ur 35th Anniversary Issue is getting closer. October's the month, and you are the subject.

We're excited about the prospects for what is sure to be an extra-special "keeper" issue. We know you like to keep our past issues within easy reach, but you'll probably want to keep this one under lock and key, or in a glass case, with laser beam alarms criss-crossing the carpet all around.

Our Anniversary Issue will, indeed, be a special publication, one that features many of the people

who have helped make the green industry go and grow since 1962.

Would you like to be one of those we mention? You can be, if you write in soon. Your accomplishment need not be grand or revolutionary. We want to hear about how you, as a serious player in the professional green industry, got your start in the business, and where you are now. Also, how have you seen the industry change, and what do you see happening in the years ahead?

We've gotten a real nice response to our first request, which we made back in April:

➤ One golf course superintendent tells us he got his start in a golf course pro shop in 1971. Ten years later, he got a course to manage.

▶ "I was recruited into the landscape industry in 1985, and it's been a great experience. Twelve years later and I still look forward to getting up and going to work," says Kent Miller, vice president of The Groundskeeper, a four-state, fourstar company out West.

▶ "Bidding gets tougher each year because of the large amount of low bidders and small, upstart companies," writes a landscape design/build subscriber from Illinois.

▶ "Keep up the good work!" says Charlene Crowley of Shaker Hts., Ohio, who is a landscape design consultant with The Pattie Group in Novelty. Her dad started Crowley Lawn Service Co., now owned by Phil Fogarty. With the serious pros, longevity and crossed paths are common.

➤ "My birth as a full-fledged golf course superintendent became a reality in 1962, at the Quincy Country Club, Quincy, Illinois. I am still a golf course superintendent and very proud of

it," writes Oscar
Miles of The Merit
Club, Libertyville,
Ill. "I was very fortunate to have had the
friends and professionals encouraging
me during my early
days of getting an
education and experience. My mentors
and family gave me
the confidence to
succeed."

That's what we're looking for. And send along a photo if you can. We need your contribution by September 1. We want to know how you got your start in the business, and where you are now. How has the industry changed, and what do you see happening in the years ahead?

But also be sure to let us know how we can better serve you. If you want to see a particular type of topic covered that we've not run for awhile, let us know.

Thanks in advance for your interest, and for your support of LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT through the years! **LM**

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Let's hear from you this anniversary year



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