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Landscape Design

Locations and Dates


Arboretum Villanova
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

Villanova, PA

Day 1: Jan. 12, 1999

Day 2: Jan. 13, 1999

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

New London, CT

Day 1: Jan. 16, 1999

Day 2: Jan. 17, 1999

THE HISTORIC LANDSCAPE: NATURAL DESIGN IN A CULTURAL CONTEXT

DAY 1

PA: Tuesday, January 12, 1999 • CT: Saturday, January 16, 1999

"The Pastoral Landscape: Inspiration for Design" (1 hr)

CLAIRE SAWYERS

Ms. Sawyers will illustrate the visual character of the pastoral landscape and explore ways to incorporate its beauty and simplicity into contemporary and naturalistic gardens.

"The Present, the Past and the Natural Landscape: Case Study #1" (1 hr)

RODNEY ROBINSON, ASLA

Kings Ranch Project: This residential project in Chester County, PA, was designed to re-create an historic farmstead within a set of 'Ecological Landscape Guidelines' formulated to preserve the natural and agricultural landscape.

"How Yesterday's Land Use Affects Today's Landscape: An Ecologist's Perspective" (1 hr)

DR. EMILY RUSSELL

Dr. Russell will discuss how the agricultural era, logging and settlement patterns have influenced the composition and processes of the native landscape, creating the environment in which landscape practitioners currently work.

"A Picture of the Past: An Overview of the Historic Landscape" (1.5 hrs)

DR. GARY WHEELER STONE

Dr. Stone will share his extensive knowledge regarding human cultural influences on the land, and historic landscape patterns. Examples will include his work at the Monmouth Battlefield State Park where he utilized innovative techniques to combine historic re-creation and natural landscape restoration.

"The Present, the Past and the Natural Landscape: Case Study #2" (1 hr)

DOUGLAS REED, ASLA

Borderland Project: This Long Island residence blends rustic themes, native design, and modern elements to achieve a respect for nature and the past, while fulfilling the client's needs for an emotionally restorative landscape. The project was featured in a recent issue of Landscape Architecture Magazine.

SPEAKER PROFILES

Douglas P. Reed is President of Douglas Reed Landscape Architecture, Cambridge, MA. His firm received the President's Award of Excellence from the ASLA Professional Awards Program in 1997. Mr. Reed also teaches and judges at numerous universities including Harvard's Graduate School of Design.

Rodney Robinson is Principal Partner of Rodney Robinson Landscape Architecture. He has practiced for the past twenty years, with clients including Longwood Gardens, Architect of the Capitol in Washington, DC, Winterthur Museum and Gardens, and Chanticleer.

Dr. Emily Russell, a vegetation ecologist, is an Associate Professor at Rutgers University Newark, NJ, with degrees in both Botany and History. She is author of numerous scientific publications as well as the book *People and Land Through Time*, Yale University Press.

Claire Sawyers is Director of the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College and previously spent seven years at the Mt. Cuba Center for the Study of Piedmont Flora. She is an accomplished horticulturist and lecturer whose interests range from native plants to Japanese garden design.

Dr. Gary Wheeler Stone is the principal Historic Preservation Specialist for the New Jersey State Park Service and has published numerous manuscripts and papers on landscape history. He also has appeared on PBS and is a past president of the Society for Historical Archaeology.

CREATING NATURAL LANDSCAPES: BLENDING HORTICULTURE, DESIGN AND ECOLOGY

DAY 2

PA: Wednesday, January 13, 1999 • CT: Sunday, January 17, 1999

"Composition of Our Native Plant Communities: A Model for Design" (2.25 hrs)

DR. DAVID ROBERTSON (PA only)

DR. WILLIAM A. NIERING (CT only)

In this presentation we will explore the plants, processes and patterns that comprise the indigenous landscape of our area with a particular emphasis on aspects relevant to the practice of landscape design. Examinations of woodland, meadow and wetland plant communities will be included as well as a study of the processes by which they develop over time.

"Natural Landscape Techniques: Design, Planting and Management" (2.25 hrs)

LARRY WEANER

Through a series of case studies, Mr. Weaner will illustrate techniques for creating landscapes patterned after nature. Examples will range from highly designed naturalistic gardens to larger plantings that straddle the line between landscape design and native restoration. Included will be an in-depth examination of techniques for designing, and implementing, long term native wildflower meadows as well as the management and enhancement of existing woodlands.

"Designing for Wildlife" (1 hr)

ADRIAN BINNS

Mr. Binns will discuss, season by season, the needs of various types of birds and other desirable wildlife species. This lecture will go beyond the basics to include plant species and arrangement, wildlife structures and the use of water in the landscape. This under utilized aspect of landscape design can add a whole new dimension to the services already provided to your clients.



SPEAKER PROFILES

Adrian Binns is principal of *Wildlife Gardens*, an ecological landscape design firm, and field ornithologist who frequently lectures for horticultural, environmental and wildlife organizations. He has organized educational programs for Audubon Societies and Nature Centers and has led birding expeditions throughout the eastern United States and Great Britain.

Dr. William Niering is a nationally recognized expert on tidal and freshwater wetlands, vegetation management and restoration ecology. He is the Katherine Blunt Professor of Botany at Connecticut College, where he teaches Human Ecology, Plant Systematics, and Ecology. Dr. Niering is also Editor-in-Chief of *Restoration Ecology*, a journal of the Society for Ecological Restoration.

Dr. David Robertson is the Executive Director of the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust, a 640 acre nature preserve encompassing woodlands, grasslands and old fields in southeastern Pennsylvania. He is also an Adjunct Professor in the University of Pennsylvania's Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning and has served as Northeast Chapter President of the Society for Ecological Restoration since 1994.

Larry Weaner is principal of *Larry Weaner Landscape Design*, Erdenheim, PA, a design/build firm specializing in natural landscapes. He currently is a Director and Environmental Committee Chair of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers. Mr. Weaner also developed 'New Directions in the American Landscape,' a conference series devoted to the study of natural landscape design which has sponsored programs throughout the United States.