



THE NATIONAL TRUST – SRI LANKA

PROFESSOR SENAKE BANDARANAYAKE MEMORIAL ORATION: ***“Gardens of Sri Lanka & Influences on Contemporary Design”***

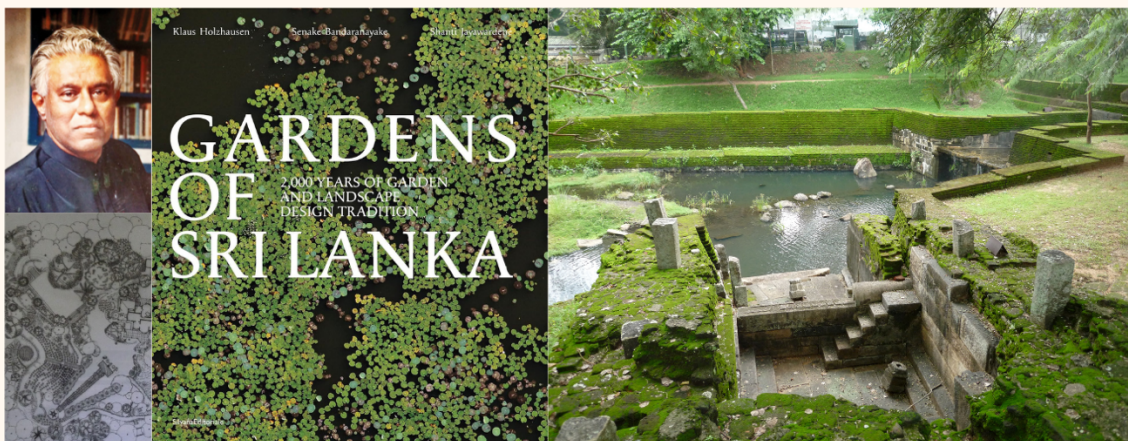
by
Dr. Shanti Jayewardene

Thursday 29th January 2026 at 6.00 pm
at the Auditorium of the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka,
No. 6, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7.
(For those joining online: <https://youtube.com/live/pgeheDF40MI>)

The National Trust seeks to honor Professor Senake Bandaranayake, one of Sri Lanka’s most eminent archaeologists, founder of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, and co-founder of the National Trust.

Dr. Shanti Jayewardene, architectural historian and longtime friend of Prof. Senake, will present this oration on the year of his 11th death anniversary. She will speak on Prof. Senake’s lesser-known contributions to contemporary architecture and its history.

Dr. Shanti will also introduce the recently launched book: ‘*Gardens of Sri Lanka*,’ co-authored by Prof. Senake, Klaus Holzhausen, and herself. Twenty years in the making and completed after Prof. Senake’s passing, the book aims to bring Sri Lanka’s 2,000-year garden and landscape design traditions to the world.



Dr. Shanti Jayewardene has a Dip. Arch. and an MSc. in the History of Modern Architecture from University College London, and a DPhil in Modern History, from the University of Oxford. Her research interests lie in the intersection of imperial and South Asian architectural historiography.

The National Trust – Sri Lanka conducts monthly lectures generally on the last working Thursday of each month. The lectures are open to members and the general public.

Further information can be obtained from the Trust Office Tel.0112682730/ 0719566929