

Greensboro Historical Society
2014 Seminar Series

The Lawn: A History of an American Obsession

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and
Professor Niall Kirkwood, FASLA

Mondays: July 21, 28 and August 4
GHS Museum, 29 Breezy Avenue, 10:00 am

Dr. Jenkins (our own “Gina”) will lead a three-part seminar exploring the history of the development of lawns in the United States. She will be joined in the last of the sessions by Prof. Kirkwood (our own “Niall”) of the Graduate School of Design, Harvard University.

Front lawns now blanket some thirty million acres of the United States, but until the late nineteenth century few Americans had any desire for a front lawn, much less access to the grass seed, lawn mowers, or garden hoses needed for growing one. This seminar will trace the origin of the front lawn aesthetic, the development of the lawn-care industry, the impact of the game of golf, and will look at modern alternatives to lawn mania.

Free for members. Suggested donation for non-members \$20.

To sign up, please call Gina at 533-9045 or email: virginiascottjenkins@gmail.com or secretary@greensborohistoricalsociety.org

