

THE FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY

WINTER 2015



The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside is dedicated to sustaining Olmsted's vision for Riverside for generations to come. Its members are guided by his concern for humanity, nature, sense of community and the innovative and thoughtful essence of his work. The Olmsted Society invites residents and visitors to join us in learning, protecting the environment, and preserving our cultural and physical heritage.

Membership is open to all interested individuals for a \$35 tax-deductible contribution by check or online.

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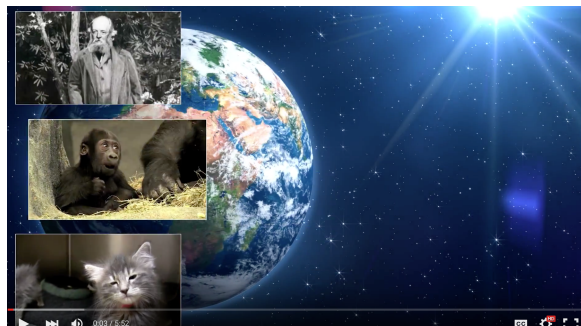
You will love receiving the digital version with it's colored photographs!

Send us your email, so that we can stay in touch with you. Thank you for helping us to save trees by not using paper.

Again, that address is:
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Hey, have you checked out the great video produced by RBTv featuring several FLOS members? You can watch it at this link:

<http://www.olmstedsociety.org/resources/flos-video-on-rbtv/>



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from the **PRESIDENT**

Dear Olmsted Society members:

As the year comes to a close, the Olmsted Society can reflect on an exciting year. Lectures have been well attended (many rebroadcast by RBTV), educational programs during the Summer FRED were excellent with a celebrity keynote by Geoffrey Baer. The HopStop Craft Beer Festival, as a part of FRED, was a new and fun partnership with Peter Boutsikakis of Riverside Foods. FRED and HopStop saw strong attendance and placed the Olmsted Society in an improved fiscal position.

Our January 22nd annual meeting speaker, James Patchett, Founder and President, Conservation Design Forum, is a leader in sustainable planning. I hope you will join us at the Riverside Library for the meeting and socializing following. See www.olmstedociety.org for more information on the program.

There are many opportunities in the coming year that the Olmsted Society can pursue to engage the community and effect positive change. For instance, we need involvement from members in the newly formed Biking Subcommittee headed by Mike Johnson. With a trail connection to the Salt Creek Bike Trail nearly at Riverside's doorstep at First and Forest Avenues, a huge opportunity to bring people through Riverside awaits. If you wish to engage in a discussion to see Riverside more effectively connect to regional bike paths, let me or Mike know.

Your support in the coming year will allow for innovative lecture topics, protection and nurturing of green space, and preservation of Olmsted's vision in Riverside. I wish you the best in the New Year and thanks for your continued support of the Olmsted Society.

Regards,

Rob Dixon
President, Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside

OLMSTED LECTURE SERIES

Upcoming Lectures

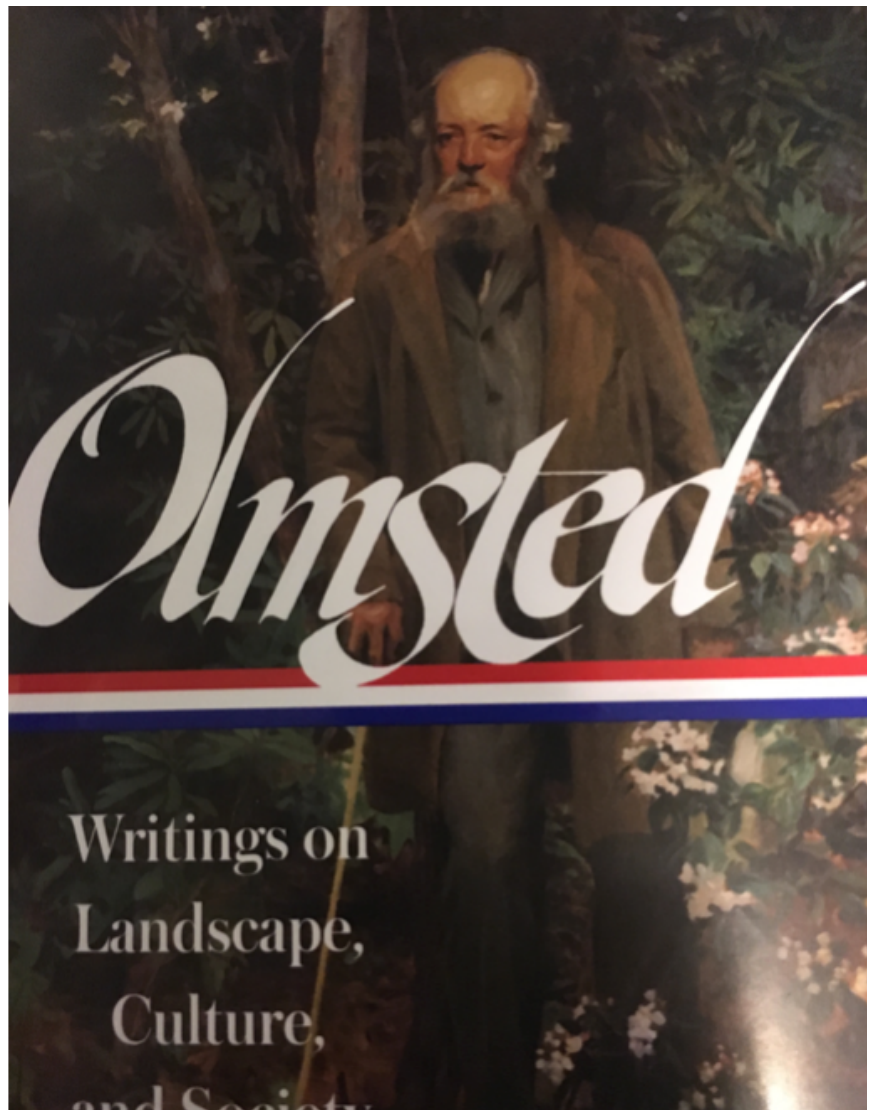
January 22, 2016 Annual Meeting 7pm
Riverside Library Great Room

Guest Speaker: James Patchett
Founder and President,

The Olmsted Society lecture series is held in partnership with the Riverside Public Library with lectures held in the upstairs Library Great Room. The historic space provides an intimate setting with ample seating. Many thanks to Dorothy Sikora and Janice Fisher for providing refreshments and assisting with publicity. For more information, contact the Riverside Public Library, 1 Burling Road, Riverside, IL 60546, 708-442-6366, www.riversidelibrary.org, www.olmstedsociety.org

Read the latest addition to the Olmsted Collection at The Riverside Library.

Another significant book has been added to the Olmsted Collection in the Riverside Public Library, OLMSTED Writings on Landscape, Culture, and Society, edited by Charles E. Beveridge, the leading authority on the life and works of Frederick Law Olmsted. Olmsted's *Preliminary report upon the Suburban Village at Riverside, near Chicago*, as well as, an image of the *General Plan of Riverside 1869*, are included in this work. For anyone interested in the essentials of the great landscape architect's writings this compact volume is a must read. This book is published as part of the "Library of America" series.



Join Us For The Annual Meeting on Friday January 22, 2016, 7:00pm



Olmsted Society Annual Meeting, Olmsted Spirit Award presentation, and installation of new Board Members

Guest Speaker: James Patchett Founder and President,

Conservation Design Forum

Date: Friday evening, January 22, 2016, 7 pm

Location: Riverside Library Great Room

Lecture Topic and Summary: The Role of Green Infrastructure in Transforming Towns.

This presentation will focus on green infrastructure and how it can benefit suburban towns like Riverside.

A longtime leader in the sustainability field, James Patchett of Conservation Design Forum will walk us through innovative techniques that have been proven to improve flood control, enhance water quality and habitat, and beautify the landscape. Using examples from across the country, Patches will showcase communities that have successfully implemented complete green streets, green roofs, porous pavement, and drought-tolerant planting.

More information on the Conservation Design Forum can be found at <http://www.cdfinc.com>.

The Olmsted Society will also be honoring Peter Boutsikakis with the Olmsted Spirit Award for his support of community events. Please join us for an informative program. The meeting is open to the public.

When Riverside Foods partnered with the Olmsted Society during FRED this summer, Peter Boutsikakis and crew demonstrated home brewing at HopStop. Peter used Elderberry grown in Riverside and other local ingredients to create the Holiday Stroll brew.

FRED 2015 WAS A SUCCESS!



FRED 2015, the Olmsted's Society's biannual symposium on landscape design, brought together urban planners, gardeners and nature lovers on September 12, 2015 at the Village Hall and Riverside Library. The whole day symposium included lectures, walking tours, and a visit to Quincy Street Distillery (to see how fruits and grain turn into spirits)!

Lectures included a history of native plants, how to landscape for ecological purposes, fruit tree growing, canning and preserving a harvest, a keynote on Riverside's legacy of landscape design, and edible landscapes. A Garden Walk also offered first-hand views of several Riverside home and community gardens.

Held in conjunction with the Hop Stop!, the FRED culminated in an evening lecture featuring TV personality and historian Geoffrey Baer of WTTW. Baer and Dan Andries, WTTW producer, gave highlights of the upcoming PBS film, "Ten Cities that Changed America." Since Riverside is one of the ten cities, a full-house audience enjoyed the lecture at the Village Hall auditorium.



HOP STOP 2015

LOCAL CRAFT BEER WAS A MAJOR DRAW ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015, AT THE RIVERSIDE TRAIN STATION. OVER 300 TICKETS WERE SOLD FOR HOPSTOP WHICH INCLUDED 8 LOCAL CRAFT BREWERS OR DISTILLERS, TWO FOOD TRUCKS, AND LIVE MUSIC. MANY THANKS IN ORDER TO THE BREWERS WHO DONATED THEIR PRODUCT AND TIME TO SUPPORT THE OLMSTED SOCIETY. RIVERSIDE MUSICIANS JON SCARPELLI, MIKE SACHARSKI, AND CESAR MELIDIS FORMED HOPSLAGER TO OPEN THE MUSIC STAGE. THEY WERE FOLLOWED BY THE LEADFOOT BAND FROM FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS.

PETER BOUTSIKAKIS OF RIVERSIDE FOODS WAS A DRIVING FORCE BEHIND HOPSTOP AND HIS VISION AND CONTACTS IN THE CRAFT BREWING COMMUNITY WERE ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE EVENT. PETER COORDINATED A HOME BREWING DEMONSTRATION DURING HOPSTOP USING HOPS GROWN IN RIVERSIDE BY JOE DVORAK AND RIVERSIDE ELDERBERRY. THE RESULTING BREW WAS SERVED AT THE RIVERSIDE HOLIDAY STROLL AND PROVED THAT PETER KNOWS WHAT HE IS DOING AND RIVERSIDE HAS GOOD SOIL. COMMENTS FROM THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WAS QUITE FAVORABLE. THE OLMSTED SOCIETY RAISED FUNDS AS WELL VIA TICKET SALES COMBINED WITH DONATED OR REDUCED PRICES ON GOODS AND SERVICES. WE HAVE OUR SIGHTS ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2016, FOR THE SECOND HOPSTOP AND THOSE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO ASSIST WITH HOPSTOP SHOULD CONTACT ROB DIXON OR TOM GUARDI.



BEFORE:



Landscape Committee Report

Our landscape workdays finished up a successful year in November weeding and mulching at Scottswood Common. In September and October we removed invasive species, sprayed invasive buckthorn, collected and spread seeds at the river along Riverside Road.

The committee will select workdays in early 2016 for next year. Please plan to join us whenever you are able. We promise you will have fun and will help us beautify our village.

AFTER:



2016 FLOS LANDSCAPE WORKDAYS SCHEDULE

In 2016, FLOS is teaming up with the Village of Riverside to help beautify our green spaces. Come be part of the fun!

The parks along Riverside Road, in Swan Pond and around the Scout Cabin area follow the meandering Des Plaines River. Scottswood Commons and Longcommon serve 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. Blythe Park contains one of Riverside's landmarks and Patriot's park, along 26th Street, is the newest constructed playground in Riverside.

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

DATES & LOCATIONS FOR 2016 WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON THE WEB SITE IN FEBRUARY AND IN THE SPRING NEWSLETTER

All workdays are scheduled for Saturdays from 9am-12pm. 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.

CONSIDER THE GIFT OF PLANTING A TREE: Contact The Olmsted Society for further details....



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Founded in 1968, the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the original plan for Riverside, which was developed in 1868 by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted and his partner Calvert Vaux. Membership is open to all interested individuals, is for the current calendar year (January 1 through December 31), and is tax deductible. It includes your immediate family members living in your household. Please return this form with your check payable to the Frederick Law Olmsted Society, PO Box 65, Riverside, Illinois 60546 or join online at www.olmstedsociety.org.

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