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**VIRGINIA ANDERSON and FALL EXPO DJC ARTICLE**

By Brice Maryman

Virginia Anderson, who has guided Seattle Center as director for the last 16 years, recently provided the keynote address to the biennial expo and conference of the Washington chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Attended by 150 landscape architects and allied professionals, the event honored Anderson for winning the 2004 LaGasse Medal. The medal is given by the American Society of Landscape Architects to a non-landscape architect for contributing to management and conservation of natural resources and/or public lands.

Other recipients have been Laurance Rockefeller, Morris Udall, Bruce Babbitt and Carl Steinitz.

Jones & Jones Architects and Landscape Architects, and Charles Anderson Landscape Architects were recognized for winning national awards for the Cedar River Watershed Education Center and the Trillium Projects, respectively.

In her keynote speech, Anderson said she sees Seattle Center as far more than a collection of performing arts and recreation events. As noted by Tom Berger in the nomination letter by The Berger Partnership, the center is also a place where "community is defined continually and eagerly in creative ways."

Anderson's stories about people's passion for the original form and dynamic of the International Fountain reinforced her observation that people inherently understood and connected with the symbolism of the circle. Circles comfortably accommodate an individual or thousands. She said they are "safe and containing without confining."

After many iterations, the resulting redesign by Nakano Associates was an example of how to

balance what people loved about the existing fountain while making it safer and more accessible, and therefore more enjoyable.

The fountain, like several other water features at the center, invites interactions and communicates to its users "This is yours."

Anderson said her quest is to keep Seattle Center "the nation's best gathering place, existing to delight and inspire the human spirit and bring us together as a rich and varied community." That work will continue with several projects that adapt the physical legacies of the center to better serve contemporary users.

Plans are underway (though funding is not secured) for a new "foyer" between the Intiman Theatre and the theaters leading from Mercer Street to the heart of the campus. She discussed the opportunity to unveil the hidden value of Mercer Street as a theater district, and she sees a renewed focus on events at the Center House.

Anderson said, "We need to invest in our public places, because places for the poorest need to be our best places."

Anderson's keynote dovetailed with the conference's theme of healthy landscapes: activity, ecology and aesthetics. Seminars looked at how to create healthy outdoor environments — from the discussion of urban agriculture, to evaluating the differences between green certification programs like LEED and Built Green.

### **WASLA MENTOR PROGRAM**

The 2004/2005 Mentorship Program with University of Washington is due to start up in mid-November with about 30 matches of professions to students. This program has been among the most successful that WASLA has offered, as it is enriching to both the students and the professionals who participate. Thank you to all who have volunteered for this exciting program!

### **WASLA COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING**

The WASLA Committee on the Environment Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16 at 6:00 pm at Charles Anderson Landscape Architecture.  
83 Columbia Street, Suite 301  
(between Western and First Avenue, in the DJC Building)

Please RSVP to Karen Janosky: 206-516-4200 or [kjanosky@yahoo.com](mailto:kjanosky@yahoo.com)  
We look forward to seeing you there!

### **STORMWATER: TURNING A POTENTIAL PROGRAM INTO AN ASSET**

Thursday, January 27, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Center for Urban Horticulture, University of Washington, Seattle

Please call 206-685-8033, or see [www.urbanhort.org](http://www.urbanhort.org) for registration and directions.  
A fee of \$40 (includes lunch); pre-registration required. Early registration recommended.

Rainwater can be a resource. Learning to collect it, slow its movement through the landscape, and retain it in our soil and plantings will be the theme for this of this full-day seminar designed for builders, developers, contractors, landscape architects, engineers, planners, and landscape designers. Speakers will focus on successful projects around our region, large and small, municipal and private, as teaching tools. Rain gardens, living roofs, cisterns, swales, soil improvement, and plant selection for projects will be presented and critiqued. Upcoming stormwater regulations will require many of these practices, but as the speakers will show there are many reasons to start using them right now, and this day will teach you how.

Speakers include:

Patrick Carey, architect with Hadj Design Group and the NW Eco-Building Guild's green roof project leader, will present techniques for green roofs large and small in the Pacific Northwest.

Curtis Hinman, WSU Extension faculty and Puget Sound Water Quality field agent, will show how to create rain gardens, with local examples and new design standards for Washington.

Chris Webb, Principal with 2020 Engineering in Bellingham, will present both permeable paving systems, and cisterns for stormwater detention, storage, and reuse.

City of Seattle staff will present lessons learned in SEA Streets and other natural drainage projects, swale design, soil improvement practices, and choosing appropriate plants for swales and rain gardens.

- Coffee and registration begin at 8:00; speakers begin promptly at 8:30.
- The day will also include a tour of the new Merrill Hall's stormwater system.

Co-sponsored by Seattle Public Utilities and the UW Center for Urban Horticulture  
See [attached PDF](#) flyer with registration form.

### **GREEN ROOFS DESIGN 101 INTRODUCTORY COURSE**

Green Roofs for Healthy Cities (the North American trade association for the green roof industry) is bringing its new Green Roof Design 101 Introductory Course to Seattle. Education credits are available. The fee is \$345 per person.

Space limited sign up now. To register online go to [www.greenroofs.org](http://www.greenroofs.org)

Wednesday, December 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lighting Design Lab

400 East Pine St.  
Suite 100  
Seattle, WA 98122

With the adoption of the Canadian Green Building Council LEED standard for public procurement in many municipalities across Canada, green roofs promise to play a key role in attaining many LEED credits. In North America, cities such as Vancouver, Calgary, Minneapolis, Portland, Chicago and New York have or are already developing incentive programs for green roof infrastructure thus spurring the market.

### **NATIONAL AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE DESIGN COMPETITION**

The web site for the National AIDS Memorial Grove Design Competition is live and ready for viewing!

The full Program Brief, including CAD files and photos, is now available at the following web site. <http://www.aidsmemorial.org> and <http://www.aidsmemorial.org/competition/index.html>

Please contact Toni Smith, Design Competition Coordinator for the National AIDS Memorial Grove at [designcomp@aidsmemorial.org](mailto:designcomp@aidsmemorial.org)

### **FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION**

[Click here](#) (PDF)

## PROMOTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hough Beck & Baird recently promoted **Fred Beck** to senior vice president. He continues to oversee and direct project designs, quality control, and the company's marketing strategies. He is a founding partner of the firm. **Juliet Vong**, was promoted to vice president. In her new role, Vong is responsible for project management and marketing, and is working on several projects in Bellingham and Pierce County. **Dean W. Koonts** was promoted to associate. Koonts is responsible for project management, design, and development, and is working on planning projects in Kenmore and Pasco.

As firm principal and project manager, **Colie Hough-Beck** oversees the firm and is working on several projects with the Port of Everett and planning projects in Washington and Idaho. **Jim Howard** is senior associate working on several transportation projects for King County and on sustainable campus master planning for Lake Washington Technical College. Hough Beck & Baird is a landscape architecture, urban design and planning firm with projects throughout the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.