



president's message-wasla & water conservation!

## ASLA's PNW Design Event

## LARE Reviews

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**President's Message** As President of the Washington Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects (WASLA), you have all read the news about the 2005 Water condition in Washington State. Here's what WASLA Executive Committee has done related to the 2005 water conservation response in March, 2005.

+ Supported HB1272 and companion Senate Bill in 2005 Session to require all major state funded projects and facilities to meet LEED Silver Certification standards, including water efficiency, water reduction, alternative water supplies, water reuse techniques. Landscape architects are licensed under RCW 18.96 to plan and design such projects. We believe that public funded projects should be among the best examples for water use.

+ Placed Water Conservation high on our national ASLA legislative agenda. Our "Smart Water" platform is an issue that our members from 47 states will promote in Washington, DC on May 12 & 13, 2005.

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### Professional Development

#### CLARB BEGINS SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF THE PROFESSION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

(CLARB) announces that its third "Task Analysis" of the profession of landscape architecture is underway. Approximately 6,000 landscape architects from the U.S. and Canada will soon be asked by mail to participate in this scientific study that will determine the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to practice the profession of landscape architecture without endangering the health, safety and welfare of the public.

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### Upcoming Events

#### ASLA's PACIFIC NORTHWEST DESIGN - A RETROSPECTIVE-MAY 3RD 5:30-7:30PM

SvR Design Company, 815 Western Avenue, Seattle WA 98104

Design Dialogue, the first discussion of the WASLA Continuum of Social Programs by Maureen Colaizzi, President Elect

**The Community in Design** Featuring Jim Diers, Author of, *Neighborhood Power, Building Community the Seattle Way* and Milenko Matanovic, Artist and Director of the Pomegranate Center

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#### Partners:

SvR, The Pomegranate Center, Landscape Forms, University of Washington Landscape Architecture Students

How might one verbalize the uniqueness of this place and its landscape evolution? How does one know where one is? What are the elements, the political underpinnings, the actors and artisans? Who are the stewards, the champions, and the landscape architects who hold responsibility for enhancing the collective quality of life *here*?

Might one respond with language embroidered with plant materials, natural resources, and sustainability? Does it include commentary on the urban growth boundary, wilderness lands, the protection and preservation of natural spaces, or building materials? What is unique about our region's approach to landscape design and the environment? Perhaps it is simply a quiet comment of why one chooses this place above all others.

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## President's Message Cont'

+ Joined the Dept. of Health's Municipal water regulation planning efforts now in progress, to comply with recent state law.

+ Planned a WASLA report to the landscape industry about SPU management, staff, budget and program actions compared to adopted policy on water use.

+ Planned to participate in a Seattle Designer Showcase project as a sustainable demonstration residence design project for Sept. 2005 to be open for a month.

+ Continued our ongoing partnership with SPU through the WASLA Committee on the Environment (COTE) activities with speaking events on soil and other topics.

+ Funded \$1,500 of seed money for a Green Seattle Open Space Charette, planned by Professor Nancy Rottle, ASLA at UW as follow-up event to the 100 year commemoration of Seattle's Olmstead Parks held in 2003.

WASLA represents 587 licensed landscape architects (68% are WASLA members). Most WASLA members live and work in areas served by Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) for water. It's important for WASLA membership to have some in depth analysis about SPU water saving program actions affecting your income. The plan is to contact the appropriate SPU staff for more information, then report how SPU management decision making has allocated budgets and programs to save water within the past 6 weeks, 6 months, 6 years, etc.

In the area of water savings, we have seen product rebates to the irrigation product industry, direct SPU product purchases and grants for central control and weather stations, industry events, etc. Such topics are part of our planned report to the WASLA membership.

I will keep you informed on the 2005 water issue,

Matt Mathes, ASLA  
WASLA President

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### ASLA's Pacific Northwest Design Cont' from page 1

Garnering a variety of intricate responses to these questions, the Oregon Chapter of ASLA wishes to engage the design community on a 15-month journey traversing a multitude of scales. From urban to rural, garden to open space, this project will take an **evocative** look at the uniqueness of Pacific Northwest Design, **reveal** important influences, **explore** concepts and theories, and **acknowledge** those practitioners and works that have contributed to the greatness of our region.

The Washington Chapter of ASLA, in conjunction with the Oregon Chapter of ASLA, seeks to raise awareness of the landscape architecture profession.

### DESIGN DIALOGUE BROWN BAG BRAINSTORMING SESSION-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:30PM-6:30PM

University of Washington, Gould Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Commons Area

Are you about to graduate from Landscape Architecture? A recent graduate who wants to know more about the design community, who the hiring professionals are and what the major topics are that affect the great Puget Sound Region?

Then this is a great opportunity for you? Come join the Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architecture in a brainstorming session about creating an exciting year of Chapter programs that will fulfill on the ASLA's Pacific Northwest Design - A Retrospective theme. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Eric Higbee or Fritz Wagner at 206.543.9240.

### WHAT MAKES IT GREEN?

Thursday 4/28 8:30am-5:30pm at Seattle City Hall  
+ Friday 4/29 noon-2pm Seattle City Hall sustainable building tour

Collaborative Sustainable Design Forum  
AIA Seattle Committee on the Environment (COTE) presents this year's Forum, to focus on the advancement of sustainable techniques: specifically how an integrated design process can produce a more sustainable project. The program will engage a multi-disciplinary audience in an informed discussion of sustainable strategies for the built environment. The morning will involve an eco-charrette led by experts from various design and building disciplines. In the afternoon, discussion of "What Makes

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It GREEN?" project submittals will engage both panel members and the audience in an active critical process. Friday tours of Seattle City Hall and the Green Space will highlight the collaborative strategies involved in successful sustainable design.

Details/online registration: <http://www.aiaseattle.org/wmig2005/index.htm>

### INVOCATION- FRIDAY, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>, 5:30PM TO 7 PM.

Oregon Chapter ASLA presents the initial event in our year long series investigating 'Pacific Northwest Design: A Retrospective'. Please join us for an evening with a presentation by Kenneth Helphand, FASLA, hors d'oeuvres, socializing, and special recognition of Robert Melnick, FASLA, as he departs his position as Dean of the Department of Architecture and Allied Arts, University of Oregon.

The event will be held at the Pratt & Larson Building, 1204 SE Water Street, Portland. RSVP to Dave Walters, [dwalters@migcom.com](mailto:dwalters@migcom.com), 503.297.1005.

### CAUP OPEN HOUSE-FRIDAY, APRIL 22 1:00 TO 5:00 P.M. GOULD COURT

"Community Connections: Improving Lives through Better Environments," is a free, college-wide open house featuring displays of current student and faculty projects that have strong community connections - local, national and international. Students and faculty will be on hand to discuss their work, as well as their personal experiences collaborating with community members on a wide variety of projects. The departments and programs represented at the open house will include the departments of Architecture, Construction Management, Landscape Architecture, and Urban Design and Planning; the Community and Environmental Planning program; the Center for Environment, Education and Design Studies; the Urban Ecology Research Laboratory; the UW Rome Center; and the Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies. CAUP's "Community Connections" is part of the UW's "Washington Weekend" (April 21-23, 2005), an annual event featuring open houses, class reunions, lectures, tours, live entertainment, Husky sporting events and more for the campus community and the general public. (For information on additional activities during Washington Weekend, go to the UW Alumni Association webpage: <http://www.washington.edu/alumni/weekend/index.html>)

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### UPCOMING WASLA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our Golf Tournament planning is underway, and sponsorship and support is growing. Come join us for the First annual WASLA Golf tournament. Bring your clients, staff, and sticks for a good short round of fun. Your support of this event is critical to continued support, and growth of WASLA for this year and the future. For additional information, or if you would like to help organize this event. Contact Erik J. Sweet, ASLA, RLA [esweet@cas-cadedesigncollab.com](mailto:esweet@cas-cadedesigncollab.com) or call Monday-Wednesday 9:30am to 5pm at (206) 628-9133.

### LIFE IN THE CITY: PUBLIC & PRIVATE GARDENS

LYNDEN MILLER - MARTY WINGATE - POLLY HANKIN, SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2005

Symposium- 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Lunch Included

Auditorium, Bastyr University

Members: \$45.00 - Non-members: \$55.00

Hear from three inspiring and informative speakers who "think big" when it comes to life in the city. Spend a day absorbing their observations about cultivating private urban gardens and creating life-changing public city gardens. See the website [www.northwesthort.org](http://www.northwesthort.org) for more information.

Reservations required. Email [nwhort@aol.com](mailto:nwhort@aol.com) or call Karin Kravitz 206-780-8172

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CLARB President Sandra Gonzalez urges every landscape architect who is asked to participate in the Task Analysis to do so. "The success of this study depends on the willingness of landscape architects to take the time to respond carefully and thoughtfully to the survey." The results of the study will ensure that the subject matter in the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (L.A.R.E.) reflects current practice and remains a valid measure of a newly-registered landscape architect's ability. Gonzalez adds, "The Task Analysis serves as a critical source of evidence for the validity of the L.A.R.E. and provides strong support for our position in the event of a legal challenge." CLARB conducted previous Task Analyses of the profession of landscape architecture in 1991 and 1998.

CLARB Executive Director Clarence L. "Buck" Chaffee adds that scientific studies, like the Task Analysis, also advance landscape architectural licensure efforts and bolster the credibility of the profession. "Any licensure effort, whether it is a sunset defense of an existing law or establishment of a new law, needs the hard facts that the Task Analysis provides. CLARB's previous studies have been invaluable in a number of legal challenges to the rights of licensed landscape architects."

Landscape architects who participate in the survey will do so confidentially. The information will be used only to assess the content of the L.A.R.E. and to strengthen the definition of the profession.

Everyone who is asked to complete the Task Analysis survey should do so, even if they participated in the Landscape Architect Body of Knowledge (LABOK) Study conducted in 2003, as the two studies address significantly different issues. The results and impact of the 2005 Task Analysis will be announced later this year.

The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) is dedicated to ensuring that all individuals who affect the natural and built environment through the practice of landscape architecture are sufficiently qualified to do so. CLARB's members work together to establish standards for education, experience and examination required for the professional licensure of landscape architects.

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## Professional Development

### LARE STUDY PREP SESSIONS:

WASLA will be holding the LARE prep seminars in a new format to better educate candidates with the new testing procedures and times from CLARB on the LARE. We will be offered sessions in Seattle and Pullman (at Washington State University) in April, with two sessions. Seattle sessions will be at the offices of EDAW from 5:30 to 7:30pm, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Pullman sessions will be held at Washington State University dates TBD in the Landscape Architecture Department. Sessions will include study material handouts, network with other candidates, sample problems, and Q&A sessions with instructors and other candidates as well. Fees will be published shortly. For additional information, please contact Erik J. Sweet, ASLA, RLA at [esweet@cas-cadedesigncollab.com](mailto:esweet@cas-cadedesigncollab.com) or call Monday-Wednesday 9:30am to 5pm at (206) 628-9133.

### LARE SEMINAR INSTRUCTOR NEEDED

LARE Seminar Instructor needed on Grading and Drainage. WASLA is looking for a recently licensed LA to be a part of the LARE instructor pool. Your time will be a few hours to prepare for the session, and one evening in Seattle to teach a session on grading and drainage. WASLA will cover expenses of copies, and handout. WASLA will organize the rooms, and candidates information, and collect all money for sessions. Please bring your recent exam knowledge, and be part of a growing part of WASLA. We will be networking with Idaho and Oregon chapters in giving our upcoming professionals the most updated, and recent exam sessions in the Pacific Northwest. If interested please email Erik J. Sweet, ASLA, RLA at [esweet@cas-cadedesigncollab.com](mailto:esweet@cas-cadedesigncollab.com) or call Monday-Wednesday 9:30am to 5pm at (206) 628-9133.