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President's Message

By Joe Perello, ASLA

By the time you receive this newsletter, Landscape Architects from the New Jersey region will be making their annual migration across the land to a publicly disclosed location to meet, learn, socialize and celebrate their profession! This event is none other than the NJASLA Annual Meeting and Exhibition! If you're receiving this newsletter after the events of our 3 day Annual Meeting, then I hope you found the topics to be interesting, educational and invigorating! The Annual Meeting Committee focused on developing a well-rounded program of topics and events, and went the extra mile in addressing the comments received by attendees from past conferences. Thank you to the many volunteers on the Annual Meeting Committee for all your dedication preparing such a quality event!

There remains much to do in the months ahead. National Landscape Architecture Week (NLAWeek) will soon be here during the week of April 19-27th. There will be events related to Landscape Architecture throughout the country, and this is the opportunity for LA's in NJ to play a collaborative role in carrying out the unified, nationwide effort to increase the visibility and recognition of the profession! The NLAWeek Committee is organizing events for this celebratory week, and will be encouraging member involvement to participate in its success. More to come on NLAWeek in the upcoming weeks, so check out our website and future newsletters!

The NJASLA can only be as successful as our membership is **involved!** We want to increase membership participation and enhance the activities of the NJASLA. In order to accomplish these goals, we would like to obtain your input. We have developed an Activity Survey that we would like all LA's, members and non-members of NJASLA, to complete. Please look for the Activity Survey at the Annual Meeting, as well as in the newsletter and on our website, and take a few moments to complete the survey and add any additional comments or suggestions you may have. The NJASLA Executive Committee appreciates your input, and we look forward to organizing events and programs that interest YOU!

ASLA Proclaims April 19-27, 2003, National Landscape Architecture Week

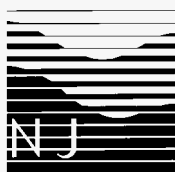
The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) has proclaimed April 19-27, 2003, as National Landscape Architecture Week in order to celebrate the important role of landscape architecture in creating the special places where we live, work, and play.

The week encompasses Earth Day (April 22) and the birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted (April 27), long acknowledged as the founder of the American landscape architecture profession. Public events are being planned across the nation, including student competitions, tours of local landscape architecture sites, and community improvement projects. The first National Landscape Architecture Week was held in 2002. "Landscape architecture is the most public of the arts, so we are inviting the public to join our celebration through their local chapters," said Paul F. Morris, FASLA, president of ASLA. Information on chapter events will be posted on the ASLA web site, www.asla.org/laweek, as it becomes available.

Rutgers LA Club Offers Embroidered Shirts as Fundraiser

To raise funds for future activities and field trips, the Rutgers Student Landscape Architecture Club is selling Embroidered Polo shirts. Cost is \$25 each, and USPS priority shipping is an additional \$3.85 per shirt. Self pick-up at Blake Hall can be arranged. The LA Club will be in the Exhibit Hall at the NJASLA Annual Meeting on Feb 10th - 11th, and will be taking orders at that time.. Make Checks payable to: Rutgers University LA Club, 113 Blake Hall, 93 Lipman Drive, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8524

Indicate quantity & size & mail with payment and return address. For additional information email landarchclub@yahoo.com



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Calendar of Events

February

February 20, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Land Ethics Symposium:

Creative Approaches to Ecological Landscaping. Bowman's Hill

Wildflower Preserve, New Hope, PA. For more info and a brochure, call (215) 862-2924.

Registration deadline is February 13.

March

March 15 & 16, 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Bucks Beautiful Garden Fair

Delaware Valley College, Route 202 South, Doylestown, PA.

This event features seminars, garden and product and exhibits.

For more info, call the Bucks Beautiful office at (215) 348-3913 or visit www.bucksbeautiful.com.

March 28, 2003 -. 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

NYC Root Zone Seminar

Topic: Urban Soil: A Professional Approach. Speaker: James Urban, FASLA. Hosted by: Queens

Botanical Garden, Flushing, NY.

For additional info, contact Naomi Zurcher at (718) 522-1130 or email: treerap@sprintmail.com

April

NJ LARE Review Seminar

2nd or 3rd Saturday in April - To be determined. Location: Blake Hall,

Cook College, Rutgers University

Reviewing all sections including NJ section. \$120 for ASLA members

and nonmembers. Registration deadline April 5. For registration

form contact Dan Yannaccone at dyannaccone@melilloandbauer.com or call 732-295-9630.

Enter The 2003 Business Week/Architectural Record Awards

Created in 1997, the BW/AR awards showcase projects demonstrating that "good design is good business." The awards strive to recognize that creative management practices and creative design solutions go hand in hand to achieve success. Landscape architecture projects and projects including landscape design may be submitted, but design teams must include a licensed architect in order to be eligible. There is also a category for unbuilt work. Winners will be featured in both Business Week and Architectural Record, read by more than five million business and design professionals. The entry registration deadline is March 14, 2003, with the submission deadline of April 18, 2003. For more information visit: http://www.aia.org/MEDIA/business_week/2003BWARForm.pdf.

ASLA Weighs In On Designs For National Security

Government Affairs Director Cara Welch testified on behalf of ASLA before the National Capitol Planning Commission on January 9, 2003. On the issue of the Washington Monument Grounds, Revised Development Concept Plan and Visitor and Security Improvements, ASLA endorsed both the original design and the compromise design of the addition to the monument lodge presented by the National Park Service. On the second issue, the Draft Policy on Design and Review of Physical Perimeter Security at Federal Agencies developed by the National Capitol Planning Commission, ASLA expressed concerns about the definitions used in the policy, the timeframe, and the lack of enforcement in the policy. ASLA's testimony was well received and the Commission made changes to the policy based on ASLA recommendations. For further information, please contact Welch at cwelch@asla.org

Two New Awards, Two New Medals In Call For Entries

The 2003 Call for Entries for the Professional Awards Program will officially begin in February with the mailing of the printed piece and the posting of the submission form on the website; the submission materials, however, are already available for review at www.asla.org/members/awdcrit.htm. Two new awards will be offered this year: the Community Service Award and the ASLA Firm Award. The deadline for all submissions is Friday, May 9, 2003. The Call for Nominations for 2003 ASLA Medals are also out this month. The medals include the ASLA Medal, the Olmsted Medal, the LaGasse Medals, the Jot Carpenter Teaching Medal, and two new medals approved by the Board of Trustees last year—the Landscape Architecture Medal of Excellence and the ASLA Design Medal. Responsibility for the medals and honors program is being transferred to the public relations and resource development department. Information about the medals and the submission requirements can be found, listed by medal, at <http://www.asla.org/members/medals.htm>. Nominations will be due March 7, 2003.

Practice Legislation Introduced In Three More States

During the past two weeks, all but a handful of state legislatures have convened for their legislative sessions. Three states have already introduced legislation that would upgrade or establish practice act licensure for landscape architects in those states. Idaho has introduced legislation to upgrade from a title act to a practice act. Colorado and North Dakota—two of the four states without any regulation of the profession—have introduced bills to establish licensure.

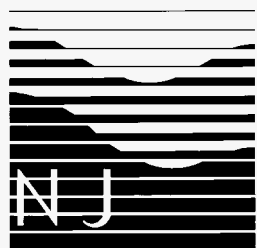
In New Jersey, NJASLA is reviewing an upgrade to the present Title Act to establish legally-defensible areas of practice. This revision was jointly funded by NJASLA and ASLA in an approved Chapter Initiative Program. A New Jersey upgrade is part of the agenda in the ASLA 50 in 2010 nationwide licensure effort.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT / PROJECT MANAGER



Pickering, Corts & Summerson, Inc., an award winning multi-disciplinary engineering firm, with offices in PA and NJ, is seeking a registered **Landscape Architect** for its Site Development Division in our Bucks County Office. The position offers the opportunity to work on a wide range of projects including residential subdivisions and commercial land development, institutional campus planning and municipal park and recreation facilities. Professional Licensure is required. The successful candidate will have eight plus (8+) years experience in site planning, landscape and land development design. Proficiency in AutoCAD (Land Development Desktop R-3) and strong graphics a plus. Comprehensive benefits package offered. Interested candidates should mail, fax or e-mail resume to: **Wayne R. Johnson, ASLA, Vice-President**

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Founder of Earth Day Receives Coveted Olmsted Medal For Environmental Stewardship

The Honorable Gaylord A. Nelson, United States Senator (D-WI) from 1963-1981 and founder of Earth Day, was presented the Olmsted Medal for his lifetime of environmental stewardship on Friday, January 10, 2003. The Olmsted Medal is the highest award presented annually by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) to an individual outside the profession of landscape architecture.

During the medal presentation, ASLA Immediate Past President Rodney Swink, FASLA related a fond memory of Senator Nelson, "During an ASLA meeting in 1998, Senator Nelson said, 'The economy is a wholly owned subsidiary of the environment. And when the environment has to enter Chapter 11 bankruptcy because it is depleted, debased and ruined, then the economy will go with it.' That statement powerfully captured my beliefs, and it is a message that we should all understand." Past recipients of the Olmsted Medal include former President Jimmy Carter, former Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, and former Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening.

Senator Nelson was nominated by the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects for his more than four decades of environmental leadership. His achievements safeguarding our planet include the establishment of Earth Day, the Outdoor Resources Action Program, and championing important environmental legislation such as the Clean Air Act and the Water Quality Act. Senator Nelson recently co-authored *Beyond Earth Day: Fulfilling the Promise*, further exploring and giving definition to his life's work as an environmental advocate.

On the first Earth Day, April 22, 1970, Senator Nelson set forth a goal of "an environment of decency, quality, and mutual respect for all other human creatures and for all living creatures." The Olmsted Medal is ASLA's recognition of Senator Nelson's lifelong commitment to that goal.

The Olmsted Medal honors Frederick Law Olmsted, long acknowledged as the founder of American landscape architecture. A pioneer in his field, Olmsted championed the City Beautiful movement, and his notable work includes Central Park, the U.S. Capitol Grounds, Prospect Park, Chicago's Riverside subdivision, Buffalo's park system, and the Niagara Reservation at Niagara Falls.

Founded in 1899, the ASLA is the national professional association representing more than 13,500 members nationwide. Landscape architecture is a comprehensive discipline of land analysis, planning, design, management, preservation and rehabilitation. ASLA promotes the landscape architecture profession and advances the practice through advocacy, education, communication and fellowship. .

WILD School Sites

The NJ ASLA Chapter is looking for Landscape Architects to work with the teachers and other professionals on an educational collaborative basis to help implement Project Wild School Sites Program. The role of the L.A. would be to assist in the participatory design process of developing schoolyard habitats. This is being contracted on a fee for service basis. The Chapter is assisting the NJ DEP's Fish and Wildlife Division by assembling a list of Landscape Architects interested in participating in the program.

Project Wild School Sites is a program for K - 12 students, sponsored by the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. The goal of the project is to assist learners of any age in developing awareness, knowledge, skills, and commitment to result in informed decisions, responsible behavior and constructive actions concerning wildlife and the environment upon which life depends. These programs are based on the premise that young people and their teachers have a vital interest in learning about the earth as home for people and wildlife. Wildlife is emphasized because of its intrinsic, ecological, and other values. Project Wild School Sites can help prepare young people for decisions affecting people, wildlife and our environment.

Please send your name and contact information in to the HSBG offices by either fax 609-393-9891 or by e-mail to Vicky Drew at vdrew@hsbgnet.com by March 1, 2003. Additional information will be provided upon receipt of your contact information.