

MATTHEW J. CUNNINGHAM, CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Matthew Cunningham Landscape Design LLC, Stoneham, MA

2004–present

Founder | Principal

Matthew Cunningham Landscape Design LLC is award-winning, Boston-based firm committed to producing lush, balanced, contextual landscapes for high-end residential clientele throughout the Northeast. Guided by a spirited and collaborative process, MCLD creates and implements meaningful, authentic design solutions that embrace the complexities of each site and grasp the dynamic rhythms of everyday life. Each garden incorporates existing site features and strengthens the connections between interior and exterior spaces. Our environmentally distinctive approach results from a unique understanding of what it means to live in seasonal New England.

Selected works:

Maine:

Front Ridge, Private Residence, Penobscot
Le Petit Chalet, Private Residence, Southwest Harbor — with William McHenry Architects
Clamshell Alley, Private Residence, Lamoine
Duck Down, Private Residence, Rockport — with Hugh Newell Jacobsen Architects
Emery Community Arts Center, University of Maine, Farmington — with DesignLAB Architects

Massachusetts:

Lower Mystic Lake House, Private Residence, Arlington — with Ruhl Walker Architects
Boyce Farm, Private Residence, Lincoln — with Ruhl Walker Architects
Valentine Park, Private Residence, West Newton — with LDa Architects
Dune Garden, Private Residence, Brewster — with LDa Architects
Ward Street Garden, Private Residence, Newton — with LDa Architects
Windsor Road, Private Residence, Newton — with Eck MacNeely Architects
Hemlock House, Private Residence, Cambridge — with Charles R. Myer & Partners
Cartwright Road, Private Residence, Needham — with Charles R. Myer & Partners
Beacon Hill Courtyard, Private Residence, Boston — with Charles R. Myer & Partners
Cambridge House, Private Residence, Cambridge — with Anmahian Winton Architects
Washington Park, Private Residence, Newton — with John Altobello Architecture
Turtle Rock Farm, Private Residence, Westport — with Dewing, Schmid, Kearns Architects + Planners
Beachtree House, Private Residence, Truro — with Architects Studio
Warren Estate, Private Residence, Brookline — with Claudia Noury-Ello Architects
Beech Ledge, Private Residence, Brookline — with Claudia Noury-Ello Architects
Longwood Garden, Private Residence, Brookline — with Stern McCafferty Architects
Pine Road Garden, Private Residence, Brookline — with Frank Shirley Architects
Nashawtuc Hill, Private Residence, Concord — with Ahearn Schopfher Associates
Chestnut Hill Garden, Private Residence, Chestnut Hill — with Meyer and Meyer Architects
Waban Green Home, Private Residence, Waban — with William Maclay Architects
Howlett House, Belmont — Architecture by the late Walter Gropius and Architects Collaborative
Kat's Garden, Private Residence, Cambridge
Farlow Hill Garden, Private Residence, Newton
Lockwood Road, Private Residence, West Newton
Belmont Hill Garden, Private Residence, Belmont
South End Courtyard, Private Residence, Boston
Harriet's Garden, Private Residence, Boston
Davis Square Garden, Private Residence, Somerville
Claypit Hill Garden, Private Residence, Wayland
Charles River Garden, Private Residence, Needham
Moorefield Gardens, Private Residence, Chestnut Hill
Bristol Road Garden, Private Residence, Wellesley
Commonwealth Avenue Rooftop, Private Residence, Boston
Hastings Lane, Private Residence, Medford — Architecture by the late Jack Sarness
Lawrence Road Garden, Private Residence, Chestnut Hill — with Robert Hanss Landscape Construction, Inc.
Clark Street Garden, Private Residence, Belmont — with Robert Hanss Landscape Construction, Inc.
Trinitarian Congregational Church, Planting Design, Wayland — with Maple Hill Architects

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, (CONTINUED)

Reed Hilderbrand Associates, Inc., Watertown, MA

2000–2004

Project Manager | Designer | Technical Assistant

Valued team member on wide range of award-winning projects at medium-size landscape architecture firm. Gained excellent management skills, technical savvy, and strong organizational abilities. Collaborated with wide range of architects, interior designers, engineers, and contractors; coordinated and observed construction practices for high-end residential and institutional clients throughout New England. Peer collaboration drew from extensive personal plant knowledge and experience with construction processes.

Selected works:

Connecticut:

Yale University, Institute of Social Policy and Study, New Haven

Maine:

Rosserne, Private Residence, Northeast Harbor

2009 Merit Award for Design, Boston Society of Landscape Architects

Massachusetts:

Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University: M. Victor and Frances Levintritt Garden, Jamaica Plain

2007 Award of Excellence for Design, American Society of Landscape Architects

Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute, Williamstown

Mount Auburn Cemetery, Maple Avenue, Cambridge

Carrisbroke Lane, Private Residence, Wellesley

Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, The Robert McBride House, Boston

2004 Merit Award for Design, Boston Society of Landscape Architects

Oliver Lane, Private Residence, Dennis

The First Church of Christ, Scientist | Mary Baker Eddy Library, Boston

2003 Merit Award for Design, American Society of Landscape Architects

Chestnut Street Garden, Private Residence, West Newton

New Hampshire:

The St. Paul's School, Chapel of St. Peter and St. Paul, Concord

New Jersey:

Stone Hill Farm, Private Residence, Colt's Neck

New York:

AP Farm, Private Residence, Cross River

Case Library Expansion, Colgate University, Hamilton

Waccabuc, Private Residence, Waccabuc

World Trade Center Memorial Competition, New York

Mainscape, Inc., Blue Hill, ME

1997–2000

Nursery Manager | Designer | Sales Associate

Executed all stages of private garden design and installation; supervised employees, upheld customer relations and selected retail and wholesale merchandise. Advised customers on all aspects of plant care and placement with attention to use of native species. Developed strong community relations and presented to area garden clubs on the topics of alpine plants, shade gardening, the genus *Hosta*, and seasonal garden maintenance.

Rocky Ridge Perennials, Orland, ME

1992–1997

Assistant Nursery Manager | Grower | Sales Associate

Designed and maintained extensive display gardens and practiced multiple propagation techniques for herbaceous and woody plant materials. Gained critical hands-on experience with landscape construction and carpentry practices. Co-taught interactive workshops to gardeners on the topics of: perennial bed design, organic composting, improving soil structure, container gardening, plant propagation, and insect/pest control.

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EDUCATION | ACADEMIC HONORS

Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA

Master in Landscape Architecture, June, 2006

Certificate of Honor for Academic Excellence, American Society of Landscape Architects, 2006

James N. Snitzler Scholarship Recipient, 2004–2006

Harvard University Teaching Fellowship, awarded by Department of Landscape Architecture, 2004–2005

Honorable Mention, Urban Land Institute Student Design Competition, 2005

University of Massachusetts, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Amherst, MA

Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture, cum laude, May, 2000

Special focus in environmental geology, soil ecology, earth systems sciences

Certificate of Honor for Academic Excellence, American Society of Landscape Architects, 2000

Faculty Choice Award, for outstanding academic performance and contribution to LARP department, 2000

Elected president of University of Massachusetts Student ASLA chapter, 1999–2000

Sigma Lambda Alpha Honor Society, 2000

Golden Key National Honor Society, 1998

Academic Dean's List, 1997–2000

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Registered Landscape Architect in the State of Maine, (#LAR3299)

Registered Landscape Architect in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (#4053)

CLARB – Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards, (CLARB Record #28652), record started 2007

ASLA – American Society of Landscape Architects, member since 1998

BSLA – Boston Society of Landscape Architects, associate member; assistant program coordinator, 2000

APLD – Association of Professional Landscape Designers, professional member since 2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA

GSD 6214M3: Plants In Design, Teaching Assistant, Spring, 2006

Instructor: Gary R. Hilderbrand

GSD 1211: Third Semester Core: Planning and Design of Landscapes, Teaching Fellow, Fall, 2005

Instructors: Christian Werthmann, Scheri Fultineer

GSD 1112: Second Semester Core: Landscape Architecture Design, Teaching Fellow, Spring, 2005

Instructors: Dorothee Imbert, Paula Meijerink

DESIGN JURIES

Design Critic, UMass, Amherst, Placemaking in the Regional Landscape, Final Review, LA606, Spring, 2013

Design Critic, Northeastern University, Boston, 2nd year Final Review, LARCH 2130, Fall, 2012

Design Critic, UMass, Amherst, Residential Garden Design Final Review, 397A, Fall, 2011

Design Critic, Wentworth Institute of Technology, 3rd year BArch Review, Fall, 2008

Design Juror, Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Career Discovery Program, Summer, 2008

Design Juror, Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Career Discovery Program, Summer, 2007

Design Critic, Boston Architectural College, LA302, New Orleans Landscape Studio, Fall, 2006

Design Critic, Boston Architectural College, Introductory Studio to Landscape Design, Spring, 2006

Design Critic, UMass, LDARC 397B, Parks and Open Space Studio, Fall, 2005

Design Juror, Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, GSD 1211, Third Semester Core, Fall, 2005

Design Juror, Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Career Discovery Program, Summer, 2005

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PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 2016
Boston Society of Landscape Architects Residential Merit Award
Cambridge Garden, Cambridge, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Cambridge Garden, Cambridge, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Beacon Hill Courtyard, Boston, Massachusetts
International Silver Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Clamshell Alley, Lamoine, Maine
"Best of Boston 2016" Awarded by *Boston Home Magazine*
"Best of Houzz 2016" Awarded by *Houzz.com*
"Ocean Home's Top 50 Landscape Architects of 2016," awarded by *Ocean Home Magazine*
- 2015
Boston Society of Landscape Architects Residential Merit Award
The Winslow Garden (Kat's Garden), Cambridge, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Kat's Garden, Cambridge, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Longwood Garden, Brookline, Massachusetts
2015 Ocean Homes Magazine Platinum List — Honorable Mention for Best Landscape Architect
Le Petit Chalet, Southwest Harbor, Maine
"2014 Residential Tennis Facility-of-the-Year" awarded by American Sports Builders Association (ASBA)
Valentine Park, West Newton, Massachusetts
"Best of Houzz 2015" Awarded by *Houzz.com*
- 2014
American Society of Landscape Architects Residential Honor Award
Le Petit Chalet, Southwest Harbor, Maine
Boston Society of Landscape Architects Residential Merit Award
Longwood Garden, Brookline, Massachusetts
"Best Pool House of 2013" awarded by Nanawall
Valentine Park, West Newton, Massachusetts
Selected Exhibitor, Suburbia Transformed Design Competition, James Rose Center, Ridgewood, NJ
Longwood Garden, Brookline, Massachusetts
International Merit Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Beech Ledge Garden, Brookline, Massachusetts
"Best of Houzz 2014" Awarded by *Houzz.com*
- 2013
"5 Under 40" Awarded by *New England Home* — 1st landscape architect to receive honor;
The 5 Under 40 awards program recognizes the hottest emerging talent in residential design in New England
"Best of Boston 2013" Awarded by *Boston Home Magazine*
"Best of Houzz 2013" Awarded by *Houzz.com*
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Belmont Hill Residence, Belmont, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Farlow Hill Residence, Newton, Massachusetts
International Merit Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Valentine Park, West Newton, Massachusetts
International Merit Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Front Ridge, Penobscot, Maine
- 2012
Citation from Boston Society of Architects, project team-member with DesignLAB Architects
Emery Community Arts Center, University of Maine, Farmington, ME
International Merit Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Charles River Garden, Needham, Massachusetts
Boston Society of Landscape Architects Residential Merit Award
Le Petit Chalet, Southwest Harbor, Maine
LEED Gold Rating from U.S. Green Building Council
Valentine Park, West Newton, Massachusetts
LEED Silver Rating from U.S. Green Building Council
Hemlock House, Cambridge, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Le Petit Chalet, Southwest Harbor, Maine

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- 2011 International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
South End Courtyard, Boston, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Le Petit Chalet, Southwest Harbor, Maine
- 2010 Selected Exhibitor, Suburbia Transformed Design Competition, James Rose Center, Ridgewood, NJ
Front Ridge Residence, Penobscot, Maine
Boston Society of Landscape Architects Residential Merit Award
Front Ridge Residence, Penobscot, Maine
- 2009 Boston Society of Landscape Architects Residential Merit Award
Belmont Hill Residence, Belmont, Massachusetts
- 2008 Safe Harbor Habitat Restoration Award — Beachtree House Residence, Truro, Massachusetts

LECTURES | WORKSHOPS | EXHIBITIONS | PANELS | TOURS

- Guest Panelist, LABash 2016 at The Ohio State University
The Knowlton School, Columbus, Ohio, April 7, 2016
- Judge, 2016 Mentors in Design Awards, Design New England, Spring 2016
- Guest Speaker, Gropius House
The Bridges House, Concord, MA, April 17, 2015
- Guest Speaker, Granite State Landscape Architects Annual Meeting
The Bridges House, Concord, MA, April 17, 2015
- APLD New England Chapter 12th Annual Meeting and Panel Discussion at New England Grows
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Boston, MA, February 5, 2015
- Design New England and Historic New England*, Boston Design Week Presentation — “Reimagining the Otis House”
Guest Speaker with Architect: Patrick Ahearn, and Interior Designer: Steven Favreau; Boston, MA, March, 2014
- APLD New England Chapter Winter Talk — “Award Winners Insights”
Weston Public Library, Weston, MA, March, 2014
- New Jersey Society of Landscape Architects Annual Meeting & 50th Anniversary: “Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future”
Guest Speaker; presentation of built works, Atlantic City, NJ, January, 2014
- APLD New England Regional Garden Tour — MCLD hosted afternoon tour of “Warren Estate” and “Beech Ledge”
Brookline, MA, July, 2013
- Design New England* 2013 Salon Series — “Now and Future Classics: Creating Designs That Will Stand the Test of Time”
Guest Speaker; Wellesley, MA, — May, 2013
- South End Garden Tour — MCLD’s “Harriet’s Garden” featured on tour, Boston, MA, June, 2012
- South End Garden Tour — MCLD’s “South End Courtyard” featured on tour, Boston, MA, June, 2010
- Guest Speaker, Ervin Zube Lecture Series, University of Massachusetts, Amherst — Presentation of Built Works, 2010
- Guest Speaker, Heights Crossing, Brockton, MA, Presentation of Campus Design Process to Residents, Fall, 2009
- Matthew Cunningham—Collage, Starbucks, Watertown, MA, 2007–2008
- THREE — exhibition of photography and collage with Scarlett Bartlett and Jessica Ward Bartenhagen, Boston, MA, 2007
- Guest speaker, University of Massachusetts, Amherst — Learning To Look: Graphic Language and Design Process, 2005
- Treework — Vegetal Iconography, with Reed Hilderbrand Associates, Inc., Harvard Graduate School of Design, 2005
- Landscape Architecture — The Intimate Expanse, exhibition of alumni works, University Gallery, Amherst, MA, 2004
- Keynote speaker, Bucksport High School Commencement Ceremony, Bucksport, ME, 2004
- Guest speaker, University of Massachusetts, Amherst — LARP Young Designer Panel, 2004
- Portfolio Development Workshop, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2004 and 2005
- Student Address — IA Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2000
- UMASS Portfolio Workshop, coordinated and led student workshop with guest critics from regional firms, 2000
- Untitled exhibition of botanical sketches — drawings on display at Mainescape Garden Center, Blue Hill, ME, 1998–2000
- NARGS Downeast Garden Tour — exhibition of private gardens, Bucksport, ME, 1998

PRESS, PUBLICATIONS, AND INTERVIEWS

- "A Waterside Retreat at Squam Lake," by Debbie Kane, *New Hampshire Home*, pp. 58–67, July/August, 2016
- "Prince of Tides," by Sandy Giardi, *BDG Cape & Islands Edition*, pp. 30–35, Summer 2016
- "Landscape Architect Visit: Clamshell Alley on the Coast of Maine," by Michelle Slatalla, *Gardenista*, July 4, 2016
- "Good Natured," by Andrea Timpano, *Boston Home Magazine Blog*, May 24, 2016
- "Wild by Design: Nestled & Native," by Thad Orr, *Garden Design*, pp. 126–139, Spring, 2016
- "Where Have All the Good Plants Gone?" by Matthew Cunningham for *The Designer*, Spring, 2016
- "A Little Piece of Paradise," by Paula M. Bodah; *New England Home*, pp. 146–147, March/April, 2016
- "After the Hurricane: The Resurrection of a Wild Garden in Maine," by Michelle Slatalla, *Gardenista*, November 8, 2015
- "The Cunningham Perspective," by Matthew Cunningham, *BSLA Fieldbook*, pp. 56–57, Fall/Winter, 2015
- "What Makes A Great Outdoor Living Space?" by Valarie Easton and David Despau, *Garden Design*, Summer, 2015
- "Outdoor Living Inspirations: Restoration," by Daphne Howland for *Cabin Living*, pp. 41–43, April, 2015
- "Cambridge House," *Architectural Record*, New Houses Blog, February, 20, 2015
- "Small Treasure," by Paula M. Bodah; *New England Home*, pp. 60–65, November/December, 2014
- "ASLA's 2014 Best Residential Garden Winners," by Lise Funderburg, *Architectural Digest Daily Blog*, November, 20, 2014
- "Acadia Remade," by Jane Berger, *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, pp. 90–96, Volume 104 No11, November, 2014
- "At-Home Getaway," by Sandy Giardi, *Boston Design Guide 18th Annual Edition*, 2014-2015
- "Le Petit Chalet," *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, p. 140, Volume 104 No10, October 2014
- "Cultivating Garden Style," by Rochelle Grayer; *Timber Press*, p. 162, September, 2014
- "Beech Ledge," by APLD in *The Designer*, Fall, 2014
- "Q and A with Landscape Architect Matthew Cunningham," by Paula M. Bodah; *New England Home*, June, 2014
- "Out and About," *Design New England*, March/April p. 23 + Online Bonus Video of "Reimagining the Otis House," 2014
- "5 Under 40 Awards: Designers To Watch," by Kaitlin Madden; *New England Home*, September/October, 2013
- "Valentine Park," by APLD in *The Designer*, Fall, 2013
- "Belmont Hill Residence," by APLD in *The Designer*, Fall, 2013
- "Farlow Hill Residence," by APLD in *The Designer*, Fall, 2013
- "Front Ridge Residence," by APLD in *The Designer*, Fall, 2013
- "Sublime Coastal Woods Gain a Healthy New Foothold in Maine," by Becky Harris for *Houzz.com*, August, 2013
- "Great Outdoors: The 'Plant Geek'," by Katie Tandy; *Design Bureau*, p. 54, May/June, 2013
- "A Gem in the Heart of the City," by Paula M. Bodah; *New England Home*, March/April, 2013
- "One + Only," by Jill Connors; *Design New England*, March/April, 2013
- "The Ins & Outs of Houzz," by Dianna Borsi O'Brien; *Landscape Management Blog*, March 18, 2013
- "A Victorian Treasure Revealed," by Architect and Author, John Altobello for *KOO de Monde Blog*, March 6, 2013
- "Cottage - Garden Charisma," by Jackie Torres for *Cottages and Bungalows*, Volume 7, NO. 3, March/April, 2013
- "Postage Stamp Garden Delivers in Boston," by Annie Thornton for *Houzz.com*, January, 2013
- "Add Style With Retaining Walls," by *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Sunday, February 3, 2013
- "Charles River Garden," by APLD in *The Designer*, Fall, 2012
- "The Big Picture," by John Kmitta; *Landscape and Irrigation*, May/June, 2012
- "Landscape Tour: Two Acres of Rural Hillside in Maine," by Becky Harris for *Houzz.com*, May, 2012
- "Garden Tour: Colorful, Serene Woodland Near Boston," by Becky Harris for *Houzz.com*, March, 2012
- "In Plain Sight," by Pamela Reynolds; *Design New England*, May/June, 2012
- "Setting the Scenery," by Paula M. Bodah; *New England Home*, March/April, 2012
- "Le Petit Chalet," by Chuck Bowen; *Lawn & Landscape*, March, 2012
- "Designer Snapshot: Rolling with Rock," by Paula M. Bodah; *New England Home Design Blog*, March, 2012
- "Le Petit Chalet," by APLD in *The Designer*, Summer, 2011
- "South End Courtyard," by APLD in *The Designer*, Summer, 2011
- "Suburban Revolution," by Debra Prinzing for *Garden Design*, November/December, 2010
- "A Yankee Vision," by Joseph Giovannini for *Architectural Digest*, October, 2010