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JOIN WASLA ON FACEBOOK AND LINKED-IN

WASLA has joined our professional comrades and entered the 21st century of social networking. Please join us or become our biggest fan on Linked In and Facebook. You'll get the latest up to date news on events, lectures, happy hours series, etc. This is a great way to stay connected, reunite with old friends and co-workers and be in the know!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR WASLA BY SPONSORING OUR AWARDS PROGRAM

Show your support for WASLA by becoming a sponsor for our awards program to be held Thursday, March 25 at the Januik Winery. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, December 31. For more information on sponsorship levels and to sign up please go to our [website](#).

EDITOR'S NOTE

By Katie Bang

If you would like to contribute to the WASLA Monthly Newsletter please send inquiries to the WASLA office at office@wasla.org.



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Cedar Grove Composting

www.cgcompost.com



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Announcements

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Kellye Hilde, ASLA

Reenergized from the WASLA Executive Committee's 2009 Retreat, the Committee is focused, motivated and ready to tackle the tasks and goals created to strengthen the organization. We challenged ourselves to build better communication, increase the number of events on our social calendar, and continue to provide opportunities to grow professionally while promoting the value of being a WASLA member. This is the year of thinking outside of the box!

We left the retreat with pages and pages of notes, tasks, and goals and created an action plan for the 2009-2010 term. We started by looking at our 5-year plan and discussed our strengths, opportunities and areas of improvement. This all led to the Commitment Statement where we, as the 2009-2010 WASLA Executive Committee, will commit to growing the profession, add value to the WASLA membership, communicating the value of membership and becoming leaders and champions of the profession.

Two questions that I hear quite often are, "What is the value of being an ASLA and WASLA member besides getting a magazine?" and "What does the organization do for me?" These are questions that we challenged ourselves to answer during the retreat and will continue to work on as an Executive Committee. We believe that the value is in the commitment that we offer to you. We are committed to expanding our services to the membership by increasing opportunities to learn and grow as professionals. We are committed to creating more social events and providing our membership an opportunity to come together and interact socially. We are committed to providing networking opportunities with our allied professions. We are committed to supporting and shaping the profession by working with the universities and emerging professionals. We are committed to continuing to lobby at the local, state and national level to increase the awareness of how landscape architects shape our communities and we are committed to continue to grow the profession.

Our organization is only as strong as our membership. If we have a strong passionate membership we have a strong and successful organization. We as an Executive Committee



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have set forth our challenges for the new term and in return we ask that you challenge yourself to become more involved to make WASLA a stronger, more successful, and growing organization. Let's start thinking outside the box!

If you have an idea, want to join a committee, or want to become more involved please contact WASLA at office@wasla.org.

HELP AIA SEATTLE AND WASLA PLAN THE YOUNG ARCHITECTS FORUM/EMERGING PROFESSIONALS HAPPY HOURS FOR 2010

Thursday, January 14, 2010

5:30 - 7:30 pm

AIA Seattle

1911 First Ave.

This year-long series is an opportunity to meet peers, learn about the other firms in town, and enjoy a beverage. The Young Architects Forum promotes the professional growth and leadership development of early- and mid-career architects by developing a network of peers and providing opportunities for the open exchange of ideas and information. Join us to plan for 2010!

TAKE THE ONE TON CHALLENGE AND REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

By Brooks Kolb, ASLA

Recently I completed training co-sponsored by the City of Seattle, the Washington State University Extension Service and Cascadia Consulting Group to become a carbon coach. The purpose of my new role is to encourage people to take the One Ton Challenge. Did you know that if every Seattle resident reduced his/her personal carbon emissions by one ton, our city would meet the guidelines of the Kyoto Protocol to reduce carbon emissions to 350 parts per million? Mayor Nickels made this one of his major policy objectives so that

cities like Seattle could take the lead in combating climate change in the absence of federal leadership.

Sponsored by Seattle Climate Action NOW, "the One Ton Challenge is a City of Seattle and community initiative requesting that each Seattle resident reduce their carbon footprint by one ton of carbon in 18 months. Calculate your carbon footprint and follow a simple action plan at this [link](#) to reduce your carbon footprint.

As a newly minted carbon coach, you can make your pledge directly to me at brooks@brookskolbllc.com.

Also, I have more exciting news: I'm announcing a new feasibility study to create a Columbia City Climate Co-op. Under the auspices of Sustainable South Seattle, one of the SCALLOPS organizations promoting a renewable energy future, a group of Columbia City neighbors headed by Michael Murphy and me have received a grant from the Department of Neighborhoods to fund a year-long feasibility study for the Co-op. The purpose of the Co-op will be to provide a one-stop shop for homeowners, renters and business owners to find the resources they need to calculate and reduce their carbon footprints, primarily by improving their properties' energy efficiency.

Modeled on such successful local co-op organizations as REI and the PCC, the idea is that citizens will be able to join the co-op and receive discount funding for carbon audits, home and business weatherization, energy-efficiency upgrades and new renewable energy sources such as home solar panels. Assuming the co-op can be launched, we hope that it can join with other similar organizations to pave the way for grass-roots carbon reduction in neighborhoods throughout Seattle and the Puget Sound region. If you'd like to volunteer to be part of the feasibility study team, please contact me at brooks@brookskolbllc.com or 206 324-0858. I look forward to hearing from you!

**ORGANIC LAND CARE ACCREDITATION & TRAINING
FOR THE LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONAL**

Monday to Friday, January 25 - 29, 2010

8:30am - 5:00pm

Clackamas Community College, Oregon City Campus
19600 Molalla Avenue Oregon City
Clairmont Hall, Room C-118
Clackamas Community College Campus [map and driving directions](#)

The Oregon Tilth, a nonprofit organization supporting and promoting biologically sound and socially equitable agriculture through education, research, advocacy, and certification, is pleased to announce a new program designed to accredit sustainable landscaping practices.

The Oregon Tilth is offering a five-day training for professionals focusing on organic landscape practices including Integrated Pest Management, soil building, sustainable landscape design, organic weed management, marketing organic land care, storm water management, tree care, sustainable resources and more.

Participants who complete the training, pass an examination, and agree to program policies will be eligible for Oregon Tilth Organic Land Care Accreditation.

Registration fee: \$530 for 5-day Training. Workshop cost includes a copy of the Oregon Tilth Organic Land Care Field Guide, along with the Oregon Tilth Organic Land Care Policies and Standards, training materials and local/organic lunch and snacks. To receive a 10% discount off the cost of the training, register by Monday, December 14, 2009. The accreditation examination will be available on the last day of the training for an additional cost of \$100. This fee must be paid with the registration fee.

[Register on-line](#) or contact the Salem Oregon Tilth office at (503) 378-0690.