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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

How do you plan on celebrating National Landscape Architecture Month?

April is National Landscape Architecture Month and it is the time to celebrate the profession and all that it encompasses. WASLA wants to know what you and/or your firm is doing to celebrate! Do you plan to go to local schools and meet with students to discuss the profession? If so, check out all the resources offered on the [ASLA website](#).

How about leading a boy scout troop in earning their merit badge for landscape architecture? Then check out [this file](#). How about picking a random Tuesday and treating your staff to a great happy hour to thank them for all their hard work? My suggestion, Google the best happy hours in your area, close down the office early and head out for a good time.

There are plenty of reasons to celebrate National Landscape Architecture Month and we want to hear them all. Please send a brief description of what you and/or your firm did to celebrate and we'll publish your article in our April and May newsletter. Articles can be sent to the WASLA office at office@wasla.org.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing about all the fabulous activities that Washington Landscape Architects did in celebration of National Landscape Architecture Month.

Cheers,

Kellye Hilde
WASLA President

EDITOR'S NOTE

By Katie Bang

March 18

[Landscape Architect and Author
Ron Herman to Speak at
Portland Japanese Garden](#)

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

March 25

[WASLA Awards Reception](#)

Announcements

WASLA AWARDS

March 20

[APLDWA 10th Anniversary Gala](#)

On March 25th, the 2010 WASLA Professional Awards Ceremony and Reception will take place at the Novelty Hill Januik Winery in Woodinville. Come join fellow WASLA members, allied professionals and our wonderful event sponsors The Nussbaum Group, Pacific Earth Works, Play Creation, The PPI Group and Teufel Landscape to celebrate 14 award winners selected out of 43 entries. Bill Thompson, former editor of Landscape Architecture Magazine and 2010 juror, commented that "the work in the Pacific Northwest is exemplary." Diana Balmori said that the submissions were good work and made her very hopeful." Mia Lehrer said she was "impressed and jealous - particularly about the excellent public projects."

March 30

[Rainwise: Installing Rain
Gardens and Cisterns](#)

March 31

[Sprinkler Scheduling Made Easy
& Going Green with Irrigation
System Maintenance](#)

Please visit www.regonline.com/wasla2010awards and sign up before it sells out. Cost of registration is \$50. Cost for on-site registration will be \$70. Drink tickets will be available for purchase at the winery. Novelty Hill Januik Winery will also be hosting winery tours during the first hour of the event. There will also be a People's Choice Award selected by event attendees.

March 31

[Irrigation Best Management
Practices](#)

There is a lot to celebrate regardless of the current economy. So please show your support of our incredible profession and the work being generated in Washington State. It is going to be a great time.

April 1

[Spanish Language: System
Maintenance, Repair and
Scheduling](#)

Chris Overdorf, ASLA

April 1

[Site Water Management Planning](#)

April 8

[AIA/WASLA Happy Hour](#)

April 9-11

[LARE Review Section Section E, Marin County](#)

April 9-10

[LARE Review Section C, Las Vegas](#)

April 15-16

[WSU WASLA Student Awards](#)

April 16-18

[LARE Review Section E, Las Vegas](#)

April 16-18

[LARE Review Section E, Seattle](#)

LARE SECTION E: GRADING AND DRAINAGE PREPARATORY COURSE

As part of our mission to increase the Value of WASLA to our members, we have organized to bring grading guru Ray Freeman to Seattle to put on his 3 day LARE Section E (Grading) Workshop. Ray has been offering his class for years in California with great success for participants. You may have seen links to it on our website previously. Now you can attend without having to pay airfare. Here are the details:

Dates: April 16-18, 2010

Times: Friday 9 am-6:30 pm, Saturday 9:00 am-6:30 pm, and Sunday 9 am-6 pm.

Location: Marriott Courtyard Seattle Downtown/Lake Union
925 Westlake Ave N, Seattle WA 98109, (206) 213-0100

Call for reservations at (800) 228-9290 and ask for the "WASLA LARE Review" group room rate of only \$89. This rate is only good through March 26, 2010.

Course Cost: \$445

Registration:

www.regonline.com/wasla201004

We hope you are able to take advantage of this unique opportunity. Space is limited to 24 people, so do not delay.

April 23-25

[LARE Review Section C, Marin County](#)

April 30 - May 2

[LARE Review Section E \(Advanced\), Marin County](#)

May 13

[AIA/WASLA Happy Hour](#)

June 10

[AIA/WASLA Happy Hour](#)

July 8

[AIA/WASLA Happy Hour](#)

August 12

[AIA/WASLA Happy Hour](#)

September 9

[AIA/WASLA Happy Hour](#)

October 14

[AIA/WASLA Happy Hour](#)

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 April 8, 5:00-7:00 PM, as Jones and Jones continues this series.

04/08

JONES & JONES
105 South Main Street
Seattle, WA 98104-3444

05/13 GGLO
06/10 SCLATER PARTNERS
07/08 AIA SEATTLE
08/11 BASETTI
09/09 OSKA

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

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By Don Benson, WASLA Trustee (and member of ASLA Government Affairs Committee)

For those ASLA members and others who receive the National ASLA Advocacy Alerts on various congressional legislation promoted by ASLA, I continue to encourage all of you to respond to those Alerts and to your congressional representatives. The Advocacy Alert sites have pre-written responses or the ability to compose/edit your own responses embedded within the sites (the most recent alert dealt with the No Child Left Inside Act). These contacts with your congressional representatives are important and help influence their interest in and potential participation as sponsors of the legislation. So please, take a few minutes and respond to the Alerts.

Very shortly or by the time of this article, a survey on significant legislative issues ASLA would like to consider for 2011/2012 will be sent out to ASLA members and others. Please respond to this survey as it will help ASLA gauge which issues to promote in the near future. In addition, I will be attending our Mid-Year Trustees Meeting in late March, so if you have any issues (legislative or otherwise) you would like to bring to the attention of ASLA, please let me know. You can contact me if there are any questions about the Alert process or anything else at don_benson@urscorp.com (or 206-438-2027). Thank you.

DPD UPDATES CITY OF SEATTLE DESIGN GUIDELINES

The City of Seattle is looking for input on the updates to the Design Guidelines. It is important that those who care about urban density and quality design express support for effective tools for communities. The new guidelines move from design being simply responsive to actually contributing to their context. They incorporate sustainable principles, and focus the discussion on a design concept. Contributing to the public realm is one of the three topics of discussion.

For more information please visit [their website](#).

Send written comments to Cheryl Sizov, Project Manager, at

[Subtle Light Photography](#)



[Wood Stone Corporation](#)



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WASLA Executive Committee

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or by e-mail to cheryl.sizov@seattle.gov.

Comments due by March 31st.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPURTUNITIES DISCUSSED WITH WSU AND UW

Committee members and WASLA's Executive Committee met with participants from the UW and WSU to discuss how we can collaborate on providing professional development hours to practicing landscape architects to help meet the continuing education requirements resulting from our new Practice Act that will become effective in July of this year. Participants included: Jeff Hou, Kelly Pagano, Nancy Rottle, and Trisha Dvorak (all of the UW); Bob Scarfo (WSU); EC members Kellye Hilde, Don Benson, Katie Bang, Courtney Landoll; and committee members Chuck Warsinske, and Valerie Mehring.

Topics included the desire to mutually support the universities and WASLA through coordination of topics to be provided, keeping costs affordable and the potential for WASLA member discounts, accessibility to ensure members across the State can participate, coordination with LA CES program, and the need to poll the membership for PDH ideas and expertise. A survey monkey will be sent out soon to gather member input and we would appreciate your participation! If you are interested in the Professional Practice and Continuing Education Committee and would like to volunteer please contact Courtney Landoll at CLandoll@watershedco.com.

ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE DESIGNERS-WASHINGTON CHAPTER (APLDWA) ANNOUNCES 10TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Seattle, Washington, February 12, 2010

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The Association of Professional Landscape Designers-Washington Chapter (APLDWA) is hosting a Gala to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the inception of the state chapter.

The Gala celebration will take place Saturday evening, March 20, 2010, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Hotel Deca in Seattle's University District. The catered fare will include hors d'oeuvres and libations in the hotel's lobby, followed by a sit-down dinner in the Grand Ballroom.

The evening's featured speaker is Topher Delaney, award-winning landscape designer and artist and principal of the San Francisco-based Seam Studio (www.tdelaney.com). Topher Delaney's projects range from the sculpture garden at the Portland Art Museum to the more recent botanical/ medicinal garden at the University of California, School of Medicine. Ms. Delaney's presentation, "Attention + Intention," will focus on the questions of how and why we garden.

Topher Delaney was a featured speaker at the National APLD conference held in Seattle in 2002, and it marked her last speaking engagement in this region. Topher Delaney's thirty-year career as an artist has encompassed a wide breadth of projects which focus on the exploration of our cultural interpretations of landscape architecture, site installation and public art. Her practice, SEAM Studio, has evolved from a traditional landscape architectural structure to an atelier which serves as a venue for the investigation of cultural, social and artistic narratives "seamed" together to form dynamic physical installations.

During the evening the chapter will run ongoing presentation slide shows of member projects as well as display historical information highlighting chapter programs and workshops over the last 10 years. Some time will also be taken for special recognition and awards for long-time chapter

members.

Anyone interested or involved in landscape design, art, architecture, landscape architecture, horticulture, design, or medicinal gardens is invited to attend this event. Before March 1, tickets are \$75 per person for APLD members and \$75 for one APLD member guest and \$85 for non-members. After March 1, tickets will be \$95. Tickets sales begin January 10, 2010.

For additional information on APLDWA and its 10th Anniversary Gala, contact Lisa Port, APLD (206-383-5572; lisaport@banyontreedesign.com), or visit www.apldwa.org.

UPCOMING AIA EVENTS

Green Alley Competition Celebration

March 4, 5:30 - 7:30pm

Nord Alley, 314 1st Ave S.

Meet the winners of the Green Alleys Competition! Highlighting new uses for alleys that are functional, environmentally sound and community building. For more information contact Nikki Somer at 206-381-1630 or nikkis@i-sustain.org.

No registration necessary.

What Makes It GREEN?

Presented by AIA Seattle Committee on the Environment
Call for Entries, Early Deadline: March 5

Registration and Submittal Deadline: March 12

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.

To register and submit visit: <http://www.aiaseattle.org/wmig2010>

Design For Aging Committee Presentation

March 5, noon - 1:30pm

AIA Seattle, 1911 First Avenue, , FREE

Bruce Carlson, Media Development Director for AARP Washington, will present the AARP 2009 Livable Communities Awards. Joining Bruce will be Emory Baldwin of ZAI Inc. winner of a 2009 Livable Communities Award for their "Green Lake Residence".

No registration necessary. More information at: www.aiaseattle.org/calendar

Saturday Seminar: How to Select & Work with an Architect

March 6, 9:30am - noon

AIA Seattle, 1911 First Avenue

Need an Architect? AIA Seattle's Saturday Seminar can help answer this and other FAQs about what architects and clients can achieve together, and how to get the best value for your investment. Presenters: Matt Hutchins AIA and Kevin Spence AIA.

To register, visit: www.aiaseattle.org/calendar

Analyzing Utility Data

March 11, Noon - 2pm

AIA Seattle, 1911 First Avenue

2 LUs / 2 HSWs / 2 SDs

Presenter: Bill Younger, CEM, CBEP, Manager of Business Energy Management, Puget Sound Energy

This two-hour session will teach participants how to evaluate energy use in commercial buildings using simple methods of calculating usage benchmarks and analyzing monthly consumption patterns.

To register, visit: www.aiaseattle.org/calendar

Navigating the Economy: Maximizing Billing and Cash Flow

March 17, Noon - 2pm

AIA Seattle, 1911 First Avenue, FREE

Presenter: Alice Cho Snyder, CPA @ Financial Fitness Coach, LLC

Learn techniques to capture all billable time, translate time into accurate and complete billing, and ensure timely collection. Get control over this critical revenue and collection cycle to turn your practice into a financially fit firm.

No registration necessary. More information at: www.aiaseattle.org/calendar

Open House Tour with Northwest Home

March 21, Noon - 3pm

Goeke Residence, 6525 102nd Avenue NE, Kirkland, WA 98033, FREE

Join AIA Seattle and Northwest Home for a tour the Goeke Residence by Baylis Architects as featured in Northwest Home.

No registration necessary. More information at: www.aiaseattle.org/calendar

2010 Puget Sound BetterBricks Awards: Honoring Champions of High-performance Buildings

March 25, 5:15 - 7:30pm

SAM's Olympic Sculpture Park, 2901 Western Ave, Seattle

To register, visit: www.aiaseattle.org/calendar

IPD: The Lean Machine: Children's Hospital Case Study

Presented by the AIA Seattle Practice and Ethics Committee

March 26, 9am-noon

Sellen Construction, 227 Westlake Ave N, Seattle

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

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To register, visit: www.aiaseattle.org/calendar

IRRIGATION SPRING TRAINING SERIES

Presented by the Saving Water Partnership, Cascade Water Alliance, and Washington Irrigation Contractors Association (WICA)

Need to brush up on irrigation best management practices, green strategies, maintenance and site water planning? Classes in English and Spanish are being held March 31st and April 1st. For more information and to register go to www.wica-web.org.

Registration is free. Registration deadline is March 26th.

