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Washington Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects

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### PARTICIPATION IN WASLA GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEES

by Don Benson, ASLA, AICP. WASLA Trustee

WASLA has two committees that are in need of your support. The Government Affairs Committee, chaired by Curtis LaPierre, ASLA, from OTAK, is involved in (among other things) lobbying efforts, the Architects and Engineers Legislative Council with the State legislature and awareness of local/state/national government issues etc. The Public Relations Committee, chaired by Alissa Carlson, ASLA, also from OTAK, is involved in (among other things) planning activities for Landscape Architecture Month, public relations/news releases, and partnerships with allied professions and programs, etc. Complete descriptions of committee activities are posted on the wasla.org site under committees. If you are interested in serving on either or both of these committees, please contact me at [don\\_benson@urscorp.com](mailto:don_benson@urscorp.com) (or by phone at 206-438-2027). Thank you.

### CASTLE ROCK- LEXINGTON LOOP TRAIL UPDATE

by Don Benson, ASLA, AICP, WASLA Trustee

A few years ago, in conjunction with our partnership (memorandum of understanding) with the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program and with the Oregon Chapter of ASLA, WASLA helped lead a charrette for the Castle Rock-Lexington Loop Trail in Cowlitz County. I am pleased to report that the first section of this trail loop will have a ceremonial opening on Friday June 4. This 2.5 mile trail segment includes interpretive signs, areas with picnic

August 11

[WASLA/WRPA Golf Tournament](#)

August 12

[AIA/WASLA Happy Hour](#)

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facilities at three trail locations and three trailhead parking lots. This is the first trail system constructed in the unincorporated area of Cowlitz County. We may have some pictures of the ceremony to post in the next (July) newsletter. This is certainly one way landscape architects can make a difference and be recognized.

The WASLA/NPS-RTCA Partnership has been involved in the planning and implementation of 9 design charrettes over the years on both sides of the State. A future charrette at an as yet undetermined location will take place sometime in the near future. I will keep everyone (professionals and students) posted on the next one so that if you wish to participate, you can. Please contact me at [don\\_benson@urscorp.com](mailto:don_benson@urscorp.com) (or by phone at 206-438-2027) if there are questions. Thank you.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

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).

### Announcements

#### 2010 WASLA / WRPA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Washington Recreation and Park Association invite you to our 4th annual fundraiser for a day of good weather, great fun, and an excuse to play golf. This celebration brings out friends, family, and colleagues to enjoy a summer day in the middle of the week along with the opportunity to support our organizations. Our tradition of playing a new course each year continues and this year's event will take place in Auburn at...

#### Washington National

*Home course of the 2010 Pac-10 Champion Huskies*



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### NEW DETAILS

**Wednesday, August 11  
7:45 am Shotgun Start**

[www.washingtonnationalgolfclub.com](http://www.washingtonnationalgolfclub.com)

The \$115 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, use of the practice facility (if you need it), lunch after golf, luncheon event festivities, and much, much more.

#### **Special Bonus: Energy refueling station on the course**

To get your name on the SPONSOR or PLAYER list early please contact WASLA at [office@wasla.org](mailto:office@wasla.org) or Keith Bates at [keith.bates@otak.com](mailto:keith.bates@otak.com).

### REGISTER FOR THE ASLA 2010 ANNUAL MEETING AND EXPO

Registration is open for the [ASLA 2010 Annual Meeting and EXPO](#), September 10-13, in Washington, D.C. Plan now to join more than 6,000 other landscape architecture professionals from around the world to network, to earn up to [21 Professional Development Hours](#), and to reconnect with the fundamental elements of design. Register by July 1 and save \$100.

The theme for the meeting is Earth Air Water Fire DESIGN. Landscape architects are the only professionals trained to design in harmony with the natural elements that surround us. The artful use of these elements in safe, functional, and beautiful ways forms the heart of our practice and makes us unique among the design professions.



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No city in the United States better exemplifies the values and sophisticated craft of our profession than our capital. Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant, a French-born aid to President George Washington, planned this city in the late 18th century. The District has matured into one of the most cosmopolitan capitals in the world, in large part due to the contributions of many landscape architects, both in the private and public sectors. Since Andrew Jackson Downing laid out the Smithsonian Institution grounds in 1850, the region has been a laboratory for the best that landscape architecture has to offer. Frederick Law Olmsted designed the grounds of the United States Capitol and the National Zoo. His work heavily influenced the 1901 MacMillan Commission's neoclassical designs that are so synonymous with the city today.

His son, Frederick Law Olmsted Jr., one of the founding members of our Society who served two terms as its president, played a stronger role in shaping our nation's capital than any other single person. He influenced the development of the city not only as a member of the MacMillan and the Fine Arts Commissions, but also through his planning and design of the White House grounds, Rock Creek Park, the George Washington Memorial Parkway, the Jefferson Memorial, and many other local projects.

Meeting in our nation's capital offers us the chance to highlight the work of our public practitioner colleagues. A number of federal agencies have organized tours, field sessions, and education sessions, providing vital information about federal projects, programs, and procurement.

The ASLA website contains all of the information you need to [register for the meeting](#), [plan your travel](#), and [book your hotel room](#).

See you in September!

Gary D. Scott, FASLA  
ASLA President  
Director, City of West Des Moines Parks & Recreation  
Department  
West Des Moines, Iowa

WASLA COTE KICK OFF MEETING

The WASLA Committee on the Environment, or COTE, held its kick off meeting on May 19th at Gould Hall on the University of Washington Campus. The meeting focused on outlining future goals and functions of COTE, as well as naming a chair for the Committee. Here is a summary of the major topics discussed in the meeting.

### **COTE Goals & Functions**

- Education and outreach will be the initial focus and function of COTE.
- Solidify WASLA and COTE as a knowledge base for LA's and other design professionals regarding low impact development and environmental issues.
- Step up the level of technical education. Increase the technical aspects of provided educational seminars and programs.
- Coordinate with Professional Practice and Continuing Education Committee.
- Provide opportunities for networking & partnerships (form alliances with AIA, PSP, USGBC, UW, WSU, etc.)

### **Committee Chair Discussion**

- Nora Daley-Peng has volunteered to be the committee chair.
- Acts as facilitator and liaison with WASLA executive committee

### **Future Meeting Schedule**

- Monthly schedule to start. Second to last Wednesday of month at 2:00 PM
- Location for next meeting is at the USGBC Cascadia Office in Pioneer Square

COTE is currently looking for more volunteers. If interested please do not hesitate to contact the chapter office at [office@wasla.org](mailto:office@wasla.org) or 206.443.9484. In addition, WASLA has openings on several other committees including Member Programs, Governmental Affairs, and Professional Practice and Continuing Education.

**EDIBLE LANDSCAPING WORKSHOP ON JUNE 18**

SRHD in partnership with Spokane's Food Access Coalition

brings national author to Spokane for Edible Landscaping Workshop.

The public is invited to hear author Rosalind Creasy speak about edible landscaping and how to bring it to any yard in any climate. Edible landscaping involves adding fruits, nuts, and vegetables to existing landscaping. The same design principles used in ornamental gardens are used, but with the substitution of plants like lettuce, blueberries, fruit trees, and edible flowers.

Rosalind Creasy, who coined the phrase edible landscape, will share her methods and experiences and provide a list of plants suitable for the Inland Northwest. She will also present photographs of what edible landscapes can look like.

"Ros Creasy is the driving force behind the concept of using your landscape for food as well as beauty and we are lucky to have her come to Spokane," says Pat Munts, Community Gardens Coordinator for the Spokane Regional Health District. "Vegetable and fruit plants can be just as beautiful and useful as landscape elements as ornamental plants."

#### **Event Details**

Date and time: Friday, June 18, 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Location: Trent Elementary School Auditorium, 3303 N. Pines Road, Spokane Valley, WA  
Cost and registration: \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door, call 324-1530 to sign up

The talk is being sponsored by Spokane's Food Access Coalition, a consortium of local organizations active in creating better access to healthy food and physical activity for the citizens of Spokane. Members of the group include: Spokane Regional Health District, WSU Extension, Fresh Abundance, 2nd Harvest Inland Northwest, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center, YMCA, and Saint Margaret's Shelter/Vinegar Flats Garden.

**WASLA/AIA EMERGING PROFESSIONALS HAPPY HOUR SERIES**

The AIA/ WASLA emerging professionals happy hour series continues.

**FREE: No registration necessary, just come by.**

Networking has never been more important. Join your friends and colleagues at this casual, monthly happy hour; a collaboration with Washington Association of Landscape Architects and AIA Seattle's Young Architects Forum. Make new friends and professional contacts while visiting firms around the city. The series will take place on the second Thursday of every month. Be there from 5:00-7:00 PM July 8 as AIA Seattle continues this series.

**07/08 AIA SEATTLE**

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To see photos from a previous Happy Hour, visit <http://www.aiaseattle.org/node/2765>

## UPCOMING AIA EVENTS

June 17

**2010 Design Debate: "Can Design Save the World?"**

7pm

Seattle Art Museum Olympic Sculpture Park PACCAR Pavilion, 2901 Western Avenue, Seattle

Register at: <http://www.idsanw.org/>

This moderated panel discussion will include an interdisciplinary panel of design professionals from the fields of industrial design, architecture, graphic design, interaction design and user experience design. The panel will discuss and debate issues related to designing sustainable products, structures and businesses for the 5.3 billion people living in less developed regions of the world. Organized by IDSA Northwest in partnership with AIA Seattle, and AIGA Seattle Chapter.

June 23

**Design Salon: Your City, Art**

4-6pm

997 Western Ave, Seattle

\$5 AIA Member/\$20 Non-member

Hear thoughts and visions for Seattle from local professionals involved at these different scales. Catalyze a concentration of design thinking and dialog around the transformation of our city. Speakers have been asked to posit their ideas and thoughts for the bettering of the city, rather than portfolios or case studies. 2 LUs

**THE CULTURAL LANDSCAPE FOUNDATION CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS**

**Heroes of Horticulture - Original Photography Exhibit**

Jul 17 2010 | Sep 12 2010

The Bascom

**A Moveable Feast**

Sep 10 2010 | Sep 10 2010

**2010 Silent Auction**

Sep 11 2010 | Sep 12 2010

Washington Convention Center

**What's Out There Weekend**

Sep 25 2010 | Sep 26 2010

For more information on the cultural landscape foundation go to [www.tclf.org](http://www.tclf.org).