On-Going
Get Involved

Somewhere between knowing which invitations to accept and which to decline comes the tricky part - knowing when to leave the party. While it is forgivable for teenagers to dwindle on, unaware that staying too long is worse than leaving too early, the same is not true for adults. And so shall the baton pass to a new editor for Perspectives next year. And we issue the call for the next closet editor to offer him/herself up to the desk publishing gods. At the same time we invite members of the Seminars community to step up in support of this new editor and to contribute their words, thoughts, and graphic delights for publication.

The Seminars experience is rich because you - the people who are part of it - are rich in talent, creativity, experience, and energy. Holding back the good stuff; giving less than you have to offer is doing yourself a disservice. Altruism aside it is also foolish. For there is much to be learned by becoming involved. There are seven issues of the newsletter a year. Pick a number, gather your thoughts, and get them out there where they can make a difference for all of us. This is a unique adult community - it gives and thrives on support. I cannot imagine a suitable excuse for not grabbing at least a piece of the action.

Interested parties should make themselves known to the editor or a member of the Board.

Down the Road

Suit Up for Cliffe Jumping

The recurring nightmares that taking classes will not go on forever and that sooner or later, as Julie Khuen says, we'll all go "off the Cliffe" have generated yet another exciting project. The No Exit Gallery will open downstairs at Cronkhite on March 6 and with any luck it will serve as a preview of what sorts of adventures in landscape design and landscape design history are out there for us after graduation. Ann Uppington, current curator for the Gallery, reports that it is intended to act as a rotating update of the work of graduates out there doing it. Check it out at the Thursday, May 16 opening and celebration of the first hanging and get ready for more "off the Cliffe" treats.

The evening also will feature samples of the good works of the landscape design and landscape design history communities, tempting treasures from antique booksellers, an opportunity to catch up with colleagues, and some stimulating shop talk.

To reserve your space for the Annual Dinner and Exhibit, please send a check - $28 for BSLA members; $33 for non-members, made payable to BSLA/Radcliffe. Please identify your reservation with your name, address and phone number. In addition, please designate the type of meal requested as "vegetarian" or "regular." Specify the words "Annual Dinner" on your check and mail to:

Allyson Hayward
21 Albion Road
Wellesley Hills, MA 02181.
617/235-3307

Once a Year

Do Dinner With Darke

special by Allyson Hayward

Rick Darke, Curator of Plants at Longwood Gardens, will speak at the annual dinner on Wednesday, April 26. His topic - "Wild and Cultivated Gardens: Native Plants in the Landscape." Darke describes the focus of this design lecture as "the dramas that are part of the essential rhythm and ritual of the Northeast." Darke is an enthusiastic gardener, a lecturer and writer as well as an avid photographer. His book, Ornamental Grasses for your Garden (Little Brown: NY, 1994) features more than seventy of his photos. He is the editor of another new book, The Royal Horticultural Society's Dictionary Manual of Grasses (Timber Press, 1995), which will be in bookstores this month. Look for his cover article in this month's Green Scene (The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Mar/ Apr:1995).

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Grapevine

Seminars student Karin Stanley, in association with John Nick Colclough announce their 1995 Irish Garden and Country House Tour. The tour, which begins on June 17th, includes over twenty gardens representing landscape designs ranging from formal 17th century to the Robinsonian. Accommodations will be in some of Irelands' finest country houses most of which are of historic or architectural importance themselves. Many of the homes are family run with marvelous gardens from which fresh produce is enjoyed at the gourmet dinners served. As a result of the recent cease-fire, part of this year's tour will include Mount Stewart, the jewel of the North.

Stanley was born and lived in Ireland until moving to the States nine years ago. She combines a background in knitwear design and film with a love of gardening and homeland to act as a voice for the Irish garden. Colclough is an authority on the eclectic side of Ireland. He writes articles on Irish history, architecture, antiques and art. Together they custom design tours to present a magical and memorable variety of Irish gardens. For more information on this tour and others contact Karin at 508/655-6058 or fax 508/655-6616.

from the BSLA Newsletter

A new book by Seminars graduate, Nancy Fleming showcasing the work of pioneer landscape architect Marian Coffin is hot off the press. Nancy's work, Money, Manure & Maintenance: Ingredients for Successful Gardens of Marian Coffin, Pioneer Landscape Architect 1876-1937 is filled with photographs and plans of Coffin's work. It is available by mail from Country Place Books, Box 11, Weston, MA 02193 for $14.95 plus $2 shipping.

Julie Kuhlen reports that Barbara Gaudette is the recipient of the 1994 Planning Award presented by the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association for her work as a citizen/planner for the Town of Northbridge. As a member of the Planning Board for 8 years, Barbara spearheaded an effort to rewrite a lengthy tome that collects dust on a shelf. The reading of ideas was held on March 9 and the discussion was lively. Competition is headed back to that planning team and its choice of design theme. The reading of ideas was held on March 9 and the discussion was lively. Competition is headed back to that planning team and its choice of design theme.

An exhibit of residential and park designs by Betsey Morse Mayer will be featured at the opening of the No Exit Gallery in Kronkrite on March 16 at 4:30pm. Refreshments will be served and Betsey will be present to discuss her practice. Since graduating in 1989, Betsey has designed residential gardens and several small parks for the Dorchester Gardenlands Preserve, a non-profit land trust.

Some thoughts for now.....

The longer I live the greater is my respect and affection for manure in all its forms. from Elizabeth and Her German Garden

Lettuce is like conversation. It must be fresh and crisp, so sparkling that you scarcely notice the bitter in it.


Independent Project Orientation

Command performance for all those who plan to register for the 1995-96 Independent Project Studio

Room D
Thursday March 16
10:00am

Update

Beyond the Studio Competition

Phil Bevins reports in on the progress of the planning team and its choice of design theme. The reading of ideas was held on March 9 and the discussion was lively. Competition is headed back to that special place to which you can still return in your mind; the place you found in your childhood that will always be with you; the place you can feel and smell and touch without leaving your recliner. The design and how it mattered and why its special nature cannot be taught in design school are all entering into the consideration of the theme for the competition.

Sound too good to be true? More to come as the competition shapes up. Watch the bulletin board at school and this publication.

Please note Phil's new phone number for your reference: 508/229-2897.

JOB EXCHANGE

Work Sought

Radcliffe Seminars student interested in design, drafting and/or installation. Available part-time until May; thereafter full time. Would prefer year round employment, but willing to work on seasonal/flexible basis. Call David McCoy (Somerville) 617/628-8929.

Radcliffe Seminars student available for skilled gardening work in Boston area during spring, summer and early fall months. Up to 50 hrs (5 days)/week, including occasional weekends. Call Diane Thomas / 5 Bow Road, Belmont, MA 02178 / 617/484-8217.


Help Wanted

Looking for someone to help build creative gardens and landscapes. Prefer applicant with experience, but willing to train motivated person. End of March through December; 40+/ hours per week. Call Rob Page (Waltham) 617/891-1330.

Wanted: Very strong person to help with landscape installations and maintenance three days/wk starting April 15 through October 15. Must have some knowledge of/experience in horticulture. Tractor experience helpful. Call Natalie 617/944-0568.

What's this all about? Whatever your present business situation, we hope to help you meet your needs with the addition of a Help Wanted/Work Sought column to appear in each edition of this newsletter. Please send the text of the listing as you wish it to appear to Nancy Forbes, 116 Pine Street, Belmont, MA 02178. Include your name, address, and phone number and have the information to Nancy by the third week of the month to insure inclusion. Each listing will appear in one issue only.

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CALENDAR

MARCH
11-19
New England Spring Flower Show. MHS
15
Trees and Shrubs for the Low Maintenance Landscape, lecture. Matthew Shilds, arborist. 10am-noon. THBC
16
Modern Tree and Shrub Care. Jeff Hehman, arborist. 1-3pm. THBC
16
Plant Combinations, slide lecture. Elise Laurenzi, landscape designer. 1:30-3:30pm. AA

The Magical Flowers of Cambridge and Boston, field trip. Tour of Harvard's Botanical Museum and the New England Spring Flower Show. 8:30am-5:30pm. THBC
18
Landscape Architecture, Social Ideology, & the Politics of Place, conference. 8am-7pm. Free. GSD
21
Sisters of the Spade, reception and lecture. Ellen R. Samuels, garden historian, writer and designer. 7:30pm, Lyman Estate, Waltham. SPNEA

Trees and Shrubs for the Winter Landscape, lecture. David Barnett, horticulturist. 7-8:30pm. THBC

Visiting Gardens Around the World, slide talk. Margaret Connors. 7pm. NEHRN
23
Imagining the New Urban Park, lecture. Dr. Diana Balmori, principal, Balmori Associates. 6:30pm. GSD
24
Mass Confusion - Architecture ad Public Art, talk. Wellington Reiter, AIA. 6pm BAC
25
Dwarf Conifers, lecture and walk. Richard Stomberg, horticulturist. 9:30am-12:30pm. AA

Historic Gardens of Newburyport and Environs, symposium. 8:30am-3:30pm. Info: 508/462-2681.

Leatherbee and Hancock Woods: Signs of Spring, walk. 10-12noon. Free, reservations required. BNAF
28 and April 4
Principles of Ecology, lecture. 7-9pm. NEWFS, sponsored with AA.

APRIL
1
The World of Bulbs: Daffodils, Tulips and More, slide-lecture. Brent Cartmell Heath, bulb grower. 10am-12:30pm. AA

Successful Tree and Shrub Planting, w/shop James F. Martin, arborist. 9:30-noon. AA

6
Bamboos in the Home Landscape, lecture. Chris DeRosa, bamboo expert. 7-8:30pm. AA
6, 20 and May 4
Landscape Architects and Designers, discussion series. Lecturers: Morgan Wheelock, Susan Child and Anita Berrizbeitia. 7:30-9pm. AA

11
Isaac Jackson's Garden: the Founding of a Nineteenth Century American Campus Garden, lecture. David Miller, landscape architect. 6:30pm. Info: 536-2980x216. NECHS

Eye of the Beholder, lecture. Mac Griswold, historian and author. 6:30pm. Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. 278-5102

12
Gardens to Visit in New England, slide-lecture. Laura Eisen, landscape designer. 6:30-8:30pm. AA

13
Horticultural Study Seminar. Instructors: Peter Del Tredici, Gary Koller, Brian McGowan, Darrell Probst. 9am-4pm. AA

13 & June 15
Identifying Early and Late Spring: Blooming Trees and Shrubs, outdoor workshop. David Barnett, horticulturist. 2-4pm. MHS

15
Natural Gardens: Woodlands and Wetlands, workshop. Henry W. Art, Professor of Biology, Williams College. 10am-12pm. THBC

18
Mosses in the Garden, lecture. Elizabeth Cole. 7pm. NEHRN

19, 25 & May 3
The Business of Design, workshop. Carol Julian, garden designer, and Bill Harrington, computer consultant. 6-8pm. AA

20
Sacred Sites Inner and Outer, meeting presentation. Vermont Chapter ASLA, Norwich University, Northfield, VT. 802/869-6331

The Well-Designed Garden, symposium. Instructors: Julie Moir Messervy, James van Meern, Gordon Hayward and Anke Matern. 8:30am-4:15pm. Info: 1-800/395-1901. THBC

Armchair Tours: An Italian Garden's Romantic Magic, lecture. Faith E. Tiberio. 10-11am. MHS

American Cottage Gardening, slide-lecture. Isabel Wheat, landscape designer. 6:30-8:30pm. MHS

21
The Basics of Lighting the Garden, slide-lecture. Lew Waltz, outdoor lighting designer. 4-7pm. AA

Knowing Your Landscape: Ecological Site Assessment, lecture. Michael Talbot. 9:30am-noon. NEWFS
24-27

26
Herb Gardening, lecture. MarieStella Byrnes, landscape designer. 10am-1pm. Berkshire Botanic Garden, Stockbridge. 413/298-3926.

27
Ornamental Grasses for Your Garden, slide-lecture. Rick Darke, plant curator, Longwood Gardens. 7:30-9pm. AA Arnold Arboretum, The Arborway, Jamaica Plain. 524-1718

28
First Annual NEHRN Spring Fair, workshops, lectures, demonstrations, plant sale, exhibits. 10am-4pm. NEHRN

29&30
The Cutting Edge of Gardening: A Spring Symposium. Instructors: Dr. Owen M. Rogers, Dr. Brian K. Maynard, George J. Ball, Jr., Dr. Richard A. Casagrande, David J. A. Smith and Bruce W. Roberts. 8:30-6pm. MHS

exhibitions

opening March 2 through April 3
City Hall Plaza Competition Winners, The Architects Building Gallery, 52 Broad Street, Boston.

opening March 16 through March 31
Betsey Morse Mayer: Geometry meets Naturalism in the Garden. No Exit Gallery, Radcliffe Seminars, Cronkhite Center. Opening reception at 4:30pm. The artist will be present to discuss her residential practice and the community design process.

opening March 25, through May 28
Shaping an American Landscape: the Art and Architecture of Charles A. Platt, Keith N. Morgan, curator. Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.

through April 9

opening April 13 through June 9
Ian Hamilton Finlay: Stones and Leaves, work of the Scottish Poet, artist and gardener, the Houghton Rare Books Library, Harvard; opening reception April 13 at the library, 4:30-6:30pm.

opening April 24 through May 6
Joshua Winer: Murals, Trompes l'oeuil and Architecture. RSA Gallery, The Architects Building, 52 Broad Street, Boston. 617/951-1433x221.

through April 30
Edmonia Lewis and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: Images and Identities. Fogg Art Museum

through May 7
Emil Nolde: The Painter's Prints and Watercolors in America. MFA.

through June 4
Dennis Miller Bunker: American Impressionist. MFA.

through July 16
Selections from the Joseph H. Hazen Collection. Fogg Art Museum.

through October 1

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please note: Phebe will not be creating the Calendar next year. Interested? Call Phebe for details.


Key to Organizations

AA Arnold Arboretum, The Arborway, Jamaica Plain. 524-1718
BSLA Boston Society of Landscape Architects 320 Newbury Street, Boston. 617/247-1613
BNAF Boston Natural Areas Fund, 25 West Street, Boston. 542-7696
BGAA Boston GreenSpace Alliance, 426-6597
GSD Harvard Graduate School of Design, Gund Hall, 48 Quincy St, Cambridge. 493-9340
NEHRN New England Horticultural Society, Hemenway Rd, Framingham. 508/877-6574
NEJHS New England Garden History Society, 16 Juniper Rd, Belmont. 489-5050
MAC Friends of Mount Auburn Cemetery, 580 Mt Auburn Street, Cambridge. 547-7105
MFA Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave, Boston. 267-9300
MHS Massachusetts Horticultural Society, 300 Massachusetts Ave, Boston. 536-9280
NEGHS New England Garden History Society at MHS, 300 Mass Ave, Boston. 536-9280
NEHRN New England Horticultural Resources Network. 508/653-3098
NEWF New England Wildflower Society, Hemenway Rd, Framingham. 508/877-6574
THBG Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Drive, PO Box 598, Boylston. 508/869-6111
TTOR The Trustees of Reservations, 572 Essex St, Beverly. 508/921-1944

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