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WASHINGTON State Chapter (WASLA) Achievements in 2003 **by Brooks Kolb, President**

It has been a very exciting year for WASLA. Richard Haag, founder of the Landscape Architecture Program at the University of Washington and celebrated designer of Seattle's Gas Works Park, received the ASLA Medal - the highest honor awarded to a living landscape architect. At the same time, Jones and Jones of Seattle received the first-ever Firm Award for their ground-breaking achievements in ecological regional planning, site planning and design. Both awards were officially conferred at the ASLA Annual Meeting in New Orleans this past week. The chapter also celebrated two significant national awards. Charles Anderson Landscape Architecture with Kathryn Gustafson, lead designer, received a National Design Award for the Arthur Ross Planetarium at New York's Museum of Natural History and Mithun won a National Planning Award for the "Blue Ring" concept envisioning a future ring of parks surrounding Seattle's "Center City."

In April, we celebrated Landscape Architecture Week in several ways. We co-sponsored the Olmsted Centennial Conference, presented by the National Association of Olmsted Parks and Seattle's Friends of the Olmsted Parks, held in Seattle in late April. This event commemorated the Olmsted legacy throughout the United States, including the centennial of Seattle's own Olmsted-designed park system. At the same time, we honored Rich Haag's Medal at a celebration held in Steinbrueck Park, co-designed by Rich Haag, with Peter Steinbrueck, President of the Seattle City Council. We presented Peter with our brand-new Downtown Seattle Urban Landscape Guide, a full-color brochure which we produced using funds received from a CIP (Chapter Initiative Program) grant from ASLA, which we won competitively. Other Olmsted Centennial events were held this past summer across the state in Spokane.

Over the summer we made progress in a preliminary research phase looking into the feasibility of upgrading our Washington State Landscape Architecture Title Act to a practice act, in accordance with ASLA's national program, "50 in 2010." We expect to initiate the second phase of this effort in the coming months, generating a debate among chapter members to gain consensus for proceeding with the upgrade. Washington State is one of a handful of states having only a title act; our bordering states of Idaho and Oregon have both recently achieved Practice Act statutes.

In October, we successfully completed our fourth planning and design charrette held in partnership with the Rivers, Trails and Conservation unit of the National Park Service. Dedicated to designing a system of trails for the City of Moses Lake, this charrette was co-sponsored by the State Department of Health for the first time. Signaling recent studies statistically demonstrating the close correlation between exercise, recreation and good health, the study was embraced enthusiastically by the citizens of Moses Lake.

This fall will see our biennial Chapter Professional Awards celebration and program, which will be held next Saturday, November 8, at the Frye Art Museum in Seattle. In addition to honoring the chapter award winners (whose identities remain secret as of this writing) we will for the first time confer "President's Awards of Service" to recognize three persons who have worked long and hard serving the chapter and raising the visibility of the Landscape Architecture profession within the State of Washington. These three are Clair Enlow, journalist, for service from a community leader outside the profession; Don Benson, Past-President and Visibility Committee Chair, and Margaret Hayes, Member.

Lastly, our committees were active and energetic this past year. We continued the very popular Mentoring Program with the student chapters at University of Washington and Washington State University, conferred student awards at both universities, and granted two student scholarships at each university. The brand-new "Committee on the Environment" or COTE generated a far-reaching mission statement, including advocacy of environmental sustainability guidelines, such as promoting LEED certification among members and extending the LEED checklist to landscape and site parameters. This initiative has attracted widespread interest among our members. Seattle members also participated in a Seattle Waterfront Design Collaborative in partnership with Allied Arts. The collaborative held a month-long charrette looking at ways to win back Seattle's downtown waterfront to pedestrian-oriented civic and recreation uses from its current role as a noisy, polluted transportation corridor fenced off from the City by a double-decker highway known as the Alaskan Way viaduct.

In the year to come, we hope to consolidate some of our achievements in 2003. We expect to re-print the Downtown Parks Guide for use in walking tours of downtown Seattle, move ahead with our licensure initiatives, create an educational brochure aimed at primary and secondary school students showing them how a representative city park is planned and designed, and hold a Fall Conference and Expo. On top of all of this, we hope to come up with a long-term Media Action and Public Relations plan.

WASLA Professional Awards Celebration

Saturday, November 8 6pm-9pm
Frye Art Museum
704 Terry Avenue, Seattle

Program: 6:00-7:30 pm

Open Bar & Buffet
Project Viewing

Music by Silk Strings
7:30-8:30 pm

Honoring ASLA Award Recipients
Presentation of WASLA Awards

Brooks Kolb- Chapter President

8:30-9:00 pm
Closing Reception
Award winners will be announced during the Program.

Admission
\$65.00 pre-pay before Nov. 4
\$75.00 at the door
Includes Buffet and 2 drink tickets

Please purchase your tickets in advance by sending a check to:

WASLA
603 Stewart Street, Suite 610
Seattle, WA 98101

Questions: Anna Tamura at (206)931-3333, annatamura@hotmail.com

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Playground Planning & Design Seminar

Danish playground equipment designer/manufacturer Kompan, Inc. will be sponsoring a free seminar for landscape architects on "Modern Playground Planning and Design" , Wednesday November 12th, 2003 at Experience Music Project. There will be interactive sessions from 10:30-3:00 in The Learning Labs with a catered lunch in The Liquid Lounge. All WASLA members are welcome.

(Please RSVP) Peter Tammetta / Kompan, Inc./ 360-956-1124
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Seattle Planning Commission Seeks Candidates

SUBJECT: New Commissioners Sought for Seattle Planning Commission

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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New Commissioners Sought for Seattle Planning Commission

SEATTLE - Mayor Greg Nickels is looking for candidates to serve in three positions on the Seattle Planning Commission, beginning in January, 2004. Planning Commission members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council to serve renewable, three-year terms. Commissioners must reside in Seattle and serve without compensation.

"I urge those with a strong background in housing and community development and a passion for keeping Seattle a great city to consider this important work," said Mayor Nickels.

The 15-member Commission advises City officials on citywide planning goals, policies and plans. The Commission periodically conducts public involvement processes to solicit public comment and provides formal and informal comment and recommendations on city policies and plans.

The Planning Commission reflects a broad range of professional and community experience and perspectives and seeks to be representative of the cultural diversity of the Seattle community. It includes residents from different City neighborhoods, at least one engineer, one architect, an urban planner and citizens who are active in neighborhood or community affairs. The Commission is seeking candidates with skills and experience in housing development, comprehensive and transportation planning, and/or small business experience.

Participation in the Planning Commission requires a significant commitment. This includes attendance at monthly meetings (second and fourth Thursdays of each month) and participation on at least one sub-committee that meets monthly. Commissioners also attend and participate in relevant public meetings and events.

To be considered for appointment to the Commission, please send a letter of interest and resume by November 25, 2003 addressed to Mayor Greg Nickels c/o:

Marty Curry, Executive Director
Seattle Planning Commission
City of Seattle
700 - 5th Avenue, Suite 2000
Seattle, Washington 98104-5070

The Nickels Administration is committed to promoting diversity in the City's boards and commissions. Women, persons with disabilities, sexual minorities, and persons of color are encouraged to apply.

For more information, please contact Barbara Wilson, Commission Analyst at 206-684-8694 or via e-mail at barbaraewilson@seattle.gov. You may also contact Marty Curry, Executive Director, at 206-684-0431, or via email at marty.curry@seattle.gov

South Seattle Community College Seeking Review Volunteers

South Seattle Community College is seeking a few industry professionals to assist in reviewing its Landscape Horticulture degree program. This is a very important part of maintaining a quality program that provides skilled workers for the local community.

South Seattle Community College considers the occupational program review process to be an integral part of its commitment to continuous quality improvement. As a practitioner in the field of landscape horticulture, your participation would add considerable value.

The site visit will take place on November 19 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 pm. Here is some information about the day.

The purpose is to review an associate degree program in Landscape Horticulture. Team members will:

- * Meet for an orientation
- * Visit the classroom and lab facilities and observe a class in progress. Meet faculty/students, review learning materials and student projects, evaluate facilities and equipment, safety and other program components and complete evaluation documents.
- * Re-convene with the total group to review the curriculum.
- * Share findings with total group and make recommendations.
- * Be provided with ample food and refreshments during the visit.

Hopefully, the above will give you enough information to understand what is involved. We would welcome your participation on the visiting team. Please

contact Marty Hawkins, program review consultant, 253.839.4545 (shared voice and fax)

Upcoming Events

Praxis: College of Architecture and Urban Planning Lecture Series

Brigitte Shim
2003 AIA Seattle Honor Award Juror
Friday, November 7, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.
Kane Hall 130
University of Washington

SEATTLE - A rare and wonderful event will grace Seattle's design community in November as Brigitte Shim, internationally renowned designer and jury member for this year's AIA Seattle Honor Awards, presents her own award-winning work in a lecture a few days prior to the AIA ceremony.

Brigitte Shim is a principal of Shim-Sutcliffe Architects in Toronto, a design firm focused on the integration of furniture, architecture, and landscape. Her interest in the construction and fabrication of buildings, sites, and their intersections leads her to question fundamental relationships between object and ground, building and landscape, man and nature. Shim-Sutcliffe's work has been honored with six Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Governor General's Medals and Awards for Architecture along with AIA, American Wood Council, Canadian Wood Council, Architectural Record Interiors, and I.D. Magazine Design Review awards. Recent projects include Ledbury Park, Toronto, and the Moorelands Camp Dining Hall, Haliburton, Ontario.

Please join UW CAUP, Space.City, and AIA Seattle for this important event. Advance tickets are \$10, available at Peter Miller Books: 1930 First Avenue, Seattle; 206.441.4114. Remaining tickets will be \$15 at the door.

For more information:

Space.City: www.space-city.net or 206.842.2283]

Praxis: <http://www.caup.washington.edu/praxis>

TEN Arquitectos: <http://www.ten-arquitectos.com/>

Shim-Sutcliffe Architects: <http://www.shim-sutcliffe.com/>

Praxis: College of Architecture and Urban Planning Lecture Series

The Healing Landscape
Lecture by Davorine Stovornac
Wednesday, Nov. 19th, 6:30, Architecture Hall 147
University of Washington

Mr. Davorine will be speaking about the Bosnian garden project he implemented in order to help war refugee families stabilize their lives. He himself was in Sarriavo during the war and following the fighting he worked in partnership with the Friends Service Committee to develop these unique gardens where Croations, Serbs and Bosnians now begin to reconstruct their lives. Please join us, in what promises to be an inspiring lecture!

PROJECT «COMMUNITY GARDEN»

Humanitarian organisation American Friends Service Committee started project Community Garden in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1999.

First garden with 16 families (76 beneficiaries) was formed in district Stup, Canton Sarajevo on the area at around 5000 m². Success of the project during the year 2000, initiated expansion on territory of the Republic Srpska in year 2001. where second garden was opened on Kula locality. There has been cooperation with NGO "Beta" in this garden whereby this organisation enabled forming of organic garden and every year different organic vegetable culture had been planted. Number of families increased to 35 and the number of beneficiaries up to 150.

During the year 2002. another three gardens were opened (total of five) in Canton Sarajevo, localities Miševici, Tarcin and Vogošća with number of families now 95 and 419 beneficiaries. Project expended to the other towns of Bosnia & Herzegovina and Republic Srpska in 2003. Another five gardens were opened (total of ten): two in Doboj, two in Tuzla and one in Gradiška. Project now has total of 962 beneficiaries and national structure is: 41,8% Srbs, 39,7% Bosnian, 8,2% Croats, 4,3% Romany and 6,0% others.

The main goals of the project "Community Garden" are:

- Material help given to socially endangered families that comes out from one's own work
- Multiethnicity of gardens and help in building of confidence and reconciliation among people that were in conflict during the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Work therapy for persons that suffer from post-war traumas (camp inmates, the abused), former soldiers, pensioners and the unemployed that cannot find their place in the society
- Education of the project participants how to produce more vegetables on small surface and satisfy seasonal needs of the whole family for vegetables, education in the field of basic principles of organic production

What has been characteristic for all countries after the war are different types of war traumas. In «Community Garden» project 70% beneficiaries suffers of pos-war syndrome. There had not been exact researches and this data are result of everyday communication and socialising with beneficiaries. When they start coming to garden, it can be noticed that people are insecure and mentally disordered as a result of different family tragedies during the war. Spending more and more time in garden people started to come out of their armour and to regain faith in live. As they say, work gives them feeling of usefulness for them and their family. After daily activities in gardens are finished, beneficiaries spend some time socialising among themselves and exchanging experiences from garden. They say that at least for some time they can forget about everyday problems and circumstances under which they live. They are happy to be able to get away from their houses and to spend some time in the nature. During those conversation we also find out that in almost every third family one of family members suffers from carcinoma, hepatitis, liver cirrhosis or some other serious disease.

In central garden Stup and Kula we have cases of treated alcoholics who showed big improvement what had been confirmed by their family members also.

One of two gardens in Doboj is implemented in cooperation with the Association for psycho-disabled population "Nada". Association has 23 members with various forms of mental crisis and those are mainly depression and schizophrenia. Their work is followed by the professional, neuro-psychiatrist whose opinion is that this type of work is the best kind of working therapy. Neuro-psychiatrist determines how much time each patient will spend working in garden and how hard and difficult works it can perform. His opinion is that the optimum hours of working therapy is 2 to 3 hours and everything more than that has negative impact on their psycho-physical condition.

Garden in Tuzla has been implemented in cooperation with the NGO «Lotosice», whose members are disabled women. NGO has 120 member and majority of them are unemployed or occasionally engaged for the needs of NGO. Mainly they sew, do tailors work, knitting based on orders they are getting. Participation in "Community Garden" project gives them feeling of

usefulness as well as financial benefit. Since their working ability is limited, works in garden they perform with the help of other family members.

Show & Tell at Seattle Center: Design Excellence Conference Monday 11/10
 AIA Seattle HONOR AWARDS FOR WASHINGTON ARCHITECTURE

An international jury will review more than 150 entries (slated for online posting 11/3) and present their findings and award selections Monday evening at McCaw Hall, at Seattle Center.

Monday afternoon Design Excellence Conference, featuring projects at Seattle Center, also incorporates the Honor Awards event. Hotel references for out-of-town guests.

Program preview: http://www.aiaseattle.org/news_030515_honorawards03preview.htm

Design Excellence Conference:
http://www.aiaseattle.org/membmtg_031110_designexcellence.htm

Honor Award evening/ticket sales:
<https://www.frontserve.com/ssl/shared/aiaseattlehonorawards/tickets1.htm>

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Topic	Time	Place	Speakers
Land Use, Salmon Habitat, and the ESA Drafters of the Salmon Conservation Plans for Lake WA/Cedar/Sammamish (WRIA 8) and Green/Duwamish/Central Puget Sound (WRIA 9) discuss the role of critical area ordinances, stormwater programs, shoreline master programs, and incentives in protecting/preserving salmon habitat.	Noon, Wed., Nov. 5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sally King, Land Use Coordinator, WRIA 8 a WRIA 9 speaker
Regional Growth Centers The PSRC is implementing a centers strategy that will affect the transportation funds going to local governments. Learn about the new criteria for designating centers and how the issue figures in the PSRC's TIP spending plan and Vision 2020 update.	Noon, Wed., Nov. 12	PSRC 1011 Western Ave., Seattle, 5 th floor	Ivan Miller, PSRC
Science + Citizens = Critical Area Ordinance Natives restless? "Best available science" fuzzy and hard to communicate? Fear not! Learn how to combine scientific inquiry, public education, and citizen involvement to successfully update your critical area ordinance.	Noon, Wed., Nov. 19	Bellevue City Council Chambers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin McDonald, City of Bellevue David Wortman, Adolfson & Assoc. Susan Oxholm, King County DNR
UW Students and Professional Round Table Discussion of current student work as well as	Noon, Wed.,	Gould Hall	University of Washington students

Directions to Renton City Hall from I-405: Take the downtown/SR167 exit, go north on Rainier Ave. to Grady Way, go east on Grady 1/2 mile to the new 7-story City Hall on the right, at 1055 S. Grady Way. Drive up to the free parking terrace.

Lands of Opportunity: the 2003 Washington State Trails Conference

Friday and Saturday, November 14 - 15

Deception Pass State Park, Cornet Bay Environmental Learning Center.

For more information and the registration form, please go to: <http://www.wwta.org/news/wstc/>
Contact Bob Vaux, Director of Skagit County Parks and Recreation, 360/336-9328 with any questions.

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If interested, contact Robert at Robert Foley & Associates, Inc., 324-1908 or rfoley@seanet.com

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