April 21: Spring Lecture
Andrea Cochran on Immersive Landscapes

Andrea Cochran, FASLA, will be speaking on Immersive Landscapes at our Spring Lecture at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, at the Woodbury School of Architecture, 2212 Main Street in San Diego.

Ms. Cochran will discuss the process of creating landscapes that make visible the ephemeral and transitory elements of our natural world, and will share projects that demonstrate core elements of her studio’s work. Drawing inspiration from early modernist architects and minimalist artists, Cochran composes powerful relationships by using ordered architectural form together with the permeable, mutable materials of landscape. Her seventeen-person firm places a strong emphasis on the craft of building, detailing, and responding to site conditions, resulting in landscapes that are a powerful extensions of architecture, site, climate and environment.

Winner of the 2014 Cooper Hewitt National Design Award in Landscape Architecture, Ms. Cochran believes that her field has the power to alter perceptions and ultimately initiate a deeper respect for the environment.

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The ASLA SD Executive Board recently welcomed Jennifer Webster as our new VP of Community Outreach. Jen will be working on community outreach programs such as interacting with our local schools on career days (typically junior high and high schools), and helping our ASLA SD Student Chapter at local colleges and junior colleges, which offer horticulture, landscape design and landscape architecture programs. Most importantly, Jen will be working closely with President-Elect Nate Magnusson on our Golf Tournament Community Grant awards. Over the past few years our ASLA SD Golf Tournament has been extremely successful; we’ve been able to provide multiple community grants in a given year. This year we are expanding our outreach by allowing golf tournament sponsors or players to donate directly towards supporting a local ASLA student scholarship/gift fund. These scholarship/gifts will be presented at our annual ASLA SD Student Design Awards ceremony. We hope this program will encourage friendly competition between our college students and push them to excel in their design curriculum throughout the year. Without our sponsors and donors, ASLA SD would not be able to provide these unique community outreach opportunities.

ASLA SD has scheduled many activities and events for the coming year providing numerous opportunities for sponsors to interact with our membership. There will also be many opportunities for our members to engage in events and activities or become a volunteer with ASLA SD. Don’t be shy, participate.

Finally I would like to announce that we have officially welcomed Katie Hartman to our ASLA SD Executive Board as our new treasurer. Joy Lyndes has been doing a great job in the treasurer position for the past few years and has been mentoring Katie as part of our ASLA SD Financial Committee. Now Katie is ready, willing, and able to take the reigns as our ASLA SD treasurer. Joy will continue to be our financial support liaison as well as continuing as our ASLA SD HALS Committee Chair.

I encourage you to join us at an upcoming event, and take advantage of your membership!
Visibility: April is World Landscape Architecture Month
Matt Wilkins, ASLA

ASLA SD is excited to announce that we will be continuing our outreach campaign for World Landscape Architecture Month (WLAM) in April! This year ASLA will be distributing cards to all members to use when taking photos of landscape architecture projects to be posted on social media sites (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, etc.). This year’s hashtag will be #WLAM2016, and the slogan has changed to “This is Landscape Architecture” to encourage a larger general user audience of students, emerging professionals, designers and other design professionals. Follow ASLASD on Facebook (http://bit.ly/1RwdxGY) and visit our website at www.asa-sandiego.org to learn more and to download the cards. If you do not have your card with you, feel free to take a picture of the project and add the card digitally.

Our chapter will be holding a competition for the month and will highlight the most ‘liked’ photo in an article in the news section of our website. This will be further broadcast using our social media sites. Additionally, we will be re-posting user photos to highlight your efforts. Feel free to use hashtags such as; #landarch, #ASLA, #SDASLA and other relevant tags. You may also tag our social media pages @sdsla for Twitter or @San Diego Chapter of ASLA on Facebook. Please only post appropriate images that represent our profession and the wonderful diversity of projects. Feel free to send photos to the ASLASD Communications Committee or directly to me (matt@ktua.com) if you are not able to post to the aforementioned media sites.

Also in April keep an eye out for the PBS special 10 Parks That Changed America. The show will air on Tuesday, April 12 on PBS and will be available to stream on the PBS website shortly after it debuts. PBS describes it as:

10 Parks That Changed America is a whirlwind tour of America’s architectural treasures including great homes like Fallingwater and Monticello, masterpieces of landscape design like Central Park and the High Line, and triumphs of town planning like Philadelphia and Portland. Each episode stops by 10 places that changed the nation.

Watch the official trailer at http://video.wttw.com/video/2365601074/. The hashtag is #10Parks.

Our chapter will have additional copies of the April issue of Landscape Architecture Magazine to pass out during WLAM. Doctors’ offices, dentists’ offices, civil and architectural offices and other waiting areas make great places to share these magazines. Please contact Tracy if you would like to have extra copies to distribute around town.

Last year our chapter was pleased to launch our very own Communications Committee which has been building steam ever since. This committee works on outreach to all members and the general public and is responsible for the ongoing posts that are seen on our social media platforms, upkeep of our website, and outreach to various print media sources. If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee, feel free to reach out to me directly. As always, we all have a roll in the outreach, advocacy and public visibility of our chapter and profession. Thank you all for your continuous efforts, and I look forward to a great WLAM and spring. Be sure to get outdoors and spread the word! Matt Wilkins, ASLA, matt@ktua.com

Join Us at the Design Award Event on June 9 at Liberty Station
The 2016 SD/ASLA Design Awards program focuses on celebrating the vital accomplishments of our Chapter members and the profession at large. Over 40 entries were submitted and will be reviewed by a panel of professional Jurors April 8.

We have scheduled a longer networking reception preceding the Design Awards celebration to give members the opportunity to view the Student Design Awards exposition and network with peers. To sponsor or attend the Design Awards evening event, see the enclosed registration/sponsorship form.

Volunteers to assist with the presentation and event set up are encouraged to contact co-chairs Todd Schechinger at tschechinger@schmidtdesign.com or Tim Smith at Tim@wynn-smith.com.

Chapter Community Grant Program Seeks Nonprofit Referrals
Each year, our Chapter mails a community grant application to over 200 nonprofits and over 100 community planning groups in the City and County of San Diego. We understand the majority of these groups rely on volunteer leaders to both manage their organization and seek financial support. The recipients of the Chapter’s $5,000 grant are asked to incorporate the services of a local landscape architect so our members are intimately involved in these projects. If you are familiar with a nonprofit (502 c 3 or 4) that has been in existence for at least three years and has a proposed project that would be ready to launch on or shortly after December 1, 2016, please send us their contact information (name, organization, address, email and phone) by May 10 so we can mail or email a copy of the community grant application to organizations interested in enhancing or restoring the landscape in public areas (schools, parks, community gardens, business corridors, etc.). Contact Jennifer Webster at jenwebster@precisionlandscapeinc.com for more information.
SDASLA Executive Committee Nomination Form

ASLA San Diego encourages you to participate in the Chapter’s leadership by serving as an Officer, Vice President, CA Council Director or Trustee on the SDASLA Executive Committee. Service on the SDASLA Executive Committee will enable you to learn more about your profession and enjoy the benefits of networking and working with fellow members of your industry.

Simply review Executive Committee position qualifications, complete your information, check where you are interested in serving and fax the Nomination Form to SDASLA. We will contact you to discuss your interest in serving on SDASLA’s 2016-2017 Executive Committee.

Deadline to nominate is Monday, June 13 by 5 pm.

Nominee (print name): ____________________________________________________________

Nominator (complete even if self-nominating): ______________________________________

Phone: __________________________ Email: _________________________________

☐ President Elect (Full/Fellow/3 year term): Assists President and presides in President’s absence. Assumes Presidency in cases of illness or resignation. Coordinates all chapter fundraising (annual sponsorships and golf tournament). Attends ASLA Mid-Year Legislative and National Conference Chapter Presidents Council meetings. Support Emerging Professionals & Students. Serves as President and Past President the following 2 years. Attends/reports at monthly Executive Committee.

☐ California Council of ASLA Board Rep (Full/Fellow/2 year term): Represents San Diego Chapter to provide feedback and direction on state laws, regulations and policies impacting landscape architects in California. Works with other three CA ASLA Chapters to defend state licensure and the industry with state policy makers and regulators. Attends/reports at monthly Executive Committee.

☐ Secretary (Full/Fellow/Associate/1 year term): Gather monthly Executive Committee agenda items & take/transcribe minutes at meetings and distributes to Board. Coordinates Executive Committee candidate nomination. Notices candidates of their election each Aug/Sept. Maintains Constitution, Bylaws, Board Roster and ED contract. Attends/reports at monthly Executive Committee.

☐ VP Programs/Education (Full Member/2 year term): Coordinates Lecture Series speakers, venue and catering. Coordinates LARE Review sessions and instructors. Works with other VPs to organize Chapter Meeting topics and speakers. Submits list of event details for newsletter and website. Attends & reports monthly to Executive Committee.

☐ VP Community Outreach (Full Member/2 year term): Coordinates the annual Community Grant and School Outreach activities. Submits list of events for newsletter and website. Attends & reports monthly to Executive Committee.

☐ VP Visibility/Public Affairs (Full Member/2 year term): Oversees chapter public relations by organizing media advisories & press releases to local media regarding Chapter events and key issues. Launch Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and ASLA website blog member discussions and event updates. Review website content to ensure it reflects current sponsors and activities. Coordinate member involvement in key issues impacting the industry. Attends & reports monthly to Executive Committee.

For a full description of each Board position description and qualifications for serving on the San Diego ASLA Executive Committee email ASLASD@sbcglobal.net or call (619) 283-8818.

Fax completed Nomination Form to (619) 222-8154 or e-mail nominations to ASLASD@sbcglobal.net by Monday, June 13, 2016

1050 Rosecrans St, Ste B, San Diego CA 92106 P 619.283.8818/F 222-8154 aslasd@sbcglobal.net
As CCASLA President, and now, Government Affairs Liaison, one of the primary complaints I have received from practicing landscape architects is the legal issues surrounding indemnity clauses in design services contracts. This has been especially problematic in public works contracts. Past attempts to address these indemnity issues through the legislative process have proven only marginally positive. Senate Bill 885 (Wolk) - Construction contracts: indemnity, has been introduced this legislative session, to hopefully, and finally address this legal issue. The bill as currently proposed would specify, for construction contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2017, that a design professional, as defined, only has the duty to defend claims that arise out of, or pertain or relate to, negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the design professional. Under the bill, a design professional would not have a duty to defend claims against any other person or entity arising from a construction project, except that person or entity's reasonable defense costs arising out of the design professional's degree of fault, as specified. The bill would prohibit waiver of these provisions and would provide that any clause in a contract that requires a design professional to defend claims against other persons or entities is void and unenforceable.

CCASLA has set support of this bill as its top legislative priority for the current year. As the bill proceeds through the legislative process, all practicing landscape architects will be encouraged to write their legislators to support its passage. This is an excellent opportunity to finally put to rest a great hindrance to many landscape architects who remain burdened with this legal provision to many contracts.

On other issues of concern, CCASLA continues to monitor and respond to activities of the Independent Technical Panel, which is tasked with preparation of a report to the legislature regarding Landscape Water Use Efficiency. The primary focus of the report is on development of new and updated policies and regulations to support implementation of the updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO). CCASLA has been focusing its comments on workforce issues contained in the report. A major point of this effort has been to educate the panel on the importance of professional licensure both as a means to measure minimum professional competency and in protecting the public health, safety, and welfare. This has included defense of the Landscape Architects Practice Act and current provisions affecting exceptions and exemptions to the practice of landscape architecture. CCASLA will continue to act in the best interests of licensees in defending against efforts to weaken current practice/consumer laws.

CCASLA also continues to monitor activities of the Little Hoover Commission, which was recently re-convened to review occupational licensing. The focus of the review is the impact of occupational licensing on upward mobility and opportunities for entrepreneurship and innovation for Californians, particularly those of modest means—or so advocates of the commission state. The commission also will examine the result of occupational licensing on the cost and availability of services provided by licensed practitioners to consumers, as well as assess the connection between occupational licensing regulations and the underground economy. The commission will explore the balance between protecting consumers and enabling Californians to enter the occupation of their choice.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding any of these issues, please contact me at jswreschinsky@pacbell.net or 619-916-6956.
In Memorium
Passing of Two Members

David Strickland
David Strickland was a defender of landscape architecture licensure and a supporter of Balboa Park and the San Diego Japanese Friendship Garden. He passed away November 18, 2015, and is survived by his husband, Dr. Andrew Zakarian.

David Strickland was a mentor to me when I was first hired by the ASLA in 2004. He helped me understand the industry and how important it is to protect the licensure of landscape architects, while competitors have tried to minimize the role of landscape architects at the local and state level.

In addition to his service on the local board, David served several terms as a San Diego Director of the California Council of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CCASLA). He and the CCASLA Board also hired me to manage CCASLA to tap into my experience working in the California State Legislature. Many members don’t see the efforts of CCASLA leaders like David Strickland, Nick DeLorenzo and Jon Wreschinsky (one of our two current CCASLA Directors). Over the years, they have worked tirelessly to make sure the voice of landscape architects is heard by state legislators and state agencies that regulate the profession. They have also worked to educate legislators and regulators about the many years of education and training it takes to become a professional practitioner and the value of landscape architects to the community.

Born on March 23, 1952 in Culver City, Dave Strickland joined the army after high school and served as an army operating room tech. He attended Arizona State University and earned a Master’s degree in landscape architecture from Cal Poly Pomona.

He worked as a landscape architect for San Diego County and CalTrans until his retirement in 2012.

Always striving to make San Diego a more beautiful place, a few of his favorite projects during his thirty-one-year career included SR 163 through Balboa Park (especially the up lighting of the Cabrillo bridge), SR 94 and Siempre Viva interchange on the SR 905, and a multitude of projects in San Diego’s back country. Other past involvement included the US Forestry Service, 2003 President of the San Diego Chapter of ASLA, 2004 Vice President of CCASLA, ASLA San Diego’s representative to the Balboa Park Committee, member of the Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee and Secretary of the Japanese Friendship Garden.

Dave had a great love of making our surroundings more esthetically beautiful and environmentally friendly and strove to make life better for all. He also loved to travel and visited more than 40 countries and all seven continents. He was always interested in seeking out the native environments of the many foreign plant species used in landscaping in San Diego.

Members who knew or worked with Dave, are encouraged to share their memories on SDASLA’s Facebook page through a link on the website at www.asla-sandiego.org.

Takeo Uesugi
Takeo Uesugi had an interesting connection to David Strickland as a professional consultant to the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park. He was well known for his work designing the Japanese Garden at the Huntington Library and the James Irvine Garden at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles.

Uesugi’s early years were filled with the hardships of post-World-War-II Japan. Fortunately, his father’s spiritual devotion and his family’s support put him on a path to practicing landscape architecture and missionary work in the United States. He was the fourteenth generation of uekiya (Japanese garden craftsmen) in his family, and following his father, he also became a second-generation head minister of the Tenrikyo Church.

Mr. Uesugi was born March 25, 1940 in Osaka, Japan and earned a BS at the University of Osaka Prefecture and then undertook graduate studies in landscape architecture in the Department of Forestry at Kyoto University. He received his MLA in 1967 from UC Berkeley.

In December 1967, Uesugi returned to Japan to design the landscape of the Japan Pavilion for the Japan World Exposition of 1970 that took place in Osaka. The architectural firm Nikken Sekkei was contracted to build this signature piece for the exposition, and Uesugi was asked to serve as a key design consultant. He invited landscape architect Robert Murase, who was in Kyoto at the time, to join him on the design team. Both men were interested in contemporary Japanese landscapes and viewed the project as an opportunity to create a model for future design in Japan. It was during this time that Uesugi began to synthesize Modernist sensibilities with the aesthetics of Japanese gardens. The result was rustic and tranquil spaces marked by refined simplicity and asymmetric balance that responded to local topography and climatic conditions.

While in Japan, Uesugi was hired to teach landscape architecture at Kyoto University, where he met his future wife, Hiroko, whom he married in 1969. The Japan Pavilion was completed in 1970 and Uesugi returned to the United States later that year to become a full-time faculty member in landscape architecture at Cal Poly Pomona, where he would teach for over thirty years.

In 1981, Uesugi received his PhD in landscape architecture from Kyoto University. That same year the American Association of Nurserymen awarded the James Irvine Garden its National Landscape Award, which was bestowed by First Lady Nancy Reagan during a ceremony at the White House. Uesugi became a Fellow of the ASLA in 2001.

After Uesugi’s retirement his practice was maintained by his youngest son, Keiji, who is also a landscape architect. Uesugi lived with Hiroko, his wife of over forty-five years, in West Covina, California until his death January 26, 2016.

Members who knew or worked with Takeo Uesugi are encouraged to share their memories on SDASLA’s Facebook page through a link on the website at www.asla-sandiego.org.

Thanks to Dennis Otsuji, FASLA, Robin Shifflet, ASLA and Michelle Landis, ASLA for contributing to this article.
San Diego Chapter Member Standings

Congratulations to the following members for reaching membership milestones (member anniversaries in April through June are for continuous membership).

Welcome To New Members
Philip J. Armstrong, ASLA
Sonja Mitrovic
Stephen Nunez, Associate ASLA
Jennifer E. Webster, Associate ASLA

31 to 41 Years
1975     Ralph Stone
1982     Diana Biegner
1983     Barbara Gilman, David Reed
1984     William Burton
1985     Kurt Carlson, Marian Marum-Rank, Michael Singleton, Sharon Singleton
1986     Patrick Caughey

21 to 30 Years
1988     Robin Shifflet
1989     Steven Sherman
1990     Kevin Cook, Martin Poirier
1991     Bruce Dugmore
1993     Frank Brower, Catherine Cole
1994     Denis LaClaire
1995     Cherie Vaughn

11 to 20 Years
1996     John Holloway, Harold Mestyanek, Bernard Wenzig
1998     Scott Sandel
1999     Nelly Chung
2001     Edward Whitehouse
2002     Kathryn Kanaan, Michael Nichols
2003     Jim Martin
2004     Lisa Chestnut, Marcie Harris, Brad Lents
2005     James Benedetti, Martin Flores, Todd Fry, Alexander Nagel

6 to 10 Years
2007     Darren Jacobsen
2008     Patrick Hickman
2009     Kevin Krenke
2010     Bradley Lenahan, Gary Rulse

1 to 5 Years
2011     Richard Apel, Gail Zerbe
2013     Amelia Capron, Curtis McMahon, Cristina Soutwood
2014     Evan Burbridge, Mark Carpenter, Christopher Langdon, David Pearson
2015     Kathleen Brand, Nathan Elliott, Michelle Langdon, Ryan Prange

The works of Cochran’s San Francisco-based firm, Andrea Cochran Landscape Architecture, invite users to forge new relationships with their surroundings. By juxtaposing ordered architectural forms with the permeable, mutable materials of landscape, Ms. Cochran’s projects draw attention to important moments in nature and highlight changes over time. Through considering art, architecture and landscape in their totality, Cochran emphasizes the experiential qualities of the built environment to cultivate a deeper, timeless connection of the user to their surroundings and ultimately nature itself.

Please register at http://aslaspringlecture.bpt.net. The event is free for members, students and Woodbury faculty and staff, and $10 for non-members and walk-ins.
ATTENDEE REGISTRATION & SPONSOR FORM

We appreciate the support of landscape architect and vendor firms to help underwrite the cost of the 2016 ASLA Design Awards Reception, Awards Event and Celebration.

Thursday, June 9, 2016, 5:00pm – 9:30pm
The McMillin Event Center at Liberty Station
2875 Dewey Rd, San Diego, CA 92106

Attendee Registration:  Send check to 1050 Rosecrans St., Ste. B, San Diego CA 92106, or register online@ http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2524488
[ ] Full Professionals $65  [ ] Students $35
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  • Signage at the registration and reception areas and logo in PowerPoint
  • Recognition on the website and in the ASLASD Newsletter

[ ] Pre and Post Awards Reception Sponsors—$300
  • One Complimentary Ticket to the event (include attendee name)
  • Listing in program
  • Signage at the reception area
  • Recognition in the ASLASD Newsletter

[ ] Student Design Awards Sponsors—$85 Sponsor per student/multiple student awards entrants
  • Host one (1) student awards entrant ($85) you will receive: Listing in program as a Student Sponsor.
  • Host two (2) student awards entrants ($170) In addition to the above you will receive: Signage at the Student Exposition reception area as a Student Exposition sponsor
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2016 SDASLA STEWARDSHIP AWARD
NOMINATION FORM

The San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects initiated the SDASLA Stewardship Award to recognize local leadership that has contributed significantly to environmental leadership, vision and stewardship or a combination of these items. Stewardship is at the forefront of our profession and we should position our organization and landscape architects in general to have a leadership role in sustainability throughout the San Diego region.

**Purpose:** The SDASLA STEWARDSHIP AWARD recognizes significant contributions to environmental leadership, vision and stewardship or a combination of these items.

**Eligibility:** Individuals, firms, programs, organizations or agencies may be nominated.

Nominee: ________________________________

Title: ________________________________

Due Date: May 9, 2016 ________________________________

Nominator (active SDASLA member): ________________________________

1.) How has the nominee contributed to environmental leadership and/or stewardship?

2.) Identify specific projects or programs that are directly a result of the nominee’s interaction.

3.) What is the vision or message that the nominee is trying to convey from an environmental/sustainability perspective?

Thanks for your nomination by May 9, 2016 – please forward nomination form to ASLASD@sbcglobal.net or fax to 619.222.8151

Questions? Contact SDASLA 2015 President, Tim Smith at Tim@Wynn-Smith.com

For a copy of this form in MS Word email us at ASLASD@sbcglobal.net
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Emerging Professionals Committee Mentoring Program
Katie Hartman, ASLA

The Emerging Professional Committee (EPC) is for anyone who is not yet a licensed Landscape Architect and is looking to connect with their local peers in the area. We have several events coming up this year, including L.A.R.E. study sessions, guest speakers, meet-ups, and volunteer opportunities. Check the calendar on page 3, or the calendar on our website at asla-sandiego.org for information on events. We will also be continuing our mentorship program, which was initiated last year.

The EPC mentorship program successfully pairs emerging professionals with seasoned landscape architects in the San Diego area. Having a mentor is a great way to gain career advice and insight from successful, local landscape architects. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or a mentee, or would like to be notified of upcoming events, please contact me at katie@urbanarena.com.

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