

## New England's Garden History Syllabus 2022

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A study of the gardens and landscape designs of northern New England with an emphasis on Maine.

Using illustrations and views of existing historic landscapes we will cover 300 years of history from the colonial gardens of early settlement to the early-20<sup>th</sup> C. icons of landscape architecture and how garden design reflects social, cultural, and economic changes.

### **Nov. 9. Colonial Landscapes & Native Americans**

We will look at Native American & colonial landscapes & early efforts to garden.

(See William Cronon's, *Changes in the Land: Indians, Colonists & the Ecology of New England*, 1983, reprinted. Cronon's interdisciplinary work was the first of its kind.)

### **Nov. 16 Late 18<sup>th</sup> & early 19<sup>th</sup> c. Coastal Expansion, Federalism**

A good, detailed overview of New England garden history is Alan Emmet's, *So Fine A Prospect, Historic New England Gardens* (University Press of New England, 1996). It is out of print but very good to use over & over again. I will refer to sites and interpretations from this book.

### **Nov. 30 Colonial Revival Maine & the Women who Shaped It**

See Kevin D. Murphy's *Colonial Revival Maine* (Princeton Architectural Press, 2005).

### **Dec. 7 20<sup>th</sup> Century Landscapes & Landscape Architects**

Beatrix Farrand, *The Bulletins of Reef Point Gardens* (The Island Foundation, 1997)

For particular historic sites in Maine, see Theresa Mattor & Lucie Teegarden, *Designing the Maine Landscape*, (Down East Books, 2009).