Mr. Chassé, based on Mount Desert Island, is a landscape architect specializing in historic landscapes, reconstruction of natural plant communities, and design of new gardens, both residential and institutional. He graduated from the Harvard Graduate School of Design with a Masters in Landscape Architecture and taught at the Arnold Arboretum and the Graduate School of Design of Harvard University. He was also the Curator of Landscape at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

He is considered to be an authority on the five historic gardens on the Island – Reef Point, Asticou Azalea Garden, Thuya Garden, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden, and Garland Farm.

About the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden: we have scheduled our day trip to Mt. Desert Island for a Thursday as that is the only day that visits are allowed, and only by reservation. Those wishing to visit on Thursday, August 21 are advised to make reservations well in advance: http://rockgardenmaine.wordpress.com/