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## DESIGNED GARDENS AS PLANT COMMUNITIES:

### BLENDING HORTICULTURE DESIGN AND ECOLOGY IN THE SOUTHWESTERN LANDSCAPE

#### A NATURAL DESIGN CONFERENCE

JUNE 2 - 4, 1995

The current public interest in ecology, natural aesthetics, and landscape maintenance reduction has created an enormous demand for new techniques that incorporate our rich and diverse native landscapes into our designed gardens. From a residential property to a large commercial or public project, success requires more than the inclusion of a few native plants in an informal arrangement. An understanding of the patterns and processes of our native landscape is imperative to the creation of designed landscapes that truly function as low maintenance plant communities and reflect the beauty of the natural world. In this symposium an outstanding group of designers and ecologists will explore these exciting concepts and techniques that have the potential to radically change our treatment of the designed landscape.

Located at the National Wildflower Research Center, Austin, Texas

COME VISIT OUR INNOVATIVE NEW FACILITY AND EXPERIENCE ECOLOGICAL DESIGN PUT INTO PRACTICE

#### SPEAKER PROFILES

**Judy Mielke** is author of *Native Plants for Southwestern Landscapes* and a landscape designer with Bowden Design Group in Scottsdale, Arizona. She also has her own business specializing in residential design. Judy's experience with native plants includes 9 years as a horticulturist at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix. She frequently lectures on desert landscape design and wildflower gardening.

**Darrel G. Morrison, FASLA**, is one of the most accomplished and influential landscape architects of the 'Natural Design' movement. He is a professor at the University of Georgia School of Environmental Design where he served as Dean from 1983 to 1992. He is a frequent lecturer at The Clearing, a school established by Jens Jensen at Ellison Bay, Wisconsin, and has been a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects since 1982.

**David K. Northington** is the executive director of the National Wildflower Research Center. He has written more than 200 hundred articles on a wide variety of botanical topics as well as three books, including *The Botanical World*.

**David Riskind** is the director of the Natural Resources Program and an authority on vegetation and community restoration. He has been widely published on natural landscapes, conservation biology, and ecological restoration. Riskind currently serves the Texas State Historical Association as an advisory editor for the *Handbook of Texas*.

**Benny Simpson** is a research scientist at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Dallas, Texas. Specializing in native Texas plants, Mr. Simpson selects native plants in the wild, propagates them from seeds or cuttings, and tests them for adaptation to various soils, climates, and pollution tolerance in different growing areas. He was president of the Native Plant Society of Texas, 1993-1994, and is the author of *A Field Guide to Texas Trees*.

**Sally Wasowski** is a professional landscape designer and consultant specializing in native plants and natural landscapes. A founding member and past president of the Native Plant Society of Texas, Sally teaches landscape design at SMU's School of Continuing Education. She was named by Southern Living Magazine as one of the top ten gardeners in the South and is the author of *Requiem For a Lawnmower*.

**Larry Weaner** is principal of Larry Weaner Landscape Design, Erdenheim, PA, and developer of the 'New Directions in the American Landscape' conference series. He is a frequent instructor at the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania and currently serves as chairman of the Environmental Committee of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers.



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## FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND - ECOSYSTEMS AND DESIGN: BUILDING A FOUNDATION

8:30 - 9:15	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION	
9:15 - 9:45	Introduction and Conference Goals	David K. Northington and Larry Weaner
9:45 - 10:45	<i>Ecology of the Desert Landscape: A Basis for Design</i>	Benny Simpson
10:45 - 11:00	BREAK	
11:00 - 12:00	<i>Design Applications for Desert Landscapes</i>	Judy Mielke
12:00 - 12:30	Open Discussion	Judy Mielke and Benny Simpson
12:30 - 1:30	LUNCH	
1:30 - 2:30	<i>Ecology of the Texas Grasslands: A Basis for Design</i>	David Riskind
2:30 - 2:45	BREAK	
2:45 - 3:45	<i>Designing with Grassland Landscapes</i>	David Mahler
3:45 - 4:15	Open Discussion	David Mahler and David Riskind

## SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD - ECOSYSTEMS AND DESIGN: THEORY INTO PRACTICE

8:15 - 9:00	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	
9:00 - 10:00	<i>Where Art and Nature Meet</i>	Darrel Morrison
10:00 - 11:00	<i>A Texas Hill Country Landscape: Designing the new National Wildflower Research Center</i>	Darrel Morrison, J. Robert Anderson, and David K. Northington
11:00 - 11:15	BREAK	
11:15 - 12:30	<i>Tour of the National Wildflower Research Center Grounds and Gardens</i>	
12:30 - 1:30	LUNCH	
1:30 - 2:15	<i>Combining Nature and Design on the Residential Property</i>	Larry Weaner
2:15 - 3:15	<i>After the Fact: Managing Natural Landscapes</i>	Sally Wasowski
3:15 - 3:30	BREAK	
3:30 - 4:30	KEYNOTE ADDRESS	David K. Northington

## SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH (OPTIONAL WILDFLOWER TOUR)

8:15 - 9:00	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	
9:00-2:00	Tour of the beautiful central Texas Hill Country and box lunch picnic	