



Northwest Flower & Garden Show

Judges Biographies

Laurie Olin

Laurie Olin is the Principal of Olin Partnership, and is one of America's most distinguished Landscape Architects practicing today. His numerous award-winning design projects include campuses, urban design and parks. His work extends to Bryant Park and Battery Park in New York City, The Getty Center in Los Angeles, Stanford University, Yale University and most recently, Harvard University design projects. He has written widely on the history and theory of architecture and landscape, receiving the Bradford Williams medal for best writing on Landscape Architecture. Books include *Across the Open Field* (1999) and *Transforming the Commonplace* (1996), as well as *La Foce: A Garden and Landscape in Tuscany*, which he co-authored. He was raised in Alaska and is a graduate of the University of Washington.

Ron Rule

One of Canada's best known garden historians, Ron Rule is a registered Landscape Architect and the founder and director of the Certificate in Garden Design program at the University of British Columbia. Ron has lead many successful garden design tours to Europe and regularly lectures to garden groups throughout British Columbia and the western United States. In addition, he has written a monthly design column for *Gardenwise* magazine since its inception in 2001. Since 1975 Ron has operated his own design practice specializing in estate gardens and many of his designs have been featured in prominent publications in Canada, the United States and England.

Timothy Walker

Timothy Walker is the director of the University of Oxford Botanic Garden, which serves as a national reference collection of 7,000 different types of plants and has the most compact yet diverse collection of plants in the world. Timothy joined the staff of the University of Oxford Botanic Garden in 1980 as a trainee gardener and now as the director his position involves a mixture of teaching, administration and fundraising. In 1997 he was elected to the Ernest Cook Lectureship in Plant Conservation at Somerville College Oxford. Timothy has traveled all over the world in search of not only gardens but also to explore plants growing in their native habitats.

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