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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Landscape Architect Kelly Punteney Retires

By David Sacamano

Landscape Architect and trail visionary, Kelly Punteney, drew to a close a 36-year career with the Vancouver Clark Parks & Recreation Department with a sold out party of 300 friends and colleagues at the Vancouver Hilton in January. After graduating from the University of Oregon, Punteney headed to Vancouver, Washington to work for the city as a parks department intern in 1971, and there he found his calling. From the beginning, Kelly Punteney played a key role in defining and communicating a clear vision for the built and natural landscape in and around Vancouver and Southwest Washington. With a keen understanding of the value of building relationships first, Punteney bridged the gaps often found between government agencies and the private sector and conservation groups. Punteney, former Trails and Greenways Planner for the city-county parks department, will leave behind a legacy of promoting public access, preserving natural areas and advocating for what he calls "pedestrian-scale communities".

Kelly Punteney planned, designed and managed many notable projects including the Columbia River Waterfront Renaissance Vision Plan, which won the National Waterfront Centers Planning Award in 1993 and led to a nationally renowned waterfront trail. More recently, he coordinated the completion of the award winning Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway and Trail.

Punteney has been a longtime supporter of ASLA and was

- **ASLA Green Building Discussion**

- **Boards & Commissions Vacancies**

- **Pervious Concrete Seminar March 13**

- **Request for Applications: Smart Growth Implementation Assistance**

Upcoming Events...

- **February 21 Green Walls | Vertical Green**

- **March 5 Building A Park IPM Program**

- **March 19-21 National Playground Safety Institute**

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heavily involved in the Olmsted Centennial Celebration in the Portland and Seattle metro areas. He has also attended 15 of the last 35 ASLA Conventions. He plans to continue working as a Landscape Architect and planning consultant in private practice upon his return from a two week tour of Argentina.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

ASLA In-district Lobby Day

As discussed on the Chapter President's Quarterly Call last month, ASLA is preparing to hold its first in- district Lobby Day on Monday, March 5. ASLA staff looks forward to working with Chapter Presidents to successfully launch this initiative. Our goals for this effort include meeting with more offices than are possible during the traditional Washington Lobby Day (April 26, 2007) and addressing issues, particularly funding HALS, earlier in the Congressional session.

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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.

2007 ASLA Professional Awards – Interview with 2007 Award Jury Chair

The deadline for submitting entry forms for the 2007 ASLA Professional Awards is only a few weeks away. If you're still on the fence about entering, our recent LAND Online Winning Strategies interview with this year's professional jury chair, F. Christopher Dimond FASLA, AICP, is a must-read.

In it, he says that, "The visibility the individuals, firms, and agencies receive and the recognition of their great talents surely have a positive impact on their business and future competitiveness."

He also discusses the value of the Awards program for clients, pointing out that "one of the most fun aspects of this program is the recognition our clients receive. What better way to exceed your client's expectations than to deliver an award-winning project, garnering them some great publicity as well."

For an inside look at the judging process—and some tips on increasing your chances of winning - [read the complete interview](#).

The deadline for submitting entry forms is Friday, February 9. Submission materials must be received by Friday, February 23.

[More information...](#)

Seattle Green Factor Workshop Series

To support recent commercial land use code changes, the City of Seattle Department of Planning & Development is pleased to announce a new workshop series on the Seattle Green Factor, starting Wednesday February 7, 2007.

Presented to help applicants, landscape architects and developers understand and apply the principles of the Seattle Green Factor, the workshop series will:

- explain what the green factor is;
- reveal how the green factor works;
- connect you to experts who have successfully integrated landscaping strategies that get you the green factor credit; and
- cover techniques to successfully implement green walls, green roofs, rain gardens, rainwater harvesting, plant selection, irrigation and landscape management plans.

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On the Water Program

AIA Seattle has mobilized active advocacy on the Seattle central waterfront question(s) – as a feature of the On the Water program that forms the core of local observance tied in to this year's national celebration of the 150th anniversary of the 1857 establishment of the AIA.

On the Water welcomes visions and stories of urban waterfront design for an intense visibility campaign, to feature various publications and events -- including a review of entries by a Mayors/Councilmembers Council to convene at UW Gould Hall April 12.

The program entries welcome from folks from all design disciplines, including students.

[More information...](#)

Jump Start to a Secure, Clean Energy Future!

By Steve Marshall and Bruce Agnew

Please join us May 7 at Microsoft's Conference Center in Redmond, WA, to learn the latest in national efforts to accelerate and integrate alternative fuel and plug-in electric hybrid vehicle development for national security and a cleaner environment. As you can see from our opinion piece in the Seattle Times last week featuring Ford's CEO Alan Mulally, the auto industry is paying attention. Their leaders and their vehicles will be the focus of our day.

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Washington Recreation and Park Association Training Status Report

Building A Park IPM Program: New class that is being offered by Washington State University Extension that is meant specifically for you, "Building A Park IPM Program". This class is for parks managers and supervisors who are responsible for pest control as part of their normal operations. Park workers who are licensed pesticide applicators are also welcome to attend. The intent of the class is to help you make responsible and defensible policy decisions in today's regulatory environment. The class will help you understand what your pest management options are and how communicate these to city government, elected officials and the general public. The two day class offers 12 pesticide applicator recertification credits and is jointly sponsored by the Washington Cities Insurance

Authority (WCIA). Cities who are WCIA members are eligible to be reimbursed for one employee's attendance.

For registration information, please contact WSU Urban IPM Program at 509-335-2830. If you have questions about course content, you can email Carrie Foss at cfoss@wsu.edu or call 253-445-4577.

National Playground Safety Institute: March 19, 20, 21, 2007 Mercer Island Community Center, Mercer Island, WA. Registration deadline February 15, 2007. Currently 58 registered/80 max.

Washington Recreation & Park Association is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Our mission is to provide resources for the public and our members who create community through people, parks, and programs.

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ASLA -Continuing Education System

ASLA President Pat Caughey, FASLA, President-elect Perry Howard, FASLA, and EVP Nancy Somerville represented ASLA at the Presidents' Council on January 15 in Austin, TX. Continuing education was a major topic of discussion at the meeting, which was attended by representatives of the Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Boards (CLARB), the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA), the Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF), and the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB). All of the organizations agreed to participate in discussions toward development of a joint continuing education system for landscape architects. The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects will also participate in those discussions. A conference call to move the initiative forward is scheduled for Valentine's Day. Other issues discussed were LAAB accreditation standards and support for development of additional landscape architecture programs.

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ASLA Green Building Discussion

ASLA participated in a meeting of an AIA-convened coalition on green building. The primary focus of the coalition is reducing carbon emissions from buildings, including strategies for site microclimate design and carbon sequestration by landscapes. Other organizations participating in the coalition include the American Planning Association, Building Owners and Managers Association, U. S. Green Building Council, Alliance to Save Energy, International Codes Council, Associated General Contractors, and Construction Owners Association of America.

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

Get Involved!

The City of Seattle has established various boards and commissions designed to give citizens a voice in their government. Serving on a board or commission is a great opportunity to provide input to Seattle's leaders on a vast array of issues. Over 400 of the positions on nearly 50 boards are appointed by Mayor Nickels.

Board members and commissioners receive no financial compensation, but membership can provide you with a great opportunity to meet other people with similar interests and to help shape the future of your community!

If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, please submit a letter of interest and resume to Rebecca Hansen, Boards & Commissions Administrator for Mayor Nickels. Rebecca can be reached by phone at 206-684-8208, or by email at Rebecca.Hansen@seattle.gov. In most cases, applicants must either reside or work in Seattle.

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Pervious Concrete Seminar March 13

This program provides detailed instruction on how to implement pervious concrete pavements as a solution to reducing stormwater runoff from building sites and other paved areas. Attendees will learn the details of pervious concrete pavement systems, engineering properties and construction techniques. This course will help civil engineers, architects, and landscape architects develop details and write project specifications for pervious concrete pavement systems.

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Request for Applications: Smart Growth Implementation Assistance

Free technical assistance available!

Are you trying to encourage specific smart growth techniques like transit-oriented development? Or direct your state department of transportation investments to better support smart growth? Are you looking to use smart growth to reach economic development goals? Do you need help ensuring that school investments help your state or community meet multiple goals? Do you need to retrofit a commercial corridor? Or coordinate your community's smart growth design with an active aging program?

The Development, Community, and Environment Division in U.S. EPA's Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation is responding to this need by issuing a request for applications for the Smart Growth Implementation Assistance program. Through this program, a team of multidisciplinary experts will provide free technical assistance to communities, regions, or states that want to develop in ways that meet environmental and other local or regional goals.

Communities, regions, and states around the country are interested in building stronger neighborhoods, protecting their environmental resources, enhancing public health, and planning for development, but they may lack the tools, resources, or information to achieve these goals. EPA can help applicants overcome these roadblocks by providing evaluation tools and expert analysis.

EPA is soliciting applications from states or communities that want help with either policy analysis or public participatory processes. Selected communities will receive assistance in the form of a multi-day visit from a team of experts organized by EPA and other national partners to work with local leaders. Applications will be accepted until March 8, 2007.

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