

# **Landscape Institute Graduate, Adriana O'Sullivan, Elected Chairman of Massachusetts Landscape Design Council**

Wellesley Hills, MA -- May 21, 2007 -- The Landscape Design Council of Massachusetts today announced that its membership elected Adriana O'Sullivan chairman at its 2007 annual meeting, held recently in Wrentham, Mass. With approximately 250 members, the Massachusetts Landscape Design Council is the largest state Council in the country.

A professional landscape designer based in Sharon, Mass., O'Sullivan previously served as vice chairman and programs chairman of the Landscape Design Council of Massachusetts. She is a National Garden Clubs, Inc.-certified Landscape Design Consultant and Gardening Consultant, and she is past chairman of the Gardening Consultants Council of Massachusetts.

"The Landscape Design Council of Massachusetts provides landscape-design education via speakers, workshops, and tours of outstanding public and private landscapes. We educate our members and, through them, enrich countless Massachusetts communities," said O'Sullivan. "It's an honor to be elected chairman of an organization with such a talented and outstanding membership."

Other officers elected at the annual meeting include Nancy L. Hubert of Lexington, Mass., vice president and programs chairman; Joan Butler of Holliston, Mass., recording secretary; Jan Brink of Andover, Mass., corresponding secretary; and Georgia C. Papavasiliou of Holliston, Mass., treasurer.

At the annual meeting, Marie Stella, a landscape designer and historian whose design firm, Kirin Farm Enterprises, Inc., specializes in historic gardens and environmental landscapes, presented a lecture entitled "Going Green: Constructing an Environmentally Engineered Home and Landscape."

## **About Adriana O'Sullivan**

Artist, landscape designer, gardener, and lecturer Adriana O'Sullivan has been living and gardening in New England for more than 25 years. Her experience includes both commercial and residential landscapes, as well as public plantings. She is a graduate of The Landscape Institute of the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard University with a Certificate in Landscape Design.

She has worked as a garden designer, consultant, and lecturer for the past 15 years, both professionally and as a volunteer in her community, the town of Sharon, Mass. She designed the plantings in the center of Sharon in 1996 and a new plan, also designed by her, is currently being implemented. She has contributed designs for street plantings, parking lots, parks, and the Sharon Library, and has worked with High School students to beautify the grounds of Sharon High School.

Originally from Holland, she earned a degree from the Royal Academy of Fine Arts and Design in s'-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands. Her artwork is on display at the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam and at the Museum Boymans van Beuningen in Rotterdam. Her work has been exhibited in galleries around The Netherlands and can be found in the collections of fine art collectors. She lectures on horticulture, landscape design, garden maintenance, and garden history.

## **About the Landscape Design Council of Massachusetts**

Organized in 1963, the Landscape Design Council (LDC) of Massachusetts operates under the auspices of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) and is a special-subjects group of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. The purpose of LDC is to provide ongoing landscape-design education through speakers, workshops, and tours of outstanding public and private areas. The Massachusetts chapter provides several judging panels for the New England Spring Flower Show and presents three landscape-design awards of its own.

### **The Membership**

LDC members have completed the Landscape Design Study Program, a series of four 10-hour courses, and passed the required examinations, entitling them to become NGC-accredited Landscape Design Consultants. Members act in an advisory capacity to encourage awareness of the need for good landscape architectural practice, serving as guardians of environmental beauty by applying what they have learned to individual and community projects. LDC members promote environmental interests through work on town committees and boards. Members have been responsible for landscaping projects of municipal buildings and other public areas in their cities and towns. A significant number have gone on to earn certificates in landscape design, or Master's degrees in landscape architecture, and to establish their own landscape-design businesses.

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