Gertrude Jekyll and the Country House Garden

The Beatrix Farrand Society will host a presentation by Judith B. Tankard, landscape historian and preservation consultant, at 11:30 am on Saturday, August 4, at Garland Farm. Tankard will present "Gertrude Jekyll and the Country House Garden", based on her 2011 book of the same title.

Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932), who was trained as an artist, was renowned for her informal gardens that contrasted with the rigid formal designs of the time. She worked alone and in collaboration with Sir Edwin Lutyens and other important architects to create more than 400 gardens, most of which no longer exist. Jekyll was an important mentor of Beatrix Farrand, who acquired her archives and donated them to the University of California at Berkeley. This important documentation allows Jekyll's theories of color, planting, and design to be used by gardeners today.

Tankard’s book on Jekyll’s work will be available for sale, and she will sign copies on site.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is limited and advance reservation is required. To reserve seats, email programs@beatrixfarrandsociety.org or telephone 207-288-0237.

Garland Farm is located at 475 Bay View Drive, Bar Harbor ME. From the island bridge, drive east on Route 3 toward Bar Harbor, approximately two miles. Turn left on Bay View Drive, then immediately turn left into the parking area. Follow the footpath to the barn. From downtown Bar Harbor, travel north on Route 3, passing Hadley Point Road (about 7 miles). Continue past the Eden Village Motel & Cottages. In .2 miles, turn right on Bay View Drive, then immediately left into the parking area. Accessible parking is available with advance notice; please call 207-288-0237.

For more information about Garland Farm and other events hosted by the Beatrix Farrand Society, visit www.beatrixfarrandsociety.org. To learn more about Judith Tankard’s work and publications, visit http://www.judithtankard.com/