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## **CTASLA Observes World Landscape Architecture Month with an Exhibit at the LOB and Program on Garden Designer, Beatrix Farrand**

April is World Landscape Architecture Month (WLAM), an international celebration of landscape architecture. Established by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), World Landscape Architecture Month introduces the public to the profession by showcasing landscape architect-designed spaces around the world — such as parks, college campuses, greenways, streetscapes, and stunning backyards.

The public is encouraged to explore **#WLAM2018** on Instagram and other social media outlets throughout the month to see inspirational examples of work by landscape architects.

In celebration of WLAM locally, the Connecticut Chapter of ASLA will hang an extensive **exhibit** on 125 feet of wall space in the State Legislative Office Building (Upper Concourse) in Hartford, running from **April 16-30**. The poster exhibit will showcase the award-winning work of Connecticut landscape architects and explain the profession's role in the built environment and stewardship of land.

Fifteen projects by eleven firms were recently selected winners of CTASLA's **2018 Connecticut Professional Awards competition**. See select images from these award-winning works at <http://www.ctasla.org/2018.Awards.htm>.

World Landscape Architecture Month also holds special meaning for Connecticut landscape architects because Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., considered the "father of landscape architecture," is a Connecticut native, who gained his love of landscape during his formative years in the Connecticut Valley. Olmsted is buried in Hartford's Old North Cemetery. Learn more about Olmsted's Connecticut legacy at <http://olmstedlegacytrail.com>.

CTASLA will also celebrate WLAM with a program on "**The Life and Gardens of Beatrix Farrand**" (a joint event with the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation), Tuesday, **April 24** at The Lyceum in Hartford. Farrand (1872-1959) was a pioneering female landscape architect in early 20th-century America who grew up in the privileged world of the East Coast elite and fought through the challenges of working in a male-dominated profession to design over 200 landscape commissions during her remarkable 50-year career. Her work can be experienced in Connecticut at such

places as Eolia Mansion at Harkness State Park (Waterford), Hill-Stead Museum (Farmington), Promisek (Bridgewater), and Yale University (New Haven).

The program will feature a new documentary by Emmy award-winning filmmaker Karyl Evans, exploring Farrand's personal story and many of her spectacular gardens (trailer: <https://vimeo.com/201694337>). After the screening, a panel will discuss the benefits and challenges of studying and preserving historic landscapes. A wine and cheese reception will start the evening at 6:15 p.m. Tickets (\$20) can be purchased at <https://cttrust.z2systems.com/np/clients/cttrust/event.jsp?event=20&>

CTASLA will give its annual "Connecticut Olmsted Award" during the program.

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About ASLA: "Green since 1899," ASLA is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing more than 15,000 members in 48 professional chapters (there are nearly 300 members in Connecticut). ASLA and its local chapters advance the profession of landscape architecture through education, advocacy, and awareness. Learn more at <http://www.asla.org>.

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