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WASHINGTON CHAPTER, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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2003 LARE SEMINARS SPONSORED & CONDUCTED BY WASLA

The Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (WASLA) is sponsoring examination study groups and preparation seminars for candidates planning on taking the LARE Examination in June 2003. The seminars will be taught by seasoned and *licensed* landscape architects.

Study Groups

INFORMAL STUDY GROUPS ARE USUALLY FORMED AT THE SEMINARS. THESE GROUPS ARE SELF-TAUGHT SESSIONS EMPHASIZING TEAMWORK AND DIALOGUE. WE URGE YOU TO JOIN ON OF THESE STUDY GROUPS; YOUR PARTICIPATION AND DEDICATION TO THIS METHOD OF LEARNING WILL HELP YOU SUCCEED.

Seminars

The 2003 LARE Examination preparation seminars will take place on April 19 and April 26 at the University of Washington, Seattle, in Room 322 , Gould Hall, at NE 40th Street between 15th Ave NE and University Way. Parking is available in a UW parking garage entered on 15th Ave NE just north of Campus Parkway.

The seminars will cover Sections A, C, D and E (but not Section B) of the LARE Examination. You may enroll in one or all of the seminars. There will be a flat fee of \$65 for enrollment that is charged to cover the cost of this flyer, the room rental, and equipment rental (if necessary). The same fee will be charged whether you enroll in just one or all four seminars. Cash or checks will be accepted as payment at the door.

Bring Tracing paper, pencils, erasers, a lap-top drawing surface, a calculator, and architectural and engineering scales.

Date	Subject	Presenters	Contact
April 19, 2003 Saturday (1-3 pm)	Section A – Legal & Admin. Aspects	Matt Mathes	206 790-9820
April 19, 2003 Saturday (3-5 pm)	Section D – Structural Considerations, Materials, & Methods of Construction	Erik Sweet, Eric Williams	253 922-9780
April 26, 2003 Saturday (1-3 pm)	Section C – Planning and Site Design	Erik Sweet, Eric Williams	253 922-9780
April 26, 2003 Saturday (3-5pm)	Section E – Grading and Drainage	Andy Rasmussen	206 322-1732

Seminar Videotapes

Videotapes of the 1996 examination preparation seminars can be rented on a first-come, first-serve basis. The videos cover all sections of the examination, but do not reflect changes to the exam made since 1996. If you are interested in renting the 1996 videotapes, please call Erik Sweet at 253 922-9780, (fax 253.922.9781). A \$20 deposit plus a \$5 postage handling fee will be charged.

If you have any questions concerning the study groups or seminars, please call Erik Sweet at 253 922-9780.

LA WEEK April 19 – 27, 2003

Washington Chapter Of ASLA Unveils First-Ever Downtown Seattle Urban Landscape Guide

In recognition of Landscape Architecture Week (**April 19-27, 2003**), The Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (WASLA) is unveiling its first-ever guide to Seattle's downtown urban landscapes.

The free guide provides a map, locations and descriptions of 20 noteworthy open spaces/urban landscapes that are designed for public use. Each open space in the guide is categorized into at least one of five main areas of significance: Cultural, Social Gathering, Contemplative, Historical and Urban Connectivity.

“In Seattle we have many important open spaces--designed by landscape architects--that are enjoyed on a daily basis by the citizens of Seattle as well as visitors to our city,” said Brooks Kolb, President of WASLA. “The purpose of National Landscape Architecture Week is to celebrate the important role of landscape architecture in the creation of the special outdoor places where we live, work and play. Our new guide brings this celebration to a local level by providing important information about several of downtown Seattle's special outdoor urban landscapes,” adds Kolb.

The guides are free and will be available at the following locations: AIA-Seattle, Seattle/King County Visitors Bureau, the National Park Service Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park and the WASLA office.

The Downtown Seattle Urban Landscape Guide was written and compiled by WASLA members and is being prepared under funding provided in part from the National Chapter Initiatives Program of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).

National Landscape Architecture Week encompasses Earth Day (April 22) and the birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted (April 27), long acknowledged as the founder of the American landscape architecture profession. Additionally, 2003 marks the centennial of Seattle's Olmsted Legacy: One hundred years ago, in the spring of 1903, John Charles Olmsted, of the Olmsted Brothers firm of Brookline, MA. and stepson of Frederick Law Olmsted, arrived to survey the Seattle area with the purpose of designing a city-wide park system that would celebrate, showcase and protect the spectacular Pacific Northwest landscape while providing access and opportunities for all of Seattle's citizens to experience and enjoy their extraordinary natural environment.

WASLA was established in 1973 and includes approximately 330 members in the state of Washington. The chapter has a biennial Expo/Trade Show, annual university student award competitions and a biennial Chapter Awards Program. Additionally, WASLA helps fund student scholarships, the Architects & Engineers Legislative Council, produces a quarterly newsletter and provides chapter information and calendar events on its website which is located at www.wasla.org.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR OLMSTED PARKS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Seattle 2003. Our Olmsted Legacy: Learning from the Past, Inspiring the Future.
April 30th - May 4th, 2003 Seattle, WA.**

Registration now available!

Join NAOP, the Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks and many local partners and sponsors for a national conference exploring exciting projects in Seattle, the Pacific Northwest and across the country that address the aesthetic, environmental, economic and social challenges facing historic parks and urban park and open space planning today.

At the turn of the last century, Seattle recognized the need to preserve and protect its spectacular natural landscape while providing open space and healthy recreational opportunities for its rapidly growing population. Now, one hundred years later, the challenge is not only to protect and preserve our century-old Olmsted legacy for future generations but also to carry the Olmsted vision into the next 100 years of landscape design and planning in order to ensure the preservation of parks and open space in

rapidly urbanizing regions across the country.

For more information:

web: www.seattle.gov/FriendsOfOlmstedParks

email: seattle2003@olmsted.org

phone: 206.332.9915

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING PROTECTING BELLEVUE'S CRITICAL AREAS

Under a requirement of the state Growth Management Act (GMA), the City of Bellevue is updating its Critical Areas policies, especially those related to wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, and geologically hazardous areas.

As part of this process, a Citizens' Advisory Committee appointed by the City Council is recommending a series of policy changes to the City's Comprehensive Plan Environmental Element. The Citizens' Advisory Committee invites you to a community meeting where you can learn more and comment on the recommended policies for protecting Bellevue's Critical Areas.

The Community Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 2, 2003 at Highland Community Center at 14224 Bel-Red Road from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** There will be an opportunity to view displays and talk informally with Citizens' Advisory Committee members and City staff from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Then at 7:30 p.m. there will be a presentation, followed by public comments on the preliminary draft of the Environmental Element.

For more information on the April 2nd meeting, [click here \(PDF\)](#) or contact Kevin McDonald 425-452-4558

ASLA 2003 AWARDS CALL FOR ENTRIES

ASLA 2003 Awards *Call for Entries* Released; New Entry Process, Digital Images Instituted

The ASLA 2003 Awards Program *Call for Entries* has been sent to all ASLA members and includes major improvements to the entry process.

"ASLA members are designing wonderful projects around the world and we hope that firms will decide to participate so that these projects can receive the recognition they deserve," said Nancy C. Somerville, executive vice president of ASLA. "We're counting on our members and chapters to identify good candidates for the new Community Service Award and the Landmark Award as well."

This year, entrants will complete the *Call for Entries* entry form (also located at <http://www.asla.org/Members/awards/entries/callforentries.html>) and send it along with the entry fee for each submission to the ASLA. Immediately upon receipt, ASLA will return an Entry Kit for each submission. Each Entry Kit includes detailed submission requirements and a standard Entry Binder. The Entry Kit also includes pre-paid return shipping for the completed binder to ASLA to facilitate tracking by the entrant and the ASLA.

“We asked previous jurors how we could improve the judging process and the top suggestion was to require uniform entry binders,” said Rodney L. Swink, FASLA, immediate past president of ASLA and Executive Committee liaison to the ASLA Medals and Awards Review Committee.

“This will place the focus on the project and improve the consistency of information provided for each entry, which in turn will help the jury review the submissions more thoroughly and efficiently.”

In response to requests from previous entrants, digital images will be submitted on a CD-ROM, replacing the multiple sets of 35mm slides required in the past. This will simplify the process for the entrants, enhance the quality of the images being viewed by the jury, and facilitate promotion of award recipients to the media. Simple instructions are included in the entry requirements outlining the resolution and file type required. Many firms have the capability to produce their own CD-ROMs, but for those that do not, any photo-processing store can provide this service for a nominal fee.

The deadline for returning the Entry Form and fee(s) is Friday, May 2, 2003, and the deadline for submitting the completed Entry Binder is Friday, May 16, 2003. Click on <http://www.asla.org/Members/Awdcrit.htm> for details. Questions, call Jeff Lofton, ASLA Manager of Public Relations, at 202-216-2331 or email: jlofton@asla.org.

STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

Deadline for Landscape Architecture Student Design Competition is April 30, 2003

Four \$1,000 Awards Available

Winning Entries Now Online for Review at www.clarb.org

<<http://www.clarb.org/archives.cfm>>

The objective of The Wayne Grace Memorial Student Design Competition is to gather outstanding examples of landscape architectural work which clearly demonstrate in words and images that can be easily understood by the public, regulators, landscape architects and other design professionals how the practice of landscape architecture and licensing affects the quality of life.

The competition is open to any student or team of students currently

enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate Landscape Architectural Degree Program. The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2003.

The jury will identify submissions, which are deemed to be excellent examples of landscape architectural work that clearly demonstrate how the practice of landscape architecture affects the quality of life of the public and how the licensing process protects the public and the environment. Each winning submission will receive recognition at CLARB's annual meeting in Salt Lake City in September and cash prize of \$1,000.

The official guidelines for the Wayne Grace Memorial Student Design Competition are on CLARB's web site (www.clarb.org <<http://www.clarb.org>>) under the heading of Student Resources. A print copy is available by calling Matt Rankin at (703) 319-8380 or e-mailing your request to mrankin@clarb.org.

Last year's winning entries are available for review online at www.clarb.org/archives.cfm <<http://www.clarb.org/archives.cfm>> . Back issues of CLARB's newsletter Environment and Design (also in the archives section) contain insight from the judges about award-winning projects.

The Wayne Grace Memorial Student Design Competition is made possible by the generosity of Friends, Contributors and Benefactors of the Landscape Architectural Registration Boards Foundation. The Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization working toward identifying and funding research and educational projects that advance licensure for landscape architects and demonstrate our competencies to legislators and fellow design professionals. The Foundation serves students, candidates for licensure, landscape architects, and the profession of landscape architecture.

WASLA SCHOLARSHIP

The WASLA Scholarship is open to both undergraduate and graduate students from the University of Washington and Washington State University.

The application deadline for this year is April 25, 2003.

Each scholarship granted will be a minimum of \$500. See your LA department for the registration form.

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