



## FS-013 Cultural Landscape Report Informs Extensive Design Interventions at Cheekwood Estate and Gardens

Friday November 19, 2021 | 1:00p – 5:00p | Nashville

### Session Overview

Urgent Improvements to large portions of the 55-acre Cheekwood Estate and Gardens were necessary to address current visitor demands. The historical qualities of this 1929 Country Place Era Estate, one of the finest extant in the United States, could be seriously compromised by modifications. Three new gardens were developed or updated and opened in 2020 and each successfully addressing demand as well as contextual sensitivity. Learn about the techniques used on each of three gardens as well as the use of a Cultural Landscape Report to guide planning decisions.

### Learning Objectives

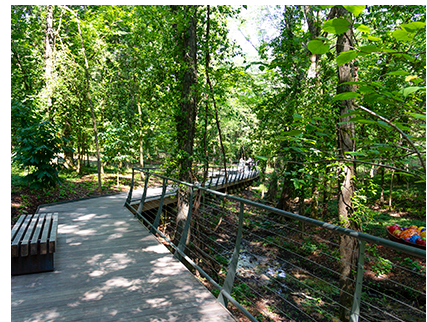
1. Learn how the design teams responded sensitively to the Client's needs for updates and additions to a nationally recognized, Bryant Fleming designed, Country Place Era Estate and Garden, Cheekwood in Nashville Tennessee.
2. Learn about appropriate woodland plantings and microclimates in native Middle Tennessee woodland ecology
3. Examine honored traditions in Japanese Garden design and restoration
4. Learn solutions to challenges providing accessibility within the rolling topography of an historic estate garden setting



Bracken Foundation Children's Garden



Blevins Japanese Garden



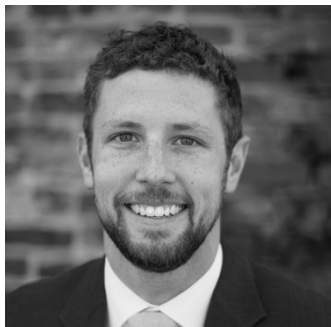
Carell Family Woodland Sculpture Trail

## Speakers



Gary Hawkins, ASLA, CLARB

Founding Principal of Hawkins Partners, Inc. Landscape Architects. With over 35 years of dedicated leadership in the firm and a breadth of urban design and landscape architectural project experience, Gary helps to guide the talents of an award-winning design studio now recognized across the Southeast for innovative and sustainable land planning and landscape architectural solutions. He is an inspired proponent of preservation, public infrastructure, sustainable development, good urbanism, and smart growth principles and continues to help shape public support for community-building.



Nathan Oliver, ASLA

Partner at Hawkins Partners Landscape Architects. Nathan is a Landscape Architect and planner with a passion for integrating the two. He is a native to the Nashville area where the growth, challenges and opportunities have been of particular interest to him. Nathan has been a key part of many planning and design projects that have shaped Nashville's growth over the past 10 years. His areas of focus are community planning and public involvement, sustainable site design, public space design, and construction integration. He loves to work through complex details and sites and is continually looking for opportunities to improve the integration of design with construction.



Chris Barkley, ASLA, LEED AP

Partner at HDLA. Chris believes that great design infuses the built environment with nature, art, and technology in a way that encourages human interaction. At the core of his and HDLA's philosophy is a desire to create timeless spaces of simple elegance that utilize a design approach that seeks authenticity by honoring local history and natural context while pursuing imaginative and innovative design solutions.

Chris has extensive experience working on parks, gardens, and urban design projects. Of note are Centennial Park, The Bracken Foundation Children's Garden at Cheekwood, The Morton Arboretum Centennial Garden, and the Tennessee State Museum.



Jane O. MacLeod

President & CEO, Cheekwood Estate & Garden. Jane has served at Cheekwood since 2010, transforming the historic estate into one of the Southeast's premier art and garden destinations. She led the development of two, five-year strategic plans, achieving: record-setting admissions and membership; three USA Today Top 10 Botanical Garden distinctions; full accreditation by the AAM and national accreditation of Cheekwood's arboretum; and initiated a Cultural Landscape Report to inform a long-term Master Site Plan, being realized through her leadership of The Cheekwood Campaign, raising nearly \$30M to build endowment, address restoration of facilities and gardens, and the creation of a new children's garden.

## **Speakers** (continued)



Peter Grimaldi

Vice President of Gardens & Facilities at Cheekwood Estate & Garden. Peter joined Cheekwood in July 2017 after five years of service at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden as the director of horticulture and facilities. Peter's work in public horticulture may be characterized by leveraging physical growth and expansion against mission driven success and combining major infrastructure projects and capital improvements with elevated horticultural best practices and the design and execution of more elaborate seasonal displays. Peter has a Bachelor of Plant Science from Cornell University with a concentration in ornamental horticulture and floriculture.

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**FIELD NOTES:**

