

Fall 2012



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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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NEWSLETTER, FALL 2012

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**Greetings.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported the Olmsted Society in 2012. Whether you were a contributing Member or simply a visitor to one of our many events, the Society appreciates your involvement. To date, our membership has risen to its highest numbers of the past five years, a trend we would love to continue in 2013.

A special thanks also goes out to FLOS Board Members Cathy Maloney and Harjit Singh. As Olmsted Society representatives for the Riverside FRED, their efforts helped to make August's FRED an enjoyable event for all who attended. Currently, we are planning to continue the FRED format with a day of lectures and events for the community. Our FRED committee is targeting the event for this Spring. If you are interested in helping with the planning process, please contact the FRED Committee at: [FRED@olmstedsociety.org](mailto:FRED@olmstedsociety.org).

This Fall, our Nominating Committee will be looking for new Board Members to help us with our programs for the upcoming year. As with any volunteer organization, the extent of the Olmsted Society's outreach to the community is directly related to the number of hours of planning and coordination offered by the talented members of our Board and Membership at large. If you would like to further assist the efforts of the Society by becoming a Board Member or simply if you would like to help out on one of our many committees, please contact me at: [president@olmstedsociety.org](mailto:president@olmstedsociety.org).

Best Regards,

Tim Ozga  
President, Frederick Law Olmsted Society

**BOOK REVIEW:**

**FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S COONLEY HOUSE: A STORY OF A MASTERPIECE**

By DEAN EASTMAN

Reviewed by CONNIE GUARDI

The latest addition to the Olmsted Collection in the Riverside Public Library is a book by a local author about a Riverside treasure.

The author is Dean Eastman and the book is *Frank Lloyd Wright's Coonley House: Story of a Masterpiece*.

It is a must read for every admirer of Wright and/or the Coonley House. It covers in detail the creation of the Coonley House complex, its evolution over a century, and its recent restoration. Wright in his Autobiography made comments that implied that this was his finest Prairie house and it is considered to be one of the "terminal masterpieces of his Prairie period."

Within the pages of this fine book are descriptions of the lives of Queene Ferry Coonley and Avery Coonley and their client-architect relationship formed during and after the building of the Coonley House. Wright's design of Coonley House complex, which evolved through a series of site plans and building alterations is described, and includes Wright's and Jens Jensen's landscape plans.

The book also includes descriptive exterior and interior tours of the complex in the Coonley era (1907-1917) with historic images, and in the post-Coonley era (1920-2011) completing a substantial part of the story.

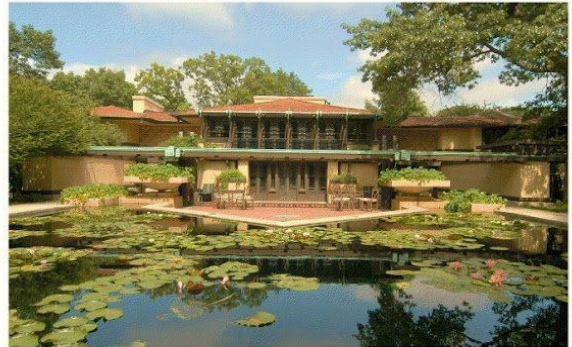
It is a soft-bound book with 242 pages (8.5"x11") and about 200 high quality images with half in color.

About the author: Dean Eastman is the current owner as well as the researcher, restoration architect and project manager for the restorations of the Coonley House and Coach House (Stable). He is the author, photographer, and self-publisher of this book. Dr. Eastman is currently a Professor of Physics (emeritus) at the University of Chicago. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), the National Academy of Engineering (NAE), the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS) and an honorary member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Frank Lloyd Wright's Coonley House

Story of a Masterpiece

Dean Eastman



## FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY - 2012 LANDSCAPE WORKDAYS SCHEDULE

In 2012, we are teaming up with the Village of Riverside to help beautify our green spaces.

Scottswood Common and Longcommon Common serves as the backbone of Riverside's landscape architecture. Both were intended to be part of a green space stretching all the way to downtown Chicago. The parks on the riverbank follow the meandering Des Plaines River.

Frederick Law Olmsted designed these parks to provide changing vistas for both pedestrians and vehicles. His plan can be better realized by reducing shrub overgrowth and eliminating weeds. Join us as we tame, and then maintain your public parks of Riverside.

All workdays are scheduled for Saturday mornings. Look for the Riverside Public Works dump truck. Come for an hour or three, whatever your schedule allows. Supervised children are welcome. Service hour credits are available. Bring your favorite work gloves and a water bottle. All other supplies and snacks will be provided.

Join us for the remaining workdays this year:

October 13	9am-12pm	Longcommon (Big Ball Park)
November 10	9am-12pm	Longcommon (Big Ball Park)

For more information or to be added to our FLOS landscape committee e-list, please contact:  
Holly Machina and Cindy Kellogg  
Olmsted Society Landscape Committee Chairpersons  
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### Riverside

Riverside is cool  
It even has a pool  
It has lots of landmarks  
From ponds to buildings to parks

You can play baseball  
You can play in the spring and fall  
You can go to the bank  
Or Indian Gardens on Fairbank

It is near water  
You may see a river otter  
You can go to the Chew Chew Café  
And eat the night away

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Trevor C.  
Central Elementary  
5th grade

## RIVERSIDE WALKING TOURS - 2012 SCHEDULE

Learn about the history of Riverside and discover the winding roads, delightful parks, beautiful landscapes, and varied architecture that make up this historic landmark village. The walking tours are an excellent way to share the unique attributes of Riverside with your family, out-of-town guests, friends and others unaware of Riverside's national significance.

Join us for the remaining tour this year: OCTOBER 28 (SOUTH)

The two-hour tours depart from the Riverside Railway Depot at 2 p.m. and are \$10 per person (\$3 discount for Olmsted Society members and seniors 62+). Group tours can be arranged upon request. Proceeds benefit the Olmsted Society and go toward landscape preservation, educational programs, and architectural restoration in Riverside. For more information: [tours@olmstedociety.org](mailto:tours@olmstedociety.org)



## Fantastic FRED!

By Cathy Maloney



Clear skies, light breezes and delightful temperatures contributed to the general bonhomie shared among the more than 100 participants at the first annual Frederick Law Olmsted in Riverside Education and Design (FRED) event. Sponsored by FLOS, the FRED was held August 18 at the Village Hall and Library.

The FRED Saturday concluded the summer-long celebration of landscape design which featured the Planters on Parade exhibition in Riverside's CBD, a Gateway Design competition for Riverside's First Avenue entrance, and presentations on sustainability.

The FRED finale featured classes such as "Curb Appeal," "Know Maintenance," "Garden and House Style," "Tips for Mature Garden(er)s" and other landscape design themes. Instructors were landscape design professionals who were experts in their field.

A keynote panel discussion on "Olmsted's Design Lessons for Today," emphasized some of the community design aspects for which Olmsted is remembered. The blue-ribbon panel of speakers included Ed Uhler, FAIA, Executive Director at Millennium Park Inc.; Ferhat Zarin AICP, Ginkgo Planning and Design Inc.; Beth White, Chicago Area Office Director for The Trust for Public Lands; and Randy Blankenhorn, Executive Director of Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

More than 30 participants hailed from Riverside, the rest came from: Antioch, Berwyn, Blue Island, Chicago, Clarendon Hills, Holland MI, La Grange, Naperville, Oak Park, Oswego, Palatine, Palos Heights, Palos Park, Tinley Park, West Dundee, Westchester, and Western Springs. More than 90% of visitors surveyed rated the event "Very Good or Excellent," and said they would recommend to a friend.

Among the many sponsors and donors were the American Society of Landscape Architects – Illinois Chapter, Christy Webber Landscapes, Hinsdale Nurseries, Riverside Chamber of Commerce, Riverside Garden Club, ASLA, Brookfield Zoo, many Riverside businesses, landscape design firms, and private individuals. FLOS volunteers gave most generously of their time and talent to the FRED throughout the year.

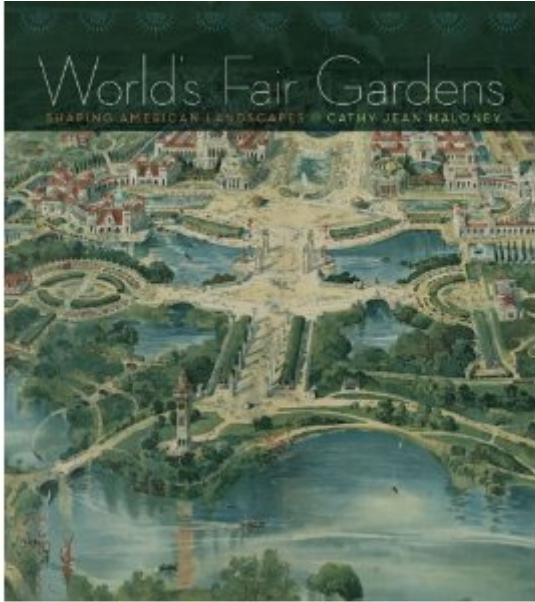
Look for the FRED redux in 2013, and every other year after that. Hope to see you there!



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*Frederick Law Olmsted in Riverside Education and Design*





## OLMSTED LECTURE SERIES

### UPCOMING LECTURE:

World's Fair Gardens presentation

Riverside Public Library

Sunday, December 9, 2:00 P.M.

Join FLOS member Cathy Maloney as she presents the intriguing landscapes and gardens of U.S. World's Fairs from 1870 through 1940. World's Fairs, elaborate extravaganzas of technology, art and science, influenced major trends in U.S. public green spaces and private gardens. Ms. Maloney will describe nine of the most exquisite World's Fair gardens from New York to San Francisco, and highlight the remarkable landscape and gardening trends showcased at these international displays of horticultural innovation. Maloney's newest book, *World's Fair Gardens*, will be available for sale and signing, or you can obtain it through Amazon.com.

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### The Gentle Des Plaines

A gentle breeze sneaks up behind me  
I hear the water's lullaby down below  
The little ducks along the bank also listen to the water's sweet lyrics  
The rushing water is bumping against the still rocks creating a rhythmic tune  
Then I close my eyes and take in a deep breath  
The fresh air warms me all up inside  
For some reason every time that I step onto this bridge, I feel safe and sound  
Then a smell started to lift  
I don't exactly know how to explain it  
It is neither good, nor bad but it is comfortable  
Then, when I open my eyes, I realize that that is what you are River  
A comfortable, quiet, peaceful place  
Where there are no worries and no doubts  
I keep looking down from the Green Bridge  
I keep on thinking about your lullaby  
It shall always keep playing all though Riverside  
Your lullaby will never die  
And that is why you are not just any old river  
You are the gentle Des Plaines

Angela M  
Central Elementary  
5th grade

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### Reliable Red Bud

Christopher & Mary Jo Robling, Jean Sussman & Ed Lyons, John & Victoria De Leon, Ann Kaplan, Brandi McNally, Matthew Graham, Ed Jepson, Melissa Kotrba, Cyndi Robinson & Matthew Hane, Cyril Friend, Sharon Connor, Viji Palani, Charlene & Ken Johnson, Carrie Zalewski, Jodi & Joe Connelly, Michael & Mary Richards, MaryKay Gerut, Karen & Shawn Cochran, Lynn Janik, Betsy McGann, Amy Scott, Nancy Pajeau, Martha Meegan, Steve & Claudia Connor, James Burns, Jack Buoscio, Margaret Pechota, Gintaras & Dalia Lietuvninkas, Susan & Matt Lisle, Elizabeth Musick, Mary Kay Javors, Harjit Singh, Jean DiMonte, Anthony & Catherine Nie, Mary & Bob Syrup, Doug & Jennifer Pollock, David Barker, Kelly Navarro, John McNeal & Sharon Bender-McNea, Maureen Rafa, Dolores Topolski, Ingrid Lulich, Joanne Rogers, Randy & Colleen Kadlec, Christine & Duane Stout, Lonnie Sacchi, Olga Sylvester, Maura Braun & George Lambros, Diane & Dennis Harris, Bryan Eddy, Roberta & Michael Gates, Lorraine Marik, Susan Escobedo, Donald & Patricia Dragisic, Maria & Carmen Jas Cerrone, Greg & Sandy Briolat, Ramiro & Geraldine Borja, Richard & Gloria Rossi, Jay & Joyce VanCura, Cecelia Radlowski, Aldo & Marilyn Cardelli, Laurie Kenfield & Mike Kelleher, Merrill & Rose Becker, Carol B. Skala, Rose Mottl, Alice & Robert Stake, Scuff & Sue Gross, Joseph & Nancy Dvorak III, Elizabeth & Frank Taus, Guy & Julie Moore, Mark Shevitz & Amy Jacksic, T. W. Nawara, Thomas & Nicoline Shields, Karen Graham, Diane Ceragioli, John & Dawn Eagleson, Kristine Herbst, Nadine & Tom Espisito, John & Susan Moorhead, Mark & Robin Benoy,

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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. Please return this form with your check payable to the Frederick Law Olmsted Society, PO Box 65, Riverside, Illinois 60546. Please contact [membership@olmstedsociety.org](mailto:membership@olmstedsociety.org) with questions or see our website at [www.olmstedsociety.org](http://www.olmstedsociety.org).

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