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Garland Farm in Words and Pictures



Bar Harbor, ME: Join us at the Jesup Memorial Library for a rare insider's look at the Mount Desert Island legacy of renowned landscape architect Beatrix Farrand. On Friday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m, Jim and Emily Fuchs and Beatrix Farrand Society archivist Marti Harmon will share a talk and slideshow on Garland Farm, the last home and garden of Ms. Farrand, who lived there from 1955 until her death in 1959.

Beatrix Farrand was one of America's most significant practitioners of landscape architecture from the 1890s through the early 1940s. She studied horticulture with Charles Sprague Sargent, founder of the Arnold Arboretum, and learned about landscape design from extensive travels in America and Europe. The gardens at Garland Farm are Ms. Farrand's last design and a significant example of her work.

The Society was founded to foster the art and science of horticulture and landscape design, with emphasis on the life and work of Beatrix Farrand. One of the key attractions of the Beatrix Farrand Society's headquarters at Garland Farm is the evolving reference library and archives for use by scholars and other interested visitors.

Ms. Harmon's presentation centers on the library, the high-resolution digitized copies of herbarium specimens from the University of California at Berkeley currently on display in the Educational Barn, and the 40 prints in the Farrand Wing. The plant specimens were collected in 1949-1954 from Reef Point, Beatrix Farrand's summer home in Bar Harbor.

The presentation by Jim and Emily Fuchs, two of the founding members of the Society, will focus on history, architecture, and landscape design.

For more information, call the Jesup Memorial Library at (207) 288-4245 or email lrooney@jesuplibrary.org.

"The love of outdoor work and collaboration with Nature brings a peace and satisfaction that can seldom be attained." – Beatrix Farrand, 1954
