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Messages

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Jeff Bouma, ASLA, AECOM



Photo by Craig Sklenar, AECOM

What is design? We all design to some extent and we all live in a world full of the designed- from the way we arrange the furniture to the toothbrush we use. With the academic year just beginning for many I figured I could get a little etymological this month. As a verb, one of design's many definitions is "to plan and fashion artistically and skillfully." As a noun, it can mean an "outline, sketch, or plan, as of the forms and structure of a work of art, edifice, or a machine to be executed or constructed."

The word design has its origin in the Latin word designare, which means to mark out or devise. De- meaning "out or away from" and -signare meaning "to mark or sign." To dive deeper, the origin of sign from the early 13th century is "gesture or motion of the hand." Putting all this together (at

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Events Calendar

September 13

[Landscape Preservation: An Introduction](#)

September 13

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September 14

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[Eastside LEED Users Group \(ELUG\)](#)

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[The Science and Practice of Sustainable Sites: Observations from Two Parks Pilot Projects](#)

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[Using the Revised State Wetland Rating System in Eastern WA](#)

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[Using the Field Indicators for](#)

least in my own mind) gives us something along the lines of "using the hand to create." While simply put, by changing 'hand' to 'mind' the creation of ideas, systems, and processes joins those designs of the material world. For me personally, my favorite part of the day is when I am designing- remodeling the kitchen at home or a drawing the flow of a path through a park. What designs inspire you? How are you inspired in your own designs? Check out this month's Seattle Design Festival for inspiration.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Kellye Hilde, ASLA

Are you looking at getting more involved in WASLA? Are you looking to expand your professional network and meeting up with like minded, go-getting folks making a difference in the Landscape Architecture community? Consider joining a WASLA subcommittee. WASLA has 7 committees ranging from Governmental Affairs to Student and Emerging

Professionals. For more information please visit <http://www.wasla.org/committees.htm>.

Articles

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PUBLIC AWARENESS. DID YOU JOIN THE ACTION?

By Keith Bates, Otak

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[Public Issues and Conflict Management](#)

October 13

[Using the Field Indicators for Hydric Soils](#)

October 18

[Selecting Wetland Mitigation Sites Using a Watershed Approach](#)

October 19

[Using the Credit-Debit Method for Estimating Mitigation Needs](#)

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[Section 106: Agreement Documents](#)

October 27

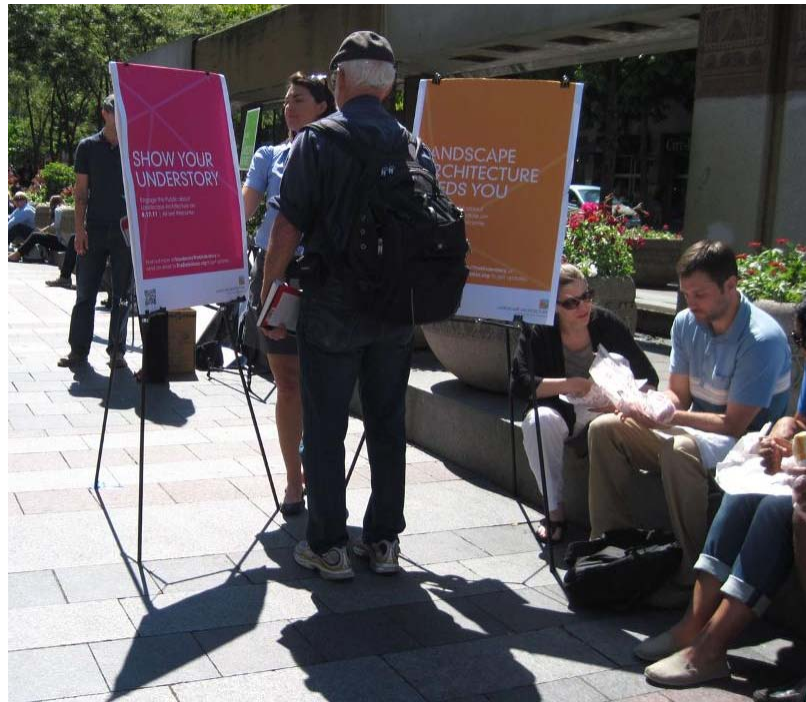
[Consultation and Protection of Native American Sacred Lands](#)

November 2

[Landscapes We Can Live With: IPM and Plant Health Care Strategies](#)

November 14

[The Role of Water in a Healthy Landscape: Practical](#)



August 17, 2011 kicked off the Landscape Architecture Public Awareness campaign. This marked an unprecedented effort to raise public awareness for the profession of landscape architecture. All ASLA's 48 chapters engaged in taking action in a simple, unified way.

Local events were held in Seattle at Westlake Plaza, the Waterfront and at Bellevue's Downtown Park. Our members connected with hundreds of passersby and had great conversations with a wide and diverse crowd. Informational boards, buttons and flyers were on hand to spark conversation, inspire and enlighten. And, in case you missed it, The Daily Journal of Commerce provided local media coverage with an article in the August 17th issue.

Nationally, over 170 events were organized to reach out and educate the public. To further the visibility about our

[IPM and Irrigation Scheduling](#)

November 15
[Irrigation Training Course Series: Design, Maintenance, Scheduling, and Troubleshooting](#)

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WASLA Executive Committee

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profession some 50 media outlets covered the day from coast to coast, including over a dozen television spots.

Check out the newly launched webpage www.ASLA.org/design and share it with your friends.

A big thank you to those who attended your local events! This is truly an exciting time for the profession with energy building that we've never seen before. It's time to team up as one voice, assert our leadership, and promote our vastly interdisciplinary expertise.

AND THE WINNER IS...

By Keith Bates, Otak



...all the participants and sponsors who joined WASLA and WRPA at the 2011 golf tournament. It was a great sunny day at Hawks Prairie. Special thanks to:

- Urban Accessories
- Vibrant Plants
- NW Playground
- Playcreation
- Hunter Industries
- Landscapeforms
- The Martinez foundation
- Otak, Inc.
- ...and all the golfers!

If you have an interest in participating in next year's tournament please contact WASLA at office@wasla.org or Keith Bates at keith.bates@otak.com.

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Professional Development Committee

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Activity Report

We have two continuing education opportunities in the works that will appeal to emerging and seasoned professionals staying on the cutting edge of sustainable practices: a December 6 workshop on technical, implementation issues for successful green stormwater infrastructure; and with COTE, a September/October event series delving into the Science and Practice of Sustainable Sites. (See further details in this newsletter.) [Registration](#) for the SITES events is currently underway. We've scheduled these fall events to fit between conferences and holidays, so, whatever your travel plans you'll be happy to have these on your autumn calendar. Keep in mind that there is carryover of PDHs from the second half of your Washington-State license period to your next renewal (see [DOL](#)).

As we posted last month, 2012 is bringing changes to the form and structure of the L.A.R.E. Please talk amongst yourselves about these exams and how we each can help ease this transition for our colleagues. The current D exam will combine with the C and E graphic exams to create two computer-based exams. The [L.A.R.E.](#) Transition Chart on the CLARB website lays out the changes.

We are currently working on new features for WASLA's new website and also, look ahead to spring events. You are welcome to join us.

Laura Davis, Chair, Professional Practice and Continuing Education Committee
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Committee on the Environment (COTE)

Activity Report

The Committee on the Environment (COTE) is entering the fall session with renewed vigor for advocating for sustainable solutions in the built environment. COTE meets the third Wednesday of every month from 4 to 5:30pm. We are always looking for new members to infuse their talents with our committee's mission. Please contact the committee chair, if you would like to join COTE.

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Governmental Affairs Committee

Activity Report

Part of our committee activities is to liaise with the Board of Landscape Architects and the Department of Licensing to monitor Board and Department actions of interest to our members. We recently discussed upcoming continuing education requirements and WASLA's role in providing members and others opportunities - now on an annual basis - to stay current and to earn CEUs. The Board Chair also attends CLARB national meetings and brings topics of concern to us in Washington to the attention of CLARB members and leadership.

WASLA Government Affairs is continuing monitoring and discussions with the Board and Department on annual licensure fees to determine when those fees can be lowered (again). Fees were raised with the licensure upgrade in anticipation of increased work on continuing education. Of interest lately in Board activities is the increase in enforcement actions - mostly as a result of the change to a practice act type of legislation. We will be requesting more information on how WASLA members can assist the Department of Licensing by recognizing title and practice violations. The next Board meeting is on October 22nd at WSU.

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Student and Emerging Professionals Committee

Activity Report

On Monday morning, September 19th, senior landscape architecture students will come to the Design Institute at the WSU Riverpoint Campus in Spokane, WA to share their senior project proposal topics and get feedback.

Presentations will start at 9:00 and end by 11:30. WASLA is providing a light lunch following the review (11:30-1:30). This will occur in tandem with the WSU Mentorship Program Meet & Greet, where students and mentors who have signed up for the program can meet for the first time this academic year. If you have signed up to be a mentor, we strongly encourage you to attend the lunch and coordinate with your student, once assigned. All the better if you can attend both the review and lunch.

Students & Senior Project Topics:

MARK APPLEBY
Intersection of Residential Design and Wildlife Corridors and Habitats

LEIGH ANNE BARR
Rock Quarry Reclamation

MICHAEL C CHAU
Country Homes Blvd. Spokane Redesign

BLAKE ERLANDSON
Applying Placemaking to Kennewick, WA

DAVID HEWITT
Community Building & Reintroduction of Walkability

RODRIGO JIMENEZ
Public Urban Spaces for Children in Ghana

LAURA LEACH
Retaining a Sense of Place while Reducing Sprawl

DAN RATKUS
Stormwater Management and Water Capture Practices

LAUREN SANDRI
Tokeland, WA Marina

LUKE SCHAUER
Designing a More People-friendly Valley Mall Parkway in

Wenatchee, WA

MICHELLE WEBSTER
Zero Tillage Farming

TYLER WOODLAND

Introducing Community Gardens into Urban Settings

A more detailed itinerary is being developed and should be available the week of Sept. 5. Those interested in attending should RSVP to Bob Scarfo, scarfo@wsu.edu. In your response, please indicate which topic(s) you would most like to sit in on. Student's presentations will be grouped based upon your responses.

If you have questions about the Mentorship Program and/or Meet & Greet, please contact the Student & Emerging Professional Committee Chair, Alex Mann, amann@ahbl.com.

Announcements and Events

SEATTLE DESIGN FESTIVAL

HIDDEN PLACES & STORIES



Hidden Places & Stories: exploring seattle's downtown parks, gardens, and landscapes

Join us on a guided tour as we explore a collection of work by various landscape architects and learn how these places express and reveal the city's history, culture and changing values. Participants will enjoy presentations from designers and will receive a walking tour guide published by WASLA that describes the location, history and designers of nearly 50 special places. Tour starts at NE corner of 6th & University in downtown Seattle.

Tour sponsored by WASLA, the Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.



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The above poster is available on the [WASLA website](http://www.wasla.org). Please help us get the word out! You are encouraged to download and distribute the poster to your contacts or post within your place of work.

ELECTION IN PROGRESS

Last week an electronic ballot was sent to all chapter members providing an opportunity to vote for the 2011-2012 WASLA Executive Committee members. If you are a WASLA member, and did not receive it, please drop us a

note at office@wasla.org. We will see that a ballot gets to you.

THE SCIENCE AND PRACTICE OF SUSTAINABLE SITES SERIES

Tuesdays evenings, 6:30-8:30pm, each 2.0 [LA CES](#) PDH
UW Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle
\$30 (\$25 each for more than one event)

[Details](#) and [registration](#)

This evening series continues the Science, Services and Performance of Sustainable Sites series offered in May. We explore the Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES™) and the practices that will enable built landscapes to regenerate natural resources and support ecological functions. Through our experiences with SITES pilot projects and other performance-based tools, we discuss the team-oriented process of creating and documenting sustainable landscapes and examine SITES as a tool to effect change. This event series is co-sponsored by WASLA, UW Botanic Gardens and Seattle Public Utilities.

Sept 20: **Observations from Two Parks Pilot Projects**

This session will compare and contrast how the SITES process applies to two Seattle Parks enrolled in the Sustainable Sites Initiative's Pilot Program: Bradner Gardens Park, an existing park; and Kirke Park, a park in development. Project leads will share their experiences, compare notes on decision-making and documentation, and speculate on possible lessons learned from the process. Instructors: Karen Galt, Seattle Parks and Recreation. Clayton Beaudoin, LEED AP®, Site Workshop.

Sept 27: **Practical Implementation of Soil Protection**

This seminar will prepare professionals to meet the SITES soil benchmarks and Washington's required Post-Construction Soil Best Management Practices. After an introduction to soil ecosystems, we'll discuss siting, the soil management plan, materials, specifications, construction sequencing, equipment and coordinating on-site teams. Instructors: David McDonald, resource conservation planner, SPU. Howard Stenn, design consultant. Jim Berger, Senior Construction Manager, Port Blakely Communities.

Oct 4: **Watering without Waste**

This session provides an overview of irrigation technical issues and practices that support SITES water-conservation objectives. We will consider life-cycle planning, efficiencies, synergies and tradeoffs, materials, and maintenance and education. Best practices will be supported by case studies,

including a SITES pilot project that has worked through the metric and looks ahead to disconnection. Instructors: David Hilgers, ASLA, LEED AP, R Miller Construction; Matt Suhadolnik, ASLA, LEED AP, SvR Design Company.

CERTIFICATE IN URBAN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Online web-based program - begins September 28th

University of Washington Professional and Continuing Education

Discover how strengthening a city's green infrastructure network increases community health and ecological resilience. Learn to recognize, quantify and apply ecosystem services and amenities in an urban environment. Explore humanity's evolving relationship with nature as expressed in emerging theories of landscape performance.

Develop integrated and elegant solutions to the complex infrastructural challenges facing growing cities and envision high performance landscapes that are multifunctional, yet culturally resonant. Experience the latest advances in urban environmental planning and green landscape architecture, and stay up-to-date with innovative, open source communication technologies, from wikis and social networking media to online collaboration and presentation tools.

Program will satisfy Professional Development Hours for Licensed Landscape Architects

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Professional Design Exhibition
October 15-29, 2011

The Landscape Architecture Professional Advisory Council (PAC) and the University of Washington Department of

Landscape Architecture invite northwest practitioners to submit landscape architectural projects for a Professional Design Exhibition. The show is open to all projects, proposals, or activities where the work of landscape architects plays a prime role (contractual or not) in shaping the built environment. Look for more information on the University of Washington Department of Landscape Architecture website, or contact larchpac@gmail.com.

CONTINUING ED- HORTICULTURE CLASSES

The Horticulture Department at Edmonds Community College, in the greater Seattle area, is now an approved provider for the Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System (LA CES). Accordingly, the college is able to combine their unique horticulture courses with continuing education credits. Two courses will be offered this fall and one this winter:

HORT 242 - Introduction to Arboriculture (3 credits)

Wednesdays 1-3:50 PM, **Sept. 21-Dec. 7**

Instructor: Bess Bronstein

Learn to define and display tree problem diagnosis and management options, evaluate hazardous trees and appraise trees using ISA regulations and assessment procedures, describe the variety of career options in the field of arboriculture, identify appropriate tree planting, pruning and maintenance procedures, and prepare a selected tree inventory and site evaluation.

HORT 280 - Weed Identification and Management (3 credits)

Mondays 6-9:50 PM, **Sept. 26-Dec. 5**

Class also meets 1-4:50 PM two Saturdays, Oct. (TBA) & Nov. 12.

Instructor: Holly Zox

Learn to identify common weeds, know their growth habits and life cycles, identify both chemical and non-chemical methods of weed control, work in a group to analyze a situation and decide on proper methods in which to control weeds in that situation, explain and defend a weed management program to a client by means of oral, written, visual and non-verbal communication skills, utilize Integrated Pest Management (IPM) methods of weed control, estimate the cost (time and materials) of weed management options for a given site, and develop a weed management plan using Excel and internet resources.

HORT 255 - Focus on Green Factors (2 credits)

Four Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 PM - **Jan. 31, Feb. 14 & Mar. 6**

Four Saturdays 10 AM-12 PM - **Feb. 4, 18 & 25, and Mar. 3**

Instructor: Peggy Gaynor

Learn to define and describe the goals and objectives of low-impact development, identify and discuss a variety of techniques for capturing and dispersing storm water runoff in the urban environment, as well as analyze and evaluate existing site developments for success of low-impact

development goals.

NPS-RTCA WASLA CHARRETTE (ROSYLN, WA)

by Don Benson, ASLA, AICP, WASLA Trustee

Planning is proceeding for the above-noted charrette scheduled to occur on Friday afternoon, October 14 through Saturday October 15. On Friday there will be a site orientation (three choices—a bicycle tour, a hiking tour or a windshied tour. That evening there will be presentation by dignitaries and others to the charrette participants. On Saturday the charrette will occur with an evening presentation of the results to the public. Lodging and meals will be provided, A charrette packet with site info and maps etc. will be mailed out in advance to the participants. If you are interested in participating, please contact me (Don Benson) at donbenson67@yahoo.com or 206-297-1259. Thanks!

GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE: TECHNICAL ISSUES FOR SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION

Tuesday, December 6, 3:00-5:30pm, 2.5 [LA CES](#) PDH pending UW Center for Urban Horticulture NHS Hall, Seattle WASLA is pleased to offer this Green Stormwater Infrastructure implementation workshop. Seven design and planning professionals will share their project experiences and the evolution of practice to ensure GSI facilities are both successful and well integrated in livable communities.

Participants will learn current thoughts in:

- coordination and planning
- operations and maintenance
- facility siting
- factors that limit infiltration
- plant function and selection
- factors that limit plant success
- special construction practices to ensure stormwater function

We promise an engaging and thoughtful discussion amongst a dynamic set of presenters and panelists presenting challenges they have encountered in these high performance landscapes and the valuable lessons learned.

Further details and registration to come. This event is co-sponsored by WASLA and Seattle Public Utilities.

2011 ASLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Registration and ticket sales for the [ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO](#) are pacing significantly ahead of the previous three annual meetings, with more than 2,700 attendees pre-

registered and climbing. Registration and ticket prices will increase after September 16, and this is one meeting you don't want to miss!

Five field sessions are already sold out, with four others closing in on ticket limits. Ticket sales for the Gala, the Council of Fellows Investiture Dinner and the President's Dinner are also brisk.

The official meeting hotels are booking up quickly too, with nearly 70 percent of the total room block filled. Make your reservations as soon as possible to be sure you get the ASLA discounted room rate.

Early indications are that this will be a very large meeting and we are planning accordingly. San Diego is a fantastic location for ASLA: it's a beautiful city for landscape architects to explore; it's easy to get to; the hotels and convention center are amazing; and it's very affordable for attendees.

Please plan to join us!

Jonathan Mueller, FASLA
President
American Society of Landscape Architects

AIA EVENTS

September 14: **Seattle City Council Candidate Forum**
7:30-9AM @ The Miller Hull Partnership, 71 Columbia, 6th Floor

Join your friends and colleagues in the design and allied professions as we hear from the candidates for five City Council positions about their views on design, development, sustainability and more. Co-presented by Urban Land Institute, AGC, and Cascadia Region Green Building Council.

September 14: **ATC-20 Post Disaster Response for Essential Facilities | Lessons Learned from the 2011 Japan Earthquake**
8AM-5PM @ PUD Auditorium, 2320 California St., Everett, WA

Presented by Snohomish County Public Utility District No. 1, the City of Everett and Structural Engineers Association, Washington.

September 15: **Implementing BIM into the Practice of Architecture**
3-5PM @ AIA Seattle 1.5 LUs

Review the benefits of using BIM within the practice of architecture including new tools in ArchiCAD 15 that empower designers to unleash their creative minds as

well as expanded opportunities to more efficiently manage renovation and refurbishment projects within the BIM workflow.

September 16-25: **Seattle Design Festival 2011 | Beneath the Surface**

The Seattle Design Festival aims to widen and deepen the public conversation about design in Seattle. Encompassing a wide range of design disciplines, the festival explores design as an active force that solves problems, contributes to innovation, and improves our lives.

September 20: **FutureShack | 2011**

5-9PM @ Seattle Center's Fisher Pavilion

Part debate about how we want to live, part recognition of innovative architecture, FutureShack showcases creative responses to our changing lifestyles, across a wide range of building types, budgets, constraints and social agendas.

September 21: Submittal Deadline: **2011 Honor Awards for Washington Architecture | Call for Entries**

September 25: **AIA Seattle/Northwest Home Open House Tour**

Noon-3PM @ 15720 Euclid NE, Bainbridge Island WA 98110

We invite you to tour the September issue's featured home designed by Kriegh Architects.

September 28: **URBANIZED Film Screening - Gary Hustwit's New Design Film**

7PM @ The Egyptian Theatre

Join director Gary Hustwit for a special preview screening and post-film discussion. Presented in association with AIGA Seattle, AIA Seattle, and IDSA NW.