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"The very process of the restoring the land to health is the process through which we become attuned to Nature and, through Nature, with ourselves."

~ Chris Maser

Dear friends,

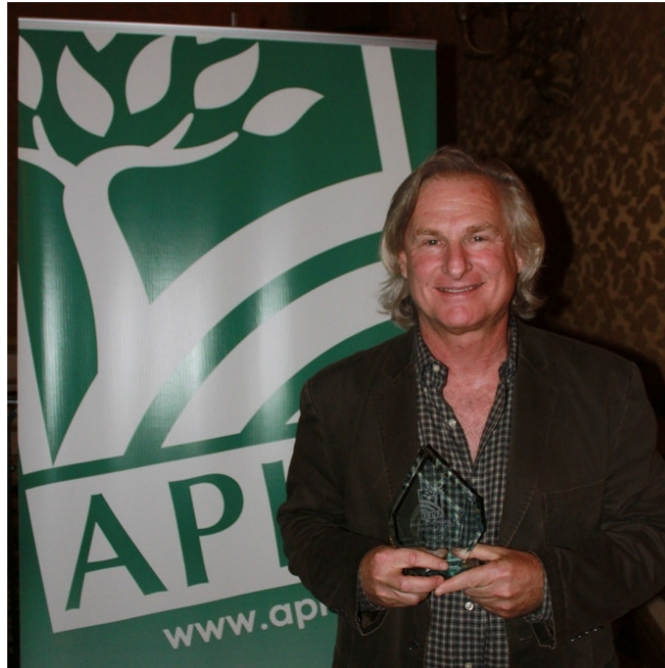
Welcome to our autumn e-journal! It has been an exciting few months. Not only have we received two international design awards, but we have been featured in an international publication and Samuel received a top international award for service to the profession! We are being published "everywhere", so be sure to read our recent company news. And please help us spread news of our firm and its successes by recommending us to friends or by joining us on Facebook.

In this e-journal we also discuss sustainable topics, especially water, and how we are implementing "green" solutions and systems. Salsbury-Schweyer is known for providing clients with gorgeous and transformational garden landscapes; each year we deepen our commitment to sustainable landscape practices. This year we built more rain gardens, designed permaculture landscapes and a residential LEED project. Let us know how we can help you, too, combine sustainability with beauty on your property. Have a great autumn!

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Samuel L. Salsbury received the 2010 APLD Harry Schuster Award

To a standing ovation, Samuel L. Salsbury was presented with The Association of Professional Landscape Designer's (APLD) prestigious "Harry Schuster Award" at their International Conference in Dallas! This is their highest honor, recognizing service to the organization and profession. Samuel, we are very proud of you. Congratulations! Read the press release on our [website](#).

Perennial Plant Association - Green Portland

In July we attended an excellent PPA conference in Portland Oregon. A highlight was the storm water management bus tour. Portland is using plants to solve much of its storm water issues, something that much of the country can learn from. Hearing about and visiting many types of green roofs, as well the conversations of the many horticultural experts on the tour, was fascinating. Photo at top shows a sedum green roof planting.

In Portland ornamental and edible plantings were everywhere: front yard rain gardens and perennial plantings, veggies on treelawns, permaculture plantings outside businesses... even city hall had an edible landscape!

Here is a Portland hostel, that not only utilizes many of the "green" principles but also explains them in signage. We took many photos to supplement our lectures on sustainable landscaping.



Water Harvesting, Green Roof and Sustainable Landscaping at a quirky Portland, Oregon Youth Hostel.

Company News

Samuel L. Salsbury is Lecturing at the Int'l Pool Spa Patio Expo

Samuel will be speaking at the International Pool, Spa & Patio Expo in Las Vegas. His topic: Designing Outdoor Rooms: An Exploration in the Creative Use of Space.

Salsbury-Schweyer, Inc Receives Another International Landscape Design Award

Salsbury-Schweyer was recently presented with a Design Award at the Association of Professional Landscape Designer's (APLD) International Conference in Dallas. **Garden Design** and **Horticulture magazines' websites** are featuring photography of the award winning project.

Splash! Magazine

SPLASH! Magazine, a leading international pool and spa magazine, features photos and commentary from Salsbury-Schweyer, Inc as leaders in sustainability in an article chronicling the popularity of being green by going native. Read the full article [Going Native, American Style](#).

Fine Gardening Magazine

In the December issue of Fine Gardening, Sabrena writes a "Regional Expert" page, recommending favorite plants for wet soils. Her choices (narrowed down by the editors) include: *Astilboides tabularis* (Astilboides), *Chelone lyonii* 'Hot Lips' (Turtlehead), *Cephalanthus occidentalis* (Buttonbush) and *Petasites japonica ssp. giganteus* (Giant Japanese butterbur, Samuel's favorite). If you don't already read *Fine Gardening*, maybe you should pick up a copy at the newsstand. It is one of the best gardening magazines out there.

Canton Repository

The Canton Repository did a feature story on one of our award winning gardens in North Canton. Read it here [A Garden Sanctuary](#).

Habitat For Humanity Go Green Project

The Habitat For Humanity landscape is now complete! See our photo journal of the raingarden construction and landscape installation on [Facebook](#). Read the feature story in the Akron Beacon Journal, [Habitat for Humanity Building Planet-Friendly House in Canton](#).



Hickory Rain Garden

Salsbury-Schweyer led a group of volunteers in building a raingarden at the New Urbanism Development, Hickory near downtown Akron.

Salsbury-Schweyer, Inc is now on Facebook!

We are pleased to announce that Salsbury-Schweyer, Inc now has a company page on

Facebook. Follow us by clicking on the "Like" button. You'll find photographs, new plants, garden tips, and interesting articles -maybe even some videos in the months to come! We look forward to staying in touch with you.

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Q & A:

What is the big deal about "stormwater" and why should it be managed differently?

As more and more paved surfaces replace natural green spaces, rain and melting snow cannot readily percolate into the ground; this water instead flows quickly across roads, parking lots, etc, into nearby streams or sewers. Excessive stormwater results in flooded streets and basements, erosion problems, and contaminated water entering our natural streams and waterways. This is especially problematic in regions, like ours, where the storm sewers and sanitary sewers are combined. The EPA has mandated that sewer system improvements be made in Akron, Cleveland, and in many communities across the country.

These system improvements are extremely expensive. The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and many other regions plan to assess fees to offset some of the costs of updating stormwater management systems. Homes and businesses pay these fees based on the amount of "impervious surfaces", such as roofs or pavement, on their properties.

Fortunately, there are "green" methods that may be used in conjunction with more conventional systems. For example, stormwater may be retained on site with raingardens, green roofs, rain catchment systems (cisterns and rain barrels). Permeable paving allows water to percolate into the ground. Streamside vegetation and wetlands hold and filter water, provide habitat and stabilize nature's systems. By employing some, or all, of these solutions, property owners may receive a reduction in fees assessed.

Besides the environmental and health benefits, (and the potential cost savings), there are additional ways "green" stormwater solutions can add value just as a park does. For more information or assistance in implementing these, or other sustainable solutions, please give us a call.

Regional Events of Interest

Native Plant and Sustainability Conference

Date: Saturday November 13th

Location: Phipps Garden Center in Mellon Park, Pittsburgh PA

Details: The Native Plant and Sustainability Conference is an annual event designed for all who appreciate native plants and sustainable landscape management and want to learn more. At the conference, experts share thier knowledge on a variety of topics, including landscape design, great native plants, sustainable practices, plant and wildlife ecology, and the natural history of the region.

Feature Presentations:

- From Art to Landscape, Unleashing Creativity in Garden Design, by our inspiring friend and colleague, W. Gary Smith
- Listening to the Landscape: Using Nature's Clues to Design a Garden that Works, by Scott LaFleur
- Rare Plants and Plant Communities of Pennsylvania, by Dr. Ann Rhoads
- Meadowscaping in Urban and Suburban Places, by Catherine Zimmerman

For more information: Call 412.441.4442 or visit

phipps.conservatory.org

OARDC and Secrest Arboretum hit by Tornado

The Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Secrest Arboretum and surrounding Wooster, Ohio homes and businesses were damaged by tornado on September 16, 2010. Fortunately, there was only one minor physical injury. Damage to buildings and trees was extensive. The count of large fallen trees on the OARDC campus and Secrest Arboretum is over 1500, with many of these trees well over 10-20 inches in diameter, including 42" oaks and a 53" sycamore. The Ag Engineering Building at OARDC was the building most damaged and the nursery and greenhouse engineering lab headed by the USDA's Charles Krause was devastated. Students and faculty lost a great deal of research and valuable germplasm in greenhouses.

Fall Garden Tips

Perennial Maintenance

- Clean up perennial beds as needed. Dispose of any potentially diseased leaves (iris, peonies, roses, etc.) and dying annuals. Cut unsightly perennials back to basal foliage, leaving those that are evergreen. Also, leave those that are attractive for interest and wildlife value (e.g. coneflower seed heads.) Note that a few plants such as garlic chives and black-eyed susans, are prolific seeders and may spread in the garden.
- When the foliage turns yellow or brown, dig and store any tender summer bulbs such as dahlias, gladiolus, and canna. Before storing, gently squeeze the bulbs to check for good health. They should feel firm, not mushy or hollow. Store in a cool dry place until spring.
- Plant spring bulbs as soon as possible. If necessary, first work some compost or other rich organic material into the soil. Daffodils can be planted up until the first freeze.
- Subshrubs, such as lavender and Russian sage, may be lightly trimmed but should not be cut back.

Protection

- Trim or fasten any plants that may be damaged by winter's harsh winds. Burlap may be used as a wind block.
- Spray broadleaf evergreens with Wilt-pruf in November when the temperature is above 40 degrees to protect leaves and hold in moisture. Reapply in January or February if climate allows.

Watering

- From mid-late November - mid-December is the ideal time to water your evergreens, dogwoods and newly planted trees before winter.

Mulching

- Mulch plants after the first freeze to protect them against winter heaving. (Winter heaving is the alternate freezing and thawing of soil that can lift shallow-rooted plants out of the ground.)
- It is also important to mound your tender roses and colored hydrangeas (which may not be fully hardy) with 1 - 2 feet of soil and/or mulch to protect them until spring. Otherwise, they may die back and not bloom in our Zone 5 climate. Many of the newer shrub roses and *Hydrangea* 'Endless Summer' will not need to be mounded.
- Rhododendrons, azaleas, and mountain laurel especially benefit from mulching.

Fall & Winter Pond Care

Salsbury-Schweyer, Inc is well known for our work with water, particularly with the

natural looking, ecological ponds found in many of our landscapes.

These ponds are designed to be very low maintenance, but there are a few steps to take that will keep your pond looking great, and your plants and fish healthy and happy until spring thaw.

Cover Your Pond

Remove fallen leaves from the pond, as they can be harmful for fish. Leaves that remain in the pond may create toxic gases when decaying. If you use a pond net to collect leaves, remove leaves from it as well. It is important that the net does not stay on the pond with leaves in it for an extended period of time. This can cause discoloration of the water and can stain the rocks.

Eliminate Fish Food

You should stop feeding your fish when the water temperature reaches 55 or 60 degrees. The colder it gets, the slower their metabolism, and what little sustenance they need they will get by eating vegetation and other pond life. In fact, it can be harmful to feed your fish during the colder winter months.

Clean Up Plants

Cut back your perennial pond plants and remove annuals. This will minimize the amount of debris and plant material in your pond which, as it decomposes, may create toxic gases that are harmful to fish.

Overwintering Options

There are two options with regard to overwintering your pond. In either case, be sure to blow all water out of your auto refill valve and water line.

To shut your pond down, first unplug the pump and remove it from the water. Store the pump in a frost-free location, submerged in a bucket of water to prevent the seals from drying. Never turn off your waterfall and leave your pump in the water to freeze. This will cause permanent & irreparable damage to the unit. If you have fish, maintain a small recirculating pump (or aerator) that bubbles at the water surface to oxygenate the water for your fish. Running this pump will keep a hole in the ice to allow for the gas exchange needed to keep your fish alive. You must then use a floating de-icer (placed away from the bubbler) to maintain the surface hole by keeping the water temperature at just above freezing due to our area's colder temperatures.

To keep your waterfall running, and enjoy ice formations and patterns, observe the spill area periodically to make sure that an ice dam does not form which may cause an overflow. Keep an eye on water level and replace water loss as necessary. This will ensure that the pump runs properly.

Note: For details on winterizing your particular system, check your owner's manual or call Samuel Salisbury at 330.375.9600.

About Us

[Salsbury-Schweyer, Inc](#) is a nationally recognized, award-winning landscape design firm specializing in personal gardens, water-features and sustainable landscapes. Principle designers, Samuel L. Salisbury, APLD, and Sabrena Schweyer, APLD, incorporate a broad palette of plants with natural materials such as stone, water and wood, to create landscapes that are rich in experience and enduring value.

Inspiration is gathered from nature and from travels to many of the world's finest gardens. Each garden is a reflection of its owner, designed to create an artistic experience meaningful to them, full of life and continual change. The designs of Salsbury-Schweyer, Inc set the standard for a new culture of homeowner - those in search of beautiful, individual, low maintenance and earth-friendly landscapes.

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