

## Beatrix Farrand Society Vice President's Report

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I am in the process of updating job descriptions and responsibilities for Paula, A.C. Parsons and Tom. I expect to complete all three within the next two weeks and will provide copies of all descriptions to BFS for reference and use. Paula's is incomplete as it doesn't include Anne Welles' former responsibilities and clarification is required to accurately delineate what A.C. Parsons has been asked to do as distinct from Tom's responsibilities.

Carolyn and I have been very satisfied with A.C. Parsons' work this year and recommend that their role be expanded in 2016 to encompass the responsibilities that Tom currently performs. That change would eliminate BFS workman compensation payments and the tools that BFS owns and Tom maintains could be monetized to contribute to operating expenses. I would also expect productivity to improve.

Carolyn and I are still in possession of John Roche's slides that were earlier donated to BFS. They contain photographs of Garland Farm and the gardens of the Land & Garden Preserve, among others. Carolyn has spoken to Carole Plenty about her interest and plans to follow up with her to discuss providing Land & Garden Preserve related slides directly to them. Once that is completed, the remaining collection of slides will be provided to Wendy.

I am currently the named BFS representative at TechSoup. A new board member needs to assume this responsibility. According to their web site:

TechSoup is a nonprofit with a clear focus: to make it as easy as possible for other nonprofits and libraries to obtain and use the technologies they need to achieve their missions. As part of that goal, we provide access to over 400 technology products donated by more than 45 companies - including donor partners like Microsoft, Adobe, Cisco, Intuit, and Symantec. All donated and discounted products are available to qualifying organizations for a small admin fee that partially subsidizes TechSoup's operations. We also offer learning resources, including articles, blogs, free webinars, and forums on nonprofit-specific topics led by expert hosts.

While the upcoming lecture by Laurie Olin promises to be very interesting, I would recommend that the selection committee choose a woman for the 2016 Beatrix Farrand Achievement Award. As was the case when Beatrix Farrand began her career and throughout her lifetime, woman remain under represented in Landscape Architecture and I believe we should do our part to change the status quo.

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