

Franklin Garden Club plans special evening with speaker

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Special Writer

Members of the Franklin Garden Club branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden are hosting a very special evening 7 p.m. Monday, May 12, at Franklin Community Church, 32473 Normandy, and you are invited!

The focus of the program will be James Yoch's book, "Landscaping the American Dream: The Gardens and Film Sets of Florence Yoch, 1890-1972," as he shares the designs of renowned California landscape architect Florence Yoch, who was his cousin. She created about 250 gardens in California and five movies, including for Tara in "Gone With the Wind."

Admission is free to this noteworthy event, and reservations aren't necessary. It's the Franklin Garden Club's way of sharing its love of gardening with its neighbors. Refreshments will be served.

James Yoch is professor of English and adjunct professor of architecture at the University of Oklahoma, and landscape designer of The Garden Studio in Norman, Okla.

Yoch is in great demand throughout the world as a writer, lecturer and con-

sultant. Some of his latest endeavors are making the arrangements and completely revising captions for a new ordering of the Huntington show for travel in the United States, which began in March and continues through the summer.

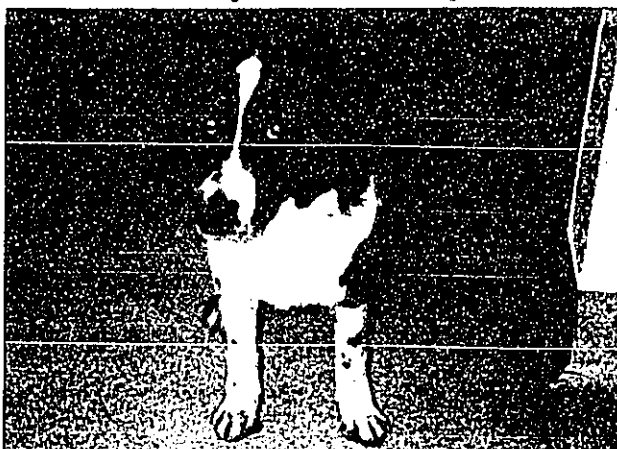
He was also chair of "Gardens in the Time of Shakespeare," the Shakespeare Association of America's national meeting that took place in March.

The November 1996 issue of House and Garden magazine featured the garden of Paul and Mary Sue Ewing, which James Yoch designed. He worked closely with the Ewings, listened to their ideas and created a beautiful garden specifically tailored to their wishes. Mary Sue is a member of the Franklin Garden Club.

Yoch is a hands-on designer who uses his artistic abilities to create outstanding gardens and exhibitions. He said the gardens he and associate Timothy Scott design "have a historic character and are also artistic."

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