

## **Landscape Design School Series 24 Course 1 Continued**

Learning from professional Landscape Architects and Landscape Designers was the frosting on the cake for me in designing my outdoor spaces. There are many other professionals who present in the Landscape Design Courses that include: Environmentalist, Horticulturist, Garden Specialist, Ecologist, Wildlife Biologist, Horticultural Therapist, Preservation Specialist, City Planners & Zoning Specialist

***In each of the 4 Courses, that make up the Landscape Design School curriculum, changes have been made by NGC.*** New topics have been added, reflective of 21<sup>st</sup> century global issues in recognizing Mother Earth needs our help. In my opinion, the added new topics are bringing greater awareness to global concerns that affect entire life on our planet. NGC has recognized the important part garden club members can be in practicing healthier ways to love and support Mother Earth.

The **new curriculum** includes these topics: Learning about your Ecosystem; Xeriscaping; Designing for Pollinators and Wildlife; Accessible, Enabling and Therapeutic Gardens; Overused, Often Invasive Plants and Native Alternatives; Woody Plants; Community Gardens and Suburban Design. Creating your own home and garden landscaping plan has been enhanced with the new curriculum update. A substantial amount of time in Course 3 has been added that includes direct, hands-on student interaction with Landscape Architects and Landscape Design Instructors. Students work with instructors to create a workable design.

Core Landscape Design Curriculum includes: Principles and Elements of Landscape Design; Space, Design and People; Color in the Landscape; Design for the Environment; The Landscape Design Process; Plants and Structures in Landscapes; Redesign Landscape areas; Preservation of Historic Sites & Structures; Landscape Design with Maintenance in Mind; Contemporary Landscape Design Trends; Community Participation in Landscape Design projects and creating your own Home Garden Landscaping Plan.