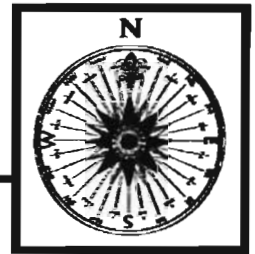


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The Beatrix Farrand Society NEWS



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Beatrix Farrand's Legacy

by Diane Kostial McGuire

Beatrix Farrand believed in the great importance of education as providing the groundwork for professional work in landscape architecture. This spirit, expressed in her motto "Give me understanding and I shall live" placed Farrand above most of her fellow practitioners because it embodied her life long dedication to the pursuit of design as an expression of emotion and intellect.

It was her intention that the plans and records of her professional work, and her extensive professional library would be available for study by scholars, practitioners and students of landscape design. She intended to have her entire collection available for this purpose at Reef Point, her home in Bar Harbor, Maine. Because of inadequate finances, this grand plan was not able to be carried out and the collection was broken up with the major portion of it going to the undergraduate program in Landscape Architecture at the University of California, Berkeley.

Her work as a landscape architect reflected thoughtfulness and seriousness of purpose and is particularly exemplified in the many outstanding designs she executed for academic institutions, especially Yale and Princeton Universities. These designs were representative of the relationship of art and science. She studied plants with the eye of a botanist, she knew a vast number of plants, both native and exotic and cultivated as many as she could at Reef Point. Yet, in her design work, she used an extremely limited palette, enabling a small number of species to work harmoniously in color and texture, in order to further the design intention, with each plant making a maximum contribution to the overall concept.

There are other, more personal considerations of historical importance. She was representative of women who chose professional careers at the end of the nineteenth century and she displayed several of the characteristics which made these women so exceptional. She had personal courage insofar as she retained her strong self-image in a professional world dominated by men. She made good decisions and wise choices throughout her professional life. One of the best was the example of Garland Farm. She created a place for herself at the end of her life which was a distillation of what had occurred in the eighty years before. She did this with grace and dignity and good design. We are most fortunate to carry on this legacy. 

Open Day August 7th

Garland Farm will be open to the general public once again for an **Open Garden Day**, from 10 AM to 4 PM, August 7th, for the Garden Conservancy.

Admission: \$5 per person. Two private MDI gardens will also be open for this program. Hosts and helpers will be needed at Garland Farm.

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Amy M. Garland &
Lewis A. Garland
rest side by side in
Town Hill Cemetery, 2.5
miles from Garland Farm



GF National Register Nomination

The Maine Historic Preservation Commission, the state's historic resource agency, met in late January to consider significant historic resources in the state, including Garland Farm. After presentations and careful consideration, Garland Farm was unanimously recommended for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination now moves to Washington, D.C., where approval is expected by summer. The Commission nominated Garland Farm on the basis of its local and state historic significance. As a pending listed site, Garland Farm is awarded the protections of a fully listed National Register site. Summer celebration is anticipated for this recognition milestone for Beatrix Farrand and her last home.

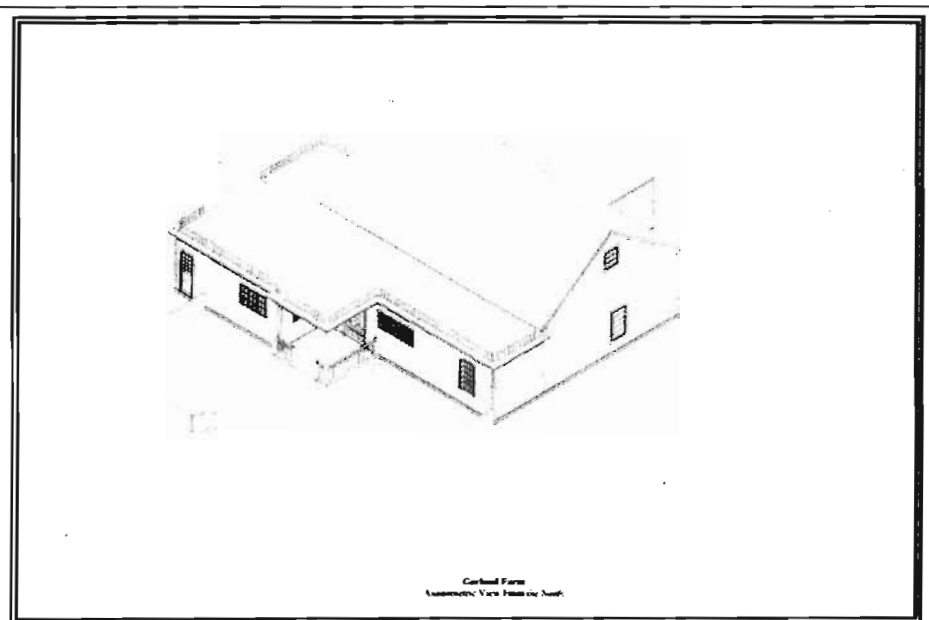
Save the Date: Saturday, August 6.

2005 Annual Meeting of the BFS

The second Annual Meeting of the Beatrix Farrand Society will be Saturday, August 6, at 10 AM, at Garland Farm. Members and their guests are welcome.



The Rose, by H. B. Ellwanger, 1901, at left, with Beatrix Jones' bookplate. Gift of Jennifer Booher, 2004.



New Measured Drawings of the Farrand addition have been donated to the BFS by architect Scott Koniecko and associate Hugh Patterson. Shown above is an axonometric view

Restoration/Repairs:

2004

- ✓ Electrical Rewiring
- ✓ Front Garden Fence
- ✓ Greenhouse Foundation
- ✓ Barn Door + interior
- ✓ Insulation
- ✓ Chimneys
- ✓ BFS Office Setup
- ✓ Field Parking Conversion
- ✓ Drainage Corrections

2005

- ✓ Critical Tree Support/Pruning
 - Painting (original color)
 - Cultural Landscape Report
 - Reglazing
 - Restoration Shrub Pruning
 - Critical Tree Work--Part II
 - Front Path Restoration
 - Rear Garden Fence
 - Gallery Railings
 - BF Bathroom Restoration
 - Library Shelving Installation
 - Field Nursery Preparation
 - Field Parking Grading
 - Glass Porch Restoration



Seattle Friends: The Northwest Horticultural Society sponsored a BFS fundraising lecture on March 23rd. Garden designer and writer Linda Plato (who visited Garland Farm in 2004) presented a lecture on Farrand's work, raising a total of \$1500, and a number of new BFS members. Sincere thanks to our good NHS friends.



“Wish List”

Resources:

- Documents and photos of Beatrix Farrand designs
- Books with Beatrix Jones or Beatrix Farrand bookplates.
- Reference books in art, architecture, horticulture, design, planning, and botany.
- Personal correspondence, furnishings, and objects from Mrs. Farrand.

Equipment:(new /used)

- Fixed-bed Photocopier
- Large-screen Television
- Microfilm Reader
- Digital Camera
- Bookshelves
- Flat Files
- File Cabinets
- Copy Stand
- Sawhorses
- Steel Mailbox
- Greenhouse Oil Heater

Garden Tools:(new/used)

- Leaf Blower
- Rakes
- Lifting Forks
- Pruning Shears
- Chainsaw
- Wheelbarrow
- Snow Blower
- Lawn Mower

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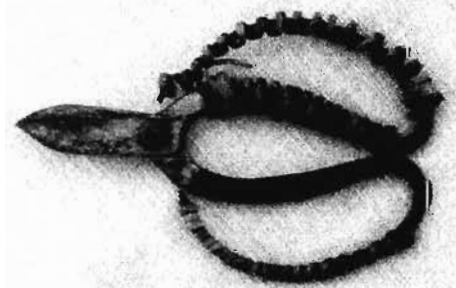
Preservation Magazine Features Article on Beatrix Farrand and Garland Farm

The May/June issue of the National Trust's *Preservation* features a wonderful article by BFS member and garden historian Eleanor Dwight. The article is an effort to represent historic gardens in the magazine in a more balanced way with other historic structures. We hope there will be more. Kudos to Ellie.

Pruning Workshop a Hit

The first BFS horticultural workshop, “Sharpening Your Pruning Skills,” was held on April 2 at Garland Farm. Guest instructors were Scott Hadley, Karl Holmes, and Mary Roper. Workshop details and significance will be recounted in the next Newsletter.

Beatrix's hand-forged Japanese pruning shears, at right, and on display at Garland Farm have been donated to the BFS by Mrs. Alyson Koniecko



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