



## WASLA News and Announcements

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### APLDWA Announces 10th Anniversary Gala

The Association of Professional Landscape Designers-Washington Chapter (APLDWA) is hosting a Gala to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the inception of the state chapter.

The Gala celebration will take place Saturday evening, March 20, 2010, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Hotel Deca in Seattle's University District. The catered fare will include hors d'oeuvres and libations in the hotel's lobby, followed by a sit-down dinner in the Grand Ballroom.

The evening's featured speaker is Topher Delaney, award-winning landscape designer and artist and principal of the San Francisco-based Seam Studio ([www.tdelaney.com](http://www.tdelaney.com)). Topher Delaney's projects range from the sculpture garden at the Portland Art Museum to the more recent botanical/medicinal garden at the University of California, School of Medicine. Ms. Delaney's presentation, "Attention + Intention," will focus on the questions of how and why we garden.

Topher Delaney was a featured speaker at the National APLD conference held in Seattle in 2002, and it marked her last speaking engagement in this region. Topher Delaney's thirty-year career as an artist has encompassed a wide breadth of projects which focus on the exploration of our cultural interpretations of landscape architecture, site installation and public art. Her practice, SEAM Studio, has evolved from a traditional landscape architectural structure to an atelier which serves as a venue for the investigation of cultural, social and artistic narratives "seamed" together to form dynamic physical installations.

During the evening the chapter will run ongoing presentation slide shows of member projects as well as display historical information highlighting chapter programs and workshops over the last 10 years. Some time will also be taken for special recognition and awards for long-time chapter members.

Anyone interested or involved in landscape design, art, architecture, landscape architecture, horticulture, design, or medicinal gardens is invited to attend this event. Before March 1, tickets are \$75 per person for APLD members and \$75 for one APLD member guest and \$85 for non-members. After March 1, tickets will be \$95. Tickets sales begin January 10, 2010.

For additional information on APLDWA and its 10th Anniversary Gala, contact Lisa Port, APLD (206-383-5572; [lisaport@banyontreedesign.com](mailto:lisaport@banyontreedesign.com)), or visit [www.apldwa.org](http://www.apldwa.org).