



**Schedule for the Olmsted Network's 2024 Annual Conference
Landscapes of Renewal: Olmsted, Vaux, and Downing
September 13- September 15**

Friday, September 13 | Stonegate Farm & Frederic Church's Olana

**Separately ticketed event*

- 10 AM: Pick up at Holiday Inn, Poughkeepsie
- 11 AM: Visit Stonegate Farm with photographer and owner Matthew Benson
- 2:15 PM: Leave for Frederic Church's Olana
- 4 PM: Tour the grounds with Sean Sawyer, President, The Olana Partnership
- 5 PM: Tour the house
- 6 PM: Cocktail reception on the piazza
- 7:15 PM: Board bus
- 8:30 PM: Return to Holiday Inn, Poughkeepsie

Friday, September 13 | Movie night in Taylor Hall 203, Vassar College

**Free for conference guests not attending the pre-trip*

- 5 PM: Pictures with Big Head Fred
- 5:30 PM: Showing of *Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America* with consulting producer Laurence Cotton
- 7 PM: Movie ends

Saturday, September 14 | Conference Day 1: Downing Park in Newburgh

- 7:15 AM: Pick up at Vassar Alumnae House
- 7:30 AM: Pick up at Holiday Inn, Poughkeepsie
- 8:30 AM: Coffee and pastries, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Newburgh
- 9 AM: Welcoming remarks from Olmsted Network and Mayor Torrance Harvey
- 9:15 AM: Student video with Newburgh Free Academy-West
- 9:30 AM: Introduction: Spencer Tunnell, Olmsted Network Board
- 9:35 AM: Keynote | Author and scholar Francis Kowsky, SUNY Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Buffalo State College and Fellow of the Society of Architectural Historians
- 10:30 AM: Introduction: Janet Atkins, Olmsted Network Board
- 10:35 PM: Keynote | Landscape architect Sara Zewde, Assistant Professor of Practice at Harvard University Graduate School of Design
- 11:30 AM: Break for Skinner Organ performance with Gail Archer, Vassar College

11:45 AM: Panel Discussion | Roads to Renewal

- Moderator: Marjorie Greville, Olmsted Network Board
- Lucy Lawliss, Landscape Historian & Consultant
- Morgan Monaco, President, Prospect Park Alliance
- Duane Martinez, Director of River Cities Program, Scenic Hudson

12:45 PM: Break

1 PM: Community Conversation & Working Lunch

- Karen Eberle-McCarthy, President, Downing Park Conservancy
- Kathy Lawrence, Greater Newburgh Parks Conservancy | Environmental Justice Fellows
- Mary McTamane, Newburgh City Historian

1:45 PM: Panel Discussion | Activating Parks for all People

Introduction: Fenella Heckscher, The Garden Club of Orange & Dutchess Counties

- Moderator: Pam Breeman, The Garden Club of Orange & Dutchess Counties
- Virginia Kasinki, Executive Director, Newburgh Urban Farm and Food Initiative
- Brad Taylor, Executive Director, Friends of Morningside Park
- Rosamond Fletcher, Executive Director, Fort Greene Park Conservancy

3:15 PM: Pictures with Big Head Fred

3:30 PM: Tours of Downing Park with Elinor Hart, Mary Elin Korchinsky, Madelane Knaggs and Karen Eberle-McCarthy

4:30 PM: Bus tour of other local historic sites, including Washington HQ

5:45 PM: Bus 1 takes dinner guests to boat; Bus 2 takes local guests back to church and then others back to hotel

Saturday, September 14 | Pride of the Hudson Dinner Cruise

**Separately ticketed event*

6 PM: Arrive at boat

6:30 PM: Boat departs

7 PM: Buffet dinner

8:45 PM: Bus departs for hotels

Sunday, September 15 | Conference Day 2: Vassar College in Poughkeepsie

8 AM: Pick up at Holiday Inn, Poughkeepsie

8:30 AM: Coffee and pastries in Jade Room, Taylor Hall, Vassar College

9:15 AM: Welcome and Introduction by Vassar College President Elizabeth Bradley

9:30 AM: Keynote | From the Olmsteds Forward: The Vassar Campus as Microcosm of Hudson Valley

Landscape by Yvonne Elet, Professor of the History of Art and Architecture, Vassar College

10:30 AM: Panel Discussion | Preservation and Mental Health: Adapting Olmsted Designs to Modern Needs

Introduction: Steve Livengood, Olmsted Network Board

- Moderator: Paris Roselli, President, Richardson Olmsted Campus
- Robert Kirkbride, Professor of Architecture and Product Design, Parsons School of Design
- Jennifer L. Thomas, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, Virginia Tech
- Yvonne Laube, Poughkeepsie Historic Preservation Commission

11:30 AM: Break

11:45 AM: Advancing Health, Inclusivity and Equity in the Built Environment

- Introduction: Dede Petri, Olmsted Network
- Moderator: President Elizabeth H. Bradley, Vassar College
- Susan Masino, Vernon D. Roosa Professor of Applied Science, Trinity College
- Dr. Harold “Hank” Schwartz, Psychiatrist in Chief Emeritus, Institute of Living
- Dr. Howard Frumkin, Senior Vice President, Trust for Public Land

12:45 PM: Lunch and self-guided visit to the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center and Sculpture Garden and/or the A. Scott Warthin Jr. Museum of Geology and Natural History

2 PM: Tours **Groups will be randomly assigned*

Group A, 2 to 4 PM:

- Vassar Campus with Yvonne Elet
- Edith Roberts’ Ecological Laboratory with Margaret Ronsheim, Professor of Biology, Vassar College

Group B, 2 to 4:30 PM:

- Matthew Vassar’s Springside with Harvey Flad and John Mylod
- Hudson River State Hospital with Yvonne Laub

5:00 PM: Pick up for hotels

Sunday, September 15 | 2024 Olmsted Network Awards Dinner

**Separately ticketed event*

6:45 PM: Pick up from Holiday Inn, Poughkeepsie

7 PM: Cocktail reception and photos with Big Head Fred

7: 30 PM: Dinner & Awards

9 PM: Bus returns to Holiday Inn, Poughkeepsie