

NEWSCAPE



*The Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Boothbay, Maine
Photo by Becky Hassebroek*

From the Editor:

Welcome to our new readers! You are a busy group with many schools, refreshers, and events. *Please forward Newscape to your Consultants.*

Please send me information about your projects, meetings, and schools by August 1, 2017 for inclusion in our Fall 2017 issue of *Newscape*. I look forward to including articles and photos about your events.

All submissions must be original material. Photos are welcome! Please send articles in Word format and photos to CSCarbaugh@verizon.net.

Caroline Carbaugh

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.



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NEWS FROM YOUR NATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

FROM OUR NATIONAL CHAIRMAN:

I want to congratulate and thank the many state Presidents, Landscape Design Schools Chairmen and Landscape Design Council Chairmen who have chosen to “Leap into Action” during the administration of Sandra Robinson. Landscape Design Courses have been sponsored by 24 states and the International Affiliates. Refreshers and Multiple Refreshers have advanced the knowledge of gardeners. I am most appreciative of those Chairmen who have shared their events and projects with us through their articles and photos in *Newscape*. I hope the articles have inspired garden clubs to take on projects to enhance the environment, be it at their home, a school, a church, a township building or park.

National Garden Week is scheduled for June 4-10, 2017. The NGC Educational Schools Committee, Environmental Studies Schools, Gardening Study Schools and Landscape Design Schools, are urging Consultants Councils and individual Consultants to observe a National Consultants Day during that week. Possible events which can be held by the Landscape Design Councils include the presentation of an educational program held for the public, a landscape workshop for consultants and members of a garden club, or a presentation at a school of a program on summer plants and vegetables, with information sheets as handouts. A

workshop on the role of pollinators, held at a library or community center, even in a classroom, would be an excellent learning experience. Consultants might volunteer at a Habitat for Humanity house to do some outdoor cleanup or planting. Consultants should consider doing a program at the local library, a nursing home or a garden club meeting. An article of summer gardening sent to your local newspaper is a possibility. Share your knowledge and love of gardening. Send Caroline Carbaugh, the *Newscape* Editor, CSCarbaugh@verizon.net an article and photographs of any activity you hold.

Jane Bersch, Chairman



Bluebells. Photo by Sandy Vandenberg

NGC SCHOOLS

Ever since taking my first NGC Landscape Design Course over 23 years ago, I have looked at the natural and man-made environment differently, ultimately having more interest in and appreciation of both. You can see that the size and design of a space can either overwhelm by its power or welcome by its intimacy. You come to appreciate historical

traditions and references as well as sustainability.

My January Georgia visit to the Founders (of the nation’s first garden club) Garden and the State Botanical Garden of Georgia reinforced that major considerations in successful public landscape design:

- recognize the importance of both beauty and function in urban design
- fulfill the human need for open space for quality of life
- provide opportunities for educational experiences
- promote sustainable, lower maintenance landscapes

In spite of it being mid-winter, I could visualize how the appearance of these spaces will change over the course of the year. I could enjoy good landscape practices.

I hope you enjoy NGC School courses (including, but not limited to Landscape Design) as much as I do. I hope you realize that there is always something to be learned in each course no matter how many times you have taken the course. With every change of venue and with every change of instructor, even a course taken previously takes on new meaning and provides new lessons. And, of course, refresher events may bring very specific focus to all kinds of specialized subjects. So I hope you will never feel that you “know it all”, but rather that you will continue to attend and support and learn from these courses and events.

Once you complete two courses (including testing) of any NGC School, you become a Provisional Consultant. When you complete a series of all four courses in any school, you become a Consultant. This is a significant accomplishment, a garden club “merit badge.” Clubs, districts and state garden clubs should acknowledge, recognize and celebrate their Consultants. You should celebrate yourself. NGC celebrates you! **Celebrate NGC Consultants on the first National Consultants Day.** See recent articles in *Keeping in Touch* and *The National Gardener* for more information and ideas. Do something on National Consultants Day during National Garden Week (June 4-10, 2017) to demonstrate, individually or as a group of Consultants, knowledge learned in the schools, to share that knowledge with garden club members and the public and to celebrate and promote National Garden Clubs, Inc., NGC Schools, your state and local garden clubs. Share your plans and results with NGC’s Schools Committees. Good luck and have fun! Thank you for being an NGC Consultant.

Greg Pokorski, NGC ES, GS, LD Schools Coordinator (and Master Landscape Design Consultant)



*Great Smoky Mountains Park, TN
Photo by Sandy Vandenberg*

A Hidden Jewel in Maine!

The Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

We all belong to a garden club for different reasons: community service, socializing with the best people (we all know gardeners belong to that group!), learning about gardening and much more, but one thing we all seem to have in common is that we enjoy seeing beautiful gardens. One great benefit of belonging to a nationally accredited garden club is that you’re invited to conventions held all over the country where the host clubs can’t wait to share with you their very favorite spots!



Garden art dances in the wind

Our NGC Fall Board meeting was held this Fall in Portland, Maine – I’ve ALWAYS wanted to visit Maine! Kathleen Marty was the President of the Garden Club Federation of Maine when I was the President of Alaska – we both served back to back terms so we were together for four years – and she said I HAD to stay with her a couple of extra days when we came to Maine so she could show me around! Well...you know I just HAD to accept her gracious

offer! She made me feel like royalty and shared with me her favorite spots: beautiful lighthouses, bays, lovely New England towns – and her most favorite – The Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens.



I’ve seen lots of gardens, and I must say this holds a place among the best. Maybe part of it was because Kathleen is a delightful tour guide and wonderful friend – and maybe part of it was that she had made arrangements with a friend of hers and fellow docent at the garden to spend the afternoon just showing me around, and maybe part of it was that it was a beautiful Maine Fall day – but it was a perfect example of a little known local hotspot that shall forever hold a special place in my heart.



The Children’s Garden at the Coastal ME Botanical Gardens

A Full
Sized
Play-
house



Of course, as your Wildlife Gardening Chairman, nothing pleases me more than a garden that is “committed to providing a healthy and beautiful environment for our human and non-human guests”, where it is understood that “our beloved gardens are also food for all manner of insects, mammals, birds, fungi, bacteria and on down the food chain”, and where only organic fertilizers and pest-control measures are used and integrated pest management practices are followed – meaning that they scout for problems before they become serious. Yes, indeed, this is my kind of place!

We are so fortunate to have our NGC friends to share with us the best places in our world!

**Becky Hassebroek,
NGC Wildlife Gardening Chairman**

All pictures by Becky Hassebroek at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens.

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**STATE NEWS
Maryland**

On October 12, the Landscape Design Council of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland visited Gibson Island, Md. The weather was beautiful and we had 28 members on the tour. One of our members, Carolyn Keenen, lives on the Island and she had handouts for everyone describing its history.

This 3 mile long by 2 mile wide island was purchased in 1921 by Stuart Symington for development as a private summer community where members could enjoy summer activities such as golf, sailing, swimming, and tennis. The club's initial members were mostly prominent businessmen and politicians from the Baltimore area, although members hailed from Wilmington, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and other cities.



Patio

During the 1920's, Gibson Island was touted as "the Newport of the South" and continues to maintain this image. The private membership community is laid out according to the formal plan designed in 1922 by the acclaimed Olmsted Brothers of Brookline, Massachusetts. This layout emphasizes the island's natural topography and incorporates

native flora. Roads are de-emphasized and take the form of paved, meandering pathways. The community features approximately 190 private dwellings and one 9-hole golf course. Gibson Island's present landscape remains true to its constructed form and is an excellent example of a 20th early-century planned recreational community. The Olmsted Brothers' responsibility was to design the landscape, but they also had ideas about the architecture and called for separation of areas done in different styles so that an incongruous mixture of styles would not dilute the intended effect of each. Gibson Island house styles include the French and Spanish Eclectic, Colonial, Gothic and Tudor Revivals; and Mission and Art Deco tastes.



Lawn Art

We visited their Native Plant Garden and three other private gardens, which were all different, but gave our members useable ideas. One of the highlights was the lovely garden and beautiful waterfront home of our State President Nicki Schwab. We ended with a tour of the fabulous new Gibson Island Clubhouse, a brief meeting and a scrumptious lunch. Carolyn provided everyone with a gift to remember the day.

Jane Chambers, LDS Chairman



*View down the Chesapeake
Photos by Jane Chalmers*

National Capital Area

In September 2016, members of the Landscape Design Council of the National Capital Area toured the gardens at Mount Vernon, home of President George Washington. The land was a major source of pleasure and entertainment for Washington. He managed all aspects of the landscape and planted hundreds of native trees and shrubs. His daily routine was to take walks through the property both before and after the last meal of the day which was served at about 3 PM.



Kitchen Garden

The horticultural staff is working to make Mount Vernon's present day environment look as it did in Washington's time, with long vistas, ha-ha walls, wilderness areas, and groves of trees. The

kitchen and pleasure gardens are thriving today, full of brightly colored flowers and a wide variety of vegetables and herbs. Espaliered fruit trees decorate the walls surrounding the kitchen gardens.

Caroline Carbaugh, NCA



Tulip Poplar, probably planted in 1785



Flower Garden

Photos by Caroline Carbaugh

Tennessee LDS

Happy New Year from the Volunteer State, which by the way had nothing to do with football. "The nickname originated during the War of 1812, when the volunteer soldiers from Tennessee, serving under Andrew Jackson, displayed marked valor in the Battle of New Orleans." However, in 2017 it really does mean football, Lady Vols, etc.

We have two special subjects to mention for your information. First, we are pleased to offer a Tri-Refresher this spring and we are so excited to be in such a wonderful setting for this event, which brings me to the second subject: Wildfires, tornadic winds and their effects on the people, land, plant and animal life in the National Park.

TRI-REFRESHER IN GATLINBURG, TN - APRIL 18, 19 & 20 "Springtime in the Smokies"

This will take place during the 90th Annual Meeting and Convention of the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Knowing we would have a great wealth of speakers and we would be surrounded by the grand flora and fauna of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, we have planned a Tri-Refresher, offered to anyone who wants a vacation in the Smokies! Three nights at the park Vista Hotel, and the costs of the convention, a couple of breakfasts would be the expense (like a regular convention.) The only cost to the refresher itself is a \$5.00 check made to each school being refreshed. The chairmen of the 3 NGC Schools are chairing this refresher: Cae Daly, Environmental Studies, Maggi Burns, Gardening Studies, and Carole Whited, Landscape Design Schools. Our appreciation is expressed to these co-chairmen and to Jeri Melton, former LDS Chairman, who serves this term as LDS Refresher Chairman, as she worked to bring this event together. Included in the Special Exhibits will be one entitled "What in the World Does a Landscape Design Consultant do?" The answers indicate learn,

grow, and consult – you certainly do NOT become a Landscape Architect!

Registrar: Carole Whited, email ccwhited@aol.com. (865-922-2778, cell 865-599-9310.) We need your information by April 1, 2017 to plan room spaces. Janie Bitner, member of Tuckaleechee Garden Club and Centennial Ambassador VIP Volunteer with the National Park Service, serves currently with me as Co-Chairmen of the Workshops, tours, etc. for the convention.

Dixie Seaton, member of Sevierville Garden Club, and Linda Lee, member of Tuckaleechee Garden Club have been hard at work for 2 years to insure your visit is meaningful, educational and fun. These two clubs lie in the foothills of the Park.

Hopefully both NGC President Sandra Robinson and DS Director Carol Ballard will be able to spend some time with us; we have welcomed their guidance throughout their 2015-2017 terms. Pam Dowd who has graciously served as TFGC President, has kept us informed on every detail of our gardening business, sorrows, and shared fun. Lisa Phipps, TFGC District IV Director will be hostess to this event and we appreciate her special talents and devotion to her office. Those who tried to keep pace with Pam and Lisa learned appreciation of gardening, traveled over hill and dale, and made many new friends.

With all of you, Tennessee sends congratulations to Nancy Hargrove, who will serve NGC as the President beginning with the end

of the National Convention in Richmond, Va. May 16-21, as well as incoming DS Director from TENNESSEE, Ann McCormick, from Memphis, TN. Cindy Hintz from Johnson City, TN will begin her term as TFGC President on April 20 with a breakfast Board Meeting, and to lead District IV is Connie Wallace from Dixie Highway Garden Club in Knoxville, TN. As the conventions wind down, all of these will be received for their term of office.



Photo by Sandy Vandenberg

DEVIASTATING DROUGHT, WILDFIRES AND WINDS IN GATLINBURG AND SMOKIES - NOV. 28, 2016

Two years ago, President-elect Pam Dowd planned her farewell convention in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Having been an avid supporter of NGC projects, especially Natural Disasters, never would she have imagined four and a half months before the opening of the 90th TFGC Convention in Gatlinburg, the area would be designated as a NGC Natural Disaster. We have heard not only from NGC headquarters but from those assisting us with the Tri-Refresher and others gardeners from all over the country.

Just as the firefighters had announced the fires were under control and miles from homes and Gatlinburg, winds of 90 miles an hour raced through the fire sending embers several miles away. In a matter of 15 minutes, these brave firefighters saw a disaster form. The devastation was great – some statistics of this and volunteer efforts reported Dec. 28, 2016: 780 firefighters from 40 states & DC, law enforcement and utility companies from all over the area, 14 deaths, 191 injured and treated, 2500 structures damaged or destroyed, Park Vista Hotel closed for 22 days, 3,066 stayed overnight in shelters, 14,000 evacuated, Red Cross workers, and daily 500-1500 volunteers. 10,000 acres were damaged in the park and 2% of the Smokies (reported in mid Jan.)

Back to the opening paragraph about volunteers. First were those firefighters and law enforcement; – then the town was open for residents, and utility workers, FEMA and other insurance personnel for commercial, residential and tourists, Dolly Parton and her program raised over \$9,300,000 to cover \$1000 per month for 6 months to those who lost their homes. January’s payments were received by mid-month. There are many other groups who have contributed and continue to do so.

But there is another volunteer story – volunteering everything from water to toys! A “mountain of bottled water” was sent and given to the firefighters and others who worked tirelessly. Restaurants in nearby areas sent food

and, as soon as it was back open, Gatlinburg had businesses that remained open to feed those working 3 meals a day! There was no charge for anything in this tourist town. Every item displaced families might need was donated, and those who had fled with only their clothes they were wearing found everything, even toys for the children!

People-helping-people is the wonderful news coming from the Park and surrounding areas and, as Park Superintendent Cassius Cash announced on the nightly news on Jan. 19, the seeding they sowed to prevent erosion as soon as the areas cooled, has sprouted in the warm days and cool rains, and we have GRASS.

When you think of the Park today, the convention, the fires, the destruction, think of two things: VOLUNTEERS & GREEN GRASS.

See you when it is "Springtime in the Smokies!"



*Original bulbs from early settlers in Cades Cove, GSMNP
Photo by Sandy Vandenberg*

**Carole Whited,
Tennessee Landscape Design
Schools Chairman**

**Tennessee Tri-Refresher
"Springtime in the Smokies"**

"Pollution, defilement, squalor are words that never would never have been created had (we) lived comfortably to Nature."

- John Muir, Father of our National Parks System

What a blessed time of the year when nature turns our green world into an array of brilliant color signifying winter will be approaching. Then, that special time when new life emerges and gardeners begin to "get busy." Quite a number of us have witnessed this miracle of creation many times and are amazed every time! Blossoms in the snow are usually the first clue that the boots can be put away, the snow shovel hung up, and the coat can be replaced with a sweater.



Tennessee is having a Tri-Refresher at its Spring Convention and 90th Annual Meeting. The theme "Springtime in the Smokies" is beckoning for gardeners to welcome spring in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, as the National Park Service will begin its 101st year in 2017.

The April Convention will be held at the Park Vista Hotel in the foothills of the park, with speakers from the Park Service and

others. Information will be in the National Gardener about this event. Anyone wishing to refresh must attend all of the approved events - no makeups - no excuses.

The convention is **April 19 & 20**, with one Tri-Refresher event scheduled on **April 18**. See www.tnonline.org for hotel information, or the chamber of commerce of Gatlinburg for other hotels. Later there will be a registration form in the Volunteer Gardener or tnonline.org.

Consultants in Environmental Studies, Gardening Studies or Landscape Design Schools with proper credentials of same may refresh in that NGC School. Anyone who is a Master in multiple schools may refresh in each one.

As Registrar of the Tri-Refresher Event, I will submit your individual information to the proper school chairmen. Along with your information, please include a check for \$5.00 to NGC with school noted on check. There must be one check per school you wish to refresh to accompany registration. Following the event, your record will be sent to National and we will receive everyone's updated credentials; these will be mailed to you. Please submit your name, address, garden club, and the schools or schools you wish to refresh.

**Carole Whited,
Tri-Refresher Registrar
TFGC LSCC Schools President**

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LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS/REFRESHERS

Alaska

March 18 - 20, 2017.

Fairbanks. Course III.

State Chairman: Becky Hassebroek
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April 1 - 3, 2017.

Fairbanks. Course IV.

State Chairman: Becky Hassebroek
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Arizona

November 20 -21, 2017.

Phoenix. Course III.

State Chairman: Judy Tolbert
(602) 421-5290;
tolbertjl10@gmail.com

March 3 - 4, 2018.

Phoenix. Course IV.

State Chairman: Judy Tolbert
(602) 421-5290;
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Connecticut

March 21 – 22, 2017.

New Haven. Course III.

State Chairman: Susan Laursen
(203) 415-2077;
sklaursen@aol.com

Florida

March 28 - 29, 2017.

Clermont. Course I.

State Chairman: Patricia
Richardson (407) 469-7072;
ogrampat42@yahoo.com

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for the latest information on
schools and refreshers:
www.gardenclub.org**

Illinois

April 24 – 25, 2017.

Glenview. Course I.

State Chairman: Bobby G.
Nicholson (773) 619-3025;
pyramidgardens@yahoo.com

Maine

November 2 - 3, 2017.

Falmouth. Course III.

State Chairman: Harriet Robinson
(207) 743-7236;
harriettlewisrobinson
@gmail.com

Massachusetts

October 26 - 28, 2017.

Wellesley. Course IV.

State Chairman: Maureen O'Brien
(781) 407-0065;
maureen.t.obrien@outlook.com

Michigan

April 24 – 25, 2017.

Kalamazoo. Course II.

State Chairman: Terry Harding
(231) 947-0568;
wsharding@chartermi.net

Nebraska

March 30 – April 1, 2017.

Elkhorn. Course II.

State Chairman: Alice Hemsath
(308) 224-3771;
dhemsath@charter.net

Ohio

March 29 – 31, 2017

Canton. Course I.

State Chairman: Pat Smith
(330) 417-0355;
Playnlearn345@aol.com

Pennsylvania

March 26 – 28, 2017.

Lancaster. Course II.

State Chairman: Vivian Abel
(717) 872-0991; Vivianbob
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Texas

**September 25 - 26, 2017. College
Station.** Course III.

State Chairman: Michele
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texaslandscapedesignschool
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**September 27 - 28, 2017. College
Station.** Course II.

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Virginia

April 11 – 12, 2017.

Williamsburg. Course I.

State Chairman: Glenda H.
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September 26 – 27, 2017.

Richmond. Course II.

State Chairman: Glenda H.
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Washington

October 2 - 4, 2017

Oak Harbor. Course I.

State Chairman: Anne Sullivan
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West Virginia

May 24 - 26, 2017.

Morgantown. Course III.

State Chairman: Jan Mitchell
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