

REGISTRATION FORM

Landscape Design School Course 3
September 16 & 17, 2026

Name: _____

Garden Club: _____

State Garden Club: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please choose your registration:

_____ **Two-Day Registration Fee of \$180**

Includes two days of 10 class hours,
breakfast & lunch both days

_____ **Sept. 16 Only; Registration fee of \$110**

Includes 5 class hours, breakfast, lunch

_____ **Sept. 17 Only; Registration fee of \$110**

Includes 5 class hours, breakfast, lunch

Are you taking the exam? Yes _____ No _____

Are you refreshing? Yes _____

Mail registration form & check to:

Linda Harris, LDS State Chair
3252 Walnut Bottom Rd., Swanton, MD 21561

Make Checks payable to: FGCMDC LDC
FGCMDC-Landscape Design Council

****Any special needs or diet restrictions? If so,
please provide details:

Objectives of Landscape Design School

- Develop a greater sense of appreciation, pride, and knowledge about our private, public, and historical gardens.
- Become better informed to promote positive changes in our surroundings to encourage beauty, utility, convenience, sound ecological practice, and ease of maintenance.
- Encourage a better understanding of the landscape design process to promote landscapes that will sustain sound management.
- Stimulate interest in all phases of landscape design, including community planning.
- Develop a contingent of qualified Landscape Design Consultants to serve in such decision-making areas of public life as providing leadership, educational programs, scholarships, awards, and promoting better landscape design.

Questions/Information

Contact **Landscape Design School Chair Linda Harris**
at lindaharris355@aol.com or 443-695-2071.

Refreshing Consultants

must attend the full course.

Students earning credit towards a Landscape Design Consultant Certificate must attend the full course, including all classes, complete and pass the exam.

Registration deadline is September 2
or when room capacity is reached.
No refunds after September 6.

Landscape Design School Course 3



Wednesday & Thursday

September 16 & 17, 2026

Robinson Nature Center
6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD
21044

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Landscape Design Council Chair, Betty Reeves
Credentials Chair, Linda Harris
LDS State Chair, Linda Harris



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Landscape Design School Course 3 Schedule

Day One – Wednesday, September 16, 2026

8:00 - 8:45 am – **Registration & Breakfast**

8:45 – 9:00 – **Welcome & Announcements**

9:00 – 11:00 – **Landscape Design Process** presented by Kelley Okleson, Owner Groundsmith Collective Design Firm, UMD Adjunct Professor

11:15 – 12:15 – **Landscape Design with Maintenance in Mind** presented by Kelley Okleson

12:15 – 1:00 – **Lunch**

1:00 – 2:00 – **Graphics Interpretation** presented by Colleen Vacelet, President Intreegue Design

2:15 – 3:15 – **Woody Plants in the Landscape** presented by Colleen Vacelet

3:15 – 4:00 – **Review & Exam**

Day Two – Thursday, September 17, 2026

8:00 - 8:45 am – **Check In, Breakfast**

8:45 – 9:00 – **Announcements**

9:00 – 12:00 – **Creating Your Own Landscape Plan** presented by Claire Jones, Principle, Claire Jones Landscapes.

12:00 – 12:45 – **Lunch**

12:45 – 1:45 – **Herbaceous Plants in the Landscape** presented by Carrie Engel, Greenhouse Manager, Valley View Farms.

2:00 - 3:00 – **Supplemental Subject**

3:00 - 4:00 – **Review & Exam**

For the morning class on Thursday, “Creating Your Own Landscape Plan”

- Each student will bring an accurately measured drawing of a small area of their landscape (or a design plan for the landscape of a friend or family member) that they would like to design/redesign.
- If their own plan, they will create a list of their requirements, restrictions and the conditions of the site (one hour of introduction and instruction).
- The instructor will work with them to create a workable design (one hour to work on design).
- Ideas for this project would include an herb garden, a cutting garden, or a garden dedicated to a specific genus (iris, Hosta, roses, etc.) as part of an integrated landscape design plan.
- The instructor will examine the plans and make suggestions as needed one hour of evaluation).
- Master Landscape Design Consultants may serve as instructor’s aides.
- This 3-hour class will not be tested, but each student will receive 30 points for their design (normally each exam question is worth 2 points).

Landscape Design Schools are open to everyone whether or not they are garden club members.

Hotel Guest Room Information

Hampton Inn & Suites

7045 Minstrel Way, Columbia, MD 21046
410-381-3001

2 Queen Beds Discounted Rate of
\$149/night (includes breakfast)

Reservations must be made by Saturday,
August 15, 2026 to get this rate

[Available Rooms - Hampton Inn & Suites
Columbia South Fort Meade Area](#)

Recommended Reading

The National Gardener (TNG). Students and Consultants are encouraged to read current landscape design articles in *The National Gardener* which can be found at gardenclub.org

Newscape, the NGC Landscape design newsletter, provides news and articles from the various state Landscape Design Councils and news about Landscape Design Schools.

Maryland Native Plant Guide; Piedmont Region
University of Maryland Extension; 2025

Plant This, Not That: Over 200 Native Plant Swaps for a More Sustainable, Pollinator-Friendly Garden, by Elise Howard; 2026

Armitage’s Native Plants for North American Gardens, by Allan M. Armitage; 2006

Designing Gardens with Flora of the American East
by Carolyn Summers and Kate Brittenham; 2024

The New Shade Garden: Creating a Lush Oasis in the Age of Climate Change, by Ken Druse; 2015