

BFS “Programs” Report, Oct. 10, 2015

The majority of the 2015 programs took place in August and September.

On August 1, the Annual speakers were Sofia Blanchard and Louis Bauer, who spoke on *Greenwood Gardens: Rebirth of a Private Estate as a Public Space*. The lecture was held at Gates Auditorium, College of the Atlantic. Forty-nine people had registered for the event, but there were more than fifty in attendance.

On August 3, Ken Druse introduced his new book, *The New Shade Garden: Creating a Lush Oasis in the Age of Climate Change*. A book signing was held with three of his popular books. Fifty-five people registered and/or attended. This was the first of programs planned for 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., to better accommodate the work schedule of area gardeners. This timing seems to be well-received.

The newly-inaugurated Lifetime Achievement Award and reception was held on August 15 at the Maine Sea Coast Mission. The recipient/speaker was Laurie Olin, whose lecture was *A Designer's Designer: the Craft and Art of Beatrix Farrand*. One hundred and six people registered and/or attended.

On August 24, Patrick Cullina spoke on *Shopping for Eden: Gathering Perspective on the Pursuit of Plants and Gardens*. Thirty-four people registered and/or attended.

On September 9, Dr. Lois Berg Stack presented a lecture on bees, her most recent research project at the University of Maine, Orono. *Welcome Bees* was attended by more than 30 people.

The Beatrix Farrand Society co-sponsored a documentary film, *Jens Jensen: The Living Green* at the Maine International Film Festival By-The-Sea held at Reel Pizza Cinerama. The filmmaker, Carey Lundin, spoke at the two showings of the film, September 18 and 19. Both showings were well attended. Ms. Lundin donated a copy of the DVD to the Beatrix Farrand Society.

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