Design Matters: A Cultural Landscape Symposium

Join us for a day exploring the importance of design in historic landscapes and the significance of three national treasures: Clara and Henry Ford’s Fair Lane, Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello, and Eleanor and Edsel Ford’s estate in Grosse Pointe Shores. Preservation, restoration and rehabilitation through the lens of designer intent and owner influence, as well as the role of compromise in ensuring authenticity of place and interpretation, will be topics of presentations by these noted historic landscape and garden professionals:

Judith B. Tankard, Landscape Historian and Author
“The Gardens of Ellen Biddle Shipman”

Peter J. Hatch, Professional Gardener and Historian
“A Rich Spot of Earth: Thomas Jefferson’s Revolutionary Garden at Monticello”

Robert E. Grese, University of Michigan Professor and Director of Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum
“A Creative Partnership: Jens Jensen’s Landscape Designs for the Ford Family in Michigan”

Attendees will also have the opportunity to view From Libraries to Holly Berries: Celebrating 100 Years of the Garden Club of Dearborn, an exhibit commemorating the Garden Club’s rich heritage and the vital, active community resource it has been since Clara Ford served as the first president in 1915.

Cost: $40 for Garden Club of Dearborn members
$45 for non-members
Includes boxed lunch

Saturday
June 6, 2015
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Henry Ford Estate
Dearborn, MI

Register at www.fordhouse.org or 313.884.4222.
Space is limited.