

Dennis A. Winters, OALA ASLA

Dennis A. Winters is a landscape architect with a background in architecture, environmental analysis and regional land use planning. As landscape architect principal of *Tales of the Earth* since 1984, he promotes design principles strengthening physical, mental and spiritual health in a balanced and harmonious relationship with the natural and social environment.

Education

Master of Landscape Architecture with High Honors, 1984
Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Environmental Studies, 1974-81
Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Urban Design Studies, 1970-71
Teknillinen Korkeakoulu, Otaniemi, Finland

Bachelor of Architecture, 1969
University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Professional Registration

Full Member, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects

Full Member, Ontario Association of Landscape Architects

Full Member, American Society of Landscape Architects

Licensed Landscape Architect in the State of New York

Awards

Canada Council for the Arts Visual Arts Travel Grant, 1998

Design Arts Grant Award, Ontario Arts Council, 1995

Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts Grant, 1993

CMHC Healthy Home Competition, Winning Team, 1992

International Cities Design Competition, Honorable Mention, 1989

Associated Work

Instructor, Ryerson University Landscape Design Program, 2006 –

Writer, Dragon Boat World Magazine, Toronto, Ontario, 2003 - 2006

Chair, City of Ithaca, New York Design Review Committee, 1984-85

Teaching Assistant, Cornell University Landscape Architecture Program
Ithaca, New York, 1982-84

Director, Tompkins County Environmental Management Council
Planner, Tompkins County Department of Planning, 1972-82

Environmental Consultant, U.S. Agency for International Development
Kathmandu, Nepal, 1979

Urban Design Consultant, Liikentekniikka OY
Helsinki, Finland, 1970-71

Representative Projects

Landscape Architecture

Sravasti Abbey Buddhist Monastery, Newport, Washington
Toronto East General Hospital Rooftop Garden, Toronto, Ontario
Milarepa Buddhist Meditation Center, Barnet, Vermont
Meditation Gardens for Residences and Offices, Toronto, Ontario
Mt. Sinai Hospital Meditation Garden Study, Toronto, Ontario
Scarborough College Landscape Site Plan, Scarborough, Ontario
Zen Garden, Today's Japan Exposition, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto
Greywater Treatment Garden, Royal Winter Garden Show, Toronto
CMHC Codicile Healthy Home, Toronto, Ontario

Urban Design

City of Milwaukee, International Cities Design Competition
St. Catherines Downtown Streetscape Revitalization, Ontario
Crescent Town Community Landscape Analysis, Toronto, Ontario
St. Jamestown Community Landscape Analysis, Toronto, Ontario

Environmental Planning

Environmental Management Plan, Rapati Zone, Nepal
Freshwater Wetlands Inventory, Tompkins County, New York
Natural Resources Inventories, Tompkins County, New York
Fall Creek Management Plan, Tompkins County, New York
Lehigh Valley Railroad Right-of-Way Inventories
NYS Environmental Quality Review Administrative Handbook

Presentations

Sacred Landscapes and Evolution of Gardens in Buddhist Traditions
Japan Society of Boston and Japan Society, New York, 1999

Designed Sacred Landscapes - A Study of Pretapuri in Western Tibet
UNESCO - CNRS - MNHN Natural Sacred Sites International
Symposium, Paris, France, 1998

Designing Sacred Landscapes, Buddhism in America Conference
San Diego, 1998

Journeys to Sacred Buddhist Landscapes of India and Tibet
George Ignatieff Theatre, University of Toronto, 1998

Temple Gardens of Kyoto. Today's Japan Exposition of Contemporary Culture. Harbourfront Centre, Toronto, 1995

Designed Sacred Landscapes - Foundations in the Buddhist Traditions
Four lectures at the Design Exchange, Toronto, 1995

Publications and Research:

**Designed Sacred
Landscapes**

Teachings from Sacred Landscapes: Designing Contemplative Gardens
In-progress

Lessons from the Japanese Garden, Landscape Trades
(Milton, Ontario: Landscape Ontario, Vol. 20, No 1, January 1998)

*A Journey from Kyoto to Western Tibet: A Search for the Origins of the
Designed Sacred Landscapes in the Buddhist Traditions.* In-progress

Designed Sacred Landscapes: Study of Pretapuri in Western Tibet.
ASLA Annual Meeting Proceedings. (Washington: ASLA, 1996)

Gardens of the Enlightenment: In-progress

"*The First Buddhist Monasteries.*" *Tibet Journal.* (Dharamsala, India:
Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, Vol. XIII, 1988)

"*Buddhist Meditation Gardens.*" *Tibet Journal.* (Dharamsala, India:
Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, Vol. XII, 1987)

Milarepa Buddhist Meditation Center, Barnet, Vermont. (Ithaca: Master
of Landscape Architecture Thesis, Cornell University, 1984)

**Environmental
Planning**

Freshwater Wetlands Inventory Maps for Tompkins County, New York
(Ithaca: Tompkins County Department of Planning and Environmental
Management Council for NYSDEC, 1982)

Administrative Handbook: State Environmental Quality Review
(Ithaca: Tompkins County Department of Planning, 1980)

*Environmental Management: Framework for Analysis and
Recommendations for Rapati Zone Rural Area Development.*
(Kathmandu: U.S. Agency for International Development, 1979)

Six Mile Creek, Tompkins County Study and Funding Request
Ithaca: Tompkins County Environmental Management Council, 1978)

Lehigh Valley Railroad Rights-of-Way, Inventory and Proposed Uses:
Three Reports. (Ithaca: TCDP and TCEMC, 1977-78)

Fall Creek Corridor Management Plan
(Ithaca: Tompkins County Environmental Management Council, 1977)

Unique Natural Areas Inventory [With Craig Tufts]
(Ithaca: Tompkins County Environmental Management Council, 1976)

Environmental Image: Framework for Environmental Analysis [with
Garrison Evans]. (Ithaca: TCDP and TCEMC, 1975)