

## 30th Anniversary Gala Celebrated Impact of SD/ASLA Chapter 1976-2006

The San Diego Chapter of ASLA has just witnessed 30 years in operation and our Winter Gala affair was a grand tribute for the past years of SDASLA. The evening, organized by past-president Stephen Copley, was filled with retrospection. Held at the historic Abby in Bankers Hill just outside of downtown, members filled the building for an evening of drinks, food, music, and appropriately a word from founding president Stephen Halsey. Those in attendance were entertained by a photographic retrospective membership slide show and were introduced to the new executive board. Introductions and key notes were given by Copley and current president Chris Gustard. Mr. Gustard also introduced the group to the organization's theme for 2007 - Impact. As a wrap-up to 2006 and introduction to 2007, the Gala was a reminder of the "impact" our community of landscape architects has had on the region and a reminder of the "impact" we are responsible for in the future. If member participation is a first step to creating a positive and strong

"impact" on our futures here in San Diego County, then the positive turnout at our 30th Anniversary Gala in December should be a good indication for a bright future.



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## CCASLA Sacramento Legislative Day 2007

You are invited to meet fellow ASLA members from all over California in Sacramento on April 11, for the first annual CC/ASLA Legislative Lobby Day. You will learn about issue impacting the industry, meet CC/ASLA leaders, our legislative advocate and key state legislators, and help make a difference in the future of Landscape Architecture in California.

### Schedule

You will fly to Sacramento the morning of April 11 (or the night before - no hotel rooms have been reserved - a list of hotels will be provided).

9:30-10 a.m.

Registration and breakfast buffet  
Sutter Club, 1120 9th St., between  
Capitol and L Streets)

10 a.m. to noon

Opening Session: Keynote  
Speaker/Legislative Briefing

Noon-1 p.m.

Open time for lunch and exploring  
the Capitol

1:30 -4:00 p.m.

Group Legislative Appointment  
with Key Legislators

5-7 p.m.

ASLA Sierra Chapter Hosted  
Reception and Lobby Debriefing  
HLA Group, 1050 20th Street,  
Suite 200 (20th and L Streets)

Flights home or stay night and return  
the next morning (Sierra ASLA mem-  
bers will assist with transportation to  
the airport).

For more information or to register, call  
(619) 225-8155 or [ccasla@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ccasla@sbcglobal.net).

## Interrobang 2007 Off to a Great Start

Interrobang 2007 started out with a BANG! Tom Oslund of Oslund Associates spoke to a packed house at the Museum of Contemporary Art's new downtown location. Members of the four host organizations (ASID, ASLA, AIA and SOHO) were out in full force to see the new location and to see Tom's thought provoking land forms. Wine and beer were provided by San Diego Wine Company and Karl Strauss Brewing Company for a lively reception. Guests arriving early got to tour through the museum's new building and exhibits.

Don't forget to add the 2nd Tuesday of each month through November to your calendar. Next month's speaker is Anthea Hartig on March 13. She will discuss the humorous twist of preserving our historic architecture. Visit [www.InterrobangSD.org](http://www.InterrobangSD.org) for more information and the complete speaker line up for the year.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### IMPACT is Chapter Theme for Upcoming Year

By Chris Gustard, Gillespie Moody Patterson, Inc.

Happy New Year to all, and I wish you a successful and prosperous 2007. In the last newsletter I divulged some humorous aspects of my younger years and how I got into the profession. Thank you to all of you who wrote me response e-mails.

The 30th Anniversary Gala, held at the Abbey, was a huge success. Steve Halsey, the chapter's very first president who was involved in setting up the Chapter and breaking away from the Los Angeles Chapter back in 1976, gave a warm and humorous speech on the last 30 years of the Chapter. This chapter has definitely changed over the years. Our local membership is well over 200 and growing with a much bigger budget to work with and so many more events to offer the membership. I want to personally thank Steve for attending and speaking to the group. My duties followed his in speaking on the next 30 years. To be honest, I was incredibly nervous speaking to such a prestigious crowd of local Landscape Architecture professionals. If you would like to read the full Gala speeches they will be posted on the website.

In 2007 SDASLA's theme is 'Impact'. Simple yes, but what does this single word mean to us as Landscape Architects? What is the extent of our impact on society, on the built environment locally/globally? The extent of our work in shaping and designing aesthetic and functional spaces where we live, eat, work and play has the largest horizontal plane of any other profession. Tom Oslund spoke at the first Interrobang lecture on February 13th and really captured how he and many other Landscape Architects express art and powerful shapes in design through our profession. There's a great line-up of Interrobang speakers this year. They will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at the beautiful new Museum of Contemporary Art in downtown San Diego, immediately adjacent to the Santa

Fe Depot train station on Kettner.

There are a number of activities planned for 2007. Last year's Night at Petco Park was a huge success with Andy Spurlock giving the 50 person group a behind the scenes tour of Petco Park. This year, we have expanded the reserved tickets to 100 and have amazing seats. Dave Leonard and Kyle Fiddelke are planning the event to include a downtown redevelopment tour with CCDC.

National Landscape Architecture month will be celebrated in April. We have four different events planned which will have, yes, a great Impact on the local community. The theme this year is "Discover a Career in Landscape Architecture". We need the membership's help for three of those events. There will be presentations to students at select San Diego County middle and/or high schools. We are also going to be involved with the Boy Scout Fair at Qualcomm Stadium where young individuals will be exposed to the profession and completing partial items for the Landscape Architecture merit badge.

DJ Taylor will be heading up SDASLA's participation in the 5th Annual 'I Love a Clean San Diego Creek to Bay Clean-Up'. All of those events need support from the members, so get involved with the fun. It's great to get out and meet other persons of your profession.

One final note, Jerry Hastings, who teaches the Grading and Drainage course at UCLA, is offering to teach the review course here in San Diego for \$300 per student. He needs at least 14 participants to sign up. The review session will most likely be in May right before the exam. Please contact the Chapter office or myself for additional information.

I look forward to meeting some new faces at this year's events. Please feel free to e-mail either myself or any of the board members with any questions you may have.

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# Educational Program on Wildfire Prevention

The San Diego Natural History Museum, in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as local fire agencies and businesses, is working to provide local businesses and professionals with the tools to address the needs of clients whose homes are at risk from wildfire. In March 2007, the Museum will host "Protecting Homes and Communities from Wildfire: Education for the Business Sector," a one-day workshop for businesses and professionals who work in and around home sites in the wildland-urban interface.

The seminar will address key issues facing professionals who work with homes, homeowners and prospective homeowners in wildfire prone areas. This cross-training platform will provide the opportunity to work across industries to find solutions. As these best business practices are implemented, San Diego ultimately gains safer homes and communities. Instructors include local fire officials, ecologists, landscapers and architects.

Who should attend: Landscape, building, real estate, insurance and other professionals.

Trainings will cover a comprehensive range of wildfire information, from basic fire behavior and local fire ecology, to what makes a house or community safer in the event of a wildfire. Each workshop is a two-way information exchange: instructors will present invaluable knowledge, workshop attendees will provide feedback from experience in their field.

Also, the Museum is seeking approval from various agencies for continuing education credits.

Professionals will gain a competitive edge and an understanding of wildfire issues as well as local codes and regulations; they will be better equipped to address the needs of their clients; and they will have the opportunity to network with other professionals

### Dates and locations:

Each workshop is identical in structure and content.

- Saturday, March 3, 2007; 9 AM-2 PM (SDNHM, Balboa Park)
- Friday, March 9, 2007; 7:30 AM-12:30 PM (SDNHM, Balboa Park)
- Thursday, March 15, 2007; Noon-5 PM (Spring Valley)\*
- Friday, March 23, 2007; Noon-5 PM (Casa del Prado, Balboa Park)\*\*
- Saturday, March 31, 2007; Noon-5 PM (Rancho Santa Fe)\*\*\*

\*Includes a tour of the FireWise Garden. Co-sponsored by the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District

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### How to enroll:

The cost of each event is \$25/person. To register, visit [www.sdnhm.org/education/wildfire](http://www.sdnhm.org/education/wildfire). Or, contact Christopher Blaylock at [cblaylock@sdnhm.org](mailto:cblaylock@sdnhm.org) or 619.255.0289.

## La Mesa DRB Opening

The City of La Mesa will have an opening on its Design Review Board (DRB) in July 2007 for a volunteer position serving in an advisory capacity to the La Mesa City Council. We are very interested in getting a certified landscape architect to fill that position and round out the board with two architects and two planners who are now serving on the DRB.

The DRB meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Lunch is provided and DRB members receive a stipend of \$50 for each meeting they attend.

Interested landscape professionals are encouraged to apply for the DRB position. To apply, please visit our website at [www.cityoflamesa.com](http://www.cityoflamesa.com) and click on "Boards and Commissions" under the Government heading. Any questions regarding this position can be directed to me.

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# EVENTS

## March

- 13 Interrobang. Anthea Hartig, PhD – Architectural History
- 20 ASLA/SD Executive Committee Meeting. Gillespie, Moody and Patterson, Inc.
- 23 Wildfire Landscape Seminar. 12 – 5 pm – Prado Bldg. Room 104, Balboa Park

## April

- 1-30 Landscape Architecture Month LA Career Outreach to San Diego Schools
- 10 Interrobang. Paul Kephart – Sustainable Architecture
- 11 CA ASLA Legislative Day/Lobby Day in Sacramento, CA. To participate contact: ccasla@sbcglobal.net
- 17 ASLA/SD Executive Committee Meeting. Gillespie, Moody and Patterson, Inc.
- 21 Landscape Architecture Month Event - Boy Scout Merit Badge Fair at Qualcomm Stadium
- 28 Landscape Architecture Month Event - "I Love a Clean San Diego 5th Annual Creek to Bay Cleanup"

## May

- 8 Interrobang. Laura Birns – Green Interior Design
- 15 ASLA/SD Executive Committee Meeting. Gillespie, Moody and Patterson, Inc.
- 25-27 Tentative - LARE Section E Review Workshop in San Diego. Call Jerry Hastings (818) 882-6962 or jphastings@socal.rr.com.

**NOTE:** Events, dates and times are subject to change! Please check with the ASLA office at (619) 225-8155 for the latest events or visit [www.asla-sandiego.com/content/events](http://www.asla-sandiego.com/content/events).

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There will be a Cal Poly San Luis Obispo alumni mixer/celebration at EDAW in Irvine to celebrate 35 years of landscape architecture at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. This event is open to all alumni, family and friends of the Department. The new Department Chair, Margarita Hill will be in attendance as will Dick Zweifel, Associate Dean, and Thomas Jones, Dean of the School of Architecture. There will be no charge for the event. Look for email updates in the coming weeks. The Irvine office of EDAW is located at 2737 Campus Drive, Irvine, CA 92612.



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