



Welcome to December 2023 Bulletin

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Friends of the Landscape Archive at Reading



New Year talks: Community Landscapes – Top Down or Bottom Up?

Online talks on Wednesdays 10 Jan-7 Feb 2024, from 18:00–19:30 (GMT) with Q+A

A series of five talks by FOLAR and the Gardens Trust on different approaches to community engagement with existing and new landscapes. The talks will cover historic, contested, cherished, refurbished, political and unloved gardens and landscapes in the UK and Sweden, and will consider a variety of ways in which the public has and is being included, and to what end.

1. **Refurbishing the Eco-city Augustenborg Malmö, Sweden – social processes and landscape design at the turn of the millennium**
Speakers: Ann-Sofi Högborg, Bengt Persson
2. **Connecting people, spaces and places – a can of worms or a life-time commitment?** Speaker: Ian Baggott
3. **Public - Private - Volunteers – Charities: the changing face of Landscape Practice and the implications for communities** Speaker: Helen Brown
4. **Pioneering the collective garden: Robert Marnock and his work at the Ladbroke Estate, Holland Park, London** Speaker: Jan Woudstra
5. **Community Landscapes - Being Awkward** Speaker: David Lambert

For more information: www.folar.uk/events

Book your tickets and join us for a lively series of talks: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-landscapes-tickets-753176490157>



Margam Castle and Parkland, Port Talbot, Wales

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Teaching Landscape History

Edited by Jan Woudstra, David Jacques and Robert Holden

The book of the conference hosted by Jan Woudstra and held at Sheffield University last year with FOLAR support:

What history should we narrate in the education of landscape architects? How can we recognise counter -narratives and our own biases?

In 'Teaching Landscape History' edited by Dr Jan Woudstra, with David Jacques and Robert Holden, experienced teachers and authors on the history of gardens and landscape come together to share ideas on the future of teaching landscape history in universities.

Published 29 November, this value brings to the fore the increasing importance of allied histories, which may all be useful in serving the needs of a widening range of students in an increasingly complex world, including:

- environmental history
- economic history
- landscape history
- cultural landscapes
- environmental justice and decolonisation and
- ideas of sustainability and climate change amelioration

[For more info and to order your copy here](#)



Teaching Landscape History Dr Jan Woudstra



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A Celebration of Brian Clouston's career in Landscape Architecture – FOLAR's ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

<https://www.folar.uk/celebration-of-brian-clouston>

10 bite-size video recordings capture the life and work of Landscape Architect Brian Clouston PPLI OBE and his practice.

The recordings cover reclamation, garden festivals, business parks, urban and rural infrastructure, and working overseas in the Middle East, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore and Australia.


Presentations are made by a number of former members of staff, how they managed work in projects and locations they knew little about at the outset and how and what they learnt and achieved. And they talk about the impact working with Brian Clouston and Partnership (BCP) had had on their careers afterwards. Another video considers Brian Clouston's early years and life-long contribution to the profession. Brian Clouston shares with us his future vision and big idea for North Africa.




2. Early days and the formation of the practice

Introduction and speakers:
Tim Gale, William Cairns
Recorded 21 September 2023 at Grand Hotel Tynemouth

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3. Reclamation

Introduction and speakers:
Tim Gale, Mark Loxton, Tony Edwards
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4. Garden festivals

Introduction and speakers:
Annie Coombs, Hal Moggridge, Robert Holden, Neil Chapman



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Many other recordings of FOLAR's past symposia, lunchtime talks and online talks (85 and counting...) are available via the website:

- <https://www.folar.uk/events>
- <https://www.folar.uk/folar-talks>
- <https://www.folar.uk/why-so-special-20c-registered-landscapes>
- <https://www.folar.uk/celebration-of-brian-clouston>

FOLAR website FOLAR Book Sale

FOLAR BOOK SALE list here

www.folar.uk/s/MASTERCOPY-FOLAR-LIST-OF-BOOKS-FOR-SALE-V6.pdf

FOLAR has acquired an exciting list of books - duplicates from the MERL and donations from landscape architects, on sale here at bargain prices.

Please contact Bettina Kirkham (contact details on the list) to place your orders.

FOLAR Books for sale



BOOKS HELD BY FOLAR - 20 OCTOBER 2023 CONTACT BETTINA KIRKHAM (07764192556)				
Title	Author	Hardback / Paperback	Date	Price (£ excl.)
Seascape and visual impact report	English Heritage	Paperback		
Shrubs	Roger Phillips & Martyn Rix	Paperback	1989	£5.00
Small Scale Irrigation	Peter Stern	Paperback	1979	
Spaced out - guide to award winning spaces in uk	Garmory N, Tennant R	pb	2005	£5.00
Spon's Landscape Contract Handbook	Clamp H	HB	1995	
Sports Ground Construction Specifications	R B Gooch and J R Escriott	Hardback	1975	
Sports Turf: Science, construction and maintenance	V I Stewart	Hardback	1994	
street trees in Egypt	El- Hadidi N, Boulos L	pb	1970	
Thames Gateway Parkland Vision	GCLG	pb		£2.50
The Bulb Book	Martyn Rix & Roger Phillips	Paperback	1981	£4.00
The Concise British Flora in Colour	W Keble Martin	Paperback	1978	£4.00
The Endless Village	W G Teagle	Paperback	1978	£2.00
The English Flower Garden	W Robinson	Hardback	1906	£10.00
the environmental revolution	Nicholson M	HB	1970	£3.00
the establishment of vegetation on industrial waste land	Whyte and Sisam	HB	1949	
The Flower Expert (2 copies)	D G Hessayon	Paperback	1984	£1.00



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Other events:



What is landscape?

Maybe you're a rambler, conservationist, landowner or farmer with a connection to the land, or perhaps you're an artist, musician or writer inspired by landscape. Whatever your interest in landscape, you are welcome to come and share what makes certain places special to you.

Explore the personal meanings of landscape at this symposium at The MERL on 9 Dec, 11.00am – 4.00 pm

For more information and tickets <https://merl.reading.ac.uk/event/what-is-landscape/>

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WHAT IS LANDSCAPE?

Share your favourite landscapes
and discuss the personal meanings
landscape has for many of us with
leading experts.

Saturday 9th Dec, 11am – 4pm
Tickets from £10. Booking required.

For details and to book
**[merl.reading.ac.uk/
what-is-landscape](https://merl.reading.ac.uk/what-is-landscape)**



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The London Garden's Trust December Lecture:

London
Parks & Gardens
Protecting our Green Capital

The Early Life of Alexander McKenzie, the 19th Century Horticulturist and Landscape Designer.

Mon 11 Dec 2023, 6-7pm online

Lisa White, PhD research student at Dept of Landscape, University of Sheffield and FOLAR member, will talk about Alexander McKenzie, and how his love of the trees and landscapes in NE Scotland shaped his future life. He studied with Robert Marnock at Royal Botanical Gardens, Regents Park London, owned a nursery in Brighton and went on to do much more. More information and tickets: <https://londongardenstrust.org/whatson/>



Alexander McKenzie, courtesy of RHS Lindley Library