

WASLA Newsletter

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MESSAGES

Message from the President

By Curtis LaPierre
WASLA Chapter President

Happy New Year! It is a great year to be a landscape architect. Here is a brief summary of a few things going on with the Chapter lately.

License Upgrade

Had Elvis lived, he would be 72 on January 8th. Coincidentally, the Washington legislative session begins on the 8th. WASLA's Government Affairs Committee is in the final planning stages of submitting a bill to the legislature that proposes to upgrade our title act to a practice act and includes a continuing education requirement. Information is posted on our web site www.wasla.org.

Greg Murphy and Chris Overdorf from Jones and Jones are putting together a Washington landscape architect license brochure that we can use when meeting with legislatures. Chuck Warsinski (SBA) and Kas Kincade (Cascade Design Collaborative) have been helping with the final review of the draft bill. David Akiyama (Weber + Thompson) and Craig Lewis (JGM) are contacting other green industry associations and helping put together a listing of chapter members by legislative district. Terri Hotvedt, our legislative consultant and a landscape architect, is setting the stage in Olympia for the bill sponsorship. We have held meetings in Seattle, Spokane and in Olympia on January 12 to solicit input and answer questions.

Last month we testified at the Landscape Architect Board hearing in Pullman and received a generally favorable response to the proposed license upgrade. Our testimony used water quality, stormwater management

- **WSU Spokane's IDI Career Day- Save The Date!!!**
- **"Green Factor" Proposed for Seattle's Neighborhood Business Districts**

Upcoming Events...

- **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
WASLA / NPS
What Makes it Green
Conference
HALS Sites/Projects**

and water conservation as examples of how much the profession has changed since the adoption of our licensing law in 1966. The Board and the Division of Licensing staff will be providing comments and meeting with us to discuss administration of the bill – especially the continuing education requirement.

This license upgrade has been several years in the making and is costing us time and money. To succeed in getting this bill passed, our members and non-member licensees will need to contact their legislators to let them know the importance of this bill to the Washington public. We will provide members with the information they need to email or write or discuss the bill with the legislators in their districts. Parenthetically, only 16% of the bills submitted each year are passed.

WALP

The Washington Association of Landscape Professionals has asked WASLA to consider endorsing a contract documents requirement for the use of Certified Landscape Professionals and Certified Landscape Technicians. WALP has provided us with draft specification language that will be available on our web site. Information about the certification and testing is on their web site www.walp.org. Naturally the decision to require certification of the landscape contractor is with the designer and the client. However, I'm asking the WASLA executive committee to endorse the use of WALP certified construction personnel. The WALP executive director will be introducing this topic at our February 2nd conference. I will be addressing the WALP annual meeting in Spokane on the 19th of January.

Continuing Education

We are participating in a planning / discussion group about continuing education at the University of Washington this week. News of this discussion will be posted on the web site as it becomes available.

LARE Study Sessions

We have been discussing the need for WASLA sponsored study sessions with Shane Dewald, this region's CLARB representative, the Division of Licensing and ASLA national office. We hope to be able to offer LARE applicants some form of study session either locally or in cooperation with another chapter or CLARB – possibly through a webcast. Please contact me if you are interested in working on a long-term LARE study session program,
[curtis.lapierre @otak.com](mailto:curtis.lapierre@otak.com).

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

Our Sponsors...

Letter from the Editor

By Kellye Hilde

Monthly we publish a newsletter that highlights current and upcoming events in Washington. If you know of any activities, lectures, openings or meetings that would be of interest to your fellow landscape architects, please submit a brief description to khilde@triadassoc.com.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

WASLA 2007 Conference IN Landscape Architecture: INnovate, INitiate, INtegrate

Come hear the newest ideas on innovative technologies, integrated small business ideas, 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.

[Click here](#) to register. Registration rates: \$120.00 for members and \$140.00 for non-members, \$45.00 for students. Visit the [chapter website](#) or call the office, 206-443-9484, for more information.

FRIDAY CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Opening Address

Great Cities & the New Environmental Movement

Alison Van Gorp, Cascade Land Conservancy

Keynote Speaker

Another Fifteen Inconvenient Truths: Findings of the Millenium Ecosystem Assessment

Janet Ranganathan, World Resources Institute

Greening Seattle's Infrastructure: Creating a Sustainable City

Nancy Rottle, Brice Maryman, Nate Cormier

LED: The Future of Lighting Here Today

Richard Klapper

Design Without Borders: Innovative Response to Those in Need



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Seattle's Architects Without Borders

If Trees Had Feet (They'd Likely Kick Us)

Favero Greenforest

Security Design: Educating the 21st Century Practitioner

Dr. Sean E. Michael

Selecting Exterior Topcoats Based on Esthetic Performance

Torin Mowbray

Professional Leadership & Firm Transition: Panel Discussion

Chris Overdorf (moderator), Grant Jones, Ilze Jones, Rich Haag, Kenichi Nakano, Bruce Dees, Dave McNeal, Tom Berger

Sustainable Soils: Compost Use for the Successful Landscapes, Site Restoration & Erosion Control

David McDonald, Sandy Salisbury, Rod Tyler

Overview: Sustainable Sites Initiative

Deb Guenther

Why Most Playgrounds Bore Children and What You Can Do About It

Cocktail Reception for Bill Talley

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Soil, Plants & Compost: A Professional Practice Workshop

Rod Tyler, president of Filtriss International, LLC & David MacDonald, biologist & environmental scientist at Seattle Public Utilities

Pacific Northwest Gardening Legends Tour: Krukeberg Botanic Gardens & Dunn Gardens

Olympic Sculpture Park Tour

Tours led by Charles Anderson/Julie Parrett of Charles Anderson Landscape Architecture & a representative from the Seattle Art Museum

Exhibitor Registration Deadline Extended

The deadline for 2007 WASLA Conference exhibitor registration has been extended to January 15. [Click here](#) to sign up online.

The 2007 WASLA Conference will be the premier landscape architecture event of the year. Do not miss this opportunity to show your products or services to Washington landscape architect community

Come Raise A Toast To Bill Talley!

WASLA members and friends of Bill Talley, ASLA are invited to attend a cocktail reception in honor of Bill's retirement as the University of Washington's Campus Landscape Architect. The reception will be held at the Bell Harbor Conference Center on Friday, February 2, 2006, from 5:15 – 7:00 PM, immediately following the WASLA Conference. There is no charge for this event, but registration is required. If you would like to attend, [click here](#) to RSVP by Friday, January 19, 2007.

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Soil, Plants & Compost: A Professional Practice Workshop

Held as part of the WASLA Conference 2007, this half-day course will "dig deeper" into soil management. Participants will get the tools they need to specify soils and manage site practices for successful landscapes, stormwater compliance, and satisfied customers. Topics include:

- Washington soils – essential information about local soil types
- Soil biology – how soil life creates basic soil and plant health functions
- Soil and plants – what plants need from soil; how that affects specifications
- Soil and stormwater – why the stormwater regulations, and how to meet them easily
- Construction site soil management – how to start and end with healthy soil
- Compost quality and specifications as a soil amendment
- Mulches and long term landscape soil maintenance techniques
- Compost use in erosion control – approved BMPs, proven techniques

[Click here](#) to register.

About the presenters. Rod Tyler is president of Filtrex International LLC, focusing on compost use in erosion

control, and a Certified Professional Agronomist with 20 years' experience in compost standards and specifications for the U.S. Composting Council. David McDonald is a biologist and environmental scientist with Seattle Public Utilities, focusing on soil science and environmentally friendly landscape design and development practices.

Olympic Sculpture Park Opening

Opening Ceremony and Park Dedication
Saturday January 20, 11 am

Grand Opening Weekend
Saturday January 20, 11 am – 9 pm
Sunday January 21, 11 am – 6 pm

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

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ASLA 2007 Professional and Student Awards Call for Entries

Get the recognition you deserve—enter the ASLA 2007 Professional and Student Awards. The Call for Entries is now available online. The program features:

- General Design category;
- Residential Design category (in partnership with Garden Design magazine);
- Analysis and Planning category;
- Research category (in partnership with CELA and Landscape Journal);
- Communications category;
- The Landmark Award (in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation);
- Student Collaboration category; and
- The Student Community Service Award.

The Professional Awards deadline for receipt of the entry form is Friday, February 9, and submission materials must be received by Friday, February 23. The deadline for receipt of the Student Awards entry form is Friday, May 18, and submission materials must be received by Friday, June 1.

Award recipients will be featured in *Landscape Architecture* magazine and other industry and general media publications. Winning projects in the residential

category will also be featured in *Garden Design* magazine. The awards will be presented in a ceremony followed by a luncheon honoring award recipients, their clients, and faculty advisors during the ASLA Annual Meeting & EXPO, October 7-10, 2007, in San Francisco.

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ASLA Annual Meeting Call for Proposals Deadline Extended

There's still time to submit a proposal to present an education session at the 2007 ASLA Annual Meeting & EXPO, which will be held October 5 – 9, 2007, in San Francisco. The deadline has been extended to January 16, 2007, at 11:59 pm EST.

Presenting a session at this event is an excellent opportunity to share your expertise with colleagues in the landscape architecture community and to expand your professional network. And with our online submission process, it's easy to apply.

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).

Only electronic submissions using the online form will be accepted. Mailed or faxed submittals and late electronic submittals will not be accepted. Changes may be made to your original online submission until January 16, 2007, at 11:59 pm EST.

If you have questions regarding the content of your proposal prior to the submission deadline, please contact Ron Leighton at rleighton@asla.org.

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.

"Green Factor" Proposed for Seattle's Neighborhood Business Districts

Steve Moddemeyer of the City of Seattle's Department of Planning and Development will be giving a presentation on how to use the "Green Factor" a new landscaping requirement for neighborhood commercial development at 4 pm on January 22 at the AIA office. Time will be available for any questions after the presentation.

The AIA has invited ASLA members to attend at no cost.

Learn more at the [WASLA Conference 2007](#) with Brice, Nancy, and Nate.

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