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ROBERT W. PATTERSON SYMPOSIUM

Bar Harbor, ME—The Beatrix Farrand Society is hosting a symposium on the work of Mount Desert Island architect and landscape architect Robert W. Patterson on August 13, 2011, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Garland Farm in Salisbury Cove, near Bar Harbor. Panelists include Scott Koniecko, Jack Russell, Earle Shettleworth, Will Thorndike, and Bill Townsend.

Starting in the late 1940s, Patterson practiced architecture extensively in coastal Maine, primarily MDI. The design and siting of the houses and other buildings, their materials, and detailing reflect Patterson's background in landscape architecture and his appreciation of the natural beauty of the surroundings.

Garland Farm, designed by Patterson in 1955, is the former home of landscape architect Beatrix Farrand and is now the headquarters of The Beatrix Farrand Society. After closing down Reef Point, her summer home along the Shore Path in Bar Harbor, Farrand moved to Garland Farm in 1955 and lived there until her death in 1959. Garland Farm incorporates many features from her former home and grounds at Reef Point.

Robert Patterson (1905-1988) was an architect, landscape architect, and conservationist who moved to Mount Desert Island in 1934, working initially for the Civilian Conservation Corps on projects in Acadia National Park. He was the founder and first President of the Maine Natural Resources Council and the Founding Father of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

There is a small exhibition of Patterson's work on display at Garland Farm.

Pre-registration for this event is recommended. Please call 207-288-0237 to reserve your place. For directions, please visit www.beatrixfarrandsociety.org/visit.html