

The Nature of Design: Exploring Art in the Landscape

As an artist works in oils or pastels on canvas or paper, a landscape designer uses elements of color, texture and design to create expressions of art in our natural world. A true blend of art and science, landscape design is a field that cultivates creativity as we shape, color and conserve the environment around us.

This summer, the Department of Plant & Soil Sciences at the University of Delaware will sponsor a unique educational experience for students who wish to apply their artistic interests in the area of landscape design.

What:	Landscape Design Camp
Where:	University of Delaware, Newark, DE
When:	August 3-4, 2007
	Camp is a two-day, overnight experience on the UD campus.
Who:	High-school students with an interest in design, art, and/or landscape horticulture/design. Students must have completed grades 9, 10 or 11.
Cost:	\$50 per student; includes overnight accommodations at the UD Courtyard Marriott; all meals and snacks; session materials; and transportation during the camp.

Camp Schedule and Details

Camp begins on Friday at 8:30 a.m. with a registration/orientation for campers and their parents/guardians and ends with a closing reception for campers and families from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

During their time on campus, campers will participate in a variety of workshops, activities, and field trips to explore and experience the world of landscape design. Sample events will include design projects, plant searches in the White Clay Creek Preserve, and an insider's look at Longwood Gardens and other gardens and natural areas.

Overnight accommodations will be at the UD Courtyard Marriott, where students will be housed two per room. Campers will be supervised by graduate students or faculty at the hotel, and transportation to and from the hotel will be provided.

Camp Instructors

Campers will benefit from the experience and expertise of three faculty members in the Department of Plant & Soil Sciences. They will work closely with these instructors and guest presenters throughout the camp. Lead instructors include:

Susan Barton, Ph.D.

Dr. Barton is an Extension specialist in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences. She received her Master's Degree in Horticulture from North Carolina State University and her Ph.D. from the University of Delaware in Plant Protection. Dr. Barton teaches "Plants and Human Culture," "Nursery and Garden Center Management," and the "New Student Colloquium." She also coordinates the Landscape Horticulture Internship program. Dr. Barton works closely with the nursery and landscape industry conducting educational programs and writing newsletters and other educational materials. Her research areas include sustainable roadside vegetation and marketing programs to promote alternatives to invasive plants.

Jules Bruck, Ph.D., APLD

Dr. Bruck is an Assistant Professor of Landscape Design in the department. She received her Ph.D. in Agricultural Education from Texas A&M University and her Master's Degree in Landscape Contracting from the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Bruck has spent more than 13 years in the industry, specializing in quality, custom design work. She became a certified member of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD) in 2001. The certification program provides professional recognition to landscape designers, based on established standards of excellence. In 2004, she entered the annual design competition sponsored by APLD and received a landscape design award.

Chad W. Nelson, R.L.A., ASLA

Chad Nelson is an Assistant Professor of Landscape Design. He received his M.L.A. from the University of Virginia and his B.S. degree in Plant Science from the University of Delaware. Mr. Nelson practices landscape design with an emphasis on rich plant selections using regionally appropriate plant associations with consideration for maintenance and sustainability. Chad's background in historic preservation builds upon a tradition of place-making while encouraging contemporary uses for existing sites. Recent projects include the rehabilitation and fountain design of Magnolia Circle on the campus of the University of Delaware; a rehabilitation of South Park Drive, a nine-acre forested section of Brandywine Park in Wilmington, Delaware; and several residential projects. Chad's current teaching responsibilities include introductory landscape construction, field sketching and computer modeling of landscape subjects.

Application Information

Fourteen students will be accepted into the program. Selection will be based on our receipt of all application materials and our review of the student's complete application. If you are selected, you will be sent a list of camp expectations and guidelines, and a contract that must be signed by you and your parent/guardian.

Please note that all materials must be completed and returned by June 22 for your application to be considered. To request an application, please call 302-831-2508 or send email to kra@udel.edu.

1. Camper Application
2. Teacher Recommendation Form
3. Medical Form
4. \$50 (Checks made out to the University of Delaware)

Application Timeline

June 22	Complete applications due
July 6	Selected students are notified with further details
August 3	Session begins
August 4	Session ends

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