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Frederick Law Olmsted

Passages in the life of an unpractical man

One-man play by **Gerry Wright**

Passages to Yosemite

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Frederick Law Olmsted - *Passages in the life of an unpractical man*

Introduction: Fred Olmsted, New Haven, 1845

Prologue: McLean Asylum, 1898

Act One: April 26, 1822 - 1846: Early Years

Act Two: 1847 - 1857: Farming, England, Journalist

Act Three: 1857 - 1861: New York, Central Park

Act Four: 1861 - 1865: Civil War

**Act Five: 1865: Mariposa Gold Mine,
Yosemite and Mariposa Grove**

**Act Six: 1866 - 1898: New York, Boston, Chicago,
California and the Nation**

Epilogue: McLean Asylum, 1898 -1903; Visions

Stage settings will vary for each performance.
They may include the following:

- a book table - for a Ralph Waldo Emerson book, a gift from Elizabeth Baldwin
- a chair - for critical passages in Olmsted's life
- a coat stand - for both Olmsted's formal attire and work jackets and hats, indicating the breadth and depth to which he immersed himself in society



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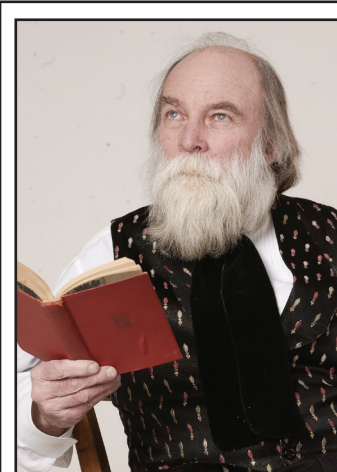
The National Park Service, The Olmsted National Historic Site, Emerald Necklace Conservancy, National Association of Olmsted Parks, Many Public and Private Agencies plus Hundreds of Individuals Across America.

The Olmsted play has been presented at the Olmsted National Historic Site in Brookline, Boston's 375th Anniversary Parade, Brookline's 350th Anniversary Celebration, plus numerous communities of the Commonwealth; along with performances in Volgoda, Russia; in New York City for the 150th anniversary of the legislation for Central Park; Olmsted Park Conservancy in Louisville, Kentucky; Asheville, North Carolina; and the Maryland Humanities Council 2010 "Chautauqua" Tour.

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Gerry Wright:

The play is written, directed, and acted by Gerry Wright, who has been immersed in the work of conservation and human services for over 50 years. Gerry Wright works in areas of human services, environmental advocacy, international relations. In the 1960s he founded DARE Incorporated, a nonprofit agency in Massachusetts which pioneered new community services for adolescents with social and emotional problems due to poverty and neglect. He has also championed projects that foster international communication, beginning at the time he ran the Moscow Marathon in 1982, and co-founded the Worldwide Running Club for Peace with the president of the Moscow Running Club. Gerry Wright has received numerous awards, including the 2008 Robert F. Kennedy Embracing the Legacy Award and named Father of Community Based Caring in Massachusetts by president of the State Senate. Wright is founder and president of Friends of Jamaica Pond and has been portraying Frederick Law Olmsted since 2003. He holds a BS from the forestry school at the University of Maine and a MS in wildlife conservation from Cornell University. Further graduate study include philosophy, theology, sociology, psychology, and clinical counseling at Boston University and Harvard University.



THINK AHEAD!

*Celebrate Olmsted's Legacy as we plan for his
200th Birthday in 2022*

Follow Olmsted's journey across America July through August, to Yosemite National Park where he will read his statement on National and State Parks delivered 150 years ago at the same location.

The Olmsted play will also be presented in the Yosemite Theater.

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The Olmsted 200th Birthday celebration was inspired by conversations with the Olmsted scholar and legacy pioneer Betsy Shure Gross. Details and info: FrederickLawOlmsted@yahoo.com