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Membership is open to all interested individuals for a \$25 tax-deductible contribution by check or online.

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Sander Kaplan teaches students at Chicago's Illinois Institute of Technology in 2008.

Annual Meeting Set for 7pm January 14, 2011

Please join the Frederick Law Olmsted Society at our annual meeting held at Village Hall on January 14, 2011 at 7pm. The meeting will include announcement of the nominees for FLOS' 2011 Board of Directors, announcement of the FLOS Restoration Award recipient for 2010 (see inside article), and a lecture entitled, "The Thought of Riverside" conducted by architect and board member Sander Kaplan.

Kaplan's lecture focuses on the planning principles of Riverside and Frederick Law Olmsted's potential thoughts behind those principles. Most of the documentation of Riverside was unfortunately lost in the Chicago Fire where Olmsted & Vaux had their offices. Sander will highlight those planning principles that make both economic, planning and historical sense. The lecture also examines briefly Sander's thoughts of Riverside during the time he was introduced to, studied, became enamored of, and eventually became a resident of Riverside. Sander will also touch on Olmsted's brief history before Riverside and a few things one may not know about Riverside structures.

NEWSLETTER, WINTER 2010

THE FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY OF RIVERSIDE

If you have a question or comment about the newsletter, please direct them to newsletter@olmstedsociety.org.

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Dear Friends,

There are six departing FLOS board members this year. They take with them a staggering amount of institutional knowledge, history, and an unparalleled commitment to Olmsted and Riverside. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

Joanna Beaumont was the membership chair for years she had the great ability to stretch her budget beyond measure. She is now a member of the LAC. Nancy Karen Graham, has chaired innumerable successful house walks over her many years on the board.

Jim and Chandra Reynolds; Jim, a passionate past FLOS president and now a passionate village trustee. Chandra, always creative and thoughtful in her role as newsletter chair. Lonnie Sacchi, a past FLOS president and a walking encyclopedia for everything Riverside and Olmsted, as well as having been our most financially prudent board member. He is now sharing his knowledge of our history (and of course his fiscal restraint) as a village trustee. Eric Zuschlag whose interest in Riverside, as well as his ability to think outside the box, is unmatched. He is now a member of the LAC. And finally, John and Jane Kunka. It was January of 1980 when they signed on. They have both been a FLOS president. In addition, John had been chair of the landscape committee for many years. Most trees and shrubs you see in our commons, and many of the maturing trees in our CBD, he would be the man to thank. Jane took over the library committee from Michael Higgins a decade ago and has just recently completed the task he set forth for the society; creating one of the most thorough collections of Olmsted and landscape architecture in the country. It is a gem at our Riverside Public Library. John and Jane's knowledge of the village, the Olmsted Society, and Olmsted the man, is unmatched in our community. John is now chairing the LAC once again. Jane will continue her work on the library committee. When you see these retired board members around town, please be sure to join me in thanking them.

You can imagine the considerable work for the nominating committee created by these departures. With a shortlist of over 40 people, the committee worked thoughtfully towards filling these open positions. That said, much gratitude is due to the nominating committee as well; Bill Sleeth, Nancy Chmell, Ginny Lee Hermann, Sally Faust, and Jason Kinnan. Because of this committee's diligence, we have an extraordinary new slate and an opportunity to continue the important work that the Olmsted Society contributes to our village.

I wish you and your loved ones a joyous and memorable holiday season and look forward to seeing you at the FLOS annual meeting on January 14, 2011.

Kim Jacobs
president@olmstedsociety.org



THE YEAR IN PICTURES

(Top to bottom, L to R)

Participants in the Olmsted Society's 2010 tour to the SC Johnson headquarters.

In 2010, Olmsted Society members lent a hand with plantings in the Central Business District.

Landscape Workdays are a fulfilling way to become involved in the Society's efforts.

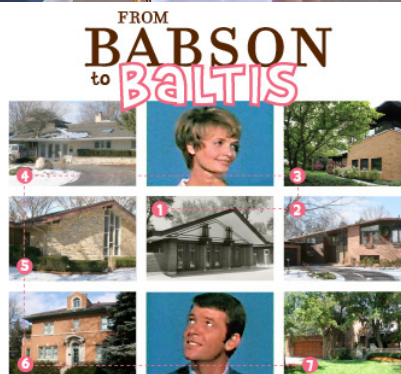
Landscape Workday volunteers work with the Village to maintain our parkways.

Honorary director Ted Smith leads one of the Society's Walking Tours in 2010.

The Olmsted Society hosted our fifth annual Poetry Contest in 2010, in which 88 students from six schools participated.

The Society hosted our 6th annual housewalk, "Babson to Baltis," bringing visitors near and far to our Village.

The Society hosted the lecture, "Olmsted Straight, No Chaser" in 2010, which was given by Olmsted expert John Kolar.



ADDITIONS TO OLMSTED COLLECTION AT RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

"Landscape Architecture as Applied to the Wants of the West" by H.W.S. Cleveland was recently added to the Olmsted Collection at the Riverside Public Library. Cleveland worked with Frederick Law Olmsted over the years and was Superintendent of Olmsted and Vaux's South Park in Chicago. He had an "organic" approach to landscape architecture and is best known for his design of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery and the Park System for Minneapolis-St Paul. He was a strong proponent for the use of native plant materials and designing landscapes that took advantage of the natural topography of the sites.

"The Complete Works of George Herbert" was also recently added to the Olmsted Collection. One of the leading metaphysical poets, George Herbert, who was the brother of Lord Herbert of Cherbury, became an Anglican priest. All of Herbert's poetry is religious. His work was highly popular in its day, and he had admirers in the 19th century. One can assume that Olmsted enjoyed his work as he specified his name for Herbert Road in Riverside.

Olmsted Society Restoration Award Winner Announced at Annual Meeting, January 14, 2011

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society's Restoration Award is an award given to recognize building owners' outstanding efforts restoring their homes or structures within the Village of Riverside. This annual award, a framed calligraphy plaque, is presented at the Annual Meeting with a brief presentation of the history and restoration effort. One or more awards may be made each year, or none if there are no recipients that seem suitable. The recipients are selected by a majority vote of the Frederick Law Olmsted Society Architectural Committee.

Most of the awards are to be for architectural restoration work, but awards may also be given for outstanding efforts by individuals, groups or governmental organizations in the interest of preserving or restoring the landmark village of Riverside. The following criteria is followed in selecting award recipients.

1. Restoration work shall preserve and reinforce the integrity and original character of a Riverside residence which represents one of the historic Architectural styles of the Village. Restoration work shall, in general, follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Particular attention should be paid to the use of materials, details, and stylistic features that match the original building. Replacement of missing architectural features should be based on historical evidence, not conjecture.
2. Awards shall be given for restoration of original structures only. There shall be no awards for new building or-attic additions, regardless of their quality. The goal of the Society is to preserve the historic character of the Village, not to encourage the increase of building volume or mass. For the same reason, no awards shall be given for new garages, auxiliary buildings, or garden structures that all reduce the green space of Riverside property.
3. Awards may be given for partial restoration, such as an unusual roof; entry way, or windows. If work is in progress, award shall be deferred until completion. .
4. The following architectural styles are represented in Riverside by many fine examples. All of these, if sensitively restored, would be acceptable for recognition: Victorian, Swiss Gothic, Gothic Revival, Italianate, Stick, Shingle, Queen Anne, Beaux Arts, Tudor Revival, Greek Revival, Prairie School, American Four Square, Bungalow, Colonial Revival, Arts and Crafts, Romanesque Revival, Georgian Revival, Art Deco, Art Moderne, and International

Some notable awards in the last few years have been the Coonley Coach House in 2007 which was a massive restoration project to a previously adapted residence, a Montgomery Ward catalog home porch restoration in 2008, and the William T. Allen residence, designed by William Le Baron Jenny and restored back to its original beauty.

Please join us at the annual meeting, 7pm at Village Hall, to find out the Olmsted Society's Restoration Award recipient for 2010.

OLMSTED SOCIETY SEEKS INPUT FROM ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

The Olmsted Society will begin opening some regular Board meetings to the general membership in the coming year. The decision to hold these open meetings is the next step in a process undertaken by the Long Range Planning Committee to strengthen our involvement in the community.

Over the past few years, the Long Range Planning Committee has been hard at work to develop ideas that define the future role for the Society in Riverside. Lengthy discussions resulted in the drafting of a new Mission Statement for the Society:

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The mission statement is now the backbone for all future projects and guides for our organization as we continue to grow. As we have seen from the success of our workdays, walking tours and poetry contest, the need is there to continue to offer guidance and education regarding Riverside history and the importance of the Olmsted plan to all the residents of Riverside and to all the other lovers of landscape beauty and neighborhood civility throughout the world.

In 2011, in addition to our annual meeting in January, we plan to host two public meetings – one in the Spring and one in the Fall. Please look for these and plan to attend and share your thoughts with the Board. Our greatest asset is the inspiration and dedication of our membership. Based on the success and the level of involvement at these meetings we hope to expand the number of open meetings in the future.

Dates and location will be posted on our website 2011 calendar at: www.olmstedsociety.org.

Final Appeal to Support the Olmsted Society with Your Membership

If you haven't already, please remember to renew your annual membership to the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside. The Olmsted Society is a member-supported organization; membership dollars support the Olmsted Society in educating the community, protecting our environment, and preserving our cultural and physical heritage for generations to come.

The Olmsted Society plays an active and vital role in our village: We contribute funding to plant and protect trees, we support the village by providing landscaping to our commons six months of the year, we donate to the village's special projects, we maintain a special library collection dedicated to the history of Frederick Law Olmsted, we donate to the ecology club of RBHS, we conduct walking tours of Riverside, we inspire children to write poetry, we host lectures pertaining to the history of Riverside and the mission of the Olmsted Society, and we host housewalks that bring visitors near and far to enjoy all that our unique village has to offer. Most importantly, we are Riverside's only resource dedicated to preserving and promoting our most valuable asset: our relationship with America's forefather of landscape architecture, Frederick Law Olmsted.

Please, renew your membership today and, further, encourage your fellow neighbors to support us in our mission. You can renew or join online at www.olmstedsociety.org or contact membership@olmstedsociety.org.

Nominees for FLOS 2011 Board of Directors Announced

The Nominating Committee for the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside's Board of Directors presents the following nominations for officers and directors for the calendar year 2011. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting at 7pm on Friday, January 14, 2011, at the Riverside Township Hall. Nominations for Officers and Directors will also be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting. All active members who attend the Annual Meeting are eligible to vote. Biographies for nominees new to the Olmsted Society Board of Directors are also provided below.

Special thanks to the Society's 2010 Nominating Committee: Nancy Chmell, Ginny Hermann, Sally Faust, Jason Kinnan, and Bill Sleeth.

CONTINUING OFFICERS:

(NOMINATED FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS)

PRESIDENT: KIM JACOBS

VICE PRESIDENT: TIM OZGA

SECRETARY: CINDY KELLOGG

TREASURER: FRED KITCH

CONTINUING DIRECTORS:

(NOMINATED FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS)

SALLY FAUST

THOMAS AND CONSTANCE GUARDI

TIM OZGA AND ABERDEEN MARSH-OZGA

DOROTHY SCHROEDER

BILL SLEETH

(NOMINATED TO FILL VACATED ONE-YEAR TERM)

FRANK AND PAULA GAGLIANO

NEW DIRECTORS:

GINTARAS LIETUVNINKAS (NOMINATED FOR THREE-YEAR-TERM)

Gintaras Lietuvninkas is an architect with more than 25 years of experience. Most recently, Gintaras was a Vice President and Principal with Gettys, a premier design, procurement and development firm specializing in the hospitality sector. He received both his Bachelor and Master of Architecture degrees from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He attended the School of Architecture's overseas program at the Unité Pédagogique d'Architecture in Versailles, France, and later returned to the program as an adjunct professor of design. Gintaras is a professional member of The American Institute of Architects, NCARB-certified, a licensed architect in several states, and a LEED-Accredited Professional. He is a former board member of the Lithuanian World Center where he served as Secretary and chaired the Building and Grounds Committee. Gintaras also currently volunteers at the Brookfield Zoo as a Guest Guide.

CATHY MALONEY (NOMINATED FOR THREE-YEAR TERM)

As Senior Editor of Chicagoland Gardening magazine, garden historian Cathy Jean Maloney career involves the exploration of hundreds of private and public regional gardens in the Chicagoland area. She is the author of "Chicago Gardens: The Early History" (2008), "The Prairie Club of Chicago" (2001), and "The Gardener's Cottage in Riverside, Illinois" (2010). In addition, Cathy writes a regular newspaper columns for The Morton Arboretum and has taught classes at the Chicago Botanic garden.

JEFF AND JACQUELINE MILLER (NOMINATED FOR TWO-YEAR TERM)

Jacqueline Miller is currently a private attorney who previously worked with the Environmental Protection Agency for 16 years on wetland cases. She has a Bachelor of Art from Lake Forest College and received her JD from Chicago Kent Law School. Jeff Miller is a partner in a proprietary trading firm. He started his career as a theoretical physicist doing research in statistical mechanics. Jeff spent

two years as postdoctoral researcher at the Service de Physique Theorique at the Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique at Saclay outside of Paris and then worked for a year at the Tellus Institute, an environmental consulting firm in Boston. Jeff has an AB from the University of Chicago and a PhD in Theoretical Physics from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

HARJIT SINGH (NOMINATED FOR THREE-YEAR TERM)

Harjit Singh has worked in arts education for more than 15 years and has been teaching art at Riverside's Hauser Junior High since 2005. After Singh graduated from University of Illinois at Chicago with a Bachelor of Art Education, he taught in the Chicago Public Schools for almost a decade. During this time, Singh helped establish the art program at Patrick Henry School in Chicago's Irving Park neighborhood and also wrote and received numerous grants for the art and reading programs there. In addition, Singh collaborated with the community to form a gardening committee focused on beautification of the surrounding school grounds.

LUIGI AND RACHAEL FRANCESCHINA (NOMINATED FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS)

Luigi Franceschina is a senior project manager and Director of Retail Design at the architectural firm HOK Inc, in Chicago and works on a variety of projects ranging from large, mixed-use developments in Saudi Arabia to the remodel of the McDonald's Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook, Illinois. Prior to HOK, Luigi has worked in Chicago and San Francisco in design and management roles at Gensler, Starbucks, Gap, Inc., and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP. Luigi received his Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign then attended the University of Michigan where he received his Master of Architecture. Luigi's interest in architecture, construction and preservation was influenced by his parents: his father, a retired terrazzo contractor, and his mother, an early member and participant in the Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio Foundation in Oak Park.

Rachael Fonda Franceschina is the proprietor of interior design firm Fonda Interior Design LLC. Rachael graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor in Architecture and received her Master of Arts Interior Design from the human-environment relationship program at Cornell University. Rachael has worked at various architecture/interior design firms in Chicago including The Environments Group (now Perkins + Will), Nelson, Space LLC, and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP. Rachael has followed her passion in residential design work, specializing in repurposing furniture and materials, custom millwork, and cabinetry design.

Both Luigi and Rachael are U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accredited professionals. They take pride in sustainable design, and make smart design decisions that are both cost-effective and environmentally responsible.

OLMSTED SOCIETY THANKS WORKDAY VOLUNTEERS

We are truly grateful to the dozens and dozens of volunteers that worked at the Olmsted Society landscape workdays. A whopping 331 total volunteer hours were logged during ten scheduled landscape workdays in 2010. We are fortunate to have residents that are willing to devote time and energy to better Riverside and the planet. In January, the Landscape Committee meets to discuss and schedule workdays for 2011. *If you have suggestions or comments, please direct them to Holly Machina or Cindy Kellogg at landscape@olmstedociety.org by January 5, 2011.*

2010 WALKING TOURS COME TO AN END

October 24th marked the end of the Society's regular tour season. Our docents played host to 46 visitors and earned \$423 for the Society. The tour season runs from May through October each year; special tours may be arranged upon request. What a wonderful way to learn about our village, the national historic landmark that we call home. Two tours [north and south] alternate every other month, and if you haven't already done so, you should mark your calendar for the upcoming 2011 season and avail yourself of the opportunity to discover our wonderful heritage by making it a point to take them both. The north tour covers our village north of the railroad tracks and features the Longcommon (key to Olmsted's plan), a school, a place of worship, and significant homes by Silsbee, Wright, Perkins, and Purcell & Elmslie. The south tour covers the Swan Pond Park, Scottswood Common, Wright's Coonley Estate and service buildings, and a home designed by Olmsted's partner, Calvert Vaux. Our knowledgeable guides combine years of tour experience with a passion for Riverside and eagerly share it for the bargain rates of \$10 (with a \$3 discount for seniors and Society members). The tours last about two hours. If you have questions about the tours, please email tours@olmstedociety.org.



CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS: In the last issue of the Olmsted Society's newsletter, we inadvertently mislabeled the chair for our membership committee. It should have read Theresa Pelletier. In addition, the byline was left off of our feature article, "A Flyaway Speculation and the Riverside Evidence." The article was written by Board Member Jim Petrizilka.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY OF RIVERSIDE

Your support will help promote the progress of Riverside, educate residents about the history and significance of the Village, and support active involvement in the Village's needs. Membership covers a calendar year and entitles you to participate in the Society's functions free-of-charge or at discounted prices, reimbursements in Riverside's co-op tree planting program, and the quarterly newsletters. Sign up online or return this form with your check payable to the Frederick Law Olmsted Society, PO Box 65, Riverside, Illinois 60546. Please contact membership@olmstedsociety.org with questions or see our website at www.olmstedsociety.org.

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- ☐ Housewalk
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