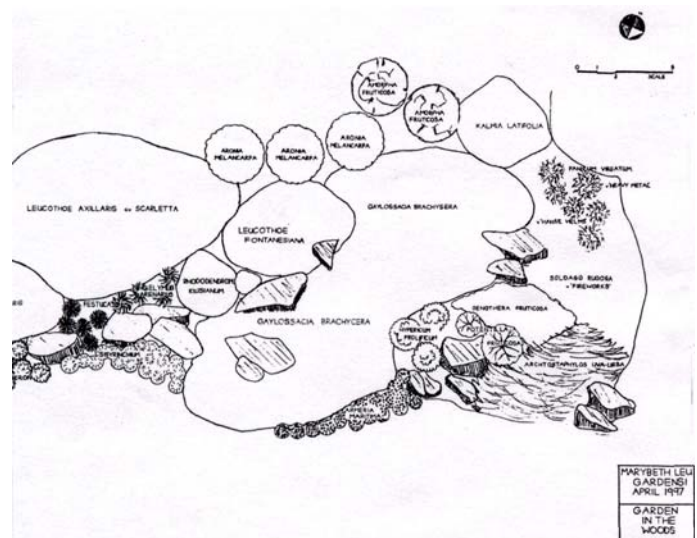


The New England Wildflower Society is an organization dedicated to the preservation of native plants and their habitats. The Society came to COG looking for a fresh perspective on a renovation project .

Three designers with broadly differing experience worked with Garden in the Woods to develop planting plans for three different areas. Although the designers often did not have the specialized knowledge of rare and endangered plants necessary for much of the work at Garden in the Woods, their greatest contribution came from using plant materials as design elements. This new way of looking at the space and the plants increased the legibility of the garden. It offered a context in which some of these plants could be used by homeowners in their own gardens, making the specialized displays more relevant.

The designers felt that the staff was generous with their time and acted as mentors while enriching the designers' specialized plant material knowledge. In some cases, there was opportunity to assist in the installation.



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