News From Fairsted

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These research projects will assist NAOP in its future outreach and advocacy efforts. Look for updates on this research in future issues or on our website. Please contact us at NAOP@buffaloolmstedparks.org if you would like to share your research efforts on Olmsted-designed parks and landscapes with other interested members.

BOOKS

Design with Culture: Claiming America’s Landscape Heritage

By Charles Birnbaum and Mary V. Hughes, Landscape Architect for the University of Virginia, present a collection of essays. Three of these essays written by well-known landscape historians and scholars that examine the work of the early preservationists. Essays range from the contributions made by Charles Sprague Sargent and Frederick Law Olmsted to conservation of the role played by women’s clubs and New Deal preservationists. Essays range from the contributions made by historians and scholars that examines the work of the early preservationists. Essays range from the contributions made by Charles Sprague Sargent and Frederick Law Olmsted to conservation of the role played by women’s clubs and New Deal government programs. These essays along with the introductions by Birnbaum and Hughes reveal the significance of early public work, often underrated by modern preservationists.

RESEARCH

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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