

Mission Statement for The Beatrix Farrand Society Collections

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The Beatrix Farrand Society (BFS) was founded in 2003 to preserve the memory and honor the work of Beatrix Farrand (1872–1959), American landscape gardener and landscape architect, and the research center she began on Mount Desert Island, Maine.

The BFS collects, preserves, and provides access to documents and artifacts relating to Beatrix Farrand's personal and professional life and work, as well as to artistic and environmental materials she considered important to her cultural and aesthetic development. Materials are also collected from other landscape architects, especially those influenced by Farrand's work in Maine and elsewhere.

Goals:

Library:

To replicate Beatrix Farrand's reference library on landscape architecture and the related fine arts that existed at Reef Point until 1955, and to build a modern working design library.

Archives:

1. To create a collection of original, facsimile and digital documents, such as manuscripts, graphic plans, photographs, artifacts, recordings and other materials relating to the life and work of Beatrix Farrand.
2. To collect materials from other landscape architects whose work reflects a modern execution of Farrand's ideas or adds contextual depth to the Farrand collection.

Collections:

1. To develop an inventory of functional furnishings for Garland farm, including furniture, art and equipment.
2. To acquire, protect and interpret significant items from the life and career of Beatrix Farrand, including art, decorative art, furniture, professional equipment and garden ornaments.

Policies:

Collection Policy: BFS collects material in any medium with an emphasis on Beatrix Farrand's work and her influence on other landscape architects.

Deaccession Policy: While the Collections Committee reserves the right to accept or reject gifts, the Beatrix Farrand Society maintains the rights, via Deed of Gift, to all donated materials.

Deed of Gift: A signed Deed of Gift is required for all donations. The BFS does not provide a valuation for donation.

Maintenance Policy: Standards of care include temperature and relative humidity monitoring, light controls, appropriate housing for all types of media, an acid-free environment for papers and photographs, and a physically secure facility.

Use Policy: Current members of the BFS may use the materials on-site during library hours. Scholars and other interested people may also visit by appointment. Materials may not be removed from the premises.

Disaster Plan: The disaster plan is a work in progress.

Accession Log: Accessions data are maintained on a secure computer using appropriate professional software. Duplicates files are kept at a secondary site.