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Announcements

SEATTLE SELECTED TO HOST 2011 ASLA ANNUAL MEETING & EXPO

On behalf of the ASLA Executive Committee, we are excited to announce that Seattle, Washington was selected to host the 2011 ASLA Annual Meeting & EXPO. As 2011 approaches look for more information at www.asla.org or www.wasla.org.

WASLA NPS-RTCA PARTNERSHIP CHARRETTE

By Don Benson, ASLA, AICP, Washington Chapter Trustee

It appears another partnership charrette is unfolding which may be scheduled in late October or early November 2007 near Longview, WA. This may be a shorter event than past charrettes and may offer an opportunity to collaborate with the Oregon Chapter of ASLA and perhaps students from the University of Oregon. I will be looking for volunteers from the WASLA, Washington State University and the University of Washington.

More information to follow.

2007 WASLA STUDENT AWARD WINNERS - WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

- **DESIGNING WITH ROSES COMPETION**

Upcoming Events...

- **May 14**
David Streatfield

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2nd Year Review Portfolios

Honor Awards

- Midori Fukutani
- Derek Eberle

Merit Awards

- Trevor Thompson
- Alex Mann
- Jodie Knopp

3rd Year Projects

Merit Awards

- LIGO - Samuel Millar, Julie Gretzner, Jason Hirst, & Kaitlin Quick
- Ecotone - Jason Hirst

5th Year Projects

Honor Awards

- Garrett Williams; Mount Vernon Riverfront Project
- Regina Bartley; A Walkability Analysis

Merit Awards

- Ben Braudrick; Permaculture & Habitat for Humanity

Graduate Student Projects

Honor Awards

- Elise Lebaron; MSLA Thesis: A Policy Analysis for Low Impact Development

2007 ASLA Student Awards

Merit Awards

- Juli Bertucci; StreetWhere
- Kirsti Fermeding; A Civic Center for Spokane Washington

Committee Reports and Public Relations

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

By Don Benson, WASLA Trustee

The semi-annual ASLA Trustees Mid-Year Meeting was held April 27-28, 2007 in Washington, D.C. On Thursday, April 26, 2007 Don Benson (WASLA Trustee), Curtis Lapierre (WASLA President), and Derek Reeves (WSU Student Representative) participated in Lobby Day, visiting the offices of Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray, and Representatives Jim McDermott and Jay Inslee. We also had a brief discussion with Representative Dave Reichert who we talked with as we were coming out of the Capitol after our visit with Representative Inslee. Lobby Day packets were also dropped off with other representatives. The participation of a student in Lobby Day was a first for ASLA and Derek and other

students got to see how things in D.C. work first hand.

At the Trustees Meeting, we discussed 2006 successes, such as the promotion of Green Infrastructure, including the Sustainable Sites Initiative; liaisons with other organizations and professions; licensure effort successes; convening a joint task force on landscape architecture continuing education efforts; ACE Mentorship program sponsorship; and efforts to grow the profession. Membership grew about 4.8% last year and ASLA finances and operations continue to be in good condition. 2007 goals include: increasing advertising income and corporate membership in conjunction with expanded coverage and accessibility of Landscape Architecture Magazine; improve communications for members and increase membership; extend the ASLA advocacy network and licensure efforts towards the goal of 50 (states) by 2010; produce high quality meetings and events that respond to members interests; grow the profession and address a potential shortage of LA's in the years ahead (note: Landscape Architecture was mentioned as one of the top 25 careers in the March 2007 issue of Money and Business, and recent salary surveys compare favorably with architects and engineers); continue to expand visibility and public relations by building media contacts and other means; update computer infrastructure at ASLA National and update the Website; and expand professional practice networks by developing more collaborative partnerships with other organizations and professions.

WASLA/WRPA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Washington American Society of Landscape Architects
and
Washington Recreation and Park Association
Joining together this fall to host:

WASLA/WRPA GOLF SCRAMBLE

A great day to see colleagues & clients,
Enjoy great food, win great prizes, and oh yeah...
Play some golf.

All this and more at Auburn Golf Course with
The brand new clubhouse opening late summer
2007!

September 28, 2007
8:00am @ Auburn Golf Course

More Details to Follow

WASLA HAPPY HOUR

Release Your Tension at Temple

WASLA gathers together for a happy Happy Hour
Temple Billiards - Thursday May 24
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Salty snacks provided by WASLA
www.templebilliards.com

SEATTLE GREEN FACTOR WORKSHOP

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.

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.

Seattle Green Factor is a new program intended to increase the amount and quality of urban landscaping in new development in Commercial Zones while providing flexibility for developers and designers to efficiently utilize their properties. The green factor is one of many commercial land use code changes that became effective Jan. 20, 2007, as part of the Neighborhood Business District Strategy (www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/nbds).

Visit www.seattle.gov/dpd/greenfactor for more details on the program, including background information, worksheets for calculating your green factor and the green factor plant list.

Tentative dates for the continuation of this lunchtime series include :

May 16: Landscape Management Plans as Required
May 30: Healthy Soils for Beautiful Plantings

[For more information...](#)

SOILS FOR SALMON: SOIL STRATEGIES FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, EROSION CONTROL & LANDSCAPE SUCCESS

Builders, developers, and landscapers are adopting practices that preserve and improve the soil on building sites, and protect waterways, and local governments are beginning to require it.

The simple soil "best management practices" (BMPs) include preserving site topsoil and vegetation where possible, reducing compaction, and amending disturbed soils with compost to restore healthy soil functions.

Advantages to builders, consumers and the environment include:

- More marketable buildings
- Better erosion control
- Easier planting
- Healthy, attractive landscapes
- Easier maintenance with less water and
- Reduced stormwater runoff, with better water

12:00pm
Wednesday May 23
The Berger Partnership Offices
1721 8th Avenue N

10 seats available
RSVP Required
Email Rachael Watland
rachaelw@bergerpartnership.com

ULI SEATTLE

Save the Date! Housing Our Workforce: Why Business Leaders Should Care

Ron Terwilliger will address an increasing national crisis: a huge number of fully- employed people, from teachers to hospital workers, are not able to live close to where they work. He will provide a roadmap to change this pattern in a way that benefits both workers and communities.

Speaker: Ron Terwilliger, Chairman and CEO of Trammel Crow Residential, Atlanta

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

7:30 - 9:00 AM
Seattle venue TBD

WASLA LEED-ACCREDITATION STUDY SESSIONS TO BEGIN MAY 30

Do you want to become LEED accredited? In partnership with O'Brien & Company, a nationally recognized leader in sustainable design and construction consulting, WASLA is pleased to announce [training and study sessions for the LEED accreditation examination](#). (LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and is a registered trademark of the US Green Building Council, USGBC.) At least twelve of 20 total spaces remain open and available for the upcoming series.

The sessions will take place at O'Brien & Company's office, 811 First Avenue, Suite 380, Seattle, WA. 98104, on the following dates:

Wednesday, May 30, 2007, 1:00 to 5:00pm
Wednesday, June 13, 2007, 1:00 to 5:00pm
Wednesday, June 27, 2007, 1:00 to 5:00pm

The discount fee for WASLA members is \$150 per person for the three sessions, assuming that all 20 spaces are filled, plus a nominal fee for materials and handouts provided by O'Brien - probably \$12.50 per person. If less than 20 people sign up, fees could be slightly higher.

Registrants will be expected to obtain a copy of the LEED-NC v2.2 Reference Guide, available through www.usgbc.org. Since the cost of a copy is \$200 for non-USGBC members, you may also share with other participants. (Employees of firms that are members in the USGBC can receive a copy for the firm at a lower member price of \$150.) Prior to the first session on May 30, participants will be expected to read and familiarize themselves with the first 149 pages of the Reference Guide.

If you'd like to sign up, please send an e-mail to [Brooks Kolb](mailto:Brooks.Kolb) by no later than May 20; Brooks will register you for the course. Fees are payable by check to O'Brien & Co.; please bring your check to the first session. For information and driving directions, please visit www.obrienandco.com. Please respond quickly as we expect the seats to fill up fast.

DESIGNING WITH ROSES COMPETITION

Designing with Roses Competition is sponsored by All-America Rose Selections (AARS), which recognizes and honors landscape architecture and garden design by professionals and students as well as U.S. public gardens.

While the ASLA is promoting the competition to its members through its website and newsletters, we are also asking individual Chapters to encourage their members to submit projects that incorporate roses as a core design element for a chance to win this honorable distinction.

The AARS is currently accepting entries through July 2, 2007 for professional, student and public garden submissions. The panel of expert judges is currently being secured, however, past judges have included ASLA Fellow Rosheen Styczinski and Better Homes & Garden Editor Elvin McDonald. Winners will be announced in September at the 59th Annual Garden Writers Association Symposium in Oklahoma City, Okla.

[For more information...](#)

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