



GCA Shirley Meneice Horticultural Conference Jewels of Nature Scrapbook



Boston - September 2022

Overall Message

225 GCA

Members agree

DESIGN STYLE

- Native Plants and Trees
- Edible Gardens
- Sustainability
- Stormwater management
- Playful Spaces
- Healing Benefits

PUBLIC GARDENS GOALS

- New Entrances
- Inclusivity
- Preserving History
- Provenance
- Storytelling



Thank you LMGCC for sending us to this amazing conference.
I apologize for the grainy images as my camera was on the wrong setting



Heptacodium miconioides
Seven Sons Tree
Late season bloomer
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Tower Hill Botanic Garden

170 Acre botanic garden
And arboretum with
Sensory and edible borders,
Woodlands and walking trails

Grace Chapman,
CEO of Tower Hill,
was the 2005 Recipient of
GCA Interchange Fellowship



Brigham Hill Farm Private Garden

Smithsonian's Archives
of American Gardens



90 Acres of managed woodlands,
pastures, formal gardens,
vegetable gardens and
1.5 acre arboretum



Garden in the Woods

Magical botanic garden that showcases New England native plants in a beautiful 45 acre woodland

Uli Lorimer, formerly of Wave Hill and Brooklyn Botanic, Director of Horticulture for the Native Plant Trust. Teacher, speaker, author The Northeast Native Plant Primer

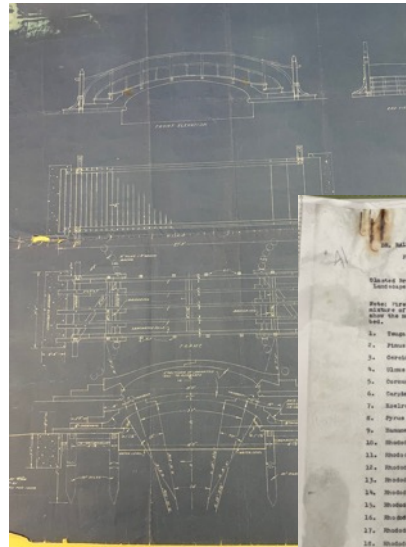


Ran into Childhood Friend Rhonda Fowler



Elm Bank Reservation - Home of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society

36 acre mixed use property with gardens that are of significant social, educational and horticultural value.



Archives of old designs
And plant lists



Seeing the Invisible
Interactive app
that displays art
around you



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Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University

281-acre preserve in the heart of Boston, stewards one of the world's most comprehensive and best documented collections of temperate woody plants. Weld Hill Laboratory



Native Pudding Stone



Robust docent led tours of awesome collections



Electric bikes and ATVs, Permeable pavement and stormwater management, solar arrays on top native meadows and picnic/class areas



Fairsted-Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site

1810 Farmhouse on 1.75 acres
Olmsted's homestead and business.



Known as the father of Landscape Architecture, Olmsted and his firm carried out some 500 commissions. They included 100 public parks (Central Park being the most famous) 200 private estates, 50 residential communities and campus design for 40 academic institutions. Boston's Emerald Necklace consists of a 1,100-acre chain of parks linked by parkways and waterways

Designs for Therapeutic Campuses

The Olmsted firm designed therapeutic settings for hospitals and residential institutions that treated patients suffering from diverse illnesses and infirmities. Their plans provided surroundings designed to create a calming and restorative environment. These landscapes were integral to the facilities' therapeutic missions.



**Washington State Hospital Grounds,
Northern State Hospital for the Insane**
Sedro-Woolley, Washington
1910-1919

The Northern State Hospital was built in 1909 as a self-sustaining treatment facility for the mentally ill. Its campus encompassed a variety of landscape types to allow differing outdoor experiences. Open lawns and paths provided space for passive recreation, while tree-shaded areas near the residential and administrative buildings created pleasant outdoor living spaces. Nearby working farmland and garden plots were designed for patients to work in as part of their therapy and daily living.



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Franklin Park

Southernmost tip of the Emerald Necklace.
485 acre landscape contains miles of walking trails, playing fields, golf course and zoo.

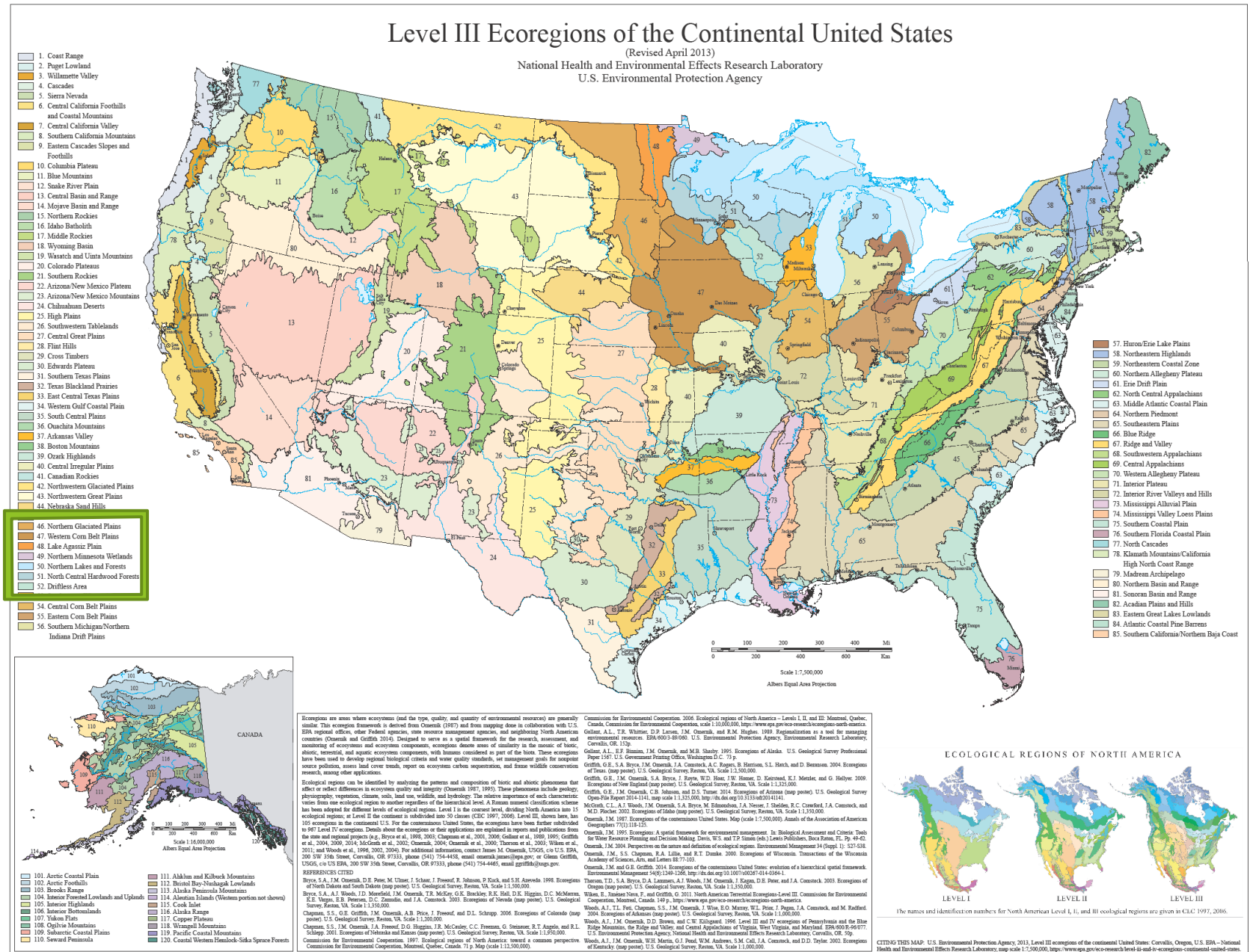


Swings for all ages and a solar array shaped like a flower



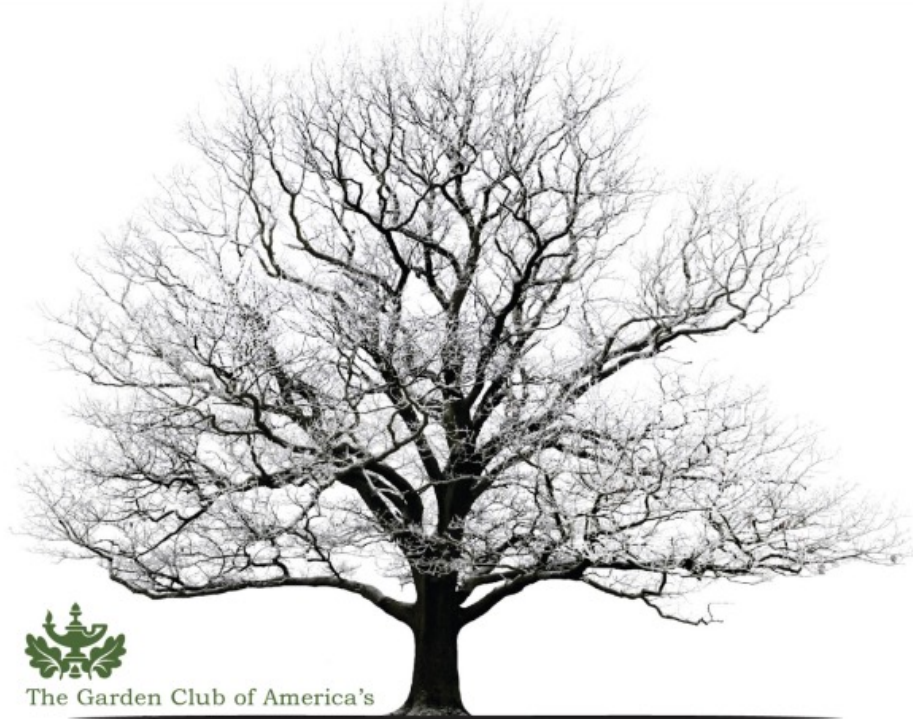
EPA Level III Ecoregions Map of the US

- ▶ Pay more attention to this map than the USDA Hardiness Zone map
- ▶ Provenance matters, which is somethings' origins or eco-type
- ▶ Propagate from local seed to ensure true native
- ▶ Biodiversity
- ▶ Ecological benefits
- ▶ The time is now
- ▶ Ecoregions Map



April 2023 Native Plant Month

The GCA launches a nationwide, multidisciplinary, cross-committee collaboration to promote native plants by formally establishing a Native Plant Month in all fifty states. Using a proclamation, GCA club members across the country will work to formally establish a Native Plant Month within their state by April 2023



NATIONAL NATIVE
PLANT MONTH INITIATIVE

- Aim for at least 70% native plants
- Seed grown, known provenance is best if available
- Embrace species diversity
- Extend floral resources through the season
- Provide shelter/nesting
- Leave some bare earth
- Leave it messy!
- Avoid using pesticides
- Leave the leaves
- Poor soils are a gift!
- Ask questions before you buy plants
- Share your knowledge and passion!



- ▶ Let's nominate a native plant that should be **PRESERVED, PROPAGATED, PROMOTED, and PLANTED?**
- ▶ Help me select a North American native Herbaceous plant by **June 30, 2023**, for the 2024 Montine McDaniel Freeman.
- ▶ Would you select 1, 2 or 3? Please send me an email with your vote Heidi@BloomOnMN.com

GCA Freeman Medal

1) *Thalictrum delavayi* -
Meadow Rue



2) *Stylophorum diphyllum* -
Golden Poppy



3) *Amorpha canescens* -
Lead Plant



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TAKE AWAYS

- ▶ “It’s on the GCA website”
- ▶ We can do better together, and are!!
- ▶ The next generation is coming with slow flower farms, homestead and edible focus
- ▶ Provenance matters
- ▶ Go Outside and Play!!
- ▶ LMGC is an amazing club with a supportive environment to grow and bloom
- ▶ Thank you so much for the opportunity

