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ON-LINE CHAPTER AWARDS APPLICATION FORM AVAILABLE NOW!

All persons and firms interested in submitting projects for the 2003 WASLA Chapter Awards, please click on the link to the Awards Announcement and Application Form below. The form is also available on the Chapter website, www.wasla.org. Please note that the application form is only available on-line; it will not be mailed to you. Awards submittals are due at the WASLA office, 603 Stewart Street, Suite 610, Seattle, WA. 98101-1275 by **no later than October 15**.

NPS/WASLA PARTNERSHIP EVENTS: SEMINAR AND CHARRETTE FOCUS ON MOSES LAKE / FOCUS ON PUBLIC HEALTH

September and October 2003

The National Park Service and members of the Moses Lake Trail Planning Team (TPT) are working to develop a network of paths and trails that will be the focus of the NPS/WASLA Charrette in October. This will be the fourth charrette since the partnership formed in 1998 between with the National Park Service's Rivers and Trails Program and the Washington Chapter of the ASLA.

The need for a community-wide system of multi-use paths was prioritized by Moses Lake as part of a "Healthy Communities" initiative. Responding to the nationally recognized epidemic of critically excessive body weight, obesity, and associated chronic diseases, the city explored local needs and means to improve the health of Moses Lake residents. As in much of the United States, few residents have access to a pedestrian link connecting common destinations like schools and shopping, that give people the opportunity to be physically active in their daily routine. Development of a network of pathways and trails throughout Moses Lake is broadly supported as a key resource in building a healthier and more active community. The TPT, a committee of community volunteers and city staff, has accepted the charge to create a plan for multi-use paths in Moses Lake. With our assistance through the partnership charrette, Moses Lake will create their plan.

The Seattle Seminar & Introduction to the Charrette: Moses Lake and Public Health

Date: Thursday, 18 September
Time: 6:00 pm (door only open until 6:30)
Location: National Park Service, 909 First Avenue, Fifth Floor

6:00 – 6:30 Wine Reception
6:30 - 8:00 Introduction to the Moses Lake "Healthy Community" Project,

presented by the Mayor of Moses Lake, members of the National Park Service, the Department of Health, WASLA and the Trail Planning Team.

Learn new perspectives on the ways in which the built environment can shape community health, why the Department of Public Health is getting involved in public space, and how this will affect the Moses Lake plan.

Located within the Columbia River Basin, Moses Lake is a phenomenally interesting city, impacted by the Ice Age Floods, the Grand Coulee Dam, the 1980 Mt. St. Helens eruption, and home to the Wanapum Indians. For more information on the area, visit:

<http://www.ccrh.org/comm/moses/begin.html> or Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.moseslake.com/attractions.html>

The Charrette: A Fully-Hosted Professional Retreat

Dates: Friday through Sunday, October 3,4,5
Location: Moses Lake, WA

Friday pm: Orientation

Saturday, 8-5: Charrette

Sunday am: Presentations

Housing will be provided by host families. Food and van transport will be provided by NPS.

To join the charrette, contact Don Benson at don_benson@urscorp.com or (206) 438-2027.

CITY HALL OPEN HOUSE

Mayor Greg Nickels and the Seattle City Council invite you to a Community Open House of City Hall, **September 5 from 5 – 7 pm**. Come see for yourself the wonderful public spaces in the building, the original public artworks, the sustainable features of the building design, the Council Chambers and even the Council and Mayor's offices. It's free. Start in the building lobby (west side of 5th Avenue, between Cherry and James Streets).

The opening of City Hall is an important milestone in the creation of a Civic Center in downtown Seattle. Last November, the Justice Center opened on the east side of Fifth Avenue, replacing the Public Safety Building. Now that all City offices have moved from the Municipal Building to City Hall, demolition will begin on the old City office building. Once the Muni Building comes down, a wonderful landscaped plaza will be built in its place, providing much-needed breathing space in central downtown. The plaza, scheduled to open in Summer 2004, will provide a Fourth Avenue front door to City Hall.

Landscape design was done by Gustafson Partners and Swift and Company Landscape Architects.

JOINING THE RIVER COMMUNITIES: JONES AND JONES FIELD SCHOOL LAUNCHED IN THE DUWAMISH DELTA FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Seattle—Jones & Jones Architects and Landscape Architects, Ltd. recently wrapped up its first summer Field School in Seattle with design students from the University of Oregon School of Architecture and Allied Arts and the University of Washington College of Architecture and Urban Planning. The purpose of the Jones & Jones Field School was to share firm’s approach to design practice – a hands-on process of working as activists with communities to make their places healthy through landscape intervention. The 4-week studio was taught by Grant Jones, Nathaniel Cormier, and Mark Johnson of Jones & Jones.

The focus of the Field School was to “join” the Duwamish River communities of Georgetown and South Park. “We wanted to elevate landscape leadership to the level of civic duty,” said Grant Jones. The students explored how green infrastructure could help these neighborhoods realize their common relationship to the river and how a shared experience of the river could strengthen ties between them. “We encouraged the students to weave themselves into the social and political fabric of these communities to become advocates of these places,” said Nathaniel Cormier.

The studio was broken down into three parts. **Part 1: Spirit of Place**, introduced the students to different ways of analyzing complex urban landscapes and required them to produce maps of the focus area, create three-dimensional models or assemblages from items found in the Valley, and to write a poem based on learnings from the river as a design mission. In **Part 2: Place, Health, and Connections**, the students used their poems and sculptures as their inspiration for design concepts that improved the health of the place and connected the people of Georgetown and South Park to the river and to each other. In **Part 3: Get Down To It!**, the students were challenged to examine critical details of the place and finalize their designs in human scale.

The students of the Field School benefited from the expertise of local professionals and citizens. Professors from both universities, as well as practicing architects and landscape architects provided critiques of each phase of the studio. The students were introduced to citizen activists, government officials, and business owners in Georgetown and South Park to get to know the neighborhoods intimately. The school culminated in an open house and celebration on the Duwamish River in South Park, where the students shared their work with the communities.

By all accounts, the Field School was a big success. Both universities were pleased with the quality and thoughtfulness of the students’ work, and with the collaborative spirit that the Field School engendered between the two design

schools. The Jones & Jones instructors were impressed with the students' initiative and the attention they gave to the river and its surrounding neighborhoods. The students were also pleased with their chance to participate in the Field School. Said Amy Cragg of the University of Washington: "Thanks for your tremendous energy and teaching over the past month." Maggie Daly of the University of Oregon put it this way: "Prior to (the design studio) I felt I had not had enough design training, and now, I really feel my training has taken a big step up." Becky Strickler, of the University of Oregon was clear: "This shouldn't be like an academic experience. You gave us what we were looking for with a community plus a design office!" Talks are already underway about another Field School next summer.

***Jones & Jones Architects and Landscape Architects, Ltd.** is a firm that bases its practice on the full integration of architecture and landscape architecture, with a commitment to ecologically healthy cities and a deep respect for the natural and cultural heritage of places. It is known internationally for its revolutionary work in greenways riverways, scenic highways, brownfields restoration, regional and neighborhood parks, zoos and gardens, cultural centers, museums, and indigenous architecture.*

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD VACANCIES

The City of Kirkland is seeking volunteer applicants for two seats created by a recent expansion of the Design Review Board (DRB). These two initial appointments are for terms ending 3/31/2005 and 3/31/2007 and are made by the City Council. **At this time, applicants with experience in Landscape Architecture** and or applicants or who have been active participants in civic organizations such as Neighborhood Associations or issues **are especially encouraged to apply**. General applicant qualifications for the Design Review Board include individuals with professional expertise in the areas of design or building and construction; or Kirkland residents with ability to read and understand architectural plans and general knowledge of building and design. The Board is composed of a majority of members who are professionals in the areas of architecture, landscape architecture, urban design/planning, or similar disciplines. In addition, individuals who are residents and/or whose place of business is located within Kirkland will be preferred.

The role of the DRB is to review and make decisions upon proposed development projects for compliance with City of Kirkland design regulations and guidelines in the downtown and Juanita business districts (range may potentially expand to other areas); and to critique existing design policies. The DRB meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

For further information about the Design Review Board, please contact Jeremy McMahan, with the Department of Planning and Community Development, at

(425) 828-1141. Applications may be obtained at the information counter at City Hall, 123 Fifth Avenue, by calling (425) 828-1100, or on the City's website at www.ci.kirkland.wa.us.

Applications must be submitted to Kathi Anderson, Deputy City Clerk, prior to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, September 18, 2003.

ASLA RADIO TOUR ON SECURITY DESIGN

ASLA's radio tour on security design is planned for the morning of **Tuesday, September 9, 2003**. Leonard Hopper, FASLA, will represent us in a series of brief interviews with radio networks and independent stations across the country.

Meanwhile, we need your help in gathering information on local security design issues and projects in your area in order to increase interest from local stations and their listeners. Of particular interest to us is information local to Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Columbus (OH), and San Antonio, but information for any city or area is welcome. Some of the questions we expect Len will be asked for which we would like to provide local examples include:

* How has landscape architecture contributed to solving security issues necessitated by world events of the past few years? Examples of buildings, parks, monuments, airports, or other facilities where landscape architecture has provided security solutions.

* What are the psychological ramifications of security measures? Aesthetic ramifications? Examples of temporary installations that have greatly diminished the original design or that have not been replaced; strong public opinion and advocacy.

* How are traditional site elements--trees, fountains, benches, bus shelters--being used to increase security? Local examples.

We would also like to know about good examples of local leadership on this issue by ASLA, individual landscape architects, public officials, etc.

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POST ALLEY SCULPTURE GARDEN

Post Alley Sculpture Garden (PASG) presents Ulrich Pakker water-focused sculpture "Flowing Waters, Flowing Metals" August 7th to September 30

Post Alley Sculpture Garden is located at 1410 Post Alley

Largely undiscovered, this little gem is showing innovators and masters of outdoor sculpture. Pakker's sculpture uses water as a material, not just for the sound and visual splash. His curvilinear sculpture evokes the grace of falling water while the design allows tight control over where and how it falls. Sizes range from 18" high sculpture (on view only Aug 7th and Sept 4th) to 9-foot high water-focused sculpture.

Special reception for landscape architects on September 16th 5-7pm
RSVP: pamela@rpart.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE FUTURE OF DESIGN EDUCATION IN WA/THE WORLD

Wednesday **September 17**
2-6pm at UW Bothell campus

Join the Board of Directors and your colleagues for a dialog with UW Dept. of Architecture Chair Dr. Vikram Prakash Associate AIA & WSU School of Architecture & Construction Management Director Greg Kessler AIA. At UW Bothell campus (recipient of AIA Seattle 2002 Honor Award for NBBJ), Project Talk & Tour preceding.

Details: http://www.aiaseattle.org/membmtg_030917_futureofdesigned.htm

UW Bothell Project Talk & Tour:
http://www.aiaseattle.org/ce_030917_uwbothelltalktour.htm

CONTINUING EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Wednesday September 17
Noon-2pm @ AIA Seattle 2LUs / 2HSW
When Architects Speak!

Participants will discuss interviews and what is important in them, as well as interview panels and how they come to their decisions, with expert Karen Johnston.

Info/online registration:

http://www.aiaseattle.org/ce_030917_whenarchitectsspeak.htm

Thursday September 18

Noon-2pm @ AIA Seattle 2LUs / 2HSW

Contracts & Business Issues in Residential Design

With a panel of residential design experts, participants will learn from principles of small to medium-size firms about contractual and business issues relating to residential projects and the owner-architect agreement.

Info/online registration:

http://www.aiaseattle.org/ce_030918_contracts_in_residential_design.htm

Thursday September 18

4-6pm @ AIA Seattle 2LUs / 2HSW

What Makes It GREEN? Sustainable Design Case Studies

LEED FOR ALL: Library Design within the Sustainable Context

Participants will look at two projects that fall within the sustainable realm: Seattle Central Library (LMN/OMA) and Beacon Hill Branch Library (Carlson Architects).

Info/online registration:

http://www.aiaseattle.org/ce_030918_wmigl_library_design.htm

Tuesday September 23 and Thursday September 25

Noon-2pm @ Lighting Design Lab 4LUs / 4HSW the series

Daylighting 101 & 102

Participants will look at using daylight as a primary source of illumination, and using physical models for understanding design goals.

Info/online registration: http://www.aiaseattle.org/ce_030923_daylighting.htm

Visit Tacoma - The City of Destiny

Tacoma Renaissance

Saturday, September 6th

9:30am - 4:00pm

\$50 per person

Call 206.667.9184 to register

Tacoma is undergoing a dramatic face-lift – its historic warehouse district, Union Station and Foss Waterway now include a dynamic mix of residential, office,

retail, educational, cultural and government facilities. This full-day tour will include looks at the museums in Tacoma's new cultural center, the University of Washington Tacoma Campus, Chihuly's Bridge of Glass, and selected waterfront residences.

Following the tour will be an opportunity to further explore either the Tacoma Art Museum, Washington State History Museum, or the Museum of Glass: International Center for Contemporary Art.

Presented by Seattle Architecture Foundation. A Viewpoints Destination Tour

INTERNSHIP WANTED

Graduate of the landscape program at Sheffield University in England is currently looking for a year in industry/internship placement as part of the degree requirements.

If your firm has an interest in placing this student, please contact the WASLA office at 206-443-9484 or www.wasla.org for the student's name and email contact address.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE REGISTRATION EXAM PREPARATORY COURSE

Please open the attached brochure in PDF (Adobe Acrobat) format for two review courses for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination, which is being offered during October in Northern California.

SALMON HOMECOMING FORUM 2003

Please see the attached pdf files for information about the 2003 Salmon Homecoming Forum. If you are interested in attending, a registration form is also attached.

ASLA NATIONAL MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS

Register Online for the 2003 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo!

Visit <http://www.asla.org/meetings/am2003/neworleans.htm> for information and online registration for the 2003 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo in New Orleans, October 30 – November 3. Don't miss this opportunity to:

- **Learn about the latest materials, methods, and techniques** in 48 educational sessions;
- **Share ideas and experiences with colleagues** at a variety of networking and social events;
- **Get fresh insights** from our dynamic general session speakers, including Steve Thomas, host of PBS' *This Old House*; James Carville, noted political analyst; Dr. Richard Jackson, a leader in the field of environmental health; and Joel Kotkin, international authority on global, economic, and social trends;
- **Explore the latest products, design solutions, and technological advancements** from more than 375 companies with more than 600 exhibit booths at the EXPO; and
- Examine the value and significance of public landscape architecture in the **Public Landscape Architecture Forum**, a pre-meeting enhancement workshop to be held on Thursday, October 30.

Important Note: The procedure for acquiring tickets for the **Landscape Architecture Foundation 18th Annual Benefit Dinner**, "The Moonlight Masquerade," has undergone a change this year. Individuals must now purchase tickets directly from LAF rather than going through ASLA's registration process. To purchase tickets or for information on event sponsorship opportunities, please contact Ron Figura at LAF at 202-331-7070, ext. 10. The cost of tickets for this year's function, being held on Thursday, October 30, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Van Benthuisen-Elms Mansion and Gardens is \$150 per ticket.

Register for the Annual Meeting by September 22 and save \$100!

See you at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans! For more information on the 2003 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo, visit <http://www.asla.org/meetings/am2003/neworleans.htm>.

Questions?

Send an e-mail to ame-express@asla.org or call 1-888-999-ASLA.

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