



**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: Bus picks up at **Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie at 2170 South Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601**

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: Bus returns to Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie

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

*\*This free event is open to all attendees, but please find your own way to/from the event.*

5 PM: Pictures with Big Head Fred

5:30 PM: Showing of *Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America* with consulting producer Laurence Cotton in **Taylor Hall 203 at 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY**

7 PM: Movie ends

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

7:15 AM: Bus 1 picks up hotel and other conference guests at **Vassar Alumnae House at 161 College Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY**

7:15 AM: Bus 2 picks up hotel guests at Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie

8:30 AM: Coffee and pastries at **Calvary Presbyterian Church at 120 South St, Newburgh, NY**

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

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

2 PM: Break

2:15 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, President, Friends of Morningside Park
- Rosamond Fletcher, Executive Director, Fort Greene Park Conservancy

3:15 PM: Board buses for [Downing Park at 181-141 Carpenter Ave, Newburgh, NY](#)

3:30 PM: Arrive at Downing Park for pictures with Big Head Fred

3:45 PM: Tours of Downing Park with Elinor Hart, Mary Elin Korchinsky, Madelane Knaggs and Karen Eberle-McCarthy

5 PM: Buses pick up at Downing Park

Buses drop off at Calvary Presbyterian Church

Bus 1 takes dinner guests to Hudson River Adventures

Bus 2 takes others back to Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie and Vassar Alumnae House

## **Saturday, September 14 | Pride of the Hudson Dinner Cruise**

*\*Separately ticketed event*

6 PM: Arrive at [Hudson River Adventures at 4 Washington St, Newburgh, NY](#)

6:30 PM: Boat leaves dock

7 PM: Buffet dinner

8:45 PM: Bus departs for Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie and Vassar Alumnae House

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

8 AM: Bus picks up at Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie

8:30 AM: Coffee and pastries in [Jade Room, Taylor Hall, Vassar College at 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY](#)

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: Panel Discussion | 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 Laube

5:00 PM: Bus picks up near arch for Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie

## **Sunday, September 15 | 2024 Olmsted Network Awards Dinner**

*\*Separately ticketed event at Vassar Alumnae House*

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