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Washington Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects

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LICENSURE UPDATE

Ed Winkley, WASLA President

The 2009 state legislative session opens January 12th in Olympia. WASLA leadership has been working diligently during the off-season with our efforts to upgrade our license from a title to a practice act. WASLA's Governmental Affairs committee is also working with our legislative consultant and other interest groups to see that the practice act is approved in 2009.

Last year the practice act was on the verge of becoming reality. But due to the time sensitive session and a few needed changes to the language we were unsuccessful with our efforts. This year WASLA is very optimistic about the 2009 session due to the positive steps we've taken during the past year. In order for the practice act to see its way through the legislature though, we will need the support of all Washington State licensed landscape architects.

How you can help

By taking just a couple of minutes of your time when requested through the ASLA Advocacy Network you can make a huge difference our licensure efforts.

[Click on this link](#) and complete the Advocacy Network profile at the ASLA national web site. You will enter your home address to let ASLA know which legislative district you vote in. Please do this now so you are ready to respond to action alerts from the Washington Chapter through ASLA during the legislative session.

May 15

[Emerging Professionals Happy Hour Series](#)

June 19

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How it Works

At critical times in the progression of our bill, you may receive "action alerts" that ask you to call or email your legislator. We will supply talking points, suggested email text and legislator contact information. It literally requires only two minutes to send an email. You may pass along the action alert to friends, family or business contacts as well.

What we need from you

E-mails, phone calls and in person contacts can enlighten your district legislator about the importance of the practice act and the profession of landscape architecture. Without your support our legislature won't see how critical our goal is.

Please take a couple minutes now to fill out your ASLA Advocacy profile and be ready for action!

2009 WASLA CONFERENCE

When: April 3, 2009

Where: Seattle Center, Northwest Rooms

The WASLA conference is a wonderful event that attracts landscape architects and designers from around the state to participate in engaging education sessions and offers an opportunity for colleagues and friends to network. Mark your calendars for April 3, 2009 and plan on attending this exciting day full of great speakers and amazing sessions. For more information please contact the conference co-chairs Kari Stiles at Kstiles@jonesandjones.com and Kellye Hilde at khilde@triadassoc.com.

2009 SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

We are delighted to announce the 2009 WASLA Sponsorship program. This is the second year that we have offered firms the opportunity to sponsor the chapter for the year. Four levels of Chapter Sponsorship are available, allowing firms to maximize their exposure to landscape architects throughout the state. In addition, firms may opt to sponsor a single activity or event. Download the 2009 [WASLA Sponsor Form](#) for complete information and to sign up.

Based on feedback received from past sponsors and exhibitors, we have adjusted the costs of sponsorship. The Chapter and Website Sponsorships are less than they were last year. Also, Conference exhibitors have 2 options: tabletop exhibit at \$500 or booth exhibit at \$800.

Some sponsorship opportunities are limited, so act now. (The Platinum Chapter Sponsorship has already sold to Pacific Earth Works. Thank you, Jay Curcio.)

The deadline to sign up is December 31, 2008, with a payment deadline of January 31, 2009.

Contact the WASLA office if you have any questions, 206-443-9484 or office@wasla.org.

EDITOR'S NOTE

If you would like to contribute to the WASLA Monthly Newsletter please send inquiries to Jocelyn Freiling at jocelynlf@mac.com.

Announcements

SPOKANE BIO-INFILTRATION SWALE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

WSU Spokane County Extension and Spokane County Stormwater Utility are conducting a demonstration project involving bio-infiltration swales. Twelve swales in Spokane County were selected for the project. All of the swales are located in residential front yards, and all property owners agreed to participate in the project by allowing their swale to be excavated, refilled with an engineered soil mix, and then planted with either turfgrass or alternative plants.

The project team hopes that this demonstration project contributes to our technical understanding of swales, raises awareness of their value in protecting our water quality, and tests the viability and effectiveness of alternative plants versus turfgrass in swales.

This demonstration project will probably wind up serving as a pilot for vegetated stormwater treatment in all of Eastern Washington. For more information on this project, please visit [the website](#).

WASLA/NPS-RTCA CHARRETTE APRIL 24-25, 2009

Sinclair Inlet Development Concept Plan

WASLA and the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) are in the preliminary planning stage for a design charrette to be held April 24-25, 2009. The charrette will focus on the Sinclair Inlet between Gorst and Bremerton in Kitsap County and will seek to develop a concept plan for public access and recreational opportunities adjacent to the shoreline, shoreline restoration, and a nearby underwater marine sanctuary. This will be the 9th charrette conducted under the WASLA/NPS-RTCA partnership agreement (memorandum of understanding) first signed in 1998 and renewed in 2003 and 2008. The Sinclair Inlet Advisory Committee, consisting of community groups and members, WSDOT, the US Navy, the City of Bremerton, Kitsap County and other agencies or agency representatives, are working together with WASLA to plan the event. This is an early call to Landscape Architects, designers and others to participate. There will be more information on the charrette in subsequent newsletters.

Please contact Don Benson, ASLA, AICP, WASLA Trustee, at 206-438-2027 or don_benson@urscorp.com if you are interested. Thank you.

FESTIVAL OF TREES, MAY 2009

Plant Amnesty in Seattle has received a grant from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources to host an event called the Festival of Trees to celebrate Seattle's urban forest. This event will take place Sunday and Monday May 10 and 11, 2009 at Sandpoint Magnuson Park in northeast Seattle and the Center for Urban Horticulture at the University of Washington.

Sunday will be a large-scale festival/celebration and Monday there will be a smaller round-table discussion with break-out groups and educational workshops. The goal of day 2 is to create a coalition of urban forest supporters as well as networking opportunities.

We expect up to 2,000 people to attend the festival on Sunday and we hope to have the mayor and John Curly present. We have scheduled famous local garden writers Ciscoe Morris, Marty Wingate, Linda Chalker Scott, Cass Turnbull and Arthur Lee Jacobson to speak and there will be entertainment.

If you or anyone you know in the field of Landscape Architecture might be interested in participating in the Festival of Trees on either or both days your participation would be welcomed! Please call or email Janet Salsbury with any

questions or thoughts

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OPEN LETTER re "TEMPORARY" FUEL SURCHARGES

Dear WASLA,
Please note this open letter as an invitation to all of those landscape material suppliers out there that were quick to add a "temporary" fuel surcharge to WASLA members last year. Heads up. Fuel prices are down. How about stepping up and removing those fuel surcharges.

Alan Burke, ASLA, APLD
Landscape Architect
Classic Nursery & Landscape Company

2009 SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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SUMMER JOBS WITH HABS/HAER/HALS

The Heritage Documentation Programs (Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record/Historic American Landscapes Survey), a division of the National Park Service, seeks applications from qualified individuals for summer employment documenting historic sites and structures of architectural, engineering and landscape significance throughout the country. Duties involve on-site field work and the preparation of measured and interpretive drawings and written historical reports for the HABS/HAER/HALS Collection at the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress. Projects last twelve weeks, beginning in May/June. Salaries range from approximately \$6,000 to approximately \$11,000 for the summer, depending on job responsibility, locality of the project, and level of experience. Applicants must be U.S. Citizens.

Applications Due: February 17, 2009 (postmark date).

Application forms and detailed information can be found on our web site:

<http://www.nps.gov/history/hdp/jobs/summer.htm>

View examples of HDP documentation on the Library of Congress web site:

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/hhhtml/hhhome.html>

HABS-SAH SALLY KRESS TOMPKINS FELLOWSHIP

The SKT Fellowship, a joint program of the Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) and the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), permits an architectural historian to conduct research on a 12-week HABS project during the summer of 2009. The award consists of a \$10,000 stipend.

Applications Due: February 1, 2009 (postmark date).

For detailed information and to download application forms, visit: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hdp/jobs/tompkins.htm> or contact Lisa P. Davidson at lisa_davidson@nps.gov or (202) 354-2179.

MARITIME DOCUMENTATION INTERNSHIP 2009

The Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the Council of American Maritime Museums (Camm) announce the Maritime Documentation Internship 2009. The internship will permit a student or recent graduate of architecture or history, interested in maritime preservation, to work on a HAER maritime documentation project. The applicant must be a U.S. Citizen. The selected recipient will receive a stipend of approximately \$7,000 and will work with a HAER team for 12 weeks during the summer. The Internship will require research and writing or measuring and drafting of historic maritime resources.

Applications Due: February 1, 2009 (postmark date).

For detailed information and to download application forms, visit: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hdp/jobs/maritime.htm> or contact Todd Croteau at todd_croteau@nps.gov or (202) 354-2167.

For additional information regarding any of the Heritage Documentation Programs Summer 2009 Employment Opportunities, please contact:

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