



Olmsted Network to Recognize Olmsted Champions at Milwaukee Conference

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 25, 2023)— The Olmsted Network will honor five individuals and organizations who have helped raise the visibility of famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted in extraordinary ways.

This year's award recipients— many of whom steward Olmsted landscapes in the Midwest— will be recognized on September 21 at the Grohmann Museum in Milwaukee, WI. [The event](#) is part of [The Olmsteds in Wisconsin](#), a three-day conference exploring Olmsted projects in Milwaukee and nearby Lake Geneva.

Each year, the Olmsted Network presents awards to individuals and groups who have shown significant dedication to protecting and preserving Olmsted's work, vision and values. The 2023 awardees are:

Caroline Loughlin Volunteer Service Award | Constance Guardi | Riverside, IL

For nearly four decades, Guardi has worked with the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, Illinois, and the Riverside Historical Commission to preserve and protect Olmsted's first planned community. Her activities included expanding Riverside's historic designation, participating in volunteer workdays, curating the library's Olmsted collection and offering regular tours. She is the author of the Arcadia guide to Riverside.

Olmsted Stewardship Award | Arleyn Levee | Boston, MA

For half a century, Levee has produced ground-breaking research on John Charles Olmsted and the Olmsted firm, helping to preserve and interpret the Olmsteds for future generations. Her life's work includes nearly 40 years of service to the Olmsted Network as well as prolonged dedication to the Maintenance and Management Oversight Committee for Boston's Muddy River and the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site.

President's Award | Friends of Olmsted-Beil House | Staten Island, NY

Over the past five years, the Friends of Olmsted-Beil House have taken extraordinary steps to protect and preserve Frederick Law Olmsted's farmhouse on Staten Island. The group has established robust community support, secured historic designation and overcome significant challenges of decay and vandalism to protect the farmhouse where Olmsted first experimented with techniques and ideas that later informed his landscape designs.

Certificate of Appreciation | Lake Park Friends | Milwaukee, WI

Since its founding in 1996, Lake Park Friends have pursued a range of projects that sustain the historic park and its natural assets. Recently, the group completed several major stewardship initiatives, including the restoration and preservation of the Ravine Bridge and the return of the Christian Wahl bust to the park. Through these efforts, Lake Park Friends has exemplified the critical role volunteers play in protecting Olmsted parks and places.

Certificate of Appreciation | Washington Park Camera Club Archives Committee | Chicago, IL

Employing the Chicago Park District's collection of archival photographs, the Washington Park Camera Club produced a moving and visually rich video, [South Park Then & Now](#), to capture the park's past and present. The video was produced for Olmsted's bicentennial in 2022 but continues to educate the public on Chicago's significant landscape history. The club is the oldest predominantly African American camera club in Chicagoland.

View the award descriptions and previous awardees online at olmsted.org/our-story/awards/.

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The Olmsted Network (formerly the National Association for Olmsted Parks) is dedicated to protecting, preserving and championing the work and principles of Frederick Law Olmsted. Its international network of parks and places includes the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Biltmore Estate, Bok Tower Gardens, Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, the Midway Plaisance Park Advisory Council, Birkenhead Park and more. For future events, Olmsted history and commentary by experts and partner organizations, please visit the new www.olmsted.org.