Beatrix Farrand, Yale's Pioneering Landscape Architect



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Please join us on Thursday, March 29 at 3 pm in the CSSSI 24-Hour Space for a celebration of the life and legacy of Beatrix Farrand (1872-1959). Farrand, the only founding woman member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, designed gardens for the White House and the New York Botanical Garden; for many private estates, among them Dumbarton Oaks; and for a number of college campuses. As Yale's landscape architect for 23 years, Farrand designed the landscapes for at least 16 buildings and locations around campus, including the Marsh Botanical Garden.

We will screen a short documentary about Farrand's contributions to Yale's landscape, followed by a panel conversation. Speakers include:

Karyl Evans (six-time Emmy Award-winning documentary filmmaker; director and producer of The Life and Gardens of Beatrix Farrand; Fellow of Yale University)

Kate Bolick (contributing editor at The Atlantic, author of the bestselling book Spinster: Making a Life of One's Own, and host of "Touchstones at The Mount," an annual literary interview series at Edith Wharton's country estate in Lenox, MA)

Catherine Phillips (horticulturalist who has worked in the UK and botanical gardens in the US, most recently at the Huntington Botanical Gardens, Pasadena, CA, and author of 'Connecticut motive': Beatrix Farrand and the Marsh Botanic Garden of Yale University 1922-1939)

Beka Sturges (landscape architect at Reed Hilderbrand, New Haven; her recent work includes the campus of the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, MA, and the allée project at Storm King.

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