

## **John Mariani RLA, ASLA** **LANDSERVE, LLC...Landscapes for life!**

Growing up working in both the landscape contracting and nursery business for my grandfather and in the maintenance field with my father earned me valuable practical experience. I later brought my design and marketing skills garnered at the University of Illinois to the table: instituting the professional image that launched Mariani Landscape from very modest beginnings as a lawn mowing service in 1958 to the top 100 powerhouse company it is today.

As the company's first Landscape Architect and creator of the design department, I recruited and developed its award winning design staff and set the tone for excellence in design, construction, and the special management demands of traditional gardens and varied land projects throughout the Chicago area, the Midwest and also internationally. I have received recognition from the public and private sector and have been the recipient of awards for my own projects and those produced under my guidance and direction. I have hosted multiple speaking engagements and have formally addressed groups at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Morton Arboretum and many other significant public and private nature and garden organizations throughout Illinois and Wisconsin. I have authored numerous articles on landscape design for both traditional and native landscapes and am presently writing an instructional book on sustainable landscape practices, restoring my own small farm in southeastern Wisconsin back to "pre-settlement" prairie/savannah condition.\*

My landscapes are strongly influenced by the traditional architecture prevalent on the North Shore of Chicago: a place where superior service, extraordinary function and rare creative ability are requisite qualifications. My unique design approach combines a richer outdoor experience including locally-sourced materials and native plants that attract song birds, butterflies, pollinators, etc, back onto the land, initiating environmentally responsible landscapes as enduring legacies that will stand the test of time. As such, both the needs of my clients and nature are served! \*\*

\*\*Visit the 'LANDSERVE' website [www.johnmariani.com](http://www.johnmariani.com) and 'LinkedIn' site <http://linkedin.com/in/john-mariani-60013610b> for more Information

\*See article and videos of John Mariani's own prairie/savannah restoration project, published in the **Chicago Tribune 'Trib' Sunday Magazine**: <http://graphics.chicagotribune.com/features/returning-to-the-prairie/>

### **Published Articles**

**Feature Story, Cover Page:** American Nurseryman – "Superior Sites" (March 1987), (1991)

**Contributing Writer:** North Shore Homes Magazine (2002)

**Contributing Writer:** Forest & Bluff Magazine (2002)

**Feature Story:** Backyard Ideas Magazine (2007)

**Feature Story:** Great Backyards Magazine (2010)

**Feature Stories:** Chicago Tribune and 'The Trib' Sunday Magazine (1990), (1996), (2014)

**Feature Story, Cover Page:** Lake & Country Magazine (2017)

### **Credits**

1977 – ASLA Student President/Outstanding Junior Student Award

1980 – ASLA Certificate of Merit  
1985 – ALCA (now NALP) ‘Grand Award’  
1985 – ILCA ‘Gold Award’ (2)  
1986 – North Shore Magazine ‘Best of the North Shore’  
1987 – Dodge Construction News - Cover Page  
1987 – ALCA (now NALP) ‘Grand Award’ (3)  
1987 – ILCA ‘Gold Award’ (2)  
1989 – ALCA (now NALP) ‘Grand Award’  
1989 – ILCA ‘Gold Award’  
1190 – Village of Lake Bluff - ‘Certificate of Recognition’  
1992 – ASLA ‘Honor Award’  
2005 – ASLA ‘Merit Award’  
2006 – PLANET (now NALP) ‘Grand Award’  
2006 – ILCA ‘Gold Award’  
2016 – Luxe Interiors ‘Gold List’

## **Noted Affiliations - Landscape Architecture**

**John Brooks, PLA:** Installation – ‘Open Lands Park’, Lake Forest, IL

**Jens Jensen:** Landscape Design - Edward L. Ryerson ‘Havenwood’ Estate; Jensen Studio Home, Highland Park, IL;  
Landscape Restorations on Chicago’s North Shore

**Gertrude Kuh, LA:** Landscape Restorations on Chicago’s North Shore

**Franz Lipp, LA:** Lipp Wehler and Associates – Lake Forest Library Landscape Installation (1976)

**Darrel Morrison, PLA:** Co-lecturer – Chicago Botanic Garden (2015)

**Joan Nassauer, Professor of Landscape Architecture:** Instructor –University of Illinois (1978-79)

**O. C. Simonds:** Lake Forest Cemetery; Landscape Restorations on Chicago’s North Shore

**Oehme, van Sweden & Associates:** Landscape Installation – Private Residence, Kenilworth, IL (2006)

**Tony Tyznik, LA, Curator-Morton Arboretum:** Co-lecturer, Morton Arboretum (1991); Installations on Chicago’s North Shore

## **Noted Affiliations - Architecture**

**David Adler:** Landscape Restorations on Chicago’s North Shore

**Austin DePre:** Northworks Architects + Planners – Landscape Design, Installations on Chicago’s North Shore

**Lawrence Booth:** Booth Hansen Architects – Landscape Design, Installations on Chicago’s North Shore

**Jerome Cerny:** Landscape Restoration – Lake Forest, IL

**Ernest (Tony) Grunfeld:** Grunfeld Shafer Architects – Landscape Design, Installations on Chicago’s North Shore

**Keck & Keck:** Landscape Restoration – Glencoe, IL

**Phillip Liederbach:** Liederbach & Graham Architects – Landscape Design, Installations on Chicago’s North Shore

**Howard Van Doren Shaw:** Landscape Restorations on Chicago’s North Shore

**Wade Weissmann:** Wade Weissmann Architecture – Residential Landscape, Highland Park, IL

**Frank Lloyd Wright:** Landscape Design – Ward W. Willits House, Highland Park, IL; Misc. Landscape Restorations on Chicago’s North Shore

## **Ecological Affiliations**

**Steven Apfelbaum, M.S. Senior & Principal Ecologist, Chairman:** Applied Ecological Services

**Roy Diblik, Designer/Speaker/Grower:** Northwind Perennial Farm

**Dr. Douglas Tallamy, Entomologist:** Co-lecturer, Lake Forest, IL (2011)

**Anthony Archer Wills, Water Garden Consultant:** Anthony Archer Wills, LLC

## **Professional Affiliations**

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Cornell Labs

Illinois Landscape Contractors Association (ILCA)

Invasive Plants of Wisconsin (IPAW)

National Audubon Society

Nature Conservancy

The Prairie Enthusiasts

Wild Ones

## **Education**

University of Illinois, Class of 1980, Bachelors of Landscape Architecture - Honors

Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, 1976

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