

**APLD ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
***Connecticut and the Hudson River Valley:***  
**Renew. Refresh. Inspire.**  
**August 11-16, 2008**

In 2008, the time to renew your spirit, refresh your mind and inspire your imagination is at the APLD Connecticut and Hudson River Valley conference to be held August 11<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>. The conference will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Tarrytown in Tarrytown, New York. The local site committee for this event is made up of APLD members from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts providing a diversity of perspective that ensures this will be an event of interest to every attendee.

The pre-conference sessions on Monday, August 11 will feature three tracks of study from which attendees may select. *Certification Track* will focus on design fundamentals, drawing layout and graphics conducted by Robin Templar Williams. *Design Development Track* will offer hands-on application of artistic principles and abstract composition. Finally, the *Advanced Design Track* will feature lecture and interactive presentations on incorporating swimming pools and outdoor kitchens in our garden designs. A welcome reception will be hosted this evening at the hotel to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

The main conference will begin on Tuesday, August 12. A change in the program this year is that educational sessions will be held in the morning on each of the three main conference days, allowing the afternoon for garden design tours of Lyndhurst; Sunnyside; Westchester County; Greenwich, CT; and North Salem/Pawling, NY. Featured speakers this year include C. Colston Burrell, Steve Martino, our premier "APLD Member Spotlight" speaker Sally Court, APLD; Andy Sturgeon; James Doyle; and artist, Steve Aimone.



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Other "firsts" to the program will be two separately ticketed events. Tuesday morning will feature "breakfast of champions", a catered meal and business brainstorming session to start off your day right! Wednesday night will be the inaugural "dinner with the speakers", a unique opportunity for a casual, intimate evening of fine food and stimulating conversation with several of our world-renowned speakers. Net proceeds from the event will be donated to the APLD Student Scholarship Fund.

The closing dinner on Thursday night, sponsored by Monrovia Growers, will be a major event and is being carefully planned by the board of directors' awards committee. Along with dinner, the evening will include a ceremony to honor the recipients of this year's *Award of Distinction*, *Harry Schuster Service Award*, and *Landscape Design Awards*. Come prepared for an evening of food and pageantry! The main conference will close following the dinner this evening on August 14.



The Post-Conference on August 15 and 16 will offer excursions further up the Hudson River and into northwestern Connecticut. In these places we will visit lakeside resorts, renowned retail establishments, art exhibitions and, of course, private gardens of extraordinary quality. Tentatively scheduled are tours of *Innisfree Garden*, *White Flower Farm*, *Storm King Art Center* and *Hollister House*. We will spend Friday night in the Poughkeepsie area and return to Tarrytown on Saturday afternoon.

The final agenda and registration form will be available by May, which will be sent to all members via email; however, make your hotel and flight arrangements now!



### Transportation Information

There are several options for getting to the Doubletree Hotel Tarrytown:

1. Westchester County Airport (HPN) – 14.5 miles to the hotel.
2. La Guardia International Airport (LGA)– 30 miles to the hotel
3. JFK International Airport (JFK)– 36 miles to the hotel

Attendees of the Post-Conference should plan arriving back at the Doubletree Hotel Tarrytown on Saturday night, August 16 and should make flight arrangements for Sunday, August 17. A small block of rooms has been reserved for this evening at this hotel.

### Pre-Conference and Main Conference Hotel Information

APLD's Annual Conference will be headquartered at the **Doubletree Hotel Tarrytown**, 455 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591, (914) 631-5700. APLD has reserved a block of rooms for this conference at a room rate of \$159.00, plus applicable taxes, for single or double occupancy. This room rate is available until Thursday, July 10, 2008. Please note that the available room block may fill prior to the aforementioned cut-off date. Reservations made after the cut-off date, or if the room block has been filled, will be accepted based upon availability with the group rate. You must identify yourself as being with the Association of Professional Landscape Designers in order to receive the conference room rate.



### **Post-conference Hotel Information**

The Post Conference Tour will depart from the Doubletree Hotel Tarrytown on the morning of Friday, August 15. Accommodations for Friday night will be at the **Marriott Courtyard**, 2641 South Road, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12601, (845) 485-6336. APLD has reserved a block of rooms for Friday evening at a discounted room rate of \$119.00, plus applicable taxes, for single, double, triple or quad occupancy. This room rate is available until Friday, July 18 after which time reservations will be accepted on a space and rate available basis. You must identify yourself as being with the Association of Professional Landscape Designers in order to receive the conference room rate. All participants **must use this property for Post Conference Tour** accommodations as the bus used for the Post Conference transportation will not stop nor pick up at any other hotels.

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*Photos provided by local site committee chair, Debra Woodhouse.*