannot refresh in a timely manner by the end of the year. Also please send in filled out LDSP9a forms for any of your people who have earned but are still owed their Consultant or Master Consultant cards.

Some of you may be rotating out of this position next year. Please make sure your records are in tiptop condition to hand off to your successor and please serve as a mentor to that person. As you know this is a detailed job and has a bit of a learning curve. As always, I would like to thank you all for your

wonderful service to LD and a very special thanks to all who have been putting on our splendid schools and refreshers.

Please let me know if I can help in any way. Jacqueline L. Connell

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It is so interesting for this Accrediting Chairman to discover in different areas of the country, either because of weather, length of sunlit days, size of states, travel distances or enthusiastic leaders, just who attends the Landscape Design Schools and Refreshers.

My areas of responsibility are presently the Pacific, South Central and Rocky Mountain Regions. In previous years, it was the New England and Central Atlantic Regions, where there were schools held annually in NY., NJ, PA, OH and The National Capitol Area.

In New England, ME, MA, and CT hold classes which have attendees from the other three states.

California sponsored a Multiple Refresher last June which was attended by 119 people. Two were Environmental Consultants, Eleven was the count of those in attendance for both Landscape Design and Gardening Study One hundred sought no credit. It is heartwarming to realize that the Landscape Design program is attended by that many non members who are anxious to attend this National Program.

Texas does more or less much the same. Last February, 142 people attended Course 4, 35 took the exam, 2 consultants refreshed, 1 Master consultant refreshed and 93 of those attending were non-member students!

California in the Pacific Region has classes and refreshers on an annual basis, as does Texas in the South Central Region.

Let us hope that many of the non members continue their interests and decide to become consultants! Sally DeSimone, NGC Accrediting Chairman for South Central, Rocky Mountain and Pacific Regions

**FROM THE NGC SCHOOLS COORDINATOR
Alert to State Presidents, ES, GS and LD
State Schools Chairmen**

One of the most taxing problems in conducting these schools is the paperwork! It can really become not only troubling, but also a bit tiresome. At every conclusion of a school, there are exam results that must be tabulated; finances to be reconciled--bills settled; student problems resolved and on and on! We continue to assess the paperwork and will continue to try means to alleviate the workload.

Despite the usual problems that cause delays, 99% of our schools are conducted very professionally and resolved quickly and satisfactorily for all. Our Schools Committee is proud to commend these state school chairmen. Our main purpose in being is to encourage and assist you whenever the need arises.

What can we do about the 1% that submits registration forms three to six days before the publicized opening date and then fails to have their school accredited by delaying, for weeks and sometimes months, submission of required student records? Students and refreshers are anxious to have their attendance recorded and, if warranted, receive their certificates of completion within a reasonable time.

At the Fall Board Meeting in Montana, the Schools Committee elected to pose this question to the NGC Executive Board at their January meeting for guidance. Stay tuned!

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FROM THE EDITOR

Moving the BIG ONES: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

First let me say that our habit of planting foundation plantings may not be the best overall landscape plan. At least that has been the case at my home.

Now as to **why** etc. that the BIG ONES had to be moved:

Why: Sadly our house built in 1982 has had major problems over the last 1-1/2 years not the least of which is that there was little to no foundation to support the 3 story dwelling. This problem and others to include roof siding, doors, windows, presented themselves with a

sink hole outside the kitchen window and a crack that could never be repaired in the middle hallway. The house was literally collapsing front from the back.

When: The foundation plantings had to be removed in summer-fall to allow for a new 12' x 20' foundation to be created propping up the house.

What: To make room for the backhoe and other equipment and 4 men to dig, 1-12 foot Serviceberry tree, 2 large mature English Boxwoods, 1 large mature 8 foot tall rhododendron, 12 winter jasmine bushes and numerous azaleas and small shrubs and most of the flowers had to be removed or transplanted.

How: Each of the "BIG ONES" were trimmed back so that they would be manageable to move. With the backhoe large holes were dug for the "to be transplanted" tree/major shrubs away from the house. The men dug and the back hoe carefully dug around the BIE ONES. They traveled to their new homes on the scoop of the backhoe. MANY bag of compost and manure and soil were purchased to add to the dense Virginia red clay. The miracle drug for each plant that helped them to survive was iron. The iron supplement was used plentifully both in liquid and dry form. With it being summer and a dry fall regular watering was done as well from our secondary well. We would flip back and forth between the secondary well that has in recent years been scarcely used and the working current well. Now here is the good the bad and the ugly part. **The Bad** is course is the fact that the house problems existed anyway and that the plants had to be removed.

The Ugly is how bad our yard looks at present with scraggly plantings and no grass.

The Good is that the foundation plantings helped to hold up the house and Mother Nature created a root foundation to support the dwelling. Also good is Liquid Roots the miracle product for transplanting trees and shrubs.

Janice Doyle, Editor



"A BIG ONE"

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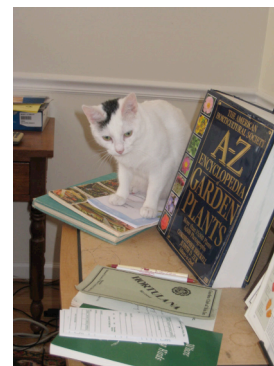
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LAUGH-IN



From Muffy the Landscape Design Cat
"I will research the binomials. The American Horticultural Society A-Z Plant Encyclopedia will have most names.

A good listing of vegetable botanical names will be in their *Encyclopedia of Gardening*. "Why do tomatoes stop growing in late fall. I LOVE tomatoes!



NEWS FROM OUR STATES

California is pleased to report that the Landscape Design Study Program, Series 24, will be held in Southern California. This school is being sponsored by the Costa Verde District and will take place at the South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula. The full course is planned to be completed within one year with Course 1 scheduled for November 4 & 5, 2010, Course 2 planned for January 27 & 28, 2011, Course 3 for March 17 & 18, 2011 and Course 4 on September 22 & 23, 2011.

Information about this LD School can be found on both the NGC and CGCI websites. Or please feel free to contact Alexis Slafer, CGCI LDSP Chair at (323) 292-6657 or aslafer@ca.rr.com.

The Landscape Design Council, with Council Chair Mary Lou Goodwin, sponsored a Multi-Refresher at the June CGCI Convention, held in Westlake Village. Fifteen Landscape Design Consultants refreshed at this event. The Landscape Design School Exhibit was displayed at the California State Flower Show in Sacramento, as well as the CGCI 2010 Convention held in Westlake Village.

The California Landscape Design Council continues to give certificates for outstanding projects and many of our summer activities seem to have been associated with wine. A Landscape Design Commendation was given to Cline Cellars, during a Dixieland Festival, for their property that includes 6,000 rose bushes and 3 spring-fed ponds. Wine was served when the Sequoia Park Zoo and Gardens were honored in Eureka, CA, during a Chamber of Commerce event. The landscape architect's plans combined native plants with the animals.

Desert plants were featured in the landscape plans at The Hyatt Regency Suites Palm Springs. The manager received honors during the CGCI President's Reception at the Fall State Board Meeting.

A district meeting was held at the Sculpterra Winery and Sculpture garden. The owner and the landscaper were given special recognition for the gardens that include the life work of renowned sculptor John Jagger.

South Bay Botanic Garden at Southwestern College was the scene of a district board meeting where the participating professor and students were honored.

At the local district meeting the Scribner Bend Vineyards were acknowledged as an example of multi-use landscaping featuring both the vineyards & public events.

Combining community events and the presentation of honors showcased both the importance of Landscape Design and CGCI while providing excellent newspaper publicity.

Submitted by: Alexis Slafer, Chairman, California Garden Clubs, Inc. , Landscape Design Study Program

Connecticut's year started in February with about 6 members judging the landscapes at the State Flower Show. In March, an environmentalist, Margery Winters, spoke to the group about how to incorporate native plants in our landscapes, thereby creating a friendly environment for our native insect, bird and mammal species that cannot be sustained by many of the imported plants that are so popular in landscape design. The July Garden Tour was a highlight event this year. One of their members arranged a tour of 6 gardens in northwestern Connecticut. 30 members attended, and it was a perfect and very informative day. In September, they invited Margery Winters back to talk to us about how to attract and sustain our native bird population by using plants which will be useful to them throughout the year. The theme this year is Award of Excellence in Landscape Design was for a landscape featuring fall color. They judged the landscapes in early October and awarded the silver tray to Alex and Ricki Miller for their wonderful landscape in Stamford, CT which featured beautiful stonework, a pool, an array

of stunning grasses and roses still blooming throughout. Barbara Deysson

Delaware Landscape Council current project is supporting the establishment of a Memorial Garden at the Air Force Base in Dover, Delaware. It is a huge undertaking and an extremely worthwhile landscaping project. The Memorial Garden for Families Of The Fallen. They were written up in Memorial Garden article in the Delaware County Daily Times and complimented by the Editor who endorsed their project.

<http://www.delcotimes.com/articles/2010/09/07/news/doc4c859903d65d9562837566.txt>

Joy Ericson, Alice Witterholt met Col.

Edmondson at the dedication on January 6, 2010.

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Florida Consultants are actively supporting the DE Fed. of GC's with its Memorial Garden at the Center for the Families of the Fallen at the Dover AFB. FL LDC in conjunction with the GSS and ESS councils and FFGC have donated \$1000 in support and LDC in District X has been successful in their request for an additional \$1000 to be given by District X.

They are in our second year of encouraging LDC members in conjunction with their own garden club members to offer advice and gift certificates to Habitat for Humanity home owners that need help with their "older" landscapes.

They have just started instituting the LDC program for giving "Unsolicited Awards" to businesses and homeowners that exhibit good landscape design principles and embrace environmental guidelines as well. Recognition will be given at the spring District meetings.

A Tri-Refresher in Jan of this year in West Palm Beach Barbara Hadsell, President, FFGC, LDC

The **Georgia** Council of Landscape Design held their spring meeting at the National Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia in May. Preconvention tours were held throughout the area. They were a huge success. The fall tri-refresher will be held November 11-12, 2010, in conjunction with the Conservation Workshop at the Ebenezer Retreat Center in Rincon, Georgia. A

full two days is being planned from evaluating gardens to canoe trips down the river. The theme is "Cherishing Georgia's Coast".

The Landscape Design School series XXV class III will be held at the Church of Christ Community Center in LaGrange, Georgia October 8-9, 2010. Registrar is Betty Lester bettylester@charter.net. Classes 1 and 2 were very well attended. Jane Whiteman, Landscape Design School Program Chairman jamawhit@bellsouth.net

Louisiana held Course 2 in the Landscape Design School last August in Baton Rouge, LA. Students, refreshers and a few local "lay" landscapers comprised the audience of 27 people.

Course 3 is scheduled for February 2011. (Not all professors and assigned lectures are confirmed.)

They hope everyone read the wonderful article published in The National Gardener, summer issue, about "Greening the Gulf Coast". Many, many trees were planted. Everyone's contributions are greatly appreciated. Clara Earl, Louisiana Landscape Design School (Program chairman) 225-924-6429 (h) 225-937-5570 (c)

Maine is without a Landscape Design Council or Landscape School Chairman. Rebecca L. Linney GCFM President

The **Maryland** Landscape Design Council Fall Meeting met at Cylburn Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Ave, Baltimore 21209 on Friday, November 5, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. The program was the "History of the National Mall" with a focus on landscape design presented by Rob Griesbach. Rob Griesbach has a Ph.D. in genetics from Michigan State University. He has authored 125 scientific papers, and has presented more than 500 seminars and popular talks. He currently coordinates programs to optimize the transfer of research results across USDA to the private sector and other users for development and commercialization. Landscape Design Council members who have paid dues for the current year will receive lunch at no cost. Margye Hixson, Landscape Design Council Chairman

In **Michigan** on October 1st, a special program that qualified as a refresher was presented in Dearborn and Ann Arbor, MI entitled Cultural Landscape Symposium 2010--Prairie Style Design Legacy in SE Michigan and Relevance Today. Michigan Humanities Council funded this event which included tours of Henry Ford's Estate, Edsel & Eleanor Ford estate, Greenfield Village, Nichols Arboretum and Matthaei Botanical Gardens. In spite of the weather, it was most informative and demonstrated Jen Jensen's style of design and his influence on other landscape architects as well. In 2011, the possibility of beginning another LDS series in Michigan looks likely. For more information, e mail : Terry Harding, wsharding@chartermi.net.

The **Mississippi** Landscape Consultants completed the Course 4 of our school in July at Lake-tiak-O'khata in Louisville, MS. They have 4 new consultants and several provisional members. The instructors were from nearby MSU and were great. Their October meeting was held in conjunction with the Edward C. Martin Landscape Symposium held at MSU. They offer a Grant of \$50.00 or \$100.00 for a Habitat for Humanity landscape project. In Mississippi more Garden Club members are getting interested in Landscape Design. Their next meeting will be in January 2011. Elaine Thompson, Mississippi Landscape Design Consultants President

The **Missouri** Fall LD Council meeting was on Thursday, October 7, 201 at The Lemp Mansion 3322 DeMenil Place, St. Louis, MO 63118. (The Lemp Mansion is a 33 room Victorian home, it is listed on "the Top 10 Most Haunted" list of homes. Home tours were available, to get the history of this fascinating home. Marlene Whiteman, FGCM Garden Tour Chair presented a brief program on the newly compiled "Evaluation for Garden Tours" form. The form will be in the new *Garden Club Manual*. They will discussed procedures for Landscape Design Consultants evaluating a garden tour. The LD Refresher tour held on June 18th was a huge success. They had 18 LD Consultants refresh along with 10 other enthusiastic gardeners attend the refresher with one receiving Master LDC status. Mother Nature

helped by making it a dry day, although it was extremely hot.

A gardening tip from Missouri's Council Newsletter: Many people don't realize that fall is a great time to plant. Fall provides a long growing season for newly established plants. September is the time to establish new lawns, also a great time to divide and transplant those perennials. Herbaceous plants should be replanted by the end of September so that they have time to establish a good root system before winter freeze. When transplanting, add some compost, our clay soil can always use some organic matter. It's too late to prune shrubs and trees. We don't want to encourage "winter kill" by promoting new growth at this time, wait till early next spring while plants are still dormant. Leaves make great mulch, but chop them first for better composting. Dig those bulbs that aren't hardy and store in an airy, dry spot. I put mine in brown paper sacks after they have dried some. This keeps them together and allows moisture to escape. I mark on the bag what they are for next season planting. After the leaves drop remember to take photos of your garden for a better look at the bones of your garden. Silhouettes allow you to see the backbone structure and texture of your landscape. Marie Pasley LD Chairman

The Landscape Design School Course II, Series XIII was offered in Hilton Washington, DC North/Gaithersburg on Tuesday November 9 through Thursday November 11 2010. It was presented by **National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.** and was entitled "Learn the Site Strokes." Charmane Truesdell Chairman, charmanet@comcast.net

The combined councils of Districts 7 and 8 sponsored an Optional Refresher May 26th in Rochester, **New York**. With a focus on "Historic Landscapes", preservation, restoration and the future directions of public landscapes were explored. Lectures and tours examined the Ellwanger Mansion perennial gardens, the Stone-Tolan House Museum and grounds, and the George Eastman house gardens. A walk through Highland Park, a Frederick Law Olmsted designed arboretum, began at the Lamberton Conservatory, and continued through the

Rhododendron Valley and Tree Peony Garden revealing many rare and historic trees and shrubs. The day concluded at Warner Castle and the Alling DeForest sunken garden. Fourteen consultants, both Master and Accredited, were greatly enriched by this refreshing opportunity. This same council has been serving as a consultant for the Pittsford Garden Club in their development of a small garden for a local park. The Council will continue to meet with the club this fall, mentoring the design process and the purchase of plant material. Audrey Gregory, Chairman, GCNYS, LDSP pagregory@frontiernet.net

Students at **New Jersey's** LDS always get inspiration along with a breath of fresh air as they step outside of Holly House for a quick break or take a stroll during our lunch hour. The classroom is located on the grounds of Rutgers Gardens which, when the class was held in mid April, is loaded with springtime color from an assortment of trees, shrubs and perennials planted over the course of many decades.

This year, 44 students enjoyed the two day program (Series XVI, Course II) and 18 sat for the exam, including two individuals who plan to look for a local garden club to join! Master Gardener students numbered 18 (some are both MG and GC) and they welcome the continuing education hours from this course. Many of their instructors have a link with Rutgers University – either as current professors or graduates who bring their experience in the field of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture to the classroom. After a winter of heavy snowfall and a March nor'easter which brought record rainfall to our state, it is appropriate that the featured Optional Interest Topic was Rain Gardens! Historic Preservation was brought to life by Marta McDowell, NJ resident and author of *Emily Dickinson's Gardens*, who has extensive knowledge of the history of many old estates and gardens in northern New Jersey. cy Schmalt. Plans are underway for Course III scheduled for April 5, 6, 8 (exam) 2011. Nanz, LDS Chairman, New Jersey

The Albuquerque Chapter of the Native Plant Society of **New Mexico** is sponsoring a Landscape Design Course with Native Plants.

Please print out the Course Description and begin to advertise it by telling your contacts about it. If everyone in our organization either signed up to take the course or told 10 people about it, we could fill the course before January, which is our goal. Two Friday evenings 6:30-8:30; February 11 and 18, 2011 and two Saturdays 9AM-3:30PM; February 12 and 19, 2011 at Albuquerque Academy. The cost is \$95, which includes two lunches and snacks. Instructors will be from the faculty with major landscape designers and authors. The course covers landscape design from the roots: drawing the plan, improving the soil, irrigation, trees, shrubs, hardscapes, companion plantings, planting for habitat. This is a perfect course for those wishing to move from a traditional landscape to a Xeric one, for new homeowners, for do-it-yourselfers, for gardeners who want variety in their landscape palette, for anyone interested in landscape design. Francis Robertson, President, Albuquerque Chapter, Native Plant Society

The beautiful Canton Garden Center was the August meeting place of the **Ohio** LD Design Consultants Council (OLDCC). The Council has issued a newsletter under a new format and available on-line, under the editorship of Debbie Sickmiller. Well-known author and business owner, known as the "Garden Sage", Debra Knapke, did a book signing and gave an interesting talk on "Permaculture". The next council meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2011. The Ohio LD School has completed Course III and IV this year, 2010. Six students completed the four courses and successfully passed the exams. There were a total of 90 in attendance for the four courses. Students completing two courses are eligible to apply for provisional status with the OLDCC. The next school is tentatively planned for 2012.

The OLDCC is sponsoring a Refresher, which is scheduled for August 4-5, 2011 at Kingwood Center in Mansfield, Ohio. The Refresher is an advance workshop on LD drawing/graphics. Dennis Karem, a well-respected Landscape Architect, will direct the workshop. Joyce Roth is Events Chairman, jmroth211@yahoo.com. For information regarding our Refresher, visit the Garden Club of Ohio website,

www.gardenclubofohio.org. Jo'C Walker, Ohio LD School Chairman

Rhode Island does not have a LD program. The people from our state who are LD'S attend the Massachusetts LD Council. Vera Bowen

The primary goal of the **Utah** AGC this year has been to reach out to the broader community not only with a purpose of gaining new membership, but also of demonstrating our continued commitment to "Plant it Forward," which is our theme this year. They have had the good fortune of establishing a new relationship with Wasatch Community Gardens, which is an association of 5,000 members involved with community gardens and food production. They have made our Garden Center building space available to these members for lectures, cooking events, and other activities. The service aspect of Wasatch Community Gardens is of particular interest to the UAGC membership. They also received very favorable publicity for two service projects completed by member clubs. The first project was the successful completion of a reflective garden at a Senior day facility in Park City. The second project was a tree planting and mentoring project at a local, low-income school. The club that initiated that particular project now has an on-going association with the school, including purchasing botanical, gardening, and organic books for this school's library. Russ

Virginia held a LD school, Course IV, Series XXIII in Charlottesville, VA on September 27-28, 2010 at the Virginia Dept. of Forestry. Students took their exams at the close of each classroom day. Tours to Monticello and to Michie Tavern were highlights of the course. These are outstanding public gardens. On the special LD tour with a guide/experienced LD Instructor the group learned about special plants originating with Thomas Jefferson still in existence in the Monticello garden. Michie Tavern provided the group with historic Tavern foods popular in the 1700's (and also popular today.) Who does not like fried chicken, mashed potatoes, and mulled cider! He Virginia LD Council offers scholarships for new students to attend LD Schools and also

offers funding for club projects with their Landscaping Grants. Council meetings are held in conjunction with the LD schools. One may attend the tour/luncheon and not attend the school. The meeting was part of the Monticello experience. The attendance was up by 50% with the Charlottesville LDSP. Many clubs in Virginia have done gardens for *Plant it Pink* and *Golden Days*. Clubs in their state have embraced the NGC President's Projects. Janice Doyle, SAR LD Schools/Council Chairman

Washington has one club, Edmonds Floretum Garden Club, that has a very exciting project currently in the planning stages in Edmonds, Washington.

Milltown garden is located in downtown Edmonds. They have combined their efforts with the City and many citizens to obtain the property, plan the garden, etc. They were diligent to find an architect, Landscape Architect, and helpers to construct the structures pro bono as well as to help create the renovation of the garden with the help of the City of Edmonds for all the infrastructure work. They have been raising funds from their own membership and the citizens of Edmonds through a member designed and made quilt raffle, other monthly raffles and a drive for donations as well as applying for grants from diverse foundations. They have chosen the plant list and general design with hopes of starting their project in the spring. Because it is located right in the heart of the city the residents will be able to enjoy and use the garden on a daily basis.

Their second project this year was a community garden that contributes vegetables and herbs to the Edmonds Food Bank. By creating this garden they made a difference in the quality of life of over 1400 families who count on the local food bank for their weekly groceries and vegetables. This garden was created with the help of the Boy Scouts and a handful of volunteers as well as the members of the club. In addition to these two great projects, Chinook District in Washington will be offering a new Landscape Design School. The current dates for Landscape I is April 27-29, 2011. Landscape II will be October 26-28, 2011. Carolyn Erickson, WSFGC President.

Wisconsin has sponsored WGCF Series IX Course III and IV. The final 2 courses of Series IX have been completed in Wisconsin at the University of Wisconsin Arboretum and Longenecker Gardens. 10 new consultants were added in this series. Course III learned about Landscape Maintenance from a Landscape Architect, Jay Fernholz, who has taught in many of our series. Course IV was honored to have Paul Skidmore teach us Evaluating Landscapes. He took us to several corporate and business sites as well as the new native garden around the interpretive buildings at the U of WI Arboretum. On the 2nd day of the school, 2 sandhill cranes knocked on one of the windows probably wondering what we were doing!!! Mr. Skidmore wrote the Chapter in our textbook on Evaluation.

Their council has merged into a Tri council. They have asked Gardening Study Consultants and Environmental Study Consultants to join them. The tri council meets at least once a year and sometimes twice. In June they visited a Pink Ribbon garden located at a hospital, a handicapped access garden at a senior residential facility, and a rain garden planned and built by one of our consultants. Lucy Valitchka is our new President of the Tri Council. Carol Catlin WGCF Chairman Landscape Design Study Program

DID YOU KNOW?

December 21st marks the shortest day of the year, St. Thomas Day, and Winter Solstice. On this day winter begins, lasting until March 21. Author, Rosemary Creasy has a technique for predicting the angle of the summer sun whilst in the dead of winter. All you do is go outside at midnight on the night of the full moon in, say, January. Pay attention to where the buildings and eaves and trees cast their shadows in the moonlight. The shadows you see are approximately where the sun's shadows will fall six months hence-July at noon in your garden. ***365 Days of Gardening*** by Christine Allison



REFLECTIONS

ALL YOU NEED IS A FRIEND

When a sunny hello would help to brighten your day...

When you've just heard good news and have volumes to say...

When two tickets turn up to a great matinee...

All you need is a friend.

When the path that you're on turns surprisingly tough...

Whenever wherever you're going gets tough...

When you're giving your all, but it's just not enough...

All you need is a friend.

A friend speaks the truth when it needs to be told...

Tells you you're radiant when you feel old...

Gives you a nudge when you must be cajoled, Likes you as you are.

Joins your mischief with vigor and zest.

Makes you aware that you're looking your best...

Leaves you alone if you just need a rest...

But never strays too far.

When you've tried to be open but don't have the knack...

When you've earned a good word and pat on the back...

All you need is a friend

And a duo is often much better than one...

So remember each dawn as you rise with the sun...

All you need is a friend!

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