Annual Holiday Gala

We are approaching the time of year again for many holiday parties, and your ASLA chapter will not be left out of the event planning experience. Historically our Annual Holiday Gala has had a brief socializing time, then a sit down dinner with a board presentation. This year, with the help of San Diego’s best party planners Amelia Capron and Jennifer Webster, we have planned an evening for all of us to spend more time socializing. We have a great new hip venue (Luce Loft) downtown, great appetizers from Continental Catering (the same people who served us at the Design Awards this year), drinks and more time to hang out with each other.

As we did for this year’s design awards, we want to provide more time to socialize with our sponsors, friends and new members, so we have opted for delicious appetizers with tray servers instead of a sit down dinner. Thank you to Michael Derewenko, with Jain Irrigation, for helping with the food this year.

Come join us on December 15 at Luce Loft, 1037 J St., from 6:00-9:00 pm.
from the President
Thank you! Let me be the first to say it!

It was truly an honor to be representing our awesome ASLA San Diego Chapter during the past year. I have been told many times while attending the ASLA National Conference that our chapter is one of the most organized and progressive and is touted as one of the best all-around chapters in the nation. YES. It is true, we are. This is due to a group of people who have dedicated countless hours and served for years to provide a tremendous amount of volunteer effort to entertain you and to promote our profession. I want to thank the 2015/2016 Executive Board for all their hard work, dedication and commitment to the San Diego Chapter. These ASLA SD executive committee board members freely volunteer personal time and energy to make our chapter such a great success.

So much can be said about our executive committee board members that I could fill this entire newsletter, so I will try to be as brief as possible.

The 2015 / 2016 ASLA SD Executive Committee Board included members like Past President Tim Smith who has served as Chair of our Stewardship Committee, our Design Awards Committee, our Golf Tournament Committee, our Residential Practitioners Committee, plus many others. Tim’s leadership, devotion and dedication has been a key factor in all our major activities and ASLA events over the past few years.

Nate Magnusson is our President-Elect this year, and we set high goals for sponsorship and industry partnership. Kudos to Nate. He has reached far beyond what we had projected for the year.

Jon Wreschinsky, who has served for years in all different roles of ASLA, most recently served as the California Council of ASLA Director. He’s truly our legislative ”Superman” on Sacramento issues and at our National ASLA level. This year Jon was awarded with the ASLA National Advocacy Award for all his “watchdog” efforts for the protection of our license as well as legislative issues that affect our practice. This is an extremely impressive honor, and Jon deserves it more than anyone I know.

Mike Nichols is our second CCASLA Director with Jon. It is definitely a two-person job, and Jon just can’t do it all by himself.

Troy Waisanen has served as our secretary for the past year. Troy has been accurate and punctual with all the executive committee correspondence and reports.

Mark Steyart is our ASLA National Trustee. He keeps us on the forefront of national ASLA issues and offers valuable advice on many major chapter policy and regulatory issues.

Matt Wilkins is our VP of Visibility and Public Affairs. Matt organizes and oversees the ASLA SD Chapter’s Communications Committee. He facilitates our press releases (print and electronic) along with our PR Consultant Delle Willett. Matt has also been instrumental in getting information updated on our website and our social media sites.

Jonathan Austin is our VP of Membership. He has excelled in keeping our membership progressing upward by constant outreach to our new student members, full, associate and affiliate members.

Joe Dodd is VP of Programs and Social Activities. So basically, Joe likes to party! And this year he didn’t let us down! We’ve had a handful of great social events throughout the year. I hope you had a chance to attend some of them.

Amelia Capron is our VP of Programs & Education. This year she conjured up some amazing guest lecturers. Her lecture events are not only inspirational, but are also a reason to socialize and party with some of the most respected Landscape Architects in the country.

Jennifer Webster stepped in as our VP of Community Outreach and has been instrumental in our youth promotion program by reaching out to schools for their career days to promote our profession. Jennifer also organizes our community grant and our student scholarship design awards program.

Todd Schechinger, along with Tim Smith, was a co-chair for this year’s ASLA SD Chapter Design Awards event. The 2016 Design Awards event was by far one of the smoothest and well organized events we’ve had in years. Marian Marum is the Chair of the County Water Authority Conservation Action Committee. Her role is to vet extremely important information and conservation mandates from state and local agencies to our membership. Joy Lyndes took on the HALS Committee Chair and has been seeking and documenting locally significant landscapes for historic preservation and recordation. Tom Picard is our Golf Tournament Co-Chair with President-Elect Nate. But let’s be real, Tom is the golf guru (chair). He mainly organizes the sponsorships, donations, players, etc. The golf tourney is amazing, and it gets bigger, crazier and better every year thanks to Tom and his army of golf minions.

So where does that leave us? One final person, Tracy Morgan Hollingworth our Executive Director. Like a conductor of a symphony, she keeps us all in tune, on time, and on the same page. And yes, it’s like herding cats. Thank you all for your service.

Serving as your president and working with this amazing executive committee board has been an extremely rewarding experience. I would highly recommend to you, our members, to get involved and participate. The ASLA National Conference is going to be in San Diego in 2019. Join up now and be a part of something fun and exciting. There are several committees you can be a part of, and we are currently looking to fill future board positions. You will be impressed with our efforts to promote this great profession of Landscape Architecture.

Finally, and most importantly we all need to thank our generous sponsors. Without them much of our chapter activities, events, programs and operational needs would not be met. See the complete list of sponsors on the previous page.

Thank you for an experience of a lifetime. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Chapter President.
Membership:
Membership Update
Jonathan Austin, VP Membership

Welcome to new and returning members:
- Sean King, ASLA – LDG Landscape Architect
- John W. Howard, ASLA – Howard Associates
- Andrew Reese, ASLA – ASR Landscape Architecture
- Charles Hoover, Affiliate ASLA - CH Sales Inc. Kichler Lighting, DIG, Solaright
- Monica Mroz, ASLA - Monica Mroz, Landscape Architect
- Jennifer Sabo Spencer, ASLA - Ivy Landscape Architects, Inc.
- Janice M. Wondolleck, Affiliate ASLA - Landscape Resource Group
- Ilesic Formeller, Associate ASLA – Spurlock Landscape Architects

1 to 5 Years
2015 Kevin Robert Henn, ASLA; Stephen Nunez, Associate ASLA; Mike Millard, Affiliate ASLA; Kristin Nix, Affiliate ASLA; Andrew M. Miller, ASLA; Philip J. Armstrong, ASLA
2014 Michael H. Spohr, ASLA; Cheri A. Blatner-Pifer, ASLA; Jonathan S. Austin, Associate ASLA; Kent J. Horner, ASLA
2013 Katie B. Hartman, ASLA; Rocio Gertler, ASLA

2 to 5 Years
2013 Mahalakshmi Balachandran, International ASLA
2011 Juanita P. Ochoa, ASLA; John P. Patterson, ASLA; Troy A. Waisanen, ASLA; Ilisa Goldman, ASLA

6 to 10 Years
2010 David Leonard, ASLA; Caroline Chen, Associate ASLA; Nathaniel Magnusson, ASLA
2008 Kasia Trojanowska, ASLA
2007 Bethany M. Hughes, ASLA; Jeff Justus, ASLA
2006 Navid Mostatabi, ASLA; Robert J. Jones, ASLA

11 to 20 Years
2003 Glen F. Brouwer, ASLA; Jill Van Sickle, ASLA
2002 Patricia M. Trauth, ASLA; Thomas G. McDaniel, ASLA; Gary A. Chapman, ASLA
2001 Michael P. Madsen, ASLA
1999 Bradley S. Hilliker, ASLA
1996 Cynthia S. Benoit, ASLA; Steven A. Hare, ASLA

21 to 30 Years
1995 Timothy M. Smith, ASLA; Lynn E. Brown-Reynolds, ASLA; Caroline R. Lee, ASLA
1993 Steven Smith, Affiliate ASLA

31 to 41 Years
1989 Takendo Arii, ASLA; Anthony D. Lawson, ASLA; Jon Samuel Wreschinsky, ASLA
1986 James C. Kuhlken, ASLA
1985 Jack A. Gorzeman, ASLA
1984 R. Bradley Lewis, ASLA
1983 Gail Decker Garbini, ASLA; Michael W. Peltz, ASLA; Glen Schmidt, FASLA; Kathleen A. Garcia, FASLA
1982 Nicholas F. DeLorenzo, ASLA

Emerging Professionals Committee
Learning from the Pros
Katie Hartman, ASLA – Emerging Professionals Committee Chair

The Emerging Professionals have been busy this year visiting local San Diego firms, hearing from guest speakers, and learning from our local landscape architecture leaders.

Most recently the EPs enjoyed hearing from guest speaker Patricia Trauth (Principal at Rick Engineering) as she shared with us some of her past experience and previous projects, such as the San Diego Airport Expansion.

Tim Smith (professor and President of Wynn Smith Landscape Architecture Inc.) held a very useful grading and drainage crash course assisting the EPs with upcoming portions of the LARE.

We will be hosting another meeting on October 12 to help EP’s start the process for taking the LARE and acquiring their landscape architecture license. See you at our next meeting, Wednesday, October 12th at 6:00pm at Urban Arena’s office!
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ASLA’s Golf Tournament was a HIT!

Many thanks to ASLA’s dedicated golfers, sponsors, and volunteers (above) who had a ball at last month’s golf tournament. Tournament proceeds will benefit the Chapter’s 2017 Community Grant recipient.

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American Society of Landscape Architecture
37th Annual Golf Tournament Contest

Winners
1st place: Neb Keaton, Kim Goldenstein, Steve Lynch, Danny Coats
2nd place: Chris Roesink, Brett Wininger, Aric Sanders, Bryan Love
3rd place: Glen Schmidt, Kevin Oliver, Grant Gordon, Henry Mayer

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Putting Contest (Tie):
Aric Sanders and Dave Preciado

Chipping Contest:
1st place: Martin Schmidt
2nd place: Chris Roesink
3rd place: Jeff Dolan

Closest to the Pins:
Hole #4: Rua Petty
Hole #9: Nick Straabe
Hole #14: Jeff Dolan
Hole #17: Brett Wininger

Long Drives:
Hole #3: Rua Petty
Hole #7: Kathryn Kanaan
Hole #10: Isaac Alford
Hole #18: Lexi Lynberg

Big Thanks to Golf Volunteers
ASLA’s Tournament Chair, Tom Picard (Tributary LA) did a great job bringing in many new sponsors and kept the tournament humming along all the way through the awards program. Thanks Tom for the many years you’ve given to coordinate all the details and stay cool under fire.

Thanks also to the following volunteers who made the check in and registration process smooth, sold a record number of Super tickets to players and sponsors, and delivered lunches and drinks to all our wonderful tee box sponsors.
Rich Risner, Grounded
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Jennifer Webster, Precision Landscape
Bill Shaw, Shade Tree Cool Living
Jackie Higgins, Coast to Coast Landscape Architecture
Amelia Capron, Spurlock Landscape Architecture
Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS):

HALS Committee has been Busy!

Joy Lyndes, ASLA

The San Diego HALS committee is busy! Recently we:
• Worked with the AIA Preservation Committee and Save Our Heritage Organization (SOHO) with guidance from the City of San Diego to fill vacant Historical Resources Board (HRB) seats.
• Submitted the Marston House Gardens HALS Short Form for the 2016 National Parks Service (NPS) HALS Challenge.
• Worked with ASLA San Diego Chapter to develop a web page. http://www.asla-sandiego.org/hals/

We thank HALS Committee member Gail Garbini, PLA, ASLA, Garbini & Garbini for her dedicated service to HRB since 2008. She has left the HRB in good hands with HALS Committee member Todd Pittman, PLA, ASLA, Campus Landscape Architect at UC San Diego who was recently appointment to the HRB. David McCullough, PLA, ASLA, Principal of McCullough Landscape Architecture has also been appointed to the HRB; he joined us at a recent HALS meeting to learn about what we are doing in the HALS Committee.

In July we submitted the Marston House Historic Garden HALS Short Form to National Parks Service for consideration for the 2016 NPS Challenge. We are competing against a near record number of 42 other submissions nationwide. Vonn Marie May was the historian for this document and has written the summary article below. The volunteer team included: Amy Hoffman, PLA, ASLA, Jason Bingham, Landscape Designer, Gail Garbini, PLA, ASLA, Amie K. Hayes, Historic Resources Specialist, SOHO, Michelle Landis, PLA, ASLA, and Joy Lyndes, PLA, ASLA, and San Diego Chapter ASLA HALS Chair & Liaison.

Documenting the Marston House Historic Gardens

By Vonn Marie May

Recently a team of landscape savvy volunteers from the American Society of Landscape Architects San Diego Chapter and Save Our Heritage Organization documented the historic gardens at the George White and Anna Gunn Marston House using the federal program known as HALS, Historic American Landscape Survey.

The HALS documentation technique was born out of the HABS/HAER (Historic American Building Survey/Historic American Engineering Record) program started by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt during the 1930s Depression. Over time, these documentation instruments have become vital, “as-built” primary records of the nation’s historic resources.

The Marston House Gardens, nestled at the northwest edge of Balboa Park, provide a uniquely California interpretation of the English Romantic and Arts & Crafts period landscape designs that were nationwide design movements of the day. The grounds capture both the level topography of western mesa tableland that falls gently into an undulating native canyon, which once culminated in a seasonal streambed below (now Highway 163). The landscape design surrounds the main house, and garden structures are framed and accented by an exotic plant collection originating from distant continents.

The Period of Significance encompasses the full occupancy of the Marston Family from 1905-1987, which begins with the completion of the house construction in 1905 and ends with the death of daughter Mary Marston (1879-1987). George White Marston (1850-1946) and Mary are the two notable family members most associated with the design and implementation of the Marston House Gardens, et al. Nationally recognized New York landscape architect Samuel Parsons, Jr. and
Mixed Progress During 2016 Session
Jon Wreschinsky, CCASLA Delegate

CCASLA has been closely monitoring several legislative bills of importance to the profession. I can report mixed results in regards to enrollment and impacts on practitioners of these bills.

Water conservation in the landscape continues to be an important focus. Several bills that CCASLA closely watched were enrolled this year. These bills primarily focused on irrigation system performance standards (AB 1928), penalties for inefficient water use (SB 814), systematic updates to the Model Water-Efficient Landscape Ordinance (AB 2515), and the requirement of a permit for the installation or expansion of specified automatic irrigation systems (SB 1340).

Perhaps the biggest disappointment was the failure to enact Senate Bill 885 (Wolk) - Construction contracts: indemnity. The Bill would have specified, for construction contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2017, that a design professional, as defined, would have only had 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 had 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 have prohibited the waiving of these provisions and would have provided that any clause in a contract that requires a design professional to defend claims against other persons or entities would be void and unenforceable.

Unfortunately, the bill was pulled at the last minute from the agenda before it could be heard in the Assembly Committee on Judiciary, thus killing the Bill for the current session. CCASLA and its lobbyist worked hard alongside other design organizations to support passage and will continue to support reintroduction of this critical piece of legislation. The key issue appeared to be a difference in opinion as to the approach to addressing risk (indemnity) and the lack of any current insurance product to provide coverage for this risk.

CCASLA is currently working on identifying opportunities for landscape architects to serve on various panels, boards, and commissions at the state, regional, and local levels in a capacity that will lead to increased effect on policy and regulatory development. Please look for forthcoming information regarding these opportunities.

Lastly, I am sad to announce that this will be my last article. It has been a pleasure serving you as one of your CCASLA delegates and I encourage you to continue following this column as Mike Nichols resumes it with the next issue of the newsletter. Also, it is my pleasure to welcome Martin Schmidt of Environ Landscape Architecture, Inc. as my replacement. I am sure that Mike and Marty will do an excellent job in continuing the Chapter’s and CCASLA’s important advocacy mission.

his landscape engineer partner, George Cooke, were responsible for the physical design of the early 1905 period in close consultation with Kate O. Sessions, pioneer horticulturist.

During a significant upgrade in the late 1920s, John Nolen, another nationally recognized landscape architect, struck a new design for the grounds with special emphasis on the formal garden on the north side. Nolen dispatched a young California landscape architect, Thomas D. Church, to begin the design process; eventually, landscape architects Hale Walker and Justin Hartzog from the Nolen office completed the design in full collaboration with Mary and George Marston.

The George W. Marston House (George White and Anna Gunn Marston House) was historically designated by HABS recodation, initiated by Mary Marston. The Marston Gardens were separately designated as historic by the City of San Diego on August 22, 1990, Historic Site #287. The Marston Gardens represent the lasting legacy of one of San Diego’s most important civic patrons, George White Marston. The intact home and grounds reflect the genteel taste of the Marston family, who in the early 20th century elevated landscape settings by example toward an aesthetic that continues to convey its relevance in our temperate and floral landscapes of today.

NOTE: Several significant historic resources in San Diego County can be found on the HABS website: http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hhl/. Just type in ‘San Diego,’ and you’ll be amazed at what has been documented by way of measured drawings and archival photography. Most of the items are also within the public domain and can be downloaded.
This year marks the centennial of the National Park Service and its century of protecting our country’s most important historical sites and most incredible landscapes. On August 25, the National Park Service (NPS) celebrated 100 years of service and ASLA members used iAdvocate to send tweets to their federal legislators in support of the Centennial Challenge Fund. The fund would finance NPS signature construction, maintenance, and education projects by matching private contributions with federal dollars. Congress returned in September and is expected to begin consideration of a Centennial Challenge bill. This legislation is vitally important to the protection of these “crown jewels” because NPS is facing a $12 billion deferred maintenance backlog.

Landscape architects have a deep connection to the National Park Service (NPS). The profession played a key role in the passage of the National Park Service Organic Act, legislation that established the NPS in 1916. Leading this charge, was Fredrick Law Olmsted (the father of landscape architecture) and Fredrick Law Olmsted Jr. (I guess then the son of the father of landscape architecture).

The following is an excerpt from the National Association of Olmsted Parks:

Any exploration into the founding philosophy of America’s national parks inevitably leads one to the Olmsteds. Frederick Law Olmsted’s prescient vision for Yosemite (and all public lands) in 1865 and the timely contribution by Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. of a statement of purposes for the National Park Service’s 1916 Organic Act have had profound and lasting consequences for the nation and the world.

While his father, Frederick Law Olmsted, had argued “that portions of natural scenery be properly guarded and cared for by the government,” he had also cautioned that these places not become playgrounds of only the privileged few. There should be a sacrosanct commitment to make them widely accessible “for the free use of the whole body of the people forever.” This theme resonates in the wording of the statement of purposes by Olmsted Jr. in the 1916 Act and also in a letter he wrote to Frank Pierce, Acting Secretary of the Interior, counseling that the national parks be managed “promoting public recreation and public health through the use and enjoyment by the people…of the natural scenery and objects of interest.” If it can be said Olmsted and Olmsted Jr. left their mark on the soul of the National Park Service, it can certainly be said that the Olmsted’s landscape architectural firm shaped some important parts of its body. The firm was responsible for projects in Acadia, Everglades, Great Smoky Mountains and Yosemite. A partial listing of projects in the nation’s capital reads like a guide to the National Park Service managed sites of Washington, D.C., including the Mall, Jefferson Memorial, Roosevelt Island, White House grounds and Rock Creek Park. In his later years, Olmsted Jr. actively worked for the protection of California’s coastal redwoods and lived to see Redwood National Park’s Olmsted Grove dedicated in his honor.

Embedded in Olmsted senior’s 1865 Yosemite Report is the phrase “faith in the refinement of a republic.” Perhaps there is no more fitting way to sum up the national park legacy of the Olmsteds and their many collaborators than to say their faith lives on in a system of nearly 400 national park areas, reflecting the high purpose and refinement of a democratic nation and its citizenry.

We, as landscape architects, as stewards of the land, have been the primary voice in the design, planning, and analysis of our natural and built environments. Nowhere has our influence been so dramatic as in ASLA member contributions to the National Park System. What a beautiful legacy!
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