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President's Message

by Nick Tufaro, ASLA

December is here and with it the first signs of a change in the seasons. With only a slight taste of the coming cold days of winter, the autumn landscape continues to assure us of the constant changes, progressions and cycles of the planet, reminding us of our short passage here. My thoughts for the coming months are slightly contrary to the customary harvesting and hibernating encouraged by the longer nights of these days. Due in a large part to the great opportunities and challenges that are part and parcel of serving the NJASLA members, I am invigorated by the events and people that are involved at all levels with the profession and the national association. I am eager to make this year a success that all the membership can share in. The Executive Committee is actively planning several events that are going to need the support and commitment only **YOU** can provide by volunteering for activities and voicing your concerns to us.

A perfect example of how the membership can be effective in our organization was expressed this month in the actions of Helen Heinrich, NJASLA member and New Jersey Farm Bureau representative in the state's Clean Water Council. By contacting us and appearing at the last meeting, she initiated a Board presentation for the CWC of how landscape architecture can positively address issues of stormwater pollution in a public hearing to take place December 12 (See "Stand Up and Be Heard" article). All members are encouraged to attend our meetings and participate with new ideas or to join our active committees in the Web site, site plan and licensing legislation, and watershed planning.

More great opportunities to help us showcase Landscape Architecture and achieve recognition for your firm's accomplishments are to be found in this newsletter. We are giving all members applications for the 2002 Design Awards Competition this year within the newsletter. We hope that we will receive a diverse sampling of the scope of the profession in the Garden State to use in future presentations to public bodies. We will be actively archiving and utilizing entry work for chapter and PAC public relations, so make documentation of the best of your office work a priority this year and send us a copy!

We are planning to use entrants' work to punctuate the impacts of Landscape Architecture with events and press releases for National Landscape Architecture Week (April 21 - 27) in conjunction with nationwide efforts. We must have a group of volunteers to step forward and coordinate this important effort, so please contact us to join in. The first step, a Governor's Proclamation of National Landscape Architecture Week in New Jersey, is already in the works.

So don't be a grumpy bear and take a long winter sleep this year. Get involved with us to make New Jersey more LA friendly!!

Next Board Meeting

by Elaine Walker, ASLA

The next NJASLA Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 13, at 7 p.m. at the offices of Hill Wallack, Princeton, NJ. For directions, or to RSVP your attendance, please e-mail Elaine Walker at elainewalker@mindspring.com.

Website Survey

by Elaine Walker, ASLA

Thank you to all those that have returned their website survey for the October newsletter! If you have not yet completed your survey, please do so by December 15. Mail your survey to Brad Meumann, Land Concepts, 777 Franklin Avenue, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417.

Stand Up and Be Heard

by Elaine Walker, ASLA

All New Jersey Landscape Architects are invited to attend and speak at an upcoming Public Hearing presented by the NJ Clean Water Council. The hearing entitled "Stormwater Management: Roles and Responsibilities of Individuals and Communities" will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn – Monroe, 390 Forsgate Drive, Jamesburg. Directions can be found at www.state.nj.us/dep/watershedmgt. The hearing will focus on non point sources of pollution. For more information on NJASLA's presence at the Hearing, contact Mark Anderson at (mhaenviron@aol.com). For more information on the Public Hearing call 609-633-7020 or e-mail cleanwater@dep.state.nj.us.

Brief Reminder

by Carl E. Hintz, ASLA

ASLA members can support their chapter by volunteering, which includes serving on committees or running for elected office. If interested, drop a note to chintz@cchnj.com.

Ski Weekend

by Carl E. Hintz, ASLA

The ASLA Chapters of Vermont, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Boston and New Jersey are sponsoring a ski weekend on, January 25-27 (Friday-Sunday) in Stowe, Vermont.

Events: This is winter carnival weekend in Stowe and there will be lots of events in town. Downhill and cross-country tickets will be available at the mountain (at a discount) as well as at Trapps Family Lodge (cross country). We will be hosting a banquet on Saturday night featuring a "Made in Vermont" auction of local goods and services. Depending on response we may have a "welcome" event Friday night and/or Apres Ski on Sunday.

Time is of the essence for winter season bookings. Before we can reserve blocks of accommodation at area Inns/hotels/motels or commit to a venue for Saturday night dinner we need an idea of how many people plan to attend. Please sign up by contacting Claire Humber (chumber@segrp.com) or Carl Hintz (chintz@cchnj.com).

Healing Gardens Conference

Research has found that engaging residents in adult housing and health care settings in horticultural activities, community gardens and landscape management can foster a sense of well-being, promote healing and add value for prospective residents.

On Wednesday, April 10, 2001, the Morris Arboretum will co-sponsor a day-long conference entitled "Healing Gardens: The Power of Nature in Health Care Settings and Adult Communities" at the Medford Leas Continuing Care Retirement Community in Medford, NJ.

This conference is designed for continuing care retirement community administrators, hospitals and hospices with extended care programs, activity directors, volunteers, landscape managers, landscape architects, and master planning firms as well as urban forestry advisors and educators. Participants will learn strategies for developing and sustaining therapeutic gardens and horticultural programs for their communities.

For more information or a complete brochure, please call 215-247-5777 x156 or 125, email Jan McFarlan at jlm@pobox.upenn.edu.

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2002 Design Awards

NJASLA is issuing the **CALL FOR ENTRIES** for the **NJASLA DESIGN AWARDS**. This is an opportunity for Landscape Architects to proudly exhibit their work before their peers, clients and the general public. The Jury is to be announced and only slides need to be submitted. It couldn't be easier, so contact Nancy Sambucci at NJASLA Headquarters at 609-393-7500 for an application today!

ELIGIBILITY RULES

Entrants must meet one of the following qualifications:

- ASLA Fellow, Member or Associate
- New Jersey Certified Landscape Architect
- Faculty Member of a New Jersey Landscape Architectural program submitting work associated with their academic pursuits
- A full time student in an accredited New Jersey Landscape Architectural program

NOTE

Only Members of NJASLA may submit projects from outside the State of New Jersey. Any Landscape Architect who is not an NJASLA Chapter Member may only submit projects from within the State of New Jersey. Team and multiple entries are encouraged.

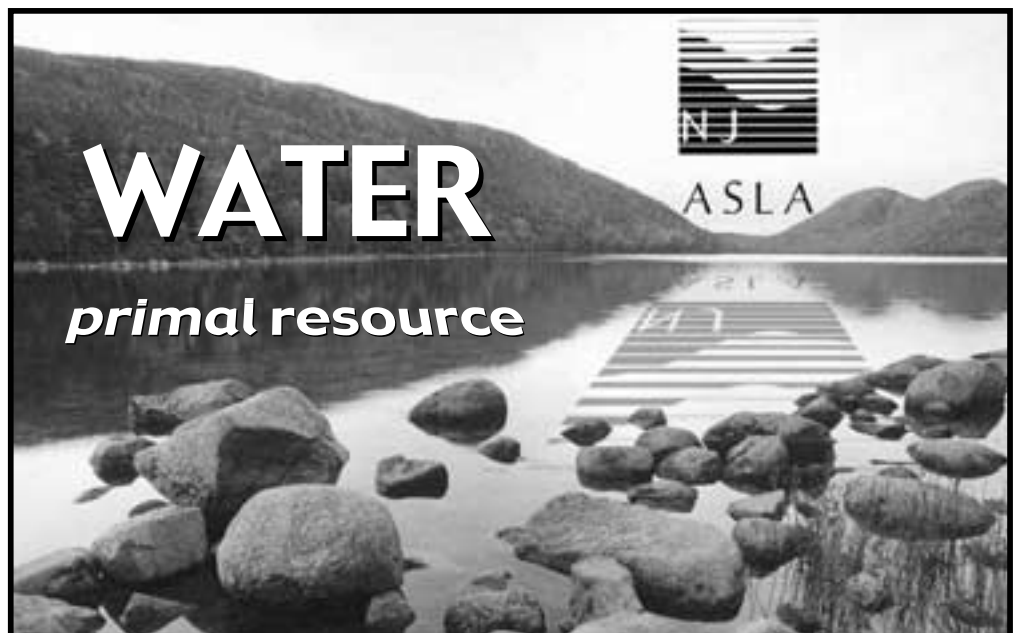
AWARDS JURY

The entries will be judged by a distinguished panel of design professionals.

SUBMISSION MATERIALS

For Design Categories, entrants need only to submit one paragraph describing the project, and ten slides. For categories such as research or communication, videos, tapes or reports may be submitted in lieu of slides. Other materials can be submitted if they pertain to the particular entry.

All entries will be retained by the Chapter for future public relations use.



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