Cabrillo National Monument receives Community Grant

2017 Community Grant Recipient:
Cabrillo National Monument in Collaboration with the San Diego Native Plant Society

By Jennifer Webster, ASLA  SD/ASLA Vice President Community Outreach

We are pleased to announce that The Cabrillo National Monument Visitors Center in collaboration with the San Diego Native Plant Society have been awarded our annual $5,000.00 SD/ASLA Community Grant. With the guidance of San Diego native plant expert Greg Ruben as well as documents and planning prepared by local Landscape Architects, the project will involve native habitat restoration and enhancement within 15 outdoor areas in the vicinity of the Cabrillo National Monument Visitor’s Center complex. A total area of 5,990 square feet shall be affected by the enhancement. Of the 5,990 square feet, 4,392 square feet are known to be disturbed areas, and 1,598 square feet of landscaped areas will be enhanced by introducing a selection of native plants designed in alignment with the existing ornamental species to remain in these areas.

This project is a collaboration between the Cabrillo National Monument staff and

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Thank you to all our 2016 annual sponsors. This past year we offered new sponsorship levels and benefit programs, and many sponsors took advantage of this opportunity. Without the support of our generous sponsors many of our ASLA SD events, activities, and community outreach programs would not be possible.

Over the past few years our ASLA SD Golf Tournament has been extremely successful. So much so that we have been able to provide multiple Community Grants in a year.

Throughout this past year ASLA SD provided numerous opportunities for sponsors to interact with our members at social gatherings ensuring a strong relationship between designers and manufacturers.

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Happy New Year to all ASLA chapter members, professional affiliates, and our valued sponsors!

I’m honored to have been selected as your Chapter President for 2017! Our chapter has been improving every year in its efforts to support you and the profession, and this year we will be looking for more ways to serve you.

I want to thank Rich Risner (2016 President), Tim Smith, and Jon Wreschinsky for their commitment to and leadership of our chapter over the past years. I am truly honored to have had the opportunity to learn from each of them. I also want to recognize Jon for receiving the ASLA Advocacy Leadership Award last year, which recognizes a chapter member for demonstrating outstanding leadership in advancing ASLA’s advocacy goals!

Our focus for 2017 will be to continue promoting the landscape architecture profession in our local communities through outreach, events, and leadership. I also want to promote our parks and open spaces, public spaces, and all projects that support health and well being in our region. As you are aware, landscape architecture has a huge impact on improving the quality of life for all members of our community. Our projects inspire people of all ages and shape the towns and cities we live in. Let’s continue to take pride in our work to create spaces that will be enjoyed today and for many generations to come. If you have a project that you feel has provided a positive impact to the fabric of our community, please submit it to aslasd@sbcglobal.net. We are able to feature member projects on our website, as well as help with potential press and news-related opportunities. As a member of ASLA SD, we want you to take full advantage of everything our chapter has to offer.

While ASLA San Diego does much for you and landscape architecture, I can attest to the increased personal benefit one gains by actively participating with ASLA. We are still in search of someone to fill the position of president elect, which is a tremendous opportunity for you or someone you know to get involved. One of the great benefits of being president elect is having the opportunity to meet landscape architects from around the country, building your professional network, and gaining national perspective on our profession. If you want to get involved in other ways, we invite you to attend the Annual ASLA San Diego Kick-Off Meeting on January 12, 2017!

Finally, I would like to thank our many sponsors for their continued support. Without them, we would not be able to do many of the activities that support the profession. Please remember to show your appreciation to our sponsors in your work.
Landscape Architecture Gains Visibility Via Service on Boards and Commissions

Tracy Morgan Hollingworth, CAE, MPA, Exec Director ASLA San Diego and CCASLA

Many San Diego Chapter members have served on local Boards and Commissions which help public agency staff understand the value landscape architects bring in developing new public policies.

Most cities and counties have a page on their website listing both the term expirations for various board members and commissioners and vacancies that become available.

If you have an interest in joining a municipal board, our Chapter can send a letter of support for their local City Councilmember know they are applying for an appointment.

The list of cities and the county board and commission opportunities below are just a snapshot of the types of Boards that advise City Councils and municipal staff. The links to view the Boards will be posted on our website in January and will include all 18 cities and County of San Diego websites.

City of Carlsbad
- Boards LA’s may be interested in: Arts, Beach Preservation, Historic Preservation, Housing Commission, Redevelopment Oversight, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Traffic Safety

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San Diego County
- Lists – http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/cob/bcac/boardfacts.html
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City of Solana Beach
- Process – http://www.ci.solana-beach.ca.us/index.asp?SEC=E6F68CBF-9AF1-4BF8-8A71-DC1779EE88BA&Type=B_BASIC
- Boards LA’s may be interested in: Climate Action Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Public Arts Commission, View Assessment Commission

(continued from page 1: Community Grant) volunteers from the Native Garden Committee of the California Native Plant Society, San Diego (CNPPSSD) Chapter. The purpose of the project is to provide native habitat enhancement/beautification of the grounds immediately associated with the Visitor’s Center complex that is both sustainable and educational, thereby fulfilling simultaneous objectives of the U.S National Park Service (USNPS).

The CNPPSSD Native Garden Committee includes certified landscape architects who will create working construction-level drawings of the native habitat restoration and enhancement areas including planting plans and specifications. The planting plans will illustrate plant types and container sizes (based on known vertical heights and radial coversages at maturity), spacing, and non-vegetative elements including, but not limited to, boulders, DG/gravel pathways, dry streambed features, trellises, shade structures, benches, informal seating/ gathering areas, and kiosks, as appropriate. The actual work will be performed by a combination of Cabrillo National Monument workers/ contractors and CNPPSSD volunteers.

In addition to the extraordinary collaborative efforts that make up this project we feel it also yields to significant visibility to the profession of Landscape Architecture and highlights the chapter’s vision to contribute to sustainability and community enhancement in San Diego County.
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ASLA San Diego Spring Lecture Event

Matthew MacLeod, VP Programs/Education

The design team of public artists TJ Dixon and James Nelson and landscape architect Barry Anderson will be speaking about the powerful potential of intensive collaborative design work for large public spaces at our spring lecture event in late March or April.

TJ and James are San Diego-based sculptors who frequently collaborate with architects and landscape architects on large scale installations in the landscape. Their portfolio spans a range of public and private sites and includes children’s gardens, healing gardens, fountains, memorials, portraits, donor recognition, public plazas, and buildings. Their award-winning body of work distinguishes numerous sites through thoughtful implementation of emotive sculpture and environmental design. For twenty years they have collaborated on many projects at Clemson University with lead designer Barry Anderson, ASLA, of Clemson University Planning + Design.

This lecture series presentation will center on the close collaboration of these three talented individuals in the different stages of development of The Scroll of Honor Memorial Park, a memorial to Clemson University alumni who have given their lives in service to their country over the past 125 years.

Watch for venue and presentation date information coming in early 2017.

The Scroll of Honor Memorial Park is a memorial to Clemson University alumni who have given their lives in service to their country over the past 125 years.

The Scroll of Honor was designed by T.J. Dixon and James Nelson in collaboration with Barry Anderson, landscape architect, Clemson University and Urban Edge Studio.
Annual Holiday Party – Thanks for a great year!

The Chapter closed out its 40th anniversary celebration in style at our Annual Holiday Meeting held at Luce Loft downtown on December 15. The event was made possible by the generous donations of many of our members and sponsors.

Many thanks to JAIN USA’s Michael Derwenko who sponsored the reception food helping us provide a great selection of tasty appetizers for attendees.

Ewing Irrigation’s Mike Facon and Rain Bird’s Greg Steele and Mark Hall sponsored the excellent event venue.

David Reed Landscape Architects and Concrete Collaborative’s Chad Balsis helped provide ample holiday cheer as bar sponsors.

Marilyn Chambers, of Tri-C Organics generously sponsored our Cabrillo Monument Community Grant attendees’ event registration.

David Skalka, principal of Avalon Amenities, was our DJ for the evening, providing great tunes to ring in the new year.

The excellent event committee co-chaired by Past President Tim Smith and Chapter VPs Amelia Capron and Jennifer Webster, tied the whole event together with a presentation thanking the 2015-2016 Executive Committee, welcoming the 2016-2017 Executive Committee and thanking our generous 2016 Annual Sponsors.
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Welcome to a new year and to our new and returning members:
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Member Anniversaries
Congratulations to the following members for reaching membership milestones (member anniversaries in January through March are for continuing membership).
How You Can Be Involved with CCASLA

Mike Nichols, ASLA, CCASLA Delegate

What is CCASLA, and how can I become involved in local Community Service?

CCASLA is the acronym for the California Council of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Its membership is comprised of two elected members from each of the four California Chapters of ASLA (San Diego, Southern California, Sierra, and Northern California). Collectively the members of CCASLA work together with Executive Director Tracy Morgan Hollingworth and Legislative Advocate Terri Thomas, of Thomas Advocacy, Inc. in Sacramento, to monitor bills proposed by the state legislature, review regulatory changes at the state level, and advise on any proposed citizen initiatives that could impact the profession or licensure of landscape architects in California. The CCASLA's efforts to monitor all of these activities and advocate on behalf of the entire profession at the state level are funded through your dues as a member of ASLA.

Recently, CCASLA members discussed the importance of having more landscape architects appointed to, or elected to serve on local and state-level boards, councils, commissions, or committees. Our education and professional experience as landscape architects provides us with a unique understanding and skillset to advocate on issues and influence the development of public policies that revolve around the built and natural environment. Having more landscape architects in these leadership roles can only help to positively influence and grow our profession’s position in the public eye and with legislators and result in better public policies and programs for our communities.

Knowing that many of our local San Diego Chapter members already serve on planning boards, community groups, councils or other “traditional” community service capacities, the CCASLA has been working to explore “alternative” or not-so-obvious avenues for public service that are great opportunities for landscape architects to take a leadership role. Many of the alternative examples identified by CCASLA are made through an application and appointment process by state or local authorities, and include Climate Action Plan Working Groups, Arts Commissions, Parks and Recreation Commissions, Fire Protection Committees, Historic Resources Boards, Street Tree Advisory Groups, among others.

For those of you have, or are currently providing service on a local, regional or state-level board, council, commission, or committee, you know how rewarding (and challenging) it can be personally and professionally. Additionally, while you are “giving back” to your community through public service, you are also advancing and advocating on behalf of our profession by educating the public and others on the beneficial role landscape architects can play in addressing local issues and the development of public policy.

If you are interested in learning more about potential public service opportunities for landscape architects in the San Diego region, please email Tracy Morgan Hollingsworth at ccasla@sbcglobal.net, for a list of CCASLA identified opportunities for landscape architects on local boards, commissions, and committees. A copy of the Local Boards and Commissions will also be posted on the Resources tab on our website. Another list of State Boards and Commissions and how to apply for state service will be on the website sometime in February.
How will the Trump administration policies affect our profession? Of course we don’t know yet. I was curious what Donald Trump’s documented policies are as they relate to the environment, development, and other issues that have ramifications for landscape architects. Because I was so opposed to what I felt he stood for on a general basis, I never really took the time to check out and consider his specific positions on issues we might care about as landscape architects. So, I went to the Trump website to review his policies for the first time. As with the pre-election positions of most politicians, there is something for everybody, and, a lot of conflicting statements. For example:

- Eliminate our most intrusive regulations, like the Waters of the U.S. Rule. We will also scrap the EPA’s so-called Clean Power Plan, which the government estimates will cost $7.2 billion a year.
- Make clean water a high priority.
- Open onshore and offshore leasing on federal lands, eliminate moratorium on coal leasing, and open shale energy deposits.
- We will conserve our natural habitats, reserves and resources.
- Implement a bold, visionary plan for a cost-effective system of roads, bridges, tunnels, airports, railroads, ports and waterways, and pipelines in the proud tradition of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who championed the interstate highway system.

There are plenty of policies that raise red flags, but also potential opportunities for LA’s - especially concerning infrastructure. I decided to reach out to our Government Affairs group at National to see what strategies they will take to deal with the new administration as it relates to the major positions and initiatives we have been pursuing. I will pass on what Roxanne Blackwell, Director of Government Affairs, wrote to me:

“ASLA will continue its advocacy efforts to ensure that community development and infrastructure issues, including active transportation, water and stormwater management, parks and recreation, designing for pollinator habitats, and other community-planning public policies are at the forefront of the administration’s and congress’s plans. Currently, we don’t know enough specifics about what President-elect Trump, the new administration, and the new congress are planning in our issue areas to determine a specific strategy. Once more details arise, we will have more concrete legislative and regulatory strategies in place.

“Also, as with any new congress and administration, it is important to “educate” policy makers about landscape architecture and the types of projects the profession works on. We strongly recommend that Chapters use ASLA’s GUIDE TO HOSTING TOURS WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS, to host site tours with policy makers in the district. This tool will certainly be extremely important during the next few years."

The main message here is that, as administrators come and go, we must stay active politically (federal, state and local) to sustain our profession - to let decision makers know we have a crucial role in infrastructure projects, community and environmental planning, and that we stand ready to defend our positions as stewards of our planet. ASLA National is fighting for us on an on-going basis through federal and state lobbying. That’s a big part of why we belong and what our dues pay for. Pass the word to those who wonder why they should belong!

Finally, stay tuned for issues that arise affecting our profession. Pay particular attention to any I-Advocate emails you may receive from National that will be a call-to-action to preserve the viability of landscape architecture and what we stand for.

Happy Holidays!!!!

Emerging Professionals Committee
Exciting Year Ahead!

Katie Hartman, ASLA –
Emerging Professionals Committee Chair

The emerging professionals are anticipating an exciting year with new chair, Katie Aalund. Katie recently moved from Santa Cruz, CA and works at GMP as a landscape designer. She will replace me as the EPC chair and is looking forward to expanding and improving upon the Mentorship Program. The EP’s believe that having a seasoned mentor is a valuable tool to help guide young professionals through their career. Many mentor/mentee relationships that were set up two years ago are still on-going, and we are looking forward to expanding the program to other interested individuals. Please look for more information soon.

In addition, the EP’s will continue to visit local firms and hear from local landscape architects regarding the current industry. We will also continue to assist EP’s in acquiring their landscape architecture license. Meetings are typically held every other month... we look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on February 8 at Urbana Arena! Please contact Katie Aalund at Katie@gmplandarch.com if you would like to be notified of future EP events.

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T.B. Penick was originally brought onto the project to install 70,000 square feet of site concrete, 1,300 linear feet of curbs and gutters, and large poured-in-place concrete bench planters. However, when a last-minute issue arose over the maintenance of the architect’s specified fluid-applied flooring, Penick was requested to come up with a decorative solution that could stand up to the foot traffic and dirt that the originally specified flooring couldn’t handle for the approximately 20,000 square foot exterior plaza.

T.B. Penick’s solution was a surface-seeded, indelibly colored and honed concrete that’s easy to maintain and can handle the type of foot traffic that is common for a facility the size of the Rental Car Center. The main challenge was that Penick had the incredibly short timeframe of 90 days to not only match the previously approved exterior mock-up colors, but also match the interior terrazzo finishes and install the project in time for the grand opening.

Within the first 45 days Penick was able to fine-tune the integral colors as well as the desired aggregate mixes and choice of topical sealer based on the architect’s design intent and delivered mock ups that were well received. Once the mock ups were approved the difficult task of meeting the project’s deadline required Penick’s crews to work overtime and weekends, which wasn’t easy due to having to work around the other trades on site. Despite the challenges the project was successfully completed on time.

T.B. Penick is renowned for award-winning general construction and for delivering projects using a variety of delivery methods, including design-build, lease-leaseback, CM at Risk, agency CM, and negotiated general contracting. In addition, they have self-perform capabilities that strengthen the entire process, including structural concrete and innovative architectural concrete solutions.

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