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### JOIN WASLA ON FACEBOOK AND LINKEDIN

WASLA has joined our professional comrades and entered the 21st century of social networking. Please join us or become our biggest fan on [LinkedIn](#) 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.

### REGISTER FOR THE 2010 WASLA AWARDS RECEPTION

Registration is now open for the 2010 WASLA Professional Awards Program. We will be at the [Novelty Hill Januik Winery](#) on Thursday, March 25, 6:30-9:00 PM. The \$50 admission fee includes a reception buffet. Sign up now at [www.regonline.com/wasla2010awards](http://www.regonline.com/wasla2010awards).

### 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](mailto:office@wasla.org).

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## CALL FOR COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

WASLA members work together to make a powerful difference to our profession and the environment of our state. WASLA not only works to protect the natural resources of our state, but also to enhance the practice of landscape architecture and recognize the great work of our profession. The work of WASLA simply wouldn't be possible without the commitment of dedicated committee volunteers.

Getting involved in a WASLA Committee is a natural way to be at the table when decisions are made affecting the future of the association and the profession. If you want to "do something" to affect change, make a difference, and have a powerful impact, please consider volunteering for a WASLA Committee. WASLA's committees include: Chapter Communications and Management, Governmental Affairs, Member Programs, Public Relations, Students and Emerging Professionals, Professional Practice and Continuing Education, and the Committee on the Environment. We are excited about the inquiries we received from last month's newsletter and will be contacting volunteers to populate committees shortly.

For more information on available committees please visit the WASLA website or call Len Zickler at 509-720-3910.

## CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Blah, blah, blah **AWARDS**, blah, blah, blah, **HAPPY HOUR**, blah, blah, blah, **SEMINAR**. Tired of the same old content in your WASLA Monthly Newsletter? So are we! As part of our expansion of services for 2010, aimed to increase the value of WASLA for current and prospective members, we are seeking to augment the material in our newsletter to include articles relevant to you and your practice.

Why write an article for WASLA you might ask? The Newsletter provides educational opportunities and sources of

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inspiration to our membership, especially to emerging professionals. Additionally, our newsletter is available on the web and our readers come from a variety of firms and disciplines, so it's also a marketing opportunity. You can also link to your article via your Company's website for more direct marketing to your clientele.

Do you have a topic or a project you have been working that would lend itself to the newsletter? We want to hear from you! We are currently seeking entries for next month's newsletter. Please send your ideas for article submissions to [office@wasla.org](mailto:office@wasla.org). Ideas are due by February 19th and articles are due March 5th. Articles should be 1,000 words or less. If this is too short of a deadline, posting in upcoming newsletters is also encouraged.

**IN SEARCH OF SUSTAINABLE URBANISM: SYSTEMS AND TERRITORIES WITH MARK JOHNSON, FASLA FOUNDING PRINCIPAL OF CIVITAS INC.**

Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Architecture Hall 147, UW Seattle Campus

This event is co-sponsored by Great City <http://www.greatcity.org/>

Mark Johnson, FASLA, will discuss the development of both theory and projects, shedding light on the most current work and thinking about what it really takes to design cities for the next generation of urban life. His work is currently addressing significant waterfront regeneration in San Diego, Los Angeles, Miami, St. Louis and New York; projects that reveal his thinking on the systems that make cities healthy and the territories that we design for living.

Mark Johnson, FASLA, is a leading urbanist, designer of public space and strategist for the re-generation of core

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cities. He is currently leading the re-generation of the Northside of downtown St. Louis, the design of the North Embarcadero in San Diego, the design of Museum Park on the Miami waterfront and a revitalization plan for the waterfront on the Harlem River in Manhattan. As a founding principal of Civitas Inc., Mr. Johnson has led many complex projects that have had a transformative impact on cities: three riverfront parks in Denver; 20 years leading the redevelopment of Stapleton International Airport; a master plan for Balboa Park in San Diego; a waterfront plan for Memphis; and a corridor plan to connect historic neighborhoods along Brooklyn's Atlantic Avenue. He recently completed the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan, a project that immediately gained national recognition for its economic, social and environmental impact. With Civitas he has focused on the design of healthier, more livable and more sustainable cities for 25 years. His projects have been at the leading edge of both the theory and practice of urban regeneration and landscape urbanism, with major transformative interventions achieved across the country.

## **UP ROOTS PRESENTATION BY JIM URBAN**

On March 25, 2010, Jim Urban, FASLA, will present principles from his latest book, *Up by Roots: Healthy Soils and Trees in the Built Environment*, in a one-day, hands-on workshop. This event is designed to introduce key concepts used in site assessment and give attendees experience performing basic soil analyses. "Up By Roots" will focus on site assessment and plant selection and has applications in site development, landscape design, tree protection, and plant health care.

The workshop presenter, James Urban, FASLA, is a landscape architect with more than 30 years of experience in the field of urban development. Over the past three decades, Jim has routinely dealt with the challenge of planting trees in difficult urban sites. Jim has developed applications for practicing arborists and landscape architects that include the testing of new urban tree systems and planting concepts, developing new approaches to landscape architectural design, and detailing and specifications in the area of trees and urban soils.

Registration for the workshop opens January 11, 2010. Be sure to register as soon as possible to ensure your participation in this educational hands-on event.

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Thursday, March 25, 2010

Edmonds Community College  
20000 68th Avenue West  
Lynnwood, WA 98036

This workshop is being held in conjunction with the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture. For more information regarding the registration for this and other Up by Roots Workshops, visit: [www.isa-arbor.com/conference/regionalMeetings.aspx](http://www.isa-arbor.com/conference/regionalMeetings.aspx)

Given the hands-on nature of this event, SEATING IS LIMITED.

7 ISA CEUs available

For questions or assistance regarding the Up by Roots Workshops, please email [conferencereg@isa-arbor.com](mailto:conferencereg@isa-arbor.com)

## **RAINWISE: INSTALLING RAIN GARDENS AND CISTERNS**

Training for contractors and design professionals working in Seattle

Repeat of Nov. 2009 course - back by popular demand.

FREE, for building and landscape professionals only - register early!

Installing Rain Gardens and Cisterns, Tuesday March 30,  
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
NHS Hall, UW Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle -  
registration & coffee start 8:00 am

Sponsored by Seattle Public Utilities

Free, lunch included. For licensed professionals only. Pre-registration required - space is limited.

The City of Seattle will soon offer rebates to property owners to disconnect roof downspouts from the combined sewer system, and direct that runoff into cisterns or rain gardens. The rebates will be targeted to neighborhoods where downspout disconnection can help reduce combined sewer overflows during big rain storms. This class will prepare contractors and design/build professionals to work with owners to locate and size rain gardens or cisterns on their property, and to install those systems so they work well and meet the City's requirements for rebates on construction costs. These classes are required for contractors who want to participate in Seattle's new RainWise rebate program.

Rain gardens and cisterns are two of the Low Impact Development methods that are coming into local stormwater codes in many towns around Puget Sound, creating a new business opportunity for landscape, irrigation, plumbing, and general contractors as well as design/build professionals.

These classes are FREE, but are limited to licensed contractors and design professionals who do work in Seattle. If this class fills, it will be repeated May 4th.

[Download registration flyer.](#)

Contact Jean Robins at [jrobins@u.washington.edu](mailto:jrobins@u.washington.edu) or (206) 685-8033 for more information.

Learn more about rain gardens, cisterns, and other stormwater solutions at [www.seattle.gov/util/rainwise](http://www.seattle.gov/util/rainwise)

## UPCOMING AIA EVENTS

### **AIA Seattle / AHP Medical Design Forum: Politics, Financing, and Patient-Care**

February 11 & 12

REI Seattle, 222 Yale Ave N

Program Details and Registration: [www.aiaseattle.org/MedicalDesignForum2010](http://www.aiaseattle.org/MedicalDesignForum2010)

In the heated debates about the future of healthcare, where does design fit in? Where are healthcare trends, both politically and economically, headed, and how will they affect your practice? Can we improve the patient experience, despite those economic challenges? Join us for this and other topics at the annual AIA Seattle/Architecture for Health Panel Medical Design Forum. The program features a case study, networking, interactive learning, panel debates & audience Q&A.

### **AIA Seattle Design Salon featuring Ray Gastil (recent Planning Director, City of Seattle) and Shannon Nichol, ASLA (Gustafson, Guthrie Nichol)**

February 17, 4-6pm

Henrybuilt, 997 Western Ave, Seattle

\$5 AIA Members, \$20 Non-members

2 LUs

Register here: [www.aiaseattle.org/calendar](http://www.aiaseattle.org/calendar)

### **AIA Seattle Urban Design Committee Meeting featuring Seattle City Councilmember Sally Bagshaw**

February 22, 4-5:30pm

AIA Seattle, 1911 First Avenue

No registration necessary

### **AIA Seattle Committee on the Environment presents: Case Study: Aggressively Passive Office Buildings: Passive Designs and Realities**

February 23, 4-6pm

Weber Thompson, 225 Terry Avenue N, Seattle

\$5 AIA Members, \$20 Non-members

2 LUs / 2 HSWs / 2 SDs

Register here: [www.aiaseattle.org/calendar](http://www.aiaseattle.org/calendar)

Passive sustainable design elements are infused into both the Terry Thomas and Joseph Vance Buildings. A year after opening, valuable data regarding the realities of operations juxtaposed with design process metrics provides a better understanding of how developmental decisions impact long-term performance. A review of post-occupancy evaluations and operational data begins the dialogue, followed by a tour of the Terry Thomas Building.

**SMPS and AIA Seattle present:  
Meet the Press, a panel discussion with local A/E/C  
journalists, moderated by Sheila Bacon, Founder of  
Scribe**

February 23, 11:30a - 1:30p

Washington Athletic Club, 1325 6th Ave

\$40.00 SMPS or AIA Members, \$45.00 SMPS or AIA Seattle  
Member Firm, \$55.00 Non-Member

Register here: [www.aiaseattle.org/calendar](http://www.aiaseattle.org/calendar)

**The New Green is BLUE**

February 24, 4-6pm

Henrybuilt Showroom, 997 Western Ave, Seattle

\$5, AIA or ARCADE Members, Donors or Students, \$20 Non-  
members

2LUs / 2HSWs / 2SDs

Jason McLennan, LEED®AP, (Cascadia Green Building  
Council) and Scott Wolf AIA, (The Miller | Hull Partnership)  
will discuss how water resource issues are moving to the  
center of the environmental and social justice debate  
worldwide.

Register here: [www.aiaseattle.org/calendar](http://www.aiaseattle.org/calendar)

**What Makes it GREEN?**

Presented by AIA Seattle Committee on the Environment

**Call for Entries, Early Deadline:** February 26, 2010

Find out more here: <http://www.aiaseattle.org/wmig2010>

What Makes It GREEN? (WMIG?) is driven by the interest in  
and need to celebrate good work, sharing knowledge and  
educating the industry through inspiring storytelling to  
further the practice of architecture. In its second decade,  
WMIG? recognizes and celebrates the best green design in  
the Northwest and Pacific Region including Alaska, Guam/  
Micronesia, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Idaho, Japan, Montana,  
Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia.

## CERTIFICATE IN URBAN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

A new online, distance-learning program for professionals and students developed by the University of Washington Department of Landscape Architecture and UW Extension for Professional & Continuing Education.

Apply now for the Spring 2010 program beginning this March.

Discover how strengthening a city's green infrastructure network increases community health and ecological resilience. Learn to recognize, quantify, and apply ecosystem services and amenities in an urban environment. Explore humanity's evolving relationship to nature as expressed in biophilia and emerging theories of landscape performance.

Develop integrated and elegant solutions to the complex infrastructural challenges facing growing cities and envision "high performance landscapes" that are multi-functional, yet culturally resonant. Experience the latest advances in urban landscape stewardship, and stay up-to-date with innovative, open source communication technologies, from wikis and social networking media to online collaboration and presentation tools.

This certificate program is offered online and is available for undergraduate and graduate credit.

Continuing Education Units for license renewal pending ASLA and AIA approvals. Please inquire.

Please watch the following on-demand information session to learn more:

<http://uweoconnect.extn.washington.edu/publicugi/>

[Register online](#) by March 15th through UW Extension.

If you have questions about your eligibility for this program, please contact the UW Extension office at 888-469-6499.

**INTERDISCIPLINARY DESIGN CAREER FAIR AT THE  
COLLEGE OF BUILT ENVIRONMENTS, UNIVERSITY OF  
WASHINGTON, SEATTLE 4/21/2010**

Connect your firm with a valuable pool of student talent. The UW chapter of ASLA is organizing this year's career fair together with the AIAS chapter, and also expects attendance from students in the Urban Design & Planning and Construction Management programs. Regardless of whether you're actively hiring at present, this fair is a great way to make contact with a range of potential candidates for future positions and internships, and to make your firm better known at these exemplary professional academic programs.

Complete information and registration forms are available from: [becareer@uw.edu](mailto:becareer@uw.edu)