Conservation Management Plans project update

In autumn 2013, The Garden History Society uploaded the first edition of its list of Conservation Management Plans to Parks and Gardens UK, where it is still available as a free download: www.parksandgardens.org/conservation/conservation-management-plans

This list contained 1000 entries, and was compiled with tremendous support from national heritage organisations, local groups (especially County Gardens Trusts) and landscape practices, with funding from English Heritage. In response to the sector’s enthusiastic response to the project, the GHS has committed to its future and is now funding the list’s ongoing maintenance. We of course would welcome donations, however small, to support the project, and are particularly seeking sponsors for future uploads, who in return for a donation would have their logo and details on the list.

We are working to upload a second edition of the list at the end of June 2014, and are delighted that it will include new entries from major landscape practices not previously represented, students and, as always, individual submitters.

Do please use the list, making a donation, and, of course, please continue sending us details of any CMPs that you may have commissioned, written, used, or simply have on your shelves.

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Historic Landscape Project training events: do join in!

To make the most of our remaining year of English Heritage funding, we have crammed into coming months an enormous number of training events, to which all members of the Garden History Society and the County Gardens Trusts are very welcome to attend.

Working with our colleagues in the GHS conservation team and at Parks and Gardens UK (PGUK), we are intending to provide events across the country, variously dealing with Significance, Designation, Planning System Essentials, and the How and Why of putting together projects such as those working with PGUK www.parksandgardens.org to research First World War memorial landscapes and Capability Brown sites in preparation for the Capability Brown Tercentenary celebrations.

These events are still very much a work-in-progress, but as a rough guide, we have a speculative schedule of:
• Significance in the south west in June, north in July, more to be announced
• Designation moving throughout the country over the forthcoming year
• Planning System essentials (particularly planning application comment letter writing), in London in November and December
• With PGUK, developing First World War and Capability Brown Tercentenary projects, moving across the country over this summer and autumn, starting in July in Birmingham

Details of all events will be confirmed in due course so please keep looking at the GHS and Association of Gardens Trusts websites: www.gardenhistorysociety.org and www.gardenstrusts.org.uk for further information, or register your interest by emailing us at the addresses below. We hope to see you soon!

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Call for Papers
‘Capability’ Brown: Perception and response in a global context
Deadline: 31 August 2014

ICOMOS-UK is organising an international conference, at the University of Bath from 9 to 11 September 2016, to explore themes around ‘Capability Brown: perception and response in a global context’. Part of the Capability Brown Tercentenary, the conference is organised in collaboration with the University of Bath, in association with the Garden History Society and the National Trust, and supported by the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes.

As well as forming the basis of the conference, papers will also be considered for a special issue of Garden History 44 to be published in Summer 2016. To propose a conference and/or journal paper, please submit a concise one-page abstract (max. 300 words), in English, by e-mail to admin@icomas-uk.org by 31 August 2014. Full details can be found at www.icomas-uk.org/about-us/events/For further information, please contact: Sarah Yates@icomas-uk.org
10th Annual Essay Prize
The judges won't be meeting till later in June, but are already delighted by the large number and high quality of submissions this year.
We will therefore be announcing the winner in the next edition of the GHS news 94, late summer 2014.
Katie Campbell, Chair of Judges

GHS Events 2014
for full details of our events please see GHS news 93 or www.gardenhistorysociety.org/events

Warley Place and Thorndon Hall with London Parks & Gardens Trust
10.30am to 5pm, Thursday 3 July
We still have a few places left for the study visit to Warley Place and Thorndon Park, with our two excellent guides Ailsa Wildig and Sarah Green. Warley Place has recovered a lot of its garden heritage since it was last visited by the society 20 years ago and Thorndon Park with its rich palmist of history tells a fascinating story.
£35 per person including lunch. Contact Robert Peel: rma.peel@btopenworld.com

AGM and Graduate Symposium
Friday 25 July
Whilst attendance is free, if you would like lunch or dinner you will need to book. See the enclosed Form: booking closes 24 June.

A prelude to the Great War
AGM & Summer Conference
Friday 25 to Sunday 27 July
Our annual Summer Conference is a great opportunity to meet other garden historians in a convivial setting with lectures and garden visits in the company of experts in the subject. Our Conference includes the AGM & Graduate Symposium.

Edinburgh Gardens and Squares Conference
Friday 26 September
Edinburgh’s historic gardens and squares are a result of the development of the city following late 18th-century ideals of town planning. This was part of the philosophy of the Age of Enlightenment. These landscapes form an important and integral part of the Edinburgh World Heritage site.
The Conference aims to explain their significance, to celebrate them and to demonstrate how they can be maximised for the benefit of the social, economic and cultural life of the city in the 21st century.
The Conference coincides with Doors Open Day weekend when many of the gardens will be open to visitors.

Edinburgh, EH1 2PB. Contact: Peter Ranson: peter.ranson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Edinburgh Study Trip
Gardens of the Italian Lakes
Friday 3 to Thursday 9 October
There are still places available on the GHS Study Trip to landscapes and gardens in Piedmont and Lombardy, being led by Robert Peel and Mirna Colpo.
Our first days are spent in and around Biella exploring cultural landscapes and a natural reserve as well as a vineyard orne. The gardens are more diverse beside Lakes Orta and Maggiore and include the impressive Villa Taranto, the Borromeo islands and Villa della Porta Bozzolo. The last day is spent in and around Varese and includes Villa Cicogna Mazzoni, before the trip ends at Milan Malpensa Airport.
The price is £1030 per person sharing and includes all accommodation and breakfasts, most other meals, all site visits and the services of guides, and transport by coach: it does not include air transport to Turin and back from Milan, or whichever option is selected by the individual traveler.
Please note, all the single rooms have now been taken and so only friends prepared to share a room will now find accommodation.
Please contact Robert Peel at: rma.peel@btopenworld.com or Clare Marsh of Success Tours: 01225 715 952 or clare.marsh@successstours.com

Autumn Study Trip
Gardens of the Italian Lakes
Friday 3 to Thursday 9 October
There are still places available on the GHS Study Trip to landscapes and gardens in Piedmont and Lombardy, being led by Robert Peel and Mirna Colpo.
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Managing the Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal Estate
Joint Autumn Lecture with the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland
6.30pm, Monday 10 November
Michael Ridsdale. Head of Landscape, Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal Estate, National Trust, will speak about the multi-disciplinary management of this World Heritage landscape.
At Riddle’s Court, 322 Lawnmarket, Edinburgh, EH1 2PG.

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