

Call for Entries!

We are now accepting entries for the 2007 Landscape Architecture Design Awards. The deadline is Thursday, October 11. The Awards presentation will be on Thursday, December 6, at the Neurosciences Institute. For an entry form, contact Tracy Morgan Hollingworth at (619) 225-8155 or visit www.asla-sandiego.org.

Your Participation at Water Summit is Critical

Landscape Architects will be left in the proverbial "dust" if they don't get involved in shaping San Diego's regional water conservation policies at the Water Conservation Summit on October 12.

In 2005, a state task force (resulting from Assembly Bill 2717) identified landscape irrigation as the single largest use of water in California's urban areas, and 43 recommendations were made to improve water use. One of the mandates requires local water agencies to develop model water conservation ordinances to customize water uses based on local climate, demographic and economic factors.

Last year, landscape architects were almost absent from the SD County Water Authority's Water Conservation Summit that included many land-use planning agencies and businesses that design, build, sell, supply and maintain San Diego County's urban landscapes. Glen Schmidt and a few other LAs participated in this important forum, which issued a Blueprint for Water Conservation for the region.

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ASLA San Diego members enjoyed a tour of East Village and a night at the ballpark on July 19. See page 3 and visit the website at www.asla-sandiego.org for more photos.

ASLA National Expo Hits the West Coast

By Patrick W. Caughey, FASLA, President, American Society of Landscape Architects

Join me in San Francisco October 5-9, 2007 at ASLA's 2007 Annual Meeting and EXPO for one of the most spectacular celebrations of our profession as we explore "Designing with Nature: The Art of Balance."

Landscape architecture is the art of balance—sustaining nature through design. The 2007 Expo reflects this and casts a wide net—providing practical insights and thought-provoking sessions on a broad range of topics to help create sustainable environments—for the most ambitious education program to date. From trends in residential design such as outdoor kitchens, the latest in digital technology, and disaster preparedness and mitigation to best practices for small firms, building *(continued on page 3)*

San Diego Architectural Foundation Collaborates with San Diego Chapter of ASLA

Since the beginning of time, design professionals have been working in their boxes, holding tight to what they feel belongs to them. A new era has emerged from a concept originally conceived by Walt Disney - collaboration. ASLA-SD is collaborating with the San Diego Architectural Foundation (SDAF) on the Orchids and Onions program, and the SDAF is looking to landscape architects to become involved in the foundation to further the goal to educate students, emerging professionals and the community-at-large about the value of design excellence in the built environment. Get involved. Join the SDAF. See the insert or visit www.sdarchitecture.org.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SD/ASLA Hard at Work

By Chris Gustard, Gillespie Moody Patterson, Inc.

This summer has been incredibly busy with many important matters taking place in and around the ASLA San Diego Chapter and its membership. Fun stuff first, the 2nd Annual SDASLA Night at the Ballpark and East Village Tour was an incredible success. We had about 100 attendees and sold all of our pre-purchased tickets. I want to thank all of those members and Chapter sponsors who attended. Given the success of the last two years, it's highly likely this will become an annual event for the Chapter.

Environmental subjects have made the headlines in our news sources and blogs pretty much every day now. Most of us have been bombarded with the whole global warming subject. To bring things into perspective, I was actually reviewing an E.I.R. last month and had to respond, from a landscape architect's perspective on the subject of global warming and how our project's design is helping to mitigate it. Look to see that in your upcoming projects' entitlement stages.

Relative to that at the local level, the Chapter has been hard at work with the formation of two very important committees: SDASLA Water Conservation Committee and the Storm Water and Low-Impact-Development (L.I.D.) Committee. The Water Conservation Committee, formed in response to the County Water Authority's upcoming stringent water conservation guidelines, is being fostered by Glen Schmidt with assistance from Marian Marum. They, with only a few other members, have been working hard on draft recommendation guidelines from SDASLA to the County regarding water efficient landscape guidelines. This is the time for those members who are experts and have an opinion to please come forward and help the Chapter with this important document. The Water Conservation Summit is October 12th. The

Chapter is one of the sponsors, so please plan to attend this important meeting.

Our SDASLA Design Awards Program is fast approaching. Chris Langdon is working hard planning the event which will be held on December 6th at the beautiful Neurosciences Institute. Please organize your best projects and plan to submit and attend.

Another great event that I encourage members and member firms to submit to is the revitalized Orchids & Onions. The board met with Alison Whitelaw from the San Diego Architecture Foundation who came with a message from their board: "We want more submissions from your landscape architecture members." The awards will be held on November 30th. At the board meeting, I was extremely proud to accept the nomination from the board to serve on the jury of this year's Orchids & Onions event. With that being said, please plan to nominate a landscape, for an Orchid or an Onion.

One final project that David McCullough, Jon Wreschinsky and I have been working on is updating our chapter website. I am pleased to announce, that after nearly a year of working on this, the site should be going live later this month. Visit us at www.asla-sandiego.org and check out the new and improved format and information.

This newsletter's President's Message serves as my final message to the membership as your Chapter president. I will hand off the baton to Jon Wreschinsky in October who will take the President's position for 2008. Jon's a great guy and he's dedicated to the position on the board and serving the membership. I appreciate the opportunity to serve and I encourage the membership to become more active where you can. Be well.

Chris Gustard

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CC/ASLA Report

by David Allan Taylor, Jr., ASLA

Legislative Update

The California Council of the ASLA works with our state Lobbyist, Terri V. Thomas, and the Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) to track legislative issues and policies that could impact our industry. Our state legislature recently returned from summer recess on August 20th. While it is uncertain whether or not any more legislative action will be taken this year, due to the political climate in Sacramento, the following list notes the current legislation we are monitoring (more information is on our state website at www.asla-californiacouncil.org, and complete bill language can be seen at www.leginfo.ca.gov).

AB 31	(De Leon [D]) Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2007. (A-07/03/2007)
AB 350	(Blakeslee [R]) Vegetation mapping. (A-04/10/2007)
AB 566	(Plescia [R]) Water conservation. (A-06/01/2007)
AB 665	(DeSaulnier [D]) Growth management. (A-07/11/2007)
AB 711	(Emmerson [R]) Contractors: landscape contractors. (C-07/20/2007)
AB 832	(Bass [D]) Environment: Sustainable Communities and Urban Greening Program. (A-04/09/2007)
AB 937	(Committee on Business and Professions) Architects: landscape architects. (A-07/05/2007)
AB 1303	(Smyth [R]) Urban greening. (A-04/30/2007)
AB 1358	(Leno [D]) Planning: circulation element: transportation. (A-07/18/2007)
AB 1435	(Salas [D]) Water charges: conservation rate structure. (I-02/23/2007)
AB 1481	(De La Torre [D]) Waste discharge and water reclamation requirements: recycled water: landscape irrigation uses. (A-07/18/2007)
AB 1602	(Nunez [D]) Environment: Sustainable Communities and Urban Greening Program. (I-02/23/2007)
SB 59	(Cogdill [R]) Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2008. (I-01/11/2007)
SB 825	(Padilla [D]) Water: water conservation policy. (I-02/23/2007)
SB 838	(Cogdill [R]) Fire prevention and protection. (A-04/16/2007)
SB 963	(Ridley-Thomas [D]) Regulatory boards: operations. (A-06/25/2007)
SB 1050	(Committee on Natural Resources And Water) Water meters. (C-07/27/2007)
SCA 11	(McClintock [R]) State contracts: contracting out state services. (I 04/30/2007)

CC/ASLA Strategic Planning Meeting

The CC/ASLA Executive Committee will be meeting for a strategic planning session for the upcoming year on September 14th in San Diego, California. We will be reviewing our mission statement and bylaws, the 2007-2008 budget, discussing the 2008 Legislative Lobby Day, and determining ways in which we can be more proactive regarding issues concerning the profession, and less reactive to those issues. The 2007-2008 Officers will be announced on October 1st.

Visit www.asla-californiacouncil.org

Orchids and Onions 2007 Nominations Due Sept. 30

Landscape architects have an opportunity to have their opinions heard and to be recognized in the community as an organization of professionals that WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Stand up, represent your community, and speak your mind about what is being built around you. Log on to www.sdarchitecture.org immediately and let the world know what you think about the built environment around you.

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 sustainable sites, green roofs and more—this year's program will nourish your creativity, delight your aesthetic senses, and sharpen your problem-solving skills. Our goal is to inspire and prepare you for greater stewardship, leadership, and promotion of our profession.

Back by popular demand, one of the meeting's most popular features—Inside the LA Studio sessions—has been expanded with many of the most highly decorated firms participating this year.

A Mayor's Roundtable session will bring you face-to-face with some of our country's most innovative civic leaders to discuss today's most critical urban issues—community design, water management, public transportation, walkability, smart growth, and parks/open space—as identified by our members in a recent survey. In addition, a panel of leading journalists from the most prestigious newspapers in America will share their perspective on topics of interest to our profession.

Field sessions will take us out and about the city by the bay to tour the historic Golden Gate Park, Treasure Island, Octavia Boulevard's transformation from freeway viaduct to elegant surface roadway, key projects from the Waterfront to Mission Bay, and some of San Francisco's most innovative sustainable sites.

It is my great pleasure to invite you to attend ASLA's 2007 Annual Meeting and EXPO. Come share the vision so we can strengthen our profession and learn to talk to others—the public, our elected civic leaders, allied professionals, and clients—about how we practice the art of balance

2007 Golf Tournament a Great Success

The Chapter's annual golf tournament took place on Friday, August 24, and for another year, was a very good time for all involved. An enthusiastic group of golfers took advantage of excellent playing conditions at the Twin Oaks Golf Course in San Marcos and proved once again that it is possible to provide valuable support to the Community Grant Program and get your exercise too. Several highlights of the day included a competitive spirit; plenty of networking opportunities; a heartfelt talk and thank you from John Baker, President of the Point Loma High School & Alumni Foundation, last year's recipient of the community grant; and the auctioning of a Tony Gwinn autographed baseball. The Chapter wishes to thank all participants and our sponsors who so generously donated both their time and resources (see list on the back page of this issue). We look forward to your participation in next year's tournament.



Left to right: Felix Negrete of Orco Block Co., and Marc Moody, Greg Wysong and Cheryl Fields of Gillespie, Moody, Patterson, Inc.

to design beautiful, functional, and sustainable environments for our communities. I look forward to seeing you in San Francisco this fall!

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 Blueprint recommendations included the development of a Model Water Conservation Ordinance (the first local measure coming forward in California).

The Second Annual Water Conservation Summit is on Friday, October 12, at the Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at USD. Your Chapter

needs your participation to help shape future water conservation policy recommendations that will come out of this year's summit for regional water-efficient landscape practices.

Don't be left in the dust! We urge you to attend this year's Water Conservation Summit or send those in your firm who deal with irrigation issues to participate in the development of practical water conservation policy recommendations that will be recommended by summit participants. Register for this year's summit at www.waterconservationsummit.com.

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EVENTS

September

- 11 Interrobang – David Alan Kopec, PhD, AIA. 6 p.m. Museum of Contemporary Art, Kettner Blvd.
www.InterrobangSD.org.
- 14 California Council of ASLA Annual Meeting and Strategic Planning*. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Prado, Room 104, Balboa Park. *CA Chapter Leaders invited.
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting. 5:30 p.m. Location TBA.

October

- 5-9 ASLA Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 9 Interrobang – Tary Aterburn, ASLA. 6 p.m. Museum of Contemporary Art, Kettner Blvd. www.InterrobangSD.org.
- 11 Design Awards Submittal Deadline. Contact Chris Langdon (619) 232-4004
- 16 Executive Committee Meeting (Tentative reschedule to Oct. 19. Location TBA).
- 26 SD/ASLA Design Awards Judging. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Prado, Room 104, Balboa Park.

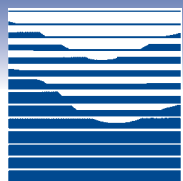
November

- 13 Interrobang – Stephen Kieran, FAIA. 6 p.m. Museum of Contemporary Art, Kettner Blvd. www.InterrobangSD.org.
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting. 5:30 p.m. Location TBA.

December

- 6 SD/ASLA Annual Design Awards The Neurosciences Institute, La Jolla.

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.



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