2001-2002 Author Series

ELIZABETH BARLOW ROGERS

LANDSCAPE DESIGN: A CULTURAL AND ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

Wednesday, December 5
6:30 P.M.
Temple Israel
112 East 75th St.

An internationally recognized expert in her field, Elizabeth Barlow Rogers brings her impressive experience to this extraordinary study of landscapes and the historical and cultural backdrops against which they have been formed. She leads reader from ancient Egyptian royal cemeteries to the magnificent gardens of Renaissance Europe and the American public gardens of today.

Rogers, a longtime Library member and juror for the Library's annual New York City Book Awards, is director of the Garden History and Landscape Studies Program at the Bard Graduate Center. The drawing below shows artistry in an overpass design for Central Park, from Rogers' The Central Park Book (1977).

This lecture is free for Library members and their guests, but reservations are required. Please call the Library Events Office at (212) 288-6900 x230 to register.

New Reading Group with Anthony Gronowicz

THIRD PARTIES IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Tuesdays, December 4, January 29, February 26
11:00 A.M., Whitridge Room

Anthony Gronowicz, leader of last spring's reading group on the Constitution, returns to the Library for a look at the documents of third party politics. He is Adjunct Associate Professor of History at the City University of New York and the author of Race and Class Politics in New York City Before the Civil War (1998).

Before the Civil War third parties acted as catalytic agents to transform the two-party system. Since then, they have split allegiances, forcing the dominant parties to overhaul their membership and focus. The above cartoon gives C. Berrymen's view of the 1912 presidential election, when Theodore Roosevelt, the Bull Moose Party candidate, skewed the vote from the incumbent William Howard Taft to Woodrow Wilson.

This group's three sessions will consider the texts and effects of third parties from the Constitution to the Civil War, from Reconstruction to World War II, and from the post-war era to their decisive role in the presidential elections of the 1990s.

Space for this reading group is limited; call the Events Office at (212) 288-6900 x230 to register.