

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Matthew Cunningham Landscape Design, Melrose, MA

2004–present

Founder | Principal

Primary designer of residential, public, and institutional properties of multiple scales throughout New England. Design philosophy hinges extensively on collaborative process with clients to create expressive and environmentally savvy landscape designs. Built works engage existing site features and merge new program elements to expand spatial relationships between interior and exterior spaces. Current works feature full conceptual and schematic design, master planning, design development, construction documentation, coordination, and observation.

Selected works:

Maine:

John and Kathy Clapp, Private Residence, Penobscot
Masthill Road, Private Residence, Bucksport
Wight's Lane Farm, Private Residence, Bucksport
Sedgwick Town Office, Masterplan, Sedgwick

Massachusetts:

Scarlett Bartlett and Adrian Gill, Private Residence, Medford
Robert and Lynne Delise, Private Residence, Belmont
Tomas Boc and Florentien de Rooter, Private Residence, Somerville
Anna Maria Anthony and Peter Bradley, Private Residence, Hingham
Nick and Molly Booth, Private Residence, Chestnut Hill
Andrew and Jennifer Braunstein, Private Residence, Weston
Susan Goldwitz and David Deininger, Private Residence, Brookline
Bob and Jean Bellows, Private Residence, Boston
Robert and Jamie Weintraub, Private Residence, Weston
AJ Kassenaar, Private Residence, Chestnut Hill—with Robert Hanss Landscape Construction, Inc.
Clare O'Connell and Michael Collora, Private Residence, Newton
Eliza and Doug Burden, Private Residence, Arlington
Elise and Ethan Hobitzelle, Private Residence, Watertown
Valarie Kinkade and Kevin Grant, Private Residence, Concord
Eve Odiorne Sullivan, Private Residence, Cambridge
Yannis Doganis and Elena Komioti, Private Residence, Chestnut Hill
Micah and Linnea O'Neil, Private Residence, Wellesley
Paul Mydelski and Elizabeth Carney, Private Residence, Truro
Sean and Nancy Hill, Private Residence, Wellesley
Erin and Jeffery Carlon, Private Residence, Chelmsford
Timothy Albright and Sarah Baker, Private Residence, Cambridge
Cecilia Kottman, Private Residence, Needham
Inside :: Out, Boston Center for the Arts, Boston—Design Competition with Jessica Ward Bartenhagen
Paul and Debby Kuenstner, Private Residence, Newton
Hal and Laure Garnick, Private Residence, Weston
Trinitarian Congregational Church, Planting Design, Wayland
Andrew Shalit and Naomi Sweitzer, Private Residence, Brookline
Yuki Kimura and Leo Casey, Private Residence, Lexington
Alicia Hesse and Rick Cleary, Private Residence, Concord
Laura and Steven Coleman, Private Residence, Lexington
Cynthia Ferris, Private Residence, Cambridge
Joanna Haas, Private Residence, Jamaica Plain
Tom Gakis and Bethann Ziemba, Stow
Jim Aylward and Kija Kim, Private Residence, Belmont—with Robert Hanss Landscape Construction, Inc.
Mount Auburn Cemetery, Birch Gardens, Cambridge—with Robert Hanss Landscape Construction, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, (CONTINUED)

Selected works continued:

New Hampshire:

Manchester Hebrew Cemetery, Family Plot, Manchester

New York:

John and Caltha Hesse, Private Residence, Fisher Island

Texas:

Bridgeport Recreational and Industrial Park, Site Analysis and Concept Plans, Bridgeport
with Jessica Ward Bartenhagen Consulting, and Cody Thornton Consulting

Oak Lawn Feasibility Study, Dallas

with Jessica Ward Bartenhagen Consulting, and Cody Thornton Consulting

Washington:

Ellen Cottrell and Jack Forman, Private Residence, Seattle

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

Massachusetts:

Prospect Hill, Private Residence, Stockbridge

Arnold Arboretum Shrub and Vine Collection, Harvard University, Jamaica Plain

Arnold Arboretum, Weld Hill, Harvard University, Jamaica Plain

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

Oliver Lane, Private Residence, Dennis

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

Robin Matsuyama, Private Residence, Sharon

Chestnut Street, Private Residence, Watertown

David and Julie Marcus, 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

Fargo Lane, Private Residence, Irvington

Waccabuc, Private Residence, Waccabuc

World Trade Center Memorial Competition, New York

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, (CONTINUED)

Freelance Graphic Designer and Artist, Melrose, MA

1995–present

Designer | Photographer | Commissioned Artist

Artist in mixed media with focus on botanical studies, landscape and architectural photography, collage, and salvage sculpture. Works include graphic and digital web design; company branding and logo development; business cards; design and production of professional portfolios; bound sketchbooks; journals; and photo albums; custom wedding invitations; birth announcements; occasion cards.

Selected works:

Museum & Collector Resource, Website Design, Concord, MA
ORDER, Company Identity, Website, and Business Card Design, Medford, MA
The Rock and Art Shop, Website Design, Ellsworth, ME
Dugas | Mason Wedding Invitations, Swan's Island, ME
Herner | Brown Wedding Invitations and Photo Album, Nantucket Island, MA
Jewell | Barrett Wedding Invitations, Amherst, MA
Jewell | Conlon Wedding Invitations, Watertown, MA

Mainescape, 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.

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 Natural Resources and the Environment, 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
Sigma Lambda Alpha Honor Society, 2000
Golden Key National Honor Society, 1998
Academic Dean's List, 1997–2000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA

GSD 6214M3: Plants In Design, Teaching Assistant, Spring, 2006
Instructor: Gary 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 JURY EXPERIENCE

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 Juror, Boston Architectural College, LA302, New Orleans Landscape Studio, Fall, 2006
Design Juror, Boston Architectural College, Introductory Studio to Landscape Design, Spring, 2006
Design Juror, University of Massachusetts, 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

LECTURES | WORKSHOPS

Guest speaker, University of Massachusetts, Amherst—*Learning To Look: Graphic Language and Design Process*, 2005
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—LA Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2000
UMASS Portfolio Workshop, coordinated and led student workshop with guest critics from regional firms, 2000

EXHIBITS

Matthew Cunningham—Collage, Starbucks, Watertown, MA, 2007–2008
THREE—exhibition of photography and collage with Scarlett Bartlett and Jessica Ward Bartenhagen, Boston, MA, 2007
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
Matthew Cunningham—Student Works, exhibition of personal drawings at The Henion Bakery, Amherst, MA, 2000
NARGS Downeast Garden Tour—exhibition of private gardens, Bucksport, ME, 1998
Untitled exhibition of botanical sketches—drawings on display at Mainescape Garden Center, Blue Hill, ME, 1998–2000

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Landscape Architects, associate member
Boston Society of Landscape Architects, associate member; assistant program coordinator, 2000
Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust, member since 2006
Greenroofs for Healthier Cities, member since 2006
Maine Historical Society, member since 2005
Boston Center for the Arts, member since 2005
National American Rock Garden Society, Maine Chapter, member since 1998
Elected president of University of Massachusetts Student ASLA chapter, 1999–2000

AVOCATIONS | INTERESTS

Maine Farmhouse Restoration; ongoing renovations to landscape and 200-year-old building, Bucksport, ME
Antique House Restoration; ongoing renovations to landscape and 180-year-old building, Melrose, MA
Avid photographer with focus on the built landscape, the natural environment, and processes of weathering
Accomplished gardener with passionate interest in alpine plants, the genus Hosta, and native plant communities
Musician with training in trumpet, guitar, voice, and songwriting