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2005 WASLA SPONSORED DESIGN CHARRETTE

WENATCHEE TRAIL CONNECTIONS

2005 Partnership Design Charrette: A Call to Action

WASLA and the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program (RTCA) are celebrating their 7th year of a unique partnership dedicated to helping communities in Washington improve their physical and cultural environments. This help typically takes the form of an intense, three-day Community Design Charrette. Previous charrettes have been hosted by Seattle's International District, the town of Liberty Lake, Skagit County, and Moses Lake—with positive results garnered by all. A national ASLA/RTCA agreement, modeled on the WASLA/RTCA partnership and its successes, was established in 2000 and is expected to be renewed later this year. Under the national agreement, a number of other state chapters have partnered with the National Park Service on community-based RTCA projects including Florida, Idaho, and California.

The 2005 charrette, "Wenatchee Trail Connections," is intended to raise public awareness of the Wenatchee Foothills Trail, its unique shrub-steppe landscape, and the important part the trail can play within the Wenatchee community. Design solutions will focus on an integrated system of trailheads that serve as portals into the community and out to the western foothills. Connections with key destinations such as schools, city bike routes, neighborhood parks, Columbia Station, Art on the Avenues, Stanley Civic Center, the Riverfront Parks System, Apple Capital Loop Trail, and other community treasures will also be explored.

Please consider joining other WASLA members, RTCA, and community leaders in Wenatchee June 24-26 for a fun and highly productive weekend. Design participants are always well-taken-care-of and appreciated by their host community! See the WASLA website for more information, or contact Don Benson at 206.438.2027; don_benson@URSCorp.com to sign up for the Wenatchee event. Info about RTCA can be found at www.nps.gov/ccso/rtca.

MEMBER PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

By Maureen Colaizzi, President-Elect

As landscape architects and members of the Washington Chapter of ASLA we have at least one thing in common, our passion for our profession. This passion is what brings us together as a body of people. Much like when we

were starving students, we had ideals about the difference we could make in the world through the art and science of landscape architecture.

WASLA is launching a new member and public outreach program to create more opportunities for members to come together to have fun, network and recharge our passion for our work. To kick off the program, we will be sponsoring a member social event the first week in May.

Kick-off Event In May – Turf Talks

This May, leave the computer and project problems behind. Join us for a drink and a talk instead. Turf Talks is not a discussion about who won that last RFP. It is however, a happy hour cocktail hour followed by a talk from a guest speaker. Watch the website and your next newsletter for more information about the event details. If you have any ideas for our meeting place or discussion, please contact Maureen Colaizzi at

mccolaiz@hotmail.com

School Days, Again

Remember the first time you discovered the profession of landscape architecture? Here is your opportunity to share that experience with Washington's youth. As part of our public outreach program and the beginning of National Landscape Architecture Month, we are taking a WASLA developed curriculum out to local schools to share what it is we do with our potential future designers. I went to Sumner High School in February. The kids were left feeling jazzed about the idea of creating their own public spaces. Contact Don Benson at Don_Benson@URSCorp.com if you want to inspire the next Fredrick Law Olmsted.

Charrette for the Community

Do you love a good design Charrette? Get out that "scratch" and sharpie then. This June 24, 25, 26th WASLA will be participating in a volunteer design Charrette with the National Park Service and the Wenatchee Community to raise awareness of the Wenatchee Foothills Trail. To learn more see our expanded article in this issue. Contact Don Benson at Don_Benson@URSCorp.com if you are interested in participating.

Golf anyone?

Ever hear about the business deal that was made on the golf course? Maybe this year is your chance to make it so. Bring your clients and play with us. This year WASLA is setting out to organize our first ever Golf Tournament this summer. Erik Sweet is spearheading this effort. If you have any ideas or would like to be involved, please contact him at esweet@cascadedesigncollab.com. I don't play golf at all, and found these best ball foursome events so much fun.

LEED ND CORE COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITY

We have just been recently informed that there is an opportunity to join the LEED ND Core committee. (USGBC) The deadline is March 4, 2005. Most of you may know that the ASLA has been trying to get more landscape architects/planners on this committee to increase the environmental approach of the group. As of this moment we have a few members who are on the "corresponding "committee only.

I would like to encourage you all to apply for these Core committee vacancies. We need a stronger voice in developing this proposed LEED product. With two vacancies available, we should be able to fill them with suitable landscape architect candidates and help shape LEED ND to address environmental strategies as a major part of the evaluation criteria for

residential developments.

Sincerely,

April Philips, ASLA (chair of SD&D group)

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ASLA PROFESSIONAL AND STUDENT CALL FOR ENTRIES

The **ASLA 2005 Professional and Student Awards Call for Entries** is now available [online](#). The printed version will be mailed shortly.

The program features five categories for professionals and students:

- **General Design;**
- **Residential Design** (a new category presented in partnership with *Garden Design* magazine);
- **Analysis and Planning;**
- **Research;** and
- **Communications.**

The Call for Entries also includes the professional and student **Community Service Awards**, recognizing landscape architects and landscape architecture students providing *pro bono* service to the community; the **Landmark Award** (presented in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation), recognizing a project completed between 15 and 50 years ago; and the new **Student Collaboration Award**, recognizing collaborative work by landscape architecture students with students from allied and complementary disciplines.

The deadline for receipt of the entry form is Friday, May 13, 2005, and submission materials must be received by Friday, May 27, 2005. Students should note that the format for categories and submissions has changed and now mirrors the professional format. Award recipients will be featured in *Landscape Architecture* magazine and other industry and general media publications. The awards will be presented in a ceremony followed by a luncheon honoring award recipients, their clients, and faculty advisors during the ASLA Annual Meeting & EXPO, on Monday, October 10, 2005, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Don't miss this great opportunity to share your work with the world—enter today!

Sincerely,

Nancy C. Somerville

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WASLA COTE ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EVENT OF INTEREST

Mayor Greg Nickels and International Sustainable Solutions present the second 2005 Urban Sustainability Forum event: "Take Charge with Sustainable Energy" with Svend Auken, Member, Danish Parliament and Former Danish Minister for Energy & Environment

Friday, March 18, 2005

7-9 p.m.

UW Meany Hall

\$7 in advance; \$10 at door

Advance tickets may be purchased

at www.i-sustain.com/events/svendAuken.htm (press "Get Tickets!" button)

An energizing public dialogue on transforming Seattle into a 21st century city that is climate-neutral, pedestrian-friendly, transit-oriented, community-focused and sustainably designed. Much interest and momentum exists in the Pacific Northwest to take a leadership role in developing sustainable energy technologies and products that create jobs, increase farm revenues, and create new products for export. We can learn a lot from Denmark, a country formerly dependent on foreign oil. It committed itself almost 30 years ago to a path of sustainable energy for economic as well as environmental reasons. Renewable energy technology is now its #1 export.

During the oil crisis of the 1970s Denmark was dependent on foreign oil for 98% of its energy needs. As a result of this crisis, the country committed itself to achieving energy independence—in part through the development of renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency. Today this small country, with a population the size of Washington State, is a net exporter of energy and the largest exporter worldwide of renewable energy technologies. Svend Auken, one of the leading architects of the policies that created this successful industry, will talk about how Denmark was able to skillfully navigate the path from economic decline and dependence on imported fossil fuels in the 1970s to a new and prosperous future. Svend Auken has been a member of the Danish parliament for over 30 years, and was the cabinet minister for Energy and the Environment for over nine years. Throughout his tenure with parliament and work in international venues, such as the U.N. and the EU, Svend has been a persuasive advocate of sustainable energy.

For details on all events in series, visit www.seattle.gov/dpd/sustainability. For additional info contact Lynne Barker, Seattle Dept. of Planning & Development, (206) 684-0806, lynne.barker@seattle.gov. This event presented by International Sustainable Solutions and the City of Seattle, who extend a special thanks to their financial sponsors:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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The BCSLA 2005 Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held from **March 4-5** at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel (1088 Burrard Street).

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **March 5 at 1:30 pm** following the conference.

The purpose of this annual conference is to encourage dialogue and facilitate communication between delegates and presenters from all perspectives of the profession. The conference theme is intended to examine a diverse array of issues facing the profession today: How do we reinforce the public's perception and understanding of the profession of Landscape Architecture? How do we differentiate ourselves from an ever-increasing variety of designers and consultants? How does the business of landscape architecture become more competitive in an expanding global economy? What future roles might landscape architects play in the future? Watch your mailbox for details.

We are pleased that **Patrick Miller, ASLA President**, will be one of the presenters. Also speaking will be Tom Barratt, Adrienne Brown, Cynthia Girling, Blake Hudema, Brad Mason, Susan Rogers, Dr. Nola Kate Seymoar and Shannon Bradley. Larry Diamond will lead a panel discussion on the business of design.

Patrick Miller has worked in public, private, and academic practice in both the United States and Canada, and has held faculty appointments at four major universities, including the University of British Columbia. For the past 17 years Patrick has taught in the Landscape Architecture Department at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and was head of the department for 13 years. Patrick has lectured nationally and internationally on landscape architecture topics and professional education, most recently in China, Australia, Malaysia, and the Middle East. Through his writing, teaching, and practice Patrick has been a tireless advocate of landscape architecture for more than 30 years. The title of his presentation is *Contested Ground: Searching for the Future of the Profession*.

Third Annual Greening Rooftops for Sustainable Communities Conference,

Awards, & Trade Show

May 4th - 6th, 2005, Washington, D.C.

Discover how green roof technology improves the health and well-being of citizens in communities across North America...

Explore how green rooftops advance the goals of the green building movement...

Cultivate relationships with industry leaders and international researchers...

Participate in the Third Annual Greening Rooftops for Sustainable Communities Conference, Awards and Trade Show...

Visit <http://greenroofs.org/washington/> for more information.

Creating Spaces: A Landscape Architect's Approach to Garden Design

by Brooks Kolb, ASLA and Principal of Brooks Kolb LLC Landscape Architecture.

Date and Time: Tuesday March 8, 7- 8:30 PM

Location: Douglas Classroom, CUH

Fee: \$25; \$22 Arboretum Foundation; pre-registration required.

Registration: Call 206 685-8033.

Learn how to create and define outdoor spaces, using a large repertoire of garden design elements such as paths, terraces, decks, fences, arbors and walls as well as plants. Plant composition is only one aspect of a garden plan. Just as important is how garden rooms are defined functionally and stylistically to invite us in and respond to our outdoor living needs.

Brooks Kolb owns the firm of Brooks Kolb, LLC Landscape Architecture (formerly Talley & Kolb, Inc.) and is past president of WASLA. He has over 25 years of experience in landscape architecture, including 10 years designing residential gardens in the greater Seattle area. He will discuss the role of budget-setting in the design process and provide tips to help beginners and experienced designers and gardeners alike.

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AIA COTE Case Study Forum: New Visitor Center at Paradise, Mt. Rainier National Park

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 15, 2005, 4-6 pm

Location: AIA Seattle

Please visit

http://www.aiaseattle.org/ce_050315_mountrainiervisitorcenter.htm for more information.

Low Impact Development Training Workshops

You are invited to attend a half-day training workshop to learn more about the new Low Impact Development Technical Guidance Manual for Puget Sound.

The workshop will also include guidance for estimating flow-control credits for low impact development practices when using the Western Washington Hydrology Model and other approved runoff models. The training is aimed at stormwater managers, engineers, planners, developers and other practitioners in the Puget Sound region who are interested in putting the principles and practices of low impact development on the ground.

The workshop is being held at three sites in the Puget Sound region in March. Each workshop is free but space is limited, so please contact the Puget Sound Action Team to reserve a seat. Here's more information on the program, the dates and locations, and contact information to register for the workshops.

You can view and download the Low Impact Development Technical Guidance Manual for Puget Sound at the Action Team's web site at http://www.psat.wa.gov/Publications/LID_tech_manual05/lid_index.htm.

PROGRAM

Setting the Context for Low Impact Development in Puget Sound Bruce Wulkan,

Puget Sound Action Team

-Overview of the Low Impact Development Technical Guidance Manual for Puget

Sound Curtis Hinman, Washington State University Pierce County Extension

-Guidance for Estimating Flow-Control Credits for Low Impact Development

Practices Ed O'Brien, Washington Department of Ecology

DATES & LOCATIONS

March 8 - Federal Way

Dumas Bay Center, 3200 SW Dash Point Road 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

March 15 - Mount Vernon

Skagit Station, 105 E Kincaid Street

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

March 22 - Port Hadlock

Washington State University Learning Center, 201 W Patison Street 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION

The workshop is free but space is limited, so please register in advance by contacting Gigi Williams of the Puget Sound Action Team at gwilliams@psat.wa.gov or 360-725-5454.

SPONSORS

Puget Sound Action Team, Washington State University Pierce County Extension
& Washington Department of Ecology.

Pacific Northwest Design Discussion

Date and Time: Friday, April 15th, 2005, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Location: Pratt & Larson Building, 1204 SE Water, Portland Oregon

The Oregon Chapter of ASLA invites you to participate in a lively discussion about "PACIFIC NORTHWEST DESIGN".

University of Oregon professor of landscape architecture, Kenneth Helphand, will present some compelling insights into what makes Pacific Northwest Design unique--past and present.

Additionally, OR-ASLA will honor the retiring Dean of the UO School of Architecture and Allied Arts, Robert Melnick.

Please save the date! Feel free to contact Dave Walters, OR-ASLA Chapter President with any questions at dwalters@migcom.com

ECOSA Institute of Arizona Summer Eco-Design & Sustainability Workshop Series

The Ecosa Institute of Arizona is sponsoring a series of sustainability workshops in Arizona. Please

see http://www.wasla.org/docs/march05nl_A.pdf for more information.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Honors and Awards Advisory Committee regarding the 2005 Medals and Firms Awards nominations has suggested that the Washington State Chapter consider nominating Richard Haag, FASLA for the 2005 Design Medal.

The ASLA Board of Trustees voted at their recent meeting to bestow Honorary Membership on the previous ASLA Medal recipients, including Virginia Anderson and Wolf Bauer. The WA Chapter plans to recognize the

recipients at the fall 2005 WASLA awards event with the chapter leaders, in order to deliver the certificates to recipients. 2005 Fellows nominations will be announced in the April eMONTHLY.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON LISCENSURE

Each month we will be providing the Membership with legislative updates on licensure issues. In the coming months, featured articles including the highlights of the progress that is being made regarding the licensure issue will be published. For further information on the March 2005 update please see http://www.wasla.org/docs/march05nl_B.pdf.