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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 hour series, etc. This is a great way to stay connected, reunite with old friends and co-workers and be in the know.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

If you would like to contribute to the WASLA Monthly Newsletter please send inquiries to the chapter office at [office@wasla.org](mailto:office@wasla.org).

## Announcements

### EMERGING PROFESSIONALS HAPPY HOUR SERIES

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[Design for Livability:  
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["The Once and Future  
Arboretum"](#)

Mithun, Seattle  
Friday, October 16, 2009  
5:30-7:00 pm

Join us October 16 at Mithun for the 2009 AIA/WASLA Emerging Professionals Happy Hour Series.

The AIA/WASLA Happy Hour Series has been a great success since its launch last year. Students, young professionals, interns, senior staff, management and principals have enjoyed a great evening of food and drink as design offices in the Seattle area have showcased their firm as well as award winning projects. Be there at 5:30 September 18th as Site Workshop continues the series.

Mithun

Pier 56  
1201 Alaskan Way, Suite 200

Seattle, WA 98101  
[www.mithun.com](http://www.mithun.com)

## ASSISTANCE OFFERED FOR GREEN PROJECTS

### Our Sponsors



[Cascade Recreation](#)

Cedar Grove Composting  
[www.cgcompost.com](http://www.cgcompost.com)

What happens with the landscape after your project is designed, built and occupied? If you designed a project under LEED, the Green Factor or similar programs, you may be concerned about whether maintenance practices will follow through on your vision of sustainability.

We offer free assistance to help you write language for landscape maintenance plans and CC&Rs. We also offer training for on-site staff, contractors and homeowner association boards about the why and how of sustainable maintenance. This is a joint project of Seattle Public Utilities and King County Hazardous Waste Management.

If you are working on a green project, or if you know of another project that might be interested, we'd like to talk to you.

If you have ideas for ways to make landscape maintenance greener and more sustainable, we'd also like to talk. Contact Annette Frahm at Sage Enviro, 206-789-7001 or [afrahm@sageenviro.com](mailto:afrahm@sageenviro.com).



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Find sample language for landscape maintenance specifications, CC&Rs and more information about green landscaping [here](#).

## "THE ONCE AND FUTURE ARBORETUM"

**SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB AND UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BOTANIC GARDENS PRESENT... SCOT MEDBURY, PRESIDENT OF THE BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN**

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Open house 5:30      Lecture 7:00 pm

Center for Urban Horticulture  
3501 NE 41st  
Seattle, WA 98105

\$25.00 per person  
For Reservations call:  
206-543-0540 or visit the [UW website](#) and click on events.

Scot Medbury is President of Brooklyn Botanic Garden, which during a century of service in New York City has helped to define the urban public garden in America. Prior to moving to Brooklyn in 2005, Mr. Medbury served as director of both the San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers and the Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park, and earlier held appointments at public gardens in Great Britain, New Zealand and the Pacific Northwest. He brings to Seattle a unique appreciation for and understanding of the Washington Park Arboretum, having conducted his thesis project on the origins and development of the woody plant collections there. As part of the Arboretum's 75th anniversary celebrations, "The Once and Future Arboretum" will reveal how the Washington Park Arboretum's past continues to shape its future, and will point to the ways all urban gardens can better fulfill their roles as places of learning, beauty and sanctuary.

The Open House will be an opportunity to see "behind the scenes" at UW Botanic Gardens. Learn about student research, get a tour of the greenhouse, talk with faculty in their labs, and more. Light refreshments will be served.

Seattle Garden Club in Partnership with UW Botanic Gardens

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**RAINWISE: Installing Rain Gardens and Cisterns  
Training for Contractors and Design Professionals  
Working in Seattle**

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

Installing Rain Gardens: Tuesday Nov. 10, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Installing Cisterns: Tuesday, Nov. 17, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
NHS Hall, UW Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle

Sponsored by Seattle Public Utilities

Free, lunch included.

For licensed professionals only. Pre-registration required - space is limited.

Starting in 2010, the City of Seattle will 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. These two one-day classes 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.

Download [registration flyer](#).

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

**ARCHITECTS WITHOUT BORDERS - SEATTLE  
PRESENTS 2009 CARVE FOR A CAUSE**

Thursday, October 29, 2009 | 6-9pm  
Design Within Reach, 1918 First Avenue, Seattle, WA  
Awards presented at 7:30, Pumpkin Auction to follow.

Join us for our third annual Pumpkin-Carving Contest. There will be food and drink, as well as our panel of local design experts to award an excellent array of prizes for the best pumpkins - all to support a great cause.

We've reduced our entry fees this year to make it easier for firms and individuals to participate! Suggested Donation: Individual Entries: \$20. Firm Entries: \$250. More information [here](#).

All proceeds will benefit AWB's current and future projects and further our mission to provide ecologically sensitive and culturally appropriate design assistance to communities in need.

**RENOWNED ARCHITECTURAL ILLUSTRATOR TO  
OFFER DRAWING WORKSHOP AT WSU**

PULLMAN, Wash. - Pencil, marker, pastel and watercolor techniques for graphic artists will be taught by renowned illustrator Mike Lin's son Brian Lin at a workshop sponsored by the Washington State University Landscape Architecture Club. The workshop is offered Nov. 6 and 7 in the Ensminger Pavilion on the WSU Pullman campus. Sessions start at 9 a. m. both days, and continue until 6 p.m. The cost for the workshop is \$60 (\$75 if registering the day of the event) for students. The public is welcome to the workshop. The cost for members of the public or professionals is \$100 (\$110 if registering the day of the event).

The two-day intensive course covers not only media techniques but many aspects of creating presentation graphics that communicate well. Lin teaches rendering in two-dimensional plan view and three-dimensional perspective.

Attendees should bring their own drawing materials; however, there may be additional materials available for purchase upon arrival.

Landscape Architecture Club President Greg Carlson said the club is sponsoring the workshop as a service to the university and surrounding communities. Carlson added that the workshop is designed for students and practitioners in architecture, landscape architecture and interior design, but that anyone with an interest in presentation graphics and plan drawing is welcome to attend.

Mike Lin is the director of the Mike Lin Graphic and Design Workshop in Burlingame, Calif. Over 250,000 people have attended his workshops over the past 30 years and he has offered the workshop at more than 100 universities. For more information about Lin and the workshop, visit Lin's [web site](#).

To register for the workshop, download the [registration form](#). Registration forms are also available at the following locations on the WSU Pullman campus: Johnson Hall 149, Carpenter Hall 5th Floor, Interior Design office in Daggy Hall, and the Fine Arts main office.

The Ensminger Pavilion is located on Wilson Road at Lincoln Drive. For more information, contact LA Club president Greg Carlson at 206-291-4415.

Thursday & Friday, October 15-16

University of Washington

Register [here](#).

Design for Livability: Sustainable Cities brings our region's planning, design, development, and civic leaders and advocates together to better understand what we can do to build a stronger future. Today, more than ever, we are faced with environmental and economic challenges that will define our generation, shape our future, and test our resilience. Join leaders from across the region as we tackle these challenges head-on and demonstrate solutions to building more livable, walkable and healthier communities.

The program will include the latest research, cutting-edge implementation tools and techniques, best practices, model projects, policies and codes, from a wide variety of perspectives including developers, planners, architects, engineers, policy makers, artists, students and civic and community leaders. Another important part of the event, so evident last year, is the opportunity to network and coordinate with peers as well as practitioners from many different disciplines.

**Thursday, October 15:** Opening Lecture "Growing Infrastructure" with Martin Felsen, AIA, and Sarah Dunn, founding principals of UrbanLab. The lecture will consider and explore the value of infrastructure as a robust design opportunity to strengthen communities and revitalize cities. Lecture scheduled for 6:30 pm in Kane Hall 120, University of Washington.

**Friday, October 16:** Keynote address by Rob Bennett, Executive Director, Portland + Oregon Sustainability Institute. Bennett will discuss the concept, framework & benefits of EcoDistricts. Colleagues from ZGF, VIA-Architecture and the City of Vancouver will provide two case study examples from Portland and Vancouver, BC. Karen True, and Sarah Phillips, Board Members of Friends of Third Place Commons, will lead a guided conversation and hands-on workshop that considers how to create, activate and sustain community-based great places that foster a sense of

place, and create community ownership. Afternoon breakout sessions include discussion on integrating bus rapid transit (BRT) in neighborhoods. The closing plenary session will feature a discussion with Randy Engstrom on Creating Delight through arts and community engagement. The City of Bellingham and its design team lead by Nakano Associates will share how they conceived of its Arts District as a place for people and how small changes made a big difference in the vibrancy of the neighborhood.

Presented by AIA Seattle, Cascade Land Conservancy, and the University of Washington College of Built Environments supported by Allied Arts of Seattle, the American Planning Association Washington Chapter, and the American Society of Landscape Architects, Washington Chapter.

Also, please join the AIA Seattle in welcoming the **Healthy & Happy Cities: Urban Design with Nature** gallery exhibit, currently hanging at AIA Seattle's public gallery at 1911 First Avenue. The exhibit runs through Oct. 26.