

**Norwood Evening Garden Club**  
Norwood, Walpole, Westwood, Dedham, Medfield, Stoughton & Randolph

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**To Host Olmstead Historian**

On Tuesday, February 27, the Norwood Evening Garden Club will host Alan S. Banks who will discuss Frederic Law Olmsted and The Massachusetts Legacy. The meeting will be held at 6:45 p.m. at the Carriage House behind the First Baptist Church, 71 Bond Street, Norwood. The public is invited to attend for a small donation. Refreshments will be served.

Founded over a century ago, the Frederick Law Olmsted firm was involved in over 1200 landscape architecture projects throughout Massachusetts, ranging from expansive 500-acre public parks to intimate private gardens. One of its greatest achievements is the six-mile “emerald necklace” of ponds, parks and parkways that winds its way through Boston. Olmstead historian Alan Banks brings this rich landscape legacy alive as he explores the ideas that shaped some of the most treasured lands in Massachusetts.

Alan Banks is the Supervisory Park Ranger at the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site in Brookline. During the last 16 years, he has developed a variety of landscape walking tours, slide lectures and presentations about the Olmsteds and their work. His programs have been presented to clubs, civic groups, schools, and libraries across Massachusetts. He was a featured speaker at Wellesley College’s Davis Museum as part of their *Viewing Olmsted* exhibit and was highlighted in the Boston Globe for his walking tours of the Boston Park System.

Banks also has served as an Olmsted consultant on various projects including working with Boston's Institute of Contemporary Art on their *Art on the Emerald Necklace* exhibit and *Olmsted's Landscape Art*, a traveling photographic exhibit created in cooperation with the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. He also recently worked with National Geographic Magazine and was lauded for his "insightful interpretation" of Olmsted's work in Boston. Legacy Magazine published his article *Interpreting Cultural Landscapes: Turning the Inside Out*. Working with the National Register of Historic Places he produced *Boston's Arnold Arboretum: A Place for Study and Recreation* as part of their Teaching with Historic Places program. It is now available to teachers nationwide to use in their classrooms both in print and via the World Wide Web.

A member of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, New England Garden Clubs, and National Garden Clubs, Inc., members of the Norwood Evening Garden Club have been providing education and public beautification in Norwood and its surrounding communities since 1996. The Club, open to novice and expert gardeners, draws its members from Norwood, Walpole, Westwood, Dedham, Medfield, Randolph, and Stoughton. For information about the Norwood Evening Garden Club, contact Barbara at 781-762-1270 or visit [www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com](http://www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com).

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