

Landscape Design School Series XXV, Course IV

February 26-27, 2018

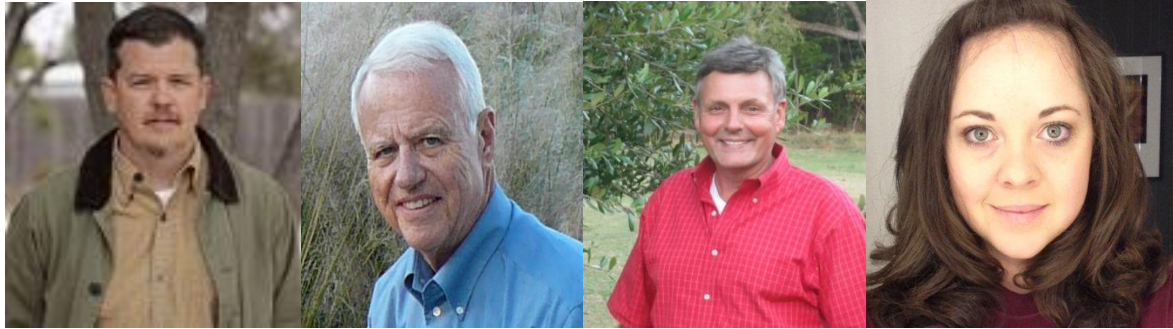
**LOCATION: George Bush Presidential Library and Museum,
College Station, TX**

The George Bush Presidential Library at Texas A & M University will be the site of Landscape Design School IV, February 26-27, 2018. The Schools are sponsored by Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. & the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A & M University. This course is popular with Texas Master Gardeners and can now be utilized by them for continuing education credit. Texas Garden Club Inc. and Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service have sponsored this series from the 1960s onward.

Mrs. Diane Perez of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and Dr. William C. Welch, Texas AgriLife Extension Service announce the fourth in the current series which is offered in four separate schools, approximately six months apart, each with 10 hours of instruction, in the Bryan-College Station area. These courses offer an opportunity to learn from professional landscape architects and horticulturists about how successful landscapes are designed.

For this course our instructors will be:

Barbara Coody, MLA, will begin our program with “**Development of Landscape Architecture from World War II to Present**”. Ms. Coody has a landscape design practice in the Brazos Valley. She will be teaching details of the impact of the 1929 depression and how it affected landscape architecture and the government-works in the public sector. Barbara will also explain about the shapers of contemporary landscape design by professionals such as Eckbo, Kiley, Rose, Church as well as others. She will help us consider large-scale land-use planning, resource management, conservation, the impact of high-density, mass transportation systems, and the information age. The expanding scope of inter-professional disciplines in planning will be explained.



Pictured Above: Alan King, ASLA, Dr. William C. Welch, Bob Ruth ASLA, Dr. Whitney Griffin

Alan King, ASLA, is another local practicing landscape architect who is well known for his residential and commercial landscape design. Alan will lecture on the **“Redesign of Areas”**. He will discuss the various conditions which call for a redesign of a site: these include but are not limited to defective materials; overgrown plantings; changes in lifestyles, social patterns and neighborhood; maintenance capabilities; safety and security measures, etc. He will provide illustrative examples of public landscape and private garden redesign. Alan will also lecture on **“Evaluating the Landscape Designs of Residential, Public, and Business Property.”** In this course Alan King will use design plans, photographs, slides and/or sketches to serve as examples for review in order to evaluate private/residential landscapes, public and business property designs.

Bob Ruth, ASLA will speak on **“Designs for the Future”**. Bob will discuss the challenges in design for urban planners, landscape architects, landscape designers and all others concerned in landscape design. He will describe the ways the aging and growing population will affect the design of both public and private sectors. Also discussed will be the conservation movement and how it affects landscape design, especially in the wise use of natural resources and regional expression. He will illustrate how plant growth affects designs, especially those on private property where space is more limited. He will provide plans or sketches for potential design changes. Bob always has a rich medley of examples from which to draw for his lectures.

Whitney Griffin, PhD, Dr. Griffin will lecture on **“Community Participation-Organization and Individual Responsibility”**. She is a recent addition to our faculty who teaches graphic design and implementation of landscape plans. She is very popular with the students and brings a variety of professional experience to our faculty. Whitney will outline the steps by which concerned citizens and groups can initiate and extend civic projects. She’ll suggest suitable types of design projects that might be undertaken by community groups and will list common factors that should be considered. Pitfalls to avoid will be discussed, such as the over-ambitious leader, a landscape design project without endowment for continuing maintenance, a project

with potential for vandalism, etc. Whitney will point out the importance of utilizing professional design collaboration for major civic works. An example of a theoretical or actual project for case study will be presented.

Sally Godfrey, RLA will address the topic, **“Contemporary Landscape Design.”** She received her RLA degree from Texas A&M University and is a Brazos County Master Gardener. She will explain the difference between the modern movement (1930-‘40’s) and contemporary design. Integration of landscape design and architecture, particularly in regard to residential landscapes; show contemporary uses of soft-scape and hardscape materials; and emphasize trends in conservation of non-renewable materials and use of indigenous plants will be covered.

Dr. Joe Novak, retired Texas A&M University faculty member, will lecture on **“History and Development of Community Gardens.”** He received a PhD in vegetable crops from Cornell University and is currently an Adjunct Professor at the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston and is also teaching at Rice University. Included in his material will be acknowledgement of the many benefits that are currently associated with community garden programs and the importance of framing community gardening in the context of over 100 years of advocacy and programs. He will describe the evolution of community gardening from the 1890s to present. Today’s programs are increasingly framed as permanent resources to serve individuals and communities. Developing and sustaining gardens that in turn sustain communities requires attention to land tenure, community outreach, and engagement of a wider network of support. Dr. Novak is currently involved in the planning and mentoring of several community gardens in the Houston area.

Special Lecture: “Twenty Years of Sauntering Through China-Plants, Plans and People” by Dr. Dave Creech, Stephen F. Austin University

Dr. Dave Creech, Regent’s Professor and Professor Emeritus, has been at Stephen F. Austin State University since 1978. He received his PhD from TAMU and is currently semi-retired but still directs the SFA Gardens. Dr. Creech has traveled widely to countries such as China, Pakistan, Guatemala, Mexico, Nepal and Israel consulting and collecting plant material. Dave is

known for his expertise both in native and introduced plant materials for Texas and surrounding regions. He'll show us some of the highlights from his China trips through the years. The Stephen F. Austin University Gardens include an arboretum include the 8 acre Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden with over 200 varieties of Japanese maples, camellias and hydrangeas plus numerous other plant collections. Cypress trees (Taxodium) are a special focus of Dr. Creech's work both in China and the US.



Pictured above are Drs Dave Creech and Joe Novak, and Sally Godfrey, RLA

At the end of the first day's program participants are invited to a complimentary wine and cheese reception hosted by Stewart Thompson of Martha's Bloomers Garden Center, Navasota. There will be an optional dinner opportunity after the reception. You will have an opportunity to sign up for these events during the first morning of the course.

Master Gardeners who complete a course and pass the test may apply to their MG Chapter to receive 12 hours of credit toward their requirements for continuing education. **Texas Garden Club** members who successfully pass the examination for all four courses are eligible to become nationally accredited Landscape Design Consultants. **Texas Certified Nursery Professionals** who pass the course may apply this to their requirement for recertification with the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association (TNLA)

Registration for the course will be \$135.00 if paid by January 1, 2018 (two lunches are included) After January 1 to February 1 the fee is \$145.00. To register after February 1, 2018, the amount is \$165.00. – make check payable to Landscape Design School. The optional reference book, good for all four courses, is Stewards of the Land. It may be purchased for an additional \$40.00 by February 1, 2018. The book will be reserved for participants to pick up the first morning of the course. The text is a reference for all four courses, although not required for graduation. The lectures will not be taken directly from the text. It is just another viewpoint of the material being presented. For additional details please refer to the Registration Form.

Registration materials and questions:

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Registration form may be obtained from:
aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southerngarden/

Questions: EMAIL Michele Wehrheim: texaslandscapedesignschool@gmail.com

NOTE: We will be communicating hotel information, event information and other last minute items by email. (If you do not have an email, we will mail it to you)