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Message from Past-President

By Maureen Colaizzi
WASLA Chapter Past-President

This month's newsletter acts as the WASLA 2005-06 Year End Report. It will also highlight upcoming 2007 issues, events and activities. The Washington Chapter has accomplished much in this past year. More than I can speak of in this short message. I began the year with a few main goals: leadership: to create and grow new leaders in our organization; acknowledgement: to celebrate the people of our profession and their work; and fellowship: to create camaraderie among members by bringing them together. These intangible goals did materialize and flourish through our chapter communications, events and activities prepared by our chapter's leaders. You can read about many of them in this issue of our newsletter.

Our executive committee and committee chairs did a great job handling the behind the scenes work that makes our chapter run. We approved a new contract with ERGA for chapter management services for 2007, a 6-month contract for legislative assistance with Terry Hotvedt, a licensure upgrade dues assessment that would increase our membership dues \$30.00 for full members and \$15.00 for associate members in 2007, a new approach for soliciting product representative sponsorships for 2007, moving the WASLA State Conference to the winter of 2007, and the nomination of two members for induction into the Council of Fellows.

Because of our continued efforts to advocate for a stronger licensing law and moving our State Conference to 2007, our finances were impacted. However, I am happy to announce that we are still in the black financially, in large part to the fine work of our Treasurer, Jasmine Aryana.

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Upcoming Events...

**December 11-14
Irrigation Trainings**

**December 14
Irrigation Water
Conservation Vendor
Fair**

**January 20
SAM Sculpture Garden
Grand Opening**

**February 2
WASLA 2007
Conference**

2006 Events Summary

**February
Open Space 2100
Community Charrette &
Lecture Series
WASLA Initiative
Project – ASLA
Leadership Training
University of
Washington Laurie Olin
Lecture**

**March
COTE Meeting – Site
Criteria for
Sustainability
Website and
Newsletter Upgrades**

**April
Landscape Architecture
Month – Living Barge
and Duwamish River
Clean Up Project
Landscape Architecture
Magazine Article on**

She reported at our November meeting that our total income at \$39,770.92 and our Expenses at \$38,021.69. Event fees from such events as the Leadership Seminar, Annual Golf Scramble, Job Posting revenue and the Fellows Reception kept an ending year balance of \$1,749.23. Thank you to all the businesses that sponsored these events.

I would like you all to welcome Curtis LaPierre as the 2007 Chapter President. He has already done a great job stepping into this role! I would like to leave you with the Leaders who made 2006 a success. They ARE ASLA: Curtis LaPierre, Don Benson, Matt Mathes, Matt Porges, Matt Porteous, Ed Mah, Anita Madtes, Sandra Buitron, Ken VanVoorhis, Jasmine Aryana, Kellye Hilde, Liz Westbrook, Karen Janosky, David McDonald, Carrie Culp, Ken Laxton, Duane Dietz, Erik Sweet, Keith Bates, Brice Maryman, Nancy Rottle, Elizabeth Umbanhowar, Sean Michael... and more.

Letter from the Editor

By Kellye Hilde

With 2006 wrapping up and WASLA gearing up for 2007 we wanted to theme the December 2006 newsletter as a "Year in Review". Reflecting on the Chapter's successes gives us the opportunity to show case past events that have enriched membership opportunities.

In February 2006, WASLA hosted ASLA Leadership Training, a Chapter Initiative Project. Bill Eubanks, ASLA Vice President, Membership presented the 12 Laws of Leadership which promotes leadership skills and the importance of team dynamics. The training brought together a diverse group of landscape professionals and invited participants to engage in group discussions while learning the importance of incorporating leadership skills into the work place.

WASLA continues to provide opportunities for members to gather and discuss issues affecting our practice. A series of brown bag lunches were organized to discuss topics associated with licensure and initiative I-933. In addition WASLA continues to promote the ongoing lecture series through the College of Architecture and Planning at the University of Washington.

WASLA continues to sponsor opportunities were we can gather, network and have a little fun. Examples included the 2nd Annual Golf Scramble which was held in September and the WASLA/NPS Community Assistance Program Design Charrette at Lake Sawyer/Black Diamond held in November. Both events proved to be fun and a great success.

As we head into the New Year we look forward to

WASLA / NPS
What Makes it Green
Conference
HALS Sites/Projects
Identified for the State
of Washington
LARE Review Session

May

WASLA Attended Lobby
Day 2006 Mid-Year
Meetings in
Washington D.C.

September

WASLA 2nd Annual
Golf Scramble
Licensure Brown Bag
Initiative 933
Discussion

October

ASLA/IFLA Annual
Conference
Tom Berger and
Charles Anderson
inducted as ASLA
Fellows
NPS / ASLA Black
Diamond Charrette
Fellows Event &
Charles Birnbaum
Lecture
Licensure Brown Bag
Discussion
Approval of Viaduct and
Initiative 933 Positions

November

Landscape Architecture
Magazine Article on
Seattle Open Space
2100

December

Licensure Brown Bag
Discussion in Spokane
& Olympia

welcoming new members as well as old to upcoming events such as the 2007 WASLA conference being held February 2. For more information on upcoming events please visit our website at www.wasla.org and click on events calendar.

Committee Reports and Public Relations

2006-2007 Mentorship Program

It's that time again! WASLA is seeking professionals to participate in the Mentorship Program for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year. The time commitment is between 1-4 hours per month and involves both inviting students to your office to see your work AND offering critiques of their work. Each pair will determine the best way to work together, and we will do our best to match students with professionals who share similar interests.

If you are interested in participating in this worthwhile program, please send the information below to Carrie Culp at carriec@highridge.com.

Information needed: Name, Phone, Email, Company, Address, Professional Focus/Interests.

ASLA 2007 Awards

Entry forms and payment must be received by:
Friday, February 9, 2007

ASLA has released its 2007 call for entries for its professional and student awards program. Award recipients receive featured coverage in Landscape Architecture magazine and in many other design and construction industry and general-interest media. Residential category professional award recipients will also be featured in Garden Design magazine. Award recipients, their clients, and professors will be honored at the awards presentation ceremony followed by a special luncheon during the ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO in San Francisco, October 5-8, 2007.

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ASLA Call for Education Sessions for 2007 Annual Meeting

Call for proposals is now open and will run through January 10, 2007.

The 2007 ASLA Annual Meeting call for education session, field session, and workshop proposals is now open. The call for proposals will close on January 10, 2007, at

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midnight eastern standard time. Education program session speakers will receive a complimentary registration to the 2007 ASLA Annual Meeting (over \$500 value) and a one-night equivalent discount (\$250) on hotel expense at checkout (Hilton headquarters hotel stay required).

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Featured Opportunity: Foundation for Landscape Studies Announce Prizes for Landscape Publications

The following announcement is posted on ASLA's [Opportunities and Events page](#), where users can find the latest information on everything from conferences and meetings to calls for papers, requests for proposals, and consulting opportunities. The new service also has the advantage of being "user generated," meaning that users wishing to post content to the page can do so directly using a web-based form. Once a user has submitted the information it is placed in holding, reviewed by the web editor, and then approved for posting. This streamlined approach will help ensure the Opportunities and Events page will always contain the freshest, most relevant information for the profession. The page has recently been updated to support up to three attachments, allowing users to post guidelines, or other supporting material as a .PDF.

The Foundation for Landscape Studies has announced two new prizes for publications on landscape and garden design in English. The John Brinkerhoff Jackson Book Prize will be awarded to books that have made a significant contribution to the study and understanding of landscape and garden design.

The David R. Coffin Publication Grant is intended to support the production of a book that will make a significant contribution to the study and understanding of landscape history and environmental design. Both prizes will be awarded by a jury made up of members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Landscape Studies. For further information, please consult the Foundations' web site at www.foundationforlandscapestudies.org.

To view more scholarships and awards, as well as many other opportunities, please visit ASLA's Opportunities and Events page. To post an opportunity, simply fill out the easy-to-use submission form, which is linked to from the Opportunities and Events page.

Readers wishing to know exactly when new items are posted can subscribe to the Opportunities and Events RSS feed or add the feed to their MyYahoo and personal Google pages through the following links:

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Google

WASLA 2007 Conference

Come hear the newest ideas on innovative technologies, integrated small business ideas, interesting maintenance tips, and green infrastructure. This full-day event will include new products on display and a chance to catch up with colleagues and meet new people at the luncheon.

Sessions include:

Janet Ranganathan from the World Resource Institute, keynote speaker.

Greening Seattle's Infrastructure: Creating a Sustainable City, presented by Brice Maryman, Nancy Rottle, and Nate Cormier.

If Trees Had Feet (They'd likely kick us), presented by Favero Greenforest

Speaking on SITESS (Systems Integration Tool for Environmentally Sustainable Sites), presented by Deb Guenther.

The Use of Compost as a Soil Management Tool in the Landscape, presented by Ron Alexander.

Design without Borders – Innovative Response to Those in Need, presented by Architects Without Borders.

Professional Leadership & Firm Transition in our Region: A Panel Discussion, moderated by Chris Overdorf.

Please [check the website](#) for updated information.

School Starts Early This Year

Back by popular demand, ULI is once again offering the chance to take two of its most popular real estate school courses in January. These classes, normally offered in the spring, offer an in-depth look at the development process and are a great primer for those new to the industry. If you haven't been able to participate in these programs in the spring, this is your chance to experience them firsthand. Space is limited so register today.

Register by January 8, 2007 and save \$100! - Space is limited!

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WSU Spokane's IDI Career Day- Save The Date

Please save the date for our 2nd Annual Interdisciplinary Design Institute Student Career Day.

February 22, 2007

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

WSU Spokane Campus

Reservation fee \$25.00

Lunch provided

More information please contact Kristie Wardrop or Pam Medley at (509) 358-7963.

December Irrigation Water Conservation Vendor Fair

The Saving Water Partnership (SWP) is co- sponsoring an irrigation water conservation vendor fair:

Thursday, December 14

12-4 PM at the Center for Urban Horticulture in Seattle

Please join us to learn about irrigation technologies that qualify for SWP rebates and receive a free lunch paid for by participating vendors.

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December Irrigation Trainings

The Washington Irrigation Contractors Association (WICA) is hosting a series of irrigation trainings December 11-14 at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

WICA membership is not required to attend the vendor fair or any of the irrigation trainings.

December 11: Basic Irrigation Design

December 12: Electrical Trouble Shooting and Sprinkler Scheduling Made Easy

December 13: Site Water Management Planning

December 14: Drip Maintenance and Installation

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Olympic Sculpture Park Opening Information

Opening Ceremony and Park Dedication

Sat. January 20th, 11 am.

Grand Opening Weekend

Sat. Jan 20th 11 am – 9 pm

Sun. Jan 21st 11 am – 6 pm

Two full days of live music and dance performances, art activities, family programming, park tours and artist demonstrations.

What Makes it Green

We are excited to share with you that Ed Mazria has been secured as this year's keynote speaker. He will be opening the festivities up on the evening of Wednesday April 25, 2007 at Seattle Center Pavillion A. We will have a reception following his presentation. Ed spoke at USGBC's greenbuild this past month. His presentation is expected to become available soon on the 2030 Challenge website.

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National Recreational Trails Program Advisors Sought

The State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) needs three volunteers to serve on a committee that provides advice on policies and funding for backcountry trails.

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Event Reviews

WSU Students Hear From ASLA

By Derek Reeves, President of WSU Student Chapter

On October 25th Ken Laxton, with Environment West, traveled to Washington State University to present ASLA's Student Membership services to the Landscape Architecture students. This is part of an ongoing, national effort to increase ASLA student participation. Many landscape architecture programs around country have less than 25% ASLA student enrollment. The "Back-to-School" presentation is hosted by an ASLA representative and informs students of the benefits of joining ASLA.

Laxton's presentation was held on the WSU campus in Johnson Hall. The officers of the student chapter had worked hard to promote the event which resulted in full attendance from students and faculty. ASLA also provided food and beverages for the event. After the "Back-to-School" presentation, Laxton was kind enough to present recent projects from Environment West.

The presentation was well received by students and faculty alike. An increase in Student Membership enrollment has proved the success of the event

Black Diamond Charette Review

By Don Benson

The design charrette for improvements to Lake Sawyer Park, co-sponsored by the National Park Service RTCA

program, the City of Black Diamond and WASLA, was conducted at the Black Diamond Community Center from October 20-22. This was the 6th charrette conducted in conjunction with the WASLA/NPS RTCA partnership agreement that has helped several communities in Washington on both sides of the state over the past 7 years, and has served as a national model for the ASLA National/National NPS memorandum of understanding.

The charrette started on Friday afternoon and evening with a site orientation followed by a dinner on Friday night with keynote presenters such as Black Diamond Mayor Howard Botts, Black Diamond Councilwoman Becky Olness, Bryan Bowden, NPS RTCA Black Diamond charrette facilitator, and incoming WASLA Chapter President, Curtis Lapierre. Eight professionals from WASLA and two students joined community members in five teams for the all-day charrette on Saturday and the wrap-up and presentation to the Black Diamond community on Sunday afternoon. The City Planner for Black Diamond, Scott Jones, commented that the results were even better than he had hoped for. The results, including a site master plan, are currently on display at the Black Diamond City Hall.

The charrette results are something WASLA can be proud of and, if there were any folks in the Black Diamond area who did not know what Landscape Architecture is about, they do now. Many thanks go to the professionals who participated: Ned Gulbran; Jim Brennan; Drew Combs; Chuck Burget; Allen Cox; Lyndsey Heller; Alexandra Stone; Don Benson; and two students who came all the way over from WSU- Elise LeBarron and Mary Ordos.

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