

# The Landscape Design School

## Series XXVI, Course II

**WHEN:** February 25-26, 2019

**WHERE:** George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, College Station, TX

The George H. W. Bush Presidential Library at Texas A & M University will be the site of Landscape Design School II, February 25-26, 2019. The School is sponsored by Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. & the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. This course is practical, inspiring and popular with Texas Master Gardeners, who can now take the course for continuing education credit. Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and Texas A&M have sponsored this series since 1960's.

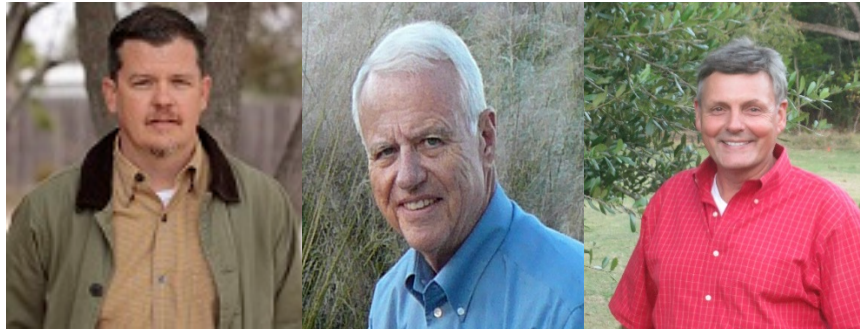
Mrs. Diane Mackenroth of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and Drs. William C. Welch and Andrew King, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, announce the second school in the current series. Four separate schools are offered approximately six months apart, each with 10 hours of instruction, in the Bryan-College Station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

Instructors and topics will include:

**Barbara Coody, MLA**, will begin our program with **Development of Landscape Design in Early America**. Ms. Coody has a landscape design practice in the Brazos Valley. She will explain how social, economic and political elements influenced early American design. She will also deal with topographic, climatic and technological factors and their impact on the development of national heritage and regional characteristics. Barbara will describe the gardens of early settlement and those features that reflected a regional or ethnic influence.

Barbara will also offer insight on **Preservation of Historic Sites and Structures**. She will discuss the importance of continuing education on the humanistic value of the historical heritage of our country; explain how historic preservation allows a tangible cultural memory, provides antique textures and environmental diversity. She will define and illustrate such terms as preservation, restoration, adaptive reuse or rehabilitation, and reconstruction. Ms. Coody will explain the National Register of Historic Places and the National Trust for Historic Preservation: Consider the challenges to achieve official designation, and also the difficulties encountered in maintenance of its historical integrity. She will stress the need and value of preserving our natural and built landscapes; and will explain these values from the standpoints of culture, economics, history, aesthetics, etc.

**Sally Godfrey, RLA** has a degree in Landscape Architecture from Texas A & M University. She served as a teaching assistant in the Landscape Architecture Department and also attended the Benz School of Floral Design. She is practicing landscape architecture here in the Brazos Valley. For her lecture, **Community Landscape Management**, she will provide civic management problems for case study. These might include: consideration of financial commitments beyond future capabilities: the increasing resistance from tax payers to public spending for the purchase, development and care of public spaces; the problems in wasteland development in the urban scene and options for its usage; and the need for greater plant diversity.



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

**Alan King, ASLA**, is another local practicing landscape architect who is well known for his residential landscape design. Alan will lecture on **Site Design and Land Form**. King will discuss grades and grading from the standpoint of creating basic surfaces on which designs are built and the value of three dimensional space. He will cover the integration of built-ground forms with surrounding topography-contours, slopes, grading, drainage, terracing, etc. King will discuss the role and importance of the ground plane (ground cover and turf grass) as a design component, and stress the importance of proper circulation patterns (both pedestrian and vehicular).

**Gerald Burgner** is a native of Tennessee who received his Masters of Landscape Architecture from Louisiana State University. Gerald has also done graduate work at North Carolina State and Texas A&M Universities. He will discuss **Landscapes as a Learning Experience** by describing the use of the landscape as a teaching tool, either as its primary or secondary purpose (arboreta, botanic garden, herb garden, native plant collection, children's garden, school campus, cemetery, etc). He will point out the importance of good circulation patterns, (both pedestrian and vehicular), visitor information, services, safety, and security. Burgner will point out the value of the use of the community landscape as a means to educate the public on plant selection and design.

**Dr. William C. Welch** will speak on **Plants in the Landscape**. Dr. Welch is Professor and Extension Landscape Horticulturist at Texas A & M University and has served National Garden Club as a past Landscape Design Chairman. He will discuss the role of plants, not from the horticultural perspective, but from that of their design characteristics and functional use (climate, architecture, sound, erosion, and circulation control, etc.). Welch will discuss microclimates and how they influence planting design. He will consider the design elements of line, form, color and texture of plants in design and relate these to the design principles of balance, contrast, dominance, proportion, scale and rhythm. He will outline the development of a planting plan, and illustrate with examples of proper plant use.

**Bob Ruth, ASLA** will speak on **Structures in the Landscape**. He will talk about the role of non-living design materials (hardscape) in the landscape. Bob will also discuss the importance of steps, walls, fences and other enclosures as design components. He will discuss methods of construction with emphasis on the importance of construction details to achieve perfection of design concepts and the role of design implementation as part of the overall design process. Ruth will present a brief review of the short term versus the long term economics of different types of hardscape, including depreciation and maintenance factors. He will introduce the topic of post construction review and evaluation. Bob always provides a rich medley of examples for his lectures.

**Dr. Whitney Griffin** is on faculty in the Department of Horticultural Sciences at Texas A&M University, where she teaches numerous courses relating to landscape design, construction and maintenance. Griffin will lecture

on the **Landscape Design Process**. Whitney will describe design attitudes such as purpose, logic, imagination, creativity, flexibility, etc. She will discuss the components of design as they relate to people, technology, art, and nature---our environment needs and desires. Griffin will point out the purpose of design, the basic parts of any design effort, the design details and spatial organization. She will give a brief analysis of the art elements in a designed landscape (line, form, texture, etc.)

**Dr. Andrew King** is a member of the faculty in the Department of Horticultural Sciences at Texas A&M University. Andrew is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation horticulturist from east Texas and currently serves as the coordinator for the Landscape Design School courses. He will speak on **Plant Selection**. Terms such as “softscape” will be defined. King will discuss the major horticultural characteristics which should be included when selecting plants: tolerance to climate, soil conditions and environmental factors; growth habit and longevity; tolerance to disease and pests, etc.. He will review special types of care and maintenance requirements that an individual plant might require. Certain negative characteristics such as thorns, heavy fruiting, odor, and invasiveness etc., will be considered.

**Special Interest Lecture: “Make Texas Grape Again!” - Dr. Justin Scheiner** is an assistant Professor and State Extension Specialist, working in the field of Viticulture at Texas A&M. During his special interest lecture, Scheiner will address the value of grapes as an integral part of the home landscapes through the use of arbors, trellises, etc. Scheiner will also discuss the history and current status of Texas Grape and Wine Production. Interest in growing grapes, vineyard management and winemaking has never been stronger in Texas, and Dr. Scheiner will give his tips on how to capture that in the home landscape. Scheiner will also lead a wine tasting after his lecture.



*Pictured Above: Gerald Burgner, Sally Godfrey RLA, and Justin Scheiner PhD*

**Master Gardeners** who successfully complete the course may apply to their MG Chapter to receive 12 hours of credit toward their continuing education requirement. **Texas Garden Club** members who successfully complete 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 fees:

- \$135.00 by January 1, 2019
- \$145.00 by February 1, 2019
- \$165.00 after February 1, 2019

Checks should be made 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, 2019. 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.

Registration materials and questions:

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(313) 649-1067

Registration form may be obtained from:

[aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southerngarden/](http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southerngarden/)

Questions: EMAIL Michele Wehrheim:

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\*\*\*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)