

Peter J. Olin, FASLA

University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum



Peter J. Olin is a Professor of Landscape Architecture in the Department of Horticultural Science and the Director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, University of Minnesota. He was educated at Cornell University (B.S. in Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture, 1961); The University of California, Berkeley (Landscape Architecture, 1961-1962); the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (Master of Landscape Architecture, 1971); and received a diploma from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, England (Botanic Garden Management Course, 1994).

Professor Olin has taught in the Departments of Landscape Architecture and Horticultural Science at the University of Minnesota and has also taught at the University of Massachusetts. He has taught design, planning, landscape construction, theory, and planting materials, and presently Public Garden Management.

At the Arboretum he is involved with master planning, setting research and educational direction, garden development, model landscapes, sustainable landscape instruction, visitor services and fund raising. He also works with 180 staff, 800 volunteers and 18,000 members.

In October 1993, Professor Olin was made Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects. He has served on the Board of the Landscape Architecture Foundation, and the Council of Fellows, as well as various ASLA committees. He presently serves on the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Foundation Board, advisory committees of Linnaeus Arboretum at Gustavus Adolphus College, and other groups. He consults on Arboretum management and program review to other gardens around the country. Most recently he served on the Longwood Gardens/University of Delaware Masters Degree program review.

Professor Olin is also a member of the Eastcliff Development Committee, (U of M President's Residence), Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association, and the State Shade Tree Advisory Committee.

He has presented and published many articles and papers on landscape architecture, gardening, and arboretum/botanic garden management including Funding Botanic Gardens, and Arboreta in the 21st Century, BGCI, London, Endowment and Your Capital Campaign, AABGA, New York, The Real American Garden, New York Botanic Garden, Models of Sustainable Development at Botanic Gardens and Arboreta, Tver State University, Tver, Russia, and Managing Public Gardens in Uncertain Economic Times, University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia.



Spring Peeper Meadow, University of Minnesota Arboretum - Chaska, MN
Designed by Fred Rozumalski



University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Oswald Visitor Center - Chaska, MN
Designed by Rafferty Rafferty Tollefson Architects



Tree House Exhibit, University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Summer 2004
Tree Man!, Designed by Marjorie Pitz, FASLA