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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, BY BROOKS KOLB

It's hard to believe, but my two-year term as WASLA President is coming to an end. I will continue to serve the Executive Board as Immediate Past-President when Carrie Culp begins her term as President in January 2004, and I know she will do a great job.

Licensure

Late summer and fall have been an especially busy season for me and the other members of the Executive Board. This season began in August, when our Board voted to endorse a movement to upgrade our Washington State Landscape Architecture License to a Practice Act (for more specific information, see Bob Harding's news release below.) For the State Legislature to take this initiative seriously, it will require support from a sizable majority of Washington State registered Landscape Architects and WASLA. Without this strong majority, the Legislature will simply ask, which group speaks for Washington Landscape Architects: the group in favor, or the group opposed? In order to proceed with the initiative, a new non-profit political action committee will need to be created, with a clearly delineated mission statement, separate from but supported by WASLA. We are proposing to name this PAC the "Landscape Architects of Washington," or "LAW."

The Olmsted Legacy

But a lot more projects have been in the works, on other fronts. In August and September, I served on a committee dedicated to making the Olmsted Centennial more than just a memory from 2003. Two initiatives are planned to honor, uphold and continue the Olmsted Legacy by planning for the next 100 years of conservation, open space planning and park acquisition. The first and broader initiative envisions a "Centennial Dialogue and Cascade Agenda" to "create a regional, 100-year open space vision to continue to preserve our landscape heritage and protect our communities" throughout the Puget Sound region, stretching from Canada to Olympia. The second, more narrowly focused initiative, will be a charrette conducted by WASLA professionals and UW Landscape Architecture students with the goal of completing, updating and filling in the gaps in the Seattle park system plan originally conceived by the Olmsted Brothers in 1903.

Moses Lake Charrette

Then in early October, WASLA undertook another charrette in partnership with the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation unit. This successful weekend work session with members of the community of Moses Lake generated a plan for a recreation and trail system throughout the city and beyond. The charrette was notable for being the first one ever conducted with the active (and enthusiastic) participation of the state Health Department, whose members are very cognizant of the role that outdoor recreation opportunities play

in the health of individuals and entire communities. It is exciting to note that recently the link between good health and access to open space, parks and recreation has been proven statistically.

ASLA Annual Meeting in New Orleans

In late October, I attended the ASLA Annual Meeting in New Orleans where, in addition to thoroughly enjoying the French Quarter and Garden District, Carrie and I participated in the Chapter Presidents' Council meeting. It was a great moment for our Chapter as Rich Haag was awarded the ASLA Medal and Jones and Jones received the first-ever national "Firm Award." Chapter members were also honored for two National Awards – Charles Anderson for the Arthur Ross Terrace at New York's Museum of Natural History, designed with Kathryn Gustafson, Lead Designer, and Mithun (with John Rahaim of City Design) for the "Blue Ring" plan, envisioning a series of linear parks surrounding Seattle's "Center City" neighborhoods.

WASLA Chapter Awards

I hadn't been back from New Orleans a week before WASLA celebrated our own Chapter awards at the Frye Art Museum on November 8. These awards were announced in an E-News bulletin to all the members and posted on the website, <http://www.wasla.org/>. I was especially enthusiastic about announcing the first ever Presidential Awards for Exemplary Service to Washington Landscape Architecture and WASLA. Three awards were conferred. Two went out to WASLA members who well deserve special recognition – Past-President Don Benson and Member Margaret Hayes. The third went out to an allied professional – Clair Enlow, Journalist, who more than anyone has helped to increase our visibility in the printed media. Congratulations to everyone who won chapter awards!

Please Vote in the Election!

No sooner had the Awards program taken place than we launched our election for the 2004 Executive Board. The election is currently taking place by on-line balloting and the polls will close on December 26. If you have not already voted, please do so by opening the e-mail ballot that was sent out. If you have not received a ballot by e-mail, please contact the WASLA office at office@wasla.org or by calling **206 443-9484**. We are posting a great slate of candidates and I know that 2004 will bring in an excellent group of people for the new Executive Board.

See You Next Year!

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving you as President and look forward to my continuing involvement next year. Plans are already under way to proceed with our Chapter Initiatives Program (CIP) Grant from ASLA National, with matching funds from WASLA, to prepare a brochure for middle school and high school

students illustrating the fundamental elements of park design. We're planning to use examples of parks from both the Puget Sound and Spokane metropolitan areas.

If you are interested or curious about any of these events and initiatives, please contact me at talleykolb@earthlink.net or by calling me at 206 324-0858. Meanwhile, Happy Holidays!

TRUSTEE'S REPORT, BY FRANK IDE, ASLA

Brooks, Carrie and I attended the ASLA National Conference in New Orleans over Halloween. The theme of the conference was "*Fusion of Culture and Place*". I can't think of anywhere in this country where that theme is more appropriate than New Orleans. In addition to enjoying the many exciting places and cuisine, I did manage to spend two days in the Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting.

2003 was an exciting year for ASLA. National has done much to further the profession. President Paul Morris outlined 90 of ASLA's top accomplishments over the last year in what came to be known as his "90 Points of Light" speech.

While most of the Board of Trustees meeting addressed society operations and policies, there were also reports and discussions with representatives from LAF, CELA, CLARB, NSPE, CSLA, and APA. The following are a few of the highlights.

- The 2003 graduating student survey was completed. Starting salaries rose to \$32,700 from \$32,500 in 2002. In The original survey in 1997, the average starting salary was \$23,000.
- The Council on Educators in Landscape Architecture discussed the difficulties that colleges and universities face trying to fund programs.
- The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) announced that some parts of the LARE will be given by computer in February and August. LARE preparation will need to accommodate this change.
- Education of the profession is a continued priority. The goal is to make a professional available to every Junior and Senior High School.
- The Canadian Society of Landscape Architecture (CSLA) talked about membership/licensure impacts and proposed a joint meeting in Montreal in 2008.

- The American Planning Institute (APA) talked about its broad membership (30,000 members of which 2/3 are public sector and proposed some joint efforts on policy and legislation.
- Growing the membership and rebuilding financial reserves will continue to get attention.
- Review of operating plan, budget, and capital investment plan is an important part of the BOT work. The Annual Operating Plan has been built from priorities expressed by CPC, BOT and Executive Committee. Public Relations and Government Affairs (particularly licensure support) remain most important. The budget includes 2003 (nearly complete), a revised 2004 and proposed 2005.
- Drake Fowler, the student president gave an outstanding report and showed a noteworthy newsletter and recruitment poster to be used by student chapters. Student newsletters are available on the ASLA website.
- New policies on "Security Design" and "Natural Resources: Non-Native Invasive Species" were accepted.
- The BOT concurred with decision to pursue green roof for the headquarters building, which needs new roof.
- The program to elect Honorary Members of ASLA was resurrected. Nancy Buley of J. Frank Schmidt and Representative Earl Blumenauer were both elected. The honor will be conferred at the mid-year meeting and the chapter should work with Morris on local publicity and events.
- ASLA is taking lead on critical issues of Security Design, Healthy Community Design, and Context-Sensitive Design. More can be done on Green Roofs, LEED/Green Building. Forest Ecology and Fire Prevention is also timely.
- LA Week will become LA Month (April). The BOT requested more assistance from National in developing LA Month programs.
- Issues are arising regarding liability coverage for landscape architects, as some of the Nation's largest insurance agencies are denying liability coverage to firms who design such projects as skate parks and green roofs.
- *Landscape Architecture* Magazine received the prestigious Gold Award for General Excellence from the Society of National Association Publications.
- Susan Jacobson took over as ASLA President at the conclusion of the conference.

- Additionally, The BOT approved updated Model Chapter Bylaws. Each chapter will need to be in compliance with the new bylaws by the end of 2004. This will require WASLA membership to adopt the new bylaws. Look for more information on this in upcoming months.

I have appreciated the opportunity to represent WASLA at the national level over the last year. I am amazed at how much ASLA accomplishes with the limited staff and resources. Although the next formal BOT Meeting will not be until next Spring, I will have regular contact with ASLA leadership and other trustees via email. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about what National is doing, please email me at frankideasla@yahoo.com.

“LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS OF WASHINGTON” FORMS TO PROMOTE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE ACT, BY BOB HARDING

At the August 21, 2003 Executive Board Meeting, WASLA board members boldly spoke in favor of the future of landscape architects in the State of Washington by endorsing a plan to upgrade our state licensure law to that of a practice act in addition to the current title act. This initiative will be undertaken as part of ASLA National's "50 by 2010" plan to establish landscape architecture practice laws in all 50 states. The following represents some particulars of the proposed change to the state registration and licensure law.

Background

A Title Act limits use of the term "Landscape Architect" and similar variations to licensees. A Practice Act restricts providing landscape architectural services to licensees. Even though you hear these terms used individually to describe licensure laws, most laws are a combination of both. This means that it is illegal to refer to yourself as a Landscape Architect or to offer or provide landscape architectural services unless you are licensed.

The current Law relating to Landscape Architects in the State of Washington (18.96 RCW) requires registration in the State of Washington for any person to use, or advertise the title landscape architect, landscape architecture, or landscape architectural. Our intention is to change, modify or rewrite the Law to require registration for any person to practice, offer to practice landscape architecture or to use the title of landscape architect in the State of Washington. This will bring the registration / licensure of landscape architects to a similar recognition as our allied professionals of engineers, architects and surveyors, and will bring us into parity with every other adjacent state to Washington including Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska. In fact, other than Colorado, which has no landscape architecture licensure law, Washington is the only state west of the Mississippi River without a Practice Act!

Action

During the next several months an organization called "Landscape Architects of Washington" (LAW) will be formed as a unique entity, separate from WASLA, to promote, lobby, and implement a change to the current licensure law. The "LAW"'s sole purpose will be to develop, implement and have enacted a practice landscape architectural act in the State of Washington. This organization, while independent of WASLA to maintain a clear separation mission and dues collection will be encouraged and financially supported by landscape architects and other organizations throughout the State, including WASLA.

In order for our legislative lobbying efforts to be successful, we will need to present a united front on this issue. "LAW" will be meeting with as many landscape architecture firms and individual practitioners as possible to gauge and develop support for the initiative.

It is estimated that a change to the licensing law will require up to 3 years of coordinated and directed efforts of landscape architects throughout the state, and will include specific efforts in fundraising, law and language revisions, publicity, and other activities in support of the change. If you have an interest in assisting in this effort, please contact Robert Harding at bobh@dahogan.com, and thank you to WASLA for supporting this effort.

WASLA AND ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (AELC) NEWS UPDATE

Higher Education: Last session, Washington state legislature passed two bills creating studies of Higher Ed. HB 2076 required a working group to give direction to the state's Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding the update of the state's master plan for Higher Ed. updated every five years. HB 2111 established a working group to look at performance contracts between the legislature and universities.

Higher Ed in Washington State faces the largest increase in projected demand since the years of the baby boom - the "echo of the baby boom." State universities and colleges will need to increase current capacity by and additional 35,000 to 40,000 students - to meet the demand.

That's the equivalent of building an entire new college campus the same size as University of Washington - there's large potential professional services for landscape architects with campus planning and design expertise. More likely, it means additions to existing campuses.

Washington state's actions for past few years has been to decrease the state's investment per student and to increase tuition. In response, universities have simply set higher entry qualifications for new students, sending local kids looking out of state for college - avoiding new construction in Washington State!

Reforming Higher Ed means greater access to participate in the emerging knowledge-based economy in Washington state.

Rep. Skip Priest of Federal Way, Rep. Don Cox of Colfax and Rep. Fred Jarrett of Mercer Island have proposed a series of goals. If you are interested, you can find the full text at

<http://hrc.leg.wa.gov/members/jarrett/newsreleases/highered.htm>

The group expects to introduce legislation next year to begin implementing reforms.

Financing Transportation Improvements: Sen. Mary Margaret Haugen and Rep. Fred Jarrett have been co-chairing a joint House-Senate committee looking at how transportation financing has changed over the last two decades and how the state should respond. The committee traveled to Illinois, Colorado and California to look at innovative financing approaches, and in the last month drafted a final report. If you are interested in the details, go to <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/partners/tifa/>

Budgeting for Results: The Governor's Priorities of Government (POG) process could change the performance of state government, if implemented. Rep. Phil Rockefeller and Rep. Fred Jarrett have been working with the Office of Financial Management to strengthen and institutionalize POG process and to audit the performance of state government through the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC).

The proposed POG process needs to integrate into the existing legislative budgeting process, to link POG to performance auditing and incorporate POG into the management system of the state. If you are interested in the details of the proposals, they are available at <http://hrc.leg.wa.gov/members/jarrett.htm>

Permit Reforms: Two years ago, a bill passed required local governments to set targets for permit processing and report quarterly on performance against adopted targets. The Local Government Committee staff is collecting and analyzing data in the first comprehensive review of local government permitting performance. This effort is based on the premise that cities and counties must do better at their regulatory role; this study will point to best practices and allow citizens to understand the performance of their local governments in comparison to others across the state.

The report will be released at the House Local Government Committee meetings the first week of December. More information will be available then at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/house/opr/LG/default.htm>

Legislative Leadership Changes - With announced candidacies for higher and other offices in fall 2004 and recent Nov. 2003 election results, several elected members within the House and Senate will rotate from party leadership positions, so there will be a few new appointments soon. Sen. Dino Rossi (Sammamish -

Dist. 5) announced this week for Governor this week, joining three other announced candidates - Sims, Gregoire and Talmadge.

International Building Code - The State Building Code Council finally acts in late November 2003 to implement the timing of the shift to the International Building Code family of codes - away from Uniform Building Code (UBC). If approved, it will require adoption by local governments by end of June 2004.

For landscape architects using specification references to the familiar UBC, you will have to plan to perhaps attend an IBC code workshop, monitor local governments schedule to adopt the IBC locally and also revise your "standard" details, specs within the next six months.

Liability and tort reform continues to be an issue likely for some action in the 2004 session. The Liability Reform Coalition (LRC) endorsed by AELC and WASLA has a well crafted platform that includes condo liability relief, caps on damage awards from state and local governments and other reforms that help landscape architects obtain and maintain insurance coverage.

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Finally, Please support WASLA's continued participation in AELC - please let your WASLA Executive Board know that legislative information is valuable to you !

WASHINGTON CHAPTER OF ASLA ANNOUNCES 2003 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AWARD WINNERS

Seattle, WA – November 13, 2003 –The Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (WASLA) recently held its biennial awards celebration recognizing professional landscape architectural design projects, planning and analysis and related work in the State of Washington.

The awards celebration, held at the Frye Art Museum on November 8, featured projects in five general categories: Research & Communication, Landscape Planning & Analysis, Residential Garden Design, Works In Progress and Design. The award winners, selected by a 5-person jury, received a merit, honor or special mention designation.

The evening began by honoring three Seattle-based individuals who have served the profession of Landscape Architecture in an inspirational and exemplary manner. Clair Enlow, Journalist, Don Benson, WASLA Past-President, and Margaret Hayes, ASLA each received Presidential Awards for Exemplary Service. Clair Enlow has written extensively about Pacific Northwest Landscape Architecture in the Daily Journal of Commerce and Landscape Architecture Magazine. Don Benson has conducted several community park and recreation

design charrettes with the National Park Service throughout the State of Washington and, as Visibility Committee chair, has raised the profile of WASLA and landscape architecture throughout the state and nationally. Margaret Hayes has planned many WASLA conferences and expositions over the past decade. Brooks Kolb, WASLA President, said he was delighted to honor all three people and to establish a new tradition by conferring these first-ever Presidential Awards for service to the profession.

In addition to the WASLA Chapter award winners, two Seattle-based national American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) award recipients were applauded during the celebration for high honors conferred upon them on November 2 at the ASLA Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Richard Haag, FASLA, who is well known as the designer of Seattle's Gas Works Park and for his role in saving the Pike's Place Market, received the ASLA Medal, a lifetime achievement award and the highest honor conferred upon a living Landscape Architect. Jones and Jones Architects and Landscape Architects of Seattle received the first-ever ASLA Firm Award for their ground-breaking work in ecological site planning and design throughout the United States and internationally, spanning more than three decades.

Two other National Award-recipients were recognized during the ceremony. Debra Guenther of Mithun and John Rahaim of the City of Seattle's City Design were congratulated for the "Blue Ring for the Twenty-First Century," a study envisioning a future series of linear parks ringing Seattle's Center City neighborhoods, which is intended to expand the vision of the Olmsted Brothers' Seattle park system design of 1903. Charles Anderson of Charles Anderson Landscape Architects and Kathryn Gustafson of Gustafson Guthrie Nichol, Design Lead, were recognized for the Arthur Ross Terrace at Manhattan's New York Museum of Natural History.

The WASLA State Chapter Award winners are as follows:

Category #1: Research & Communication

Merit Award to Ecological Planning by Dr. Forster Ndubisi

Category #2: Landscape Planning & Analysis

Merit Award to High Point Natural Drainage by SvR Design Company

Honor Award to The Blue Ring by Mithun

Category #3: Residential Garden Design

Merit Award to The Bird Watcher's House by Belt Collins

Category #4: Works in Progress

Special Mention to Lewis and Clark Station Camp by Otak

Special Mention to Snohomish County Campus by Site Workshop

Honor Award to Oxbow Park by Jones & Jones

Category #5: Design

Special Mention to Islandwood by The Berger Partnership

Special Mention to Lake Washington Environmental Education Sequence by Charles Anderson

Special Mention to 500 Area of Discovery Park by Charles Anderson
Merit Award to Roxhill Bog by Charles Anderson
Merit Award to Kreielsheimer Promenade at MOM Hall by Gustafson Guthrie
Nichol
Honor Award to Seattle Justice Center by Gustafson Guthrie Nichol and Swift
and Company Landscape Architects
Honor Award to Nordheim Court by Mithun
Honor Award to Cedar River Watershed Education Center by Jones & Jones

The jurors for the WASLA chapter awards were: **John Rahaim**, Planning Director in the City of Seattle's Department of Planning and Development; **Julie Johnson**, Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture and Adjunct Associate Professor of Architecture at the University of Washington; **Elizabeth Connor**, public artist; **Scott Wolf**, Architect and Principal at Hill/Hull Partnership; **Clair Enlow**, Contributing Editor for Landscape Architecture Magazine and ArchitectureWeek and columnist for The Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce. 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.

WASLA PROFESSIONAL AWARD SUBMITTALS

If you submitted a cd for the WASLA professional awards and would like to have it returned to you, please contact the WASLA office by December 31, 2003. After this time, the cds will be destroyed.

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<http://www.wasla.org/sponsors.htm>

WASLA AND NPS TEAM FOR MOSES LAKE DESIGN CHARRETTE

On October 3rd, 4th, and 5th, WASLA was well represented as seven landscape architects and four landscape architecture students participated in the Healthy Communities pilot program trail system design charrette in Moses Lake. This was the fourth charrette that **WASLA** and **the National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA)** partnered to present. This Charrette had a third sponsor, the Department of Health. The goal of the charrette was to lay out a trail system connecting neighborhoods, downtown, schools, parks and other points of interest in order to encourage walking, bike riding and other alternatives to driving a car.

The charrette began late Friday afternoon with an introduction of all participants and team assignments, followed with a dinner and a background presentation on the Healthy Communities program. Alexandra Stone, landscape architect with the NPS Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program facilitated the charrette.

The five teams were lead by landscape architects and made up of landscape architects, landscape architecture students, community members, City of Moses Lake public works personnel, avid bikers, and walkers of the community. The group reconvened Saturday morning and dove right in on laying out an overall trail system. After presenting their overall plans, each team focused on designing a trail system for their assigned color-coded sector of the Moses Lake area.

Trails and street routes for bikers, pedestrians, rollerbladers and the like were laid out on existing streets, rail road right-of-ways, along shorelines, over proposed bridges, along irrigation canals and other areas where trails would connect points of interest. After lunch the teams worked the rest of the day until they were treated to dinner out on the town! The host Trail Planning Committee graciously provided lunches and dinner for the charrette. Picking up where they left off, the teams resumed work on Sunday morning at a frantic pace until the invited community began to arrive for the “open house” presentation. All teams made an energetic presentation to an enthusiastic audience. After a presentation of \$3,000.00 by the local real estate association to the trail team to kick off construction of the proposed trail system, passing out door prizes and winding down with refreshments, another successful charrette was in the books!

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

This fall ***Washington State University Landscape Architecture Students*** were presented with the opportunity to be paired with a landscape architect in mentor relationship. This program provides an informal avenue for WSU L.A. students to have one-on-one time with a professional outside of the classroom. University of Washington students have enjoyed this program for the past 3 years; now WSU students can participate in a similar program.

With the student driving the program and setting the agenda for their one-hour monthly meeting, a wide range of topics can be discussed. From critiquing work, to giving guidance to providing a new perspective on landscape architecture, the mentorship program has much to offer!

Currently 6 Spokane area professionals are mentoring 7 students. Feedback received from students and professionals has been very positive! As participating students share their experiences with classmates, we anticipate the student mentor program's growth year after year.

SPOKANE HISTORIC PARKS TOUR

In association with the **American Planning Association (APA)** and the **Washington Trust for Historic Preservation's 2003 Planning and Preservation** conference held at Spokane's Davenport Hotel in mid-October, several Spokane area landscape architects and landscape design professionals recently hosted a mobile workshop/walking tour of several city parks and historic neighborhoods located on the city's South Hill.

Utilizing the theme of the conference "Planning and Preservation: Essential Tools for Economic Development", this tour presented the opportunity for tour guides (landscape architects, landscape designers and planners) to showcase these historic places and the relationship each of them has with not only with the quality of life in the South Hill residential area, but with the Spokane community as a whole. The tour consisted of stops at Cliff Park, Cannon Hill Park, Manito Park, the historic Rockwood Neighborhood and the former location of Liberty Park, which was largely displaced with the construction of Interstate 90. All of these parks were included in the 1908 Spokane City Parks Master Plan, which was a written recommendation prepared by the Olmsted Brothers. The Olmsted firm was hired to develop site-specific plans for two of these parks, Cannon Hill and Liberty and the Rockwood Neighborhood.

We have received very positive feedback on this tour and look forward to opportunities to conduct similar tours in the future. We would like to thank the Spokane chapter of the APA and the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation for their cooperation and allowing us to participate in their conference.

SUSTAINABLE CONNECTIONS – ENVIRONMENTAL ARTWORK EXHIBIT

Sustainable Connections Art, Architecture & Product Design

Illustrating sustainable connections in environment, community and business.

November 17, 2003 - January 15, 2004

Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Artist Reception, open to the public
Thursday, November 20, 5 - 7 p.m.

City Space,
Third Floor, Bank of America Tower
701 Fifth Avenue
206-749-9525

Sustainable Connections presents a collection of environmental artwork, architecture and product design showcasing work from Northwest artists and designers, and sustainable strategies from recent City of Seattle buildings and the 6th International Design Resource Awards. The exhibit is pleased to offer a concurrent three-part lecture series scheduled for January 2004.

Sustainable Connections is a collaborative project of the City of Seattle, King County and the Design Resource Institute. City Space is co-sponsored by Equity Office Properties and Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, City of Seattle, Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor.

For more information:

www.metrokc.gov

www.seattle.gov/arts/showcase/cityspace

2ND ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN EVENT TO BE HELD IN SEATTLE

GreenWorld(tm) - What Makes it GREEN? A Collaborative Forum on Sustainable Design, April 1-2, 2004, Fisher Pavilion

(Seattle, Wash.) - Top industry experts in the field of sustainable design are coming to Seattle next spring for a unique architectural and interior design event focusing on environmental sustainability. Called "**GreenWorld(tm) - What Makes it GREEN?**," the event will be held at the Fisher Pavilion at the Seattle Center. Though primarily an industry event, the public is invited to attend to get an insiders' glimpse into cutting edge technologies, practices and products and to view some of our region's newest sustainable design projects.

The second annual GreenWorld(tm) - What Makes it GREEN? event is a collaborative forum co-presented by The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Washington State Chapter and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Seattle Committee on the Environment. It will feature presentations and workshops on the latest environmentally sound products and practices as well as panel discussion, an exhibit of over 30 new and innovative sustainable design products and a display of notable sustainable projects being undertaken in our region.

The event will feature a keynote presentation from Dr. David Suzuki, Ph.D., an award-winning Canadian scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster. The author of more than 30 books, Dr. Suzuki is recognized as a world leader in sustainable ecology. Earth Day founder and president of the Bullitt Foundation, Denis Hayes, will be the featured luncheon speaker.

The first day's agenda will be devoted to presentations and workshops, as well as the chance to view product exhibits and design projects. The second day will feature tours of local sustainable projects.

For registration and additional information, please visit <http://www.aiaseattle.org/> or <http://www.iida.wa.org/> or call 206-448-4938.

IIDA CEU credits and AIA learning units are available for the event. Please call Josie Briggs at 206-706-0506 or Allison Capen at 206-545-8072 for details.

TOUR DES TREES

Tour Des trees is a 7 day, 500 mile bicycle ride to raise money for research about urban trees. The Tour Des Trees is sponsored by the Tree Research & Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund) and last year 90 riders raised over \$400,000 for tree research. Over the past 20 years, Landscape Architects have benefited from this research in their practice and our urban landscapes have better trees as a result of the implementation of ideas generated by this research.

August 2-8, 2004

For more information:

<http://www.tourdestrees.org/>

HOUSNG PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

Nixing NIMBY: Can We Make Housing a Political Winner?

Wednesday, December 10, 2003

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
City Council Chambers, Renton City Hall
\$50.00 per person Includes breakfast

Plan to join the Housing Partnership as we explore the local political landscape faced by advocates for infill and housing innovation and look for ways to make housing development a political winner.

Growth strategies based on infill and higher density housing require difficult, and sometimes heroic actions on the part of local elected officials. Housing is a regional need, but decisions are mostly made by individuals elected to serve constituencies at the local level.

Since the advent of growth management we have developed a wide array of design and technical solutions to our housing supply problems, many of which have been highlighted by the Housing Partnership. We have not, however, made as much progress toward creating a political environment that favors housing innovation. Without greater community support it will be difficult to introduce innovative housing strategies into the upcoming rewrites of regional and local GMA plans.

At this workshop we will explore the dynamics of local housing politics and look for ways to make new and innovative development a positive thing for communities. We will discuss:

Myths and realities. What are the real relationships between infill development and home values, traffic, taxes and services?

Local benefits of new development. New housing can be a catalyst for revitalizing communities, improving the tax base, expanding retail and other services. Are these useful selling points?

Addressing community concerns. How can we move beyond distrust and fear to address real issues and work toward creative solutions?

Registration material will be in the mail soon. If you have questions contact Michael Luis at 425-453-5123 or mluis@seanet.com

NPSI – NATIONAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSTITUTE

March 17 & 18, 2004

Safety Inspector Certification **Exam** on March **19th**

Presented by WRPA, NRPA and WRPA Park Resource Section

TUKWILA COMMUNITY CENTER, 12424 42nd Ave. S., Tukwila, WA 98168
(Building phone number 206-768-2822)

See attached document (NPSI.doc) for more info or call Rick Still at 206-767-2344 rstill@ci.tukwila.wa.us

visit http://www.wrpatoday.org/park_resources.htm

SUNSET'S WESTERN GARDEN DESIGN AWARDS CALL FOR ENTRIES

Sunset's Western Garden Design Awards is a professionally juried, biennial program that recognizes the best of residential Western garden design. It is open to both landscape architects and landscape designers who earn most or all of their living designing gardens. Winners will be published in the March 2005 issue of *Sunset Magazine**. This year, we are looking for submissions in five categories:

*Winners from some categories may appear in a summer 2005 issue.

- 1. Small-space gardens** feature innovative design and interesting plants in an area of 2000 square feet or less.
- 2. Gardens for outdoor living and entertaining** make the best use of space and design to optimize outdoor living. They can include kitchens, fireplaces, play areas, or other spaces landscaped for outdoor activities.
- 3. Regional gardens** use materials and plants most appropriate for the climate and terrain of a particular region.
- 4. Renovated gardens** take advantage of existing features or plants while updating or replacing elements that are dated, in poor repair, or unhealthy. At least one major original feature must have been retained. "Before" photos are encouraged.
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