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Landscape Architecture All Starts With a Vision

By Brett Allen, ASLA, 2020 SDASLA Chapter president

Welcome to April, World Landscape Architecture Month (WLAM)! WLAM introduces the profession to the public by highlighting landscape architect-designed spaces locally and around the world. World Landscape Architecture Month is the month long celebration of landscape architecture and designed public and private spaces. Established by the American Society of Landscape Architects, WLAM aims to demonstrate how landscape architecture affects our daily lives. I would like to encourage all of our members to take part in WLAM with your public engagement, leadership, creativity and advocacy. As a chapter, ASLA SD is always trying to improve how we serve our local members and spread the word regarding the value of local landscape architecture as well as hiring a landscape architect.



Landscape architects are amazing leaders, and very creative people as well as offer many qualities to make the world a better place. Now is the time to highlight that talent by getting involved in our chapter and in your community! We will be kicking off our virtual chapter outreach project soon.

Your board members and myself will be reaching out to your offices via email to discuss what the chapter can do for you, your benefits as an ASLA member and review opportunities for involvement within our chapter. We will be available by email, phone or facetime to help with on-going needs during these unprecedented times.

In conclusion, I would like to mention our upcoming Design Awards event being held on June 25, 2020 and thank all of those who made the effort to submit your superb projects for recognition. By holding the Design Awards, SDASLA hopes to provide more exposure to the profession through promotion of the event which recognizes professional excellence for outstanding works of landscape architecture and environmental planning. This also provides a wonderful opportunity for members to receive news coverage and socialize!

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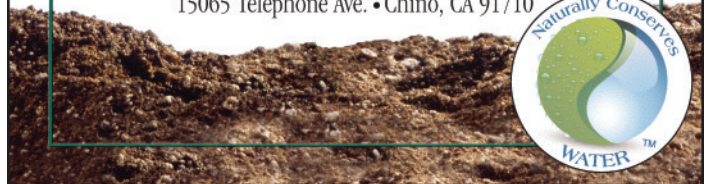
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Trustee's Report

Social Distancing, Diversity, and CEO Prospectus

Patricia Trauth, ASLA, SDASLA National Trustee

Social Distancing

Social distancing is the new normal as we deal with the COVID-19! We greet each other with elbow bumps and avoid large groups, which has resulted in numerous closures and cancellations of events. ASLA National has made the hard decision to cancel the in-person spring governance meetings on April 24-25 in Washington D.C. Interim co-CEO's Roxanne Blackwell and Curtis Millay met with President Wendy Miller, President-Elect Tom Mroz, and Immediate Past President Shawn Kelly on Friday, March 13, to discuss the spring meeting, and they intend to hold the meeting virtually. We are living through challenging times, and like nature we are resilient as a profession, as a country, and as a global community, and we will get through this!



Land and Water Conservation Fund

Despite being the most popular conservation program ever created by Congress, and an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote to permanently reauthorize it just last year, Congress continues to underfund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). This lack of commitment to LWCF must stop! Write to your representatives today and tell them to fully fund LWCF! The ASLA National website makes it easy, see the iAdvocate link at www.asla.org.

Black History Month

This year, ASLA celebrated African American landscape architects, landscapes of honor, and the rich

history of contributions made by African Americans within our profession. The celebration included rebroadcasting the 2019 Annual Conference session Decolonizing Design: Black Narratives in Landscape Architecture. Participating members included Breeze Outlaw, ASLA, Ujijji Davis, ASLA, and Marc Miller, ASLA. The documentary film by Austin Allen, a professor at Louisiana State University, Claiming Open Spaces, was also presented. Claiming Open Spaces addresses the perception of parks in cities such as New Orleans and Detroit, from the cultural perspective of the African Americans who use them.

CEO Prospectus

The final prospectus for the ASLA National Chief Executive Officer position has been completed. The prospectus highlights the details about the CEO position and the desired qualifications and characteristics of candidates. It also provides a wonderful overview of the profession and the Society. The prospectus was developed based on feedback from you, the Board of Trustees, as well as other key stakeholder groups. The Search Committee spent much time reviewing and revising the document and sharing with the ASLA National Executive Committee for input. The prospectus is a major step in the candidate recruiting phase of the search. I will keep you posted as we progress through the process.

Diversity and Inclusion

On the local level, the Board has been in communication with Barbara Deutsch, the Landscape Architecture Foundation's Executive Director and Rachel Booher, the LAF staff person who managed the LAF Diversity and Inclusion Survey. In August we plan to have a presentation of the LAF study and a panel discussion about diversity in our profession. Stay tuned and check out the article entitled - Do Landscape Architects look like me? posted at asla-sandiego.org.

Showcase Your Work On Member Project Gallery

The Member Project Gallery is a great way to showcase your work and gain exposure through the SDASLA website and social media outlets. Any local firm employing an ASLA San Diego Chapter member in good standing can submit a project to the online gallery if all criteria is met. Submittals must be landscape architecture related and the ASLA member, within the firm, must have played a significant role in the project.

To submit to the gallery, find the Project Gallery slider on our homepage at www.asla-sandiego.org and click on the Slider "This is Landscape Architecture" View our Member Project Gallery. Under the logo, click on To learn how to submit a project to this gallery see instructions on the Member Resources Page.

Follow the requirements below and send your projects to our webmaster using the SUBMIT button. If any of the following items are not included or clearly identified, the project will not be posted to the website. A maximum of two projects per firm will be shown in the gallery.

- Name of the project, firm submitting, and SDASLA member name.
- A thoughtful description of the project, which could include an overview, any challenges or innovations, and credits to other parties involved.
- Provide one to five images which can include photos, drawings, or other relevant graphics.
- Indicate which of the images, if including more than one, should be the primary image for the project.

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April

Landscape Architecture Month

- 1 Executive Committee Mtg – 6 pm, Online/Phone Mtg with Mira Costa College ASLA Student Chapter
- 1-30 LA Month Life Grows Here Photo and Video Competition – Directions on enclosed flyer and at asla.org/WLAM
- 8 Communications Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm via Conference call. RSVP Joavila@sandiego.gov
- 9 ASLA National Instagram Takeover
- 29 Executive Committee Reports Sent for May Board Agenda

May

- 6 Executive Committee Mtg – 6 pm - Online/Phone
- 8 Design Awards Jury Day – Rick Engineering (subject to reschedule), 8 am to 5 pm
- 13 Communications Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm via Conference call. RSVP Joavila@sandiego.gov
- 17 Encinitas EcoFest – 11 am-4 pm @ Encinitas Community Park, RSVP ASLASD@sbcglobal.net to volunteer at ASLA Booth (subject to reschedule)
- 20 2021 Community Grant Application finalized and sent for printing
- 29 Executive Committee Reports sent for June Board Agenda
- 30 Boy Scout Landscape Architecture Merit Badge Event, Point Loma Nazarene University – RSVP to ASLASD@sbcglobal.net to volunteer (subject to reschedule)

June

- 1 Community Grant Application distributed by email and online
- 3 Executive Committee Mtg – 6 pm, Rick Engineering or Online/Phone
- 5 Newsletter Articles Due for July-Sept Events
- 10 Communication Committee, 5:30 pm via Conference call. RSVP to Joavila@sandiego.gov
- 15 SDASLA Board of Directors Nominations Deadline
- 17 HALS Committee - RSVP to Amy@KTUA.com, 5:30 pm Online meeting
- 25 2020 Excellence in Design Awards Event, 5:30 – 9:30 pm Illumina Theatre, Alexandria Event Center (subject to reschedule)
- 24 Executive Committee Reports sent for July Board Agenda

CCASLA Legislative Update

DJ Taylor, ASLA,
CCASLA Director



The California Council of ASLA (CCASLA), which is comprised of two members from each of the four California chapters, serves our membership by monitoring legislation and the lawmaking process taking place in our State’s Capitol. The CCASLA works with legislative advocates to assist in determining what position to take on Assembly Bills (AB) and Senate Bills (SB) that might have an effect on the profession of Landscape Architecture in California. Those positions are generally watch, oppose, or support.

CCASLA is closely following AB 1850 (Gonzalez) and SB 900 (Hill), both of which pertain to worker classification and seek to exempt additional industries. Some background on the issue:

In late 2018, the California Supreme Court changed the standards used to evaluate whether a worker should be considered an independent contractor or employee under the “Dynamex Decision”. The “Dynamex” decision applied a simple three part “ABC” test when determining whether an employee

should be classified as an independent contractor.

The three-part test includes the following:

1. The worker is free from the control and direction of the hiring entity in connection with the performance of the work, both under the contract for the performance of the work and in fact;
2. The worker performs work that is outside the usual course of the hiring entity’s business; and
3. The worker is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, or business of the same nature as that involved in the work performed.

Prior to this decision, workers were subject to the “Borrello” test which was considered more flexible for employers.

What is AB 5 (2019)?

The three-part test outlined above does not work perfectly when applied to all industries. Accordingly, Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez introduced AB 5 in 2019 to exempt certain industries/employees from the three-part test above and codify the court decision into statute. An exemption from AB 5 means that a business is subject to the previous multi-factor “Borrello” test, which is easier to meet to maintain independent contractor status.

AB 5 was an extremely contentious bill last year. Assemblymember Gonzalez was very resistant to

adding exemptions into her bill. Nevertheless, she will continue to work on the issue in 2020 and has introduced a bill (AB 1850, reference above) to further refine who is and is not subject to “Dynamex.”

How is the Dynamex/AB5 Enforced?

When a worker believes they have been misclassified as an independent contractor, they must bring a lawsuit against their employer or file a wage claim with the Labor Commissioner to enforce their rights under the statute created by AB 5. This means that a landscape architect contracting with another landscape architect would be subject to enforcement of AB 5 only if the LA you are contracting with believes they should be classified as an employee and is willing to take you to court or file a wage claim with the Labor Commissioner.

Landscape Architects are not identified as exempt, but there is language in current law (created by AB 5 in 2019) that exempts business-to-business relationships that meet certain criteria. CCASLA is considering consulting legal counsel to understand if the business relationships practiced by landscape architects meet these criteria.

If you have any questions, you can contact Joy Lyndes (jlyndes@coastal-sage.com) and/or DJ Taylor (djtaylor@delorenzo-intl.com) or go to the CCASLA website at www.cc-asla.org.

Bill#	Subject	Position	Status
AB 613 (Low)	Professions and Vocations: Reg fees	Watch	Two Year Bill
AB 1263 (Low)	Contracts: Consumer Services	Watch	Senate-Pending Referral
AB 1616 (Low)	DCA: Boards: Expunged Convictions	Watch	Senate-Pending Referral
AB 1788 (Bloom)	Pesticides: Anticoagulants	Watch	Two Year Bill
AB 1850 (Gonzalez-Fletcher)	Employee Classification: Clarify Dynamex	Watch	Asm L&E
AB 1925 (Oberholte)	Independent Contractors: Small Business	Watch	Asm L&E
AB 2031 (L. Rivas)	School Pavement to Parks Grant Program	Watch	Asm Education
AB 2113 (Low)	Immigrants: Professional Licensing	Watch	Asm B&P
AB 2231 (Kalra)	Prevailing Wage: Locality	Watch	Asm L&E
AB 2373 (Blanca Rubio)	Structural Pest Control:Anticoagulant rodenticides	Watch	Asm B&P
AB 2454 (Chen)	DCA: Retired/Inactive License-Discipline	Watch	Asm B&P
AB 2460 (Daly)	DCA: Retired Category Licenses	Watch	Asm B&P
AB 2491 (Choi)	School Facilities: Organic Pesticides Pilot Program	Watch	Asm L&E
AB 2765 (O’Donnell)	Public Works: Prevailing Wages	Watch	Asm L&E
AB 2823 (Waldron)	Worker Status: Independent Contractors	Watch	Asm L&E
AB 2953 (Gray)	Highways: Landscaping/Cleaning/Groundwater	Watch	Asm Trans
AB 3197 (Diep)	Contractors: Registration/Exemption	Watch	Asm Judiciary
AB 3219 (Frazier)	Construction Defects: Actions	Watch	Asm Judiciary
AB 3290 (E.Garcia)	Subletting/Subcontracting Fair Practices Act	Watch	Asm – Pending Referral
SB 878 (Jones)	License Processing Timeframes	Watch	Sen B&P – 3/23/20
SB 900 (Hill)	Worker Classification	Watch	Sen Labor
SB 973 (Jackson)	Employers: Annual Report: Pay Data	Watch	Sen Labor 3/25/20
SB 1168 (Morrell)	State Agencies: Licensing Services	Watch	Sen GO 3/24/20
SB 1296 (Durazo)	Nature and Parks Career Pathway/ResiliencyAct	Watch	Sen Nat Res 4/14/20
SB 1306 (Bates)	Pesticides: bromadiolone: internet purchase/sell	Watch	Sen EQ 4/1/20
SB 1324 (Allen)	Professional Licenses	Watch	Sen B&P



2020 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 progress, vision and stewardship or a combination of these items. Stewardship is at the forefront of our profession and we should recognize 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: Locally based individuals, firms, programs, organizations or agencies may be nominated.

Nominee: _____

Title: _____

Due Date: May 29, 2020 _____

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 action.**

- 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 29, 2020 – please forward nomination form to
ASLASD@sbcglobal.net or fax to 619.222.8154**

**Questions? Contact Design Awards Co-Chairs
Michael Brennan at Michael@CD-LA.com
Tim Pruss at TPruss@RickEngineering.com**

For a copy of this form in MS Word email us at ASLASD@sbcglobal.net

April is World Landscape Architecture Month. Help ASLA spread the word.



ASLA 2010 Professional General Design Honor Award. Underwood Family Sonoran Landscape Laboratory. Ten Eyck Landscape Architects, Inc. | Photo by Bill Timmerman



ASLA 2010 General Design Honor Award. Rooftop Haven for Urban Agriculture, Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects | Photo by Scott Shigley



ASLA 2018 Professional General Design Award of Excellence. Brooklyn Bridge Park, Michael Van Valkenburg Associates, Inc. | Photo by Scott Shigley

*“An incredible thing called **life** grows in the spaces we create. Help us tell that story.”*

‘Life Grows Here’ is a public awareness campaign to let people know why landscape architects do what we do and why our work matters to the communities we serve.

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Be a part of telling that story.

Two Ways To Participate

Share a Picture

1. Visit asla.org/WLAM to download picture files of the social media cards. Several “___ Grows Here” options are available, including “life,” “community,” “diversity,” “change,” and more.
2. Snap a photo of your favorite landscape architecture space and place the card on top. (More on how to do this at the website.)
3. Share it on social media with the hashtags [#WLAM2020](https://twitter.com/hashtag/WLAM2020) and [#LifeGrowsHere](https://twitter.com/hashtag/LifeGrowsHere). Be sure to tag [@NationalASLA](https://twitter.com/NationalASLA)

Share a Video

1. Find a relatively quiet space (try to use a designed space, if you can.)
2. Using a camera or your cell phone, record a one-minute video about why you do what you do and how landscape architecture affects people’s lives. Make it personal!
3. Share it on social media with the hashtags [#WLAM2020](https://twitter.com/hashtag/WLAM2020) and [#LifeGrowsHere](https://twitter.com/hashtag/LifeGrowsHere) and (if you can) send into National ASLA. Be sure to tag [@NationalASLA](https://twitter.com/NationalASLA)

Find out more at www.asla.org/WLAM

EcoFest Encinitas - Sunday, August 23, 2020

EcoFest Encinitas is an environmental fair focused on North County San Diego. Its purpose is to inform and inspire the community about recent progress, practical solutions, and new opportunities for improving eco-sustainability in government, business and non-profit organizations.

The festival includes:

- Over 75 eco-friendly exhibitors
- Hands on demonstrations
- Food and Beer Garden
- Live music and local artists
- Kids' zone and activities
- Bike valet and rodeo
- Eco-car show and more!

Our Chapter is looking for volunteers to staff the ASLA booth at the fair to educate the public about what landscape architects do and our positive impacts on local communities.

Contact Joy Lyndes at jlyndes@coastal-sage.com to volunteer a couple of hours on August 23 at EcoFest Encinitas - Encinitas Community Park, 425 Santa Fe Drive in Encinitas, California 92024.



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2020 SDASLA Executive Committee Board Nomination Form

ASLA San Diego encourages you to participate in the Chapter's leadership by serving as an officer or Board member on the SDASLA Executive Committee Board. 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 Board position qualifications, complete your information, check where you are interested in serving and fax or email the Nomination Form to SDASLA. We will contact you to discuss your interest in serving on SDASLA's 2020-2021 Executive Committee Board of Directors.

Nominee (print name): _____

Nominator (complete even if self-nominating): _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

- President Elect (Full, Fellow - 3 yr term):** Assists President and presides in President's absence. Assumes Presidency in cases of illness or relocation. Coordinates chapter fundraising of annual sponsorships and golf tournament. Attends ASLA Mid-Year Legislative and National Annual Conference Chapter Presidents Council meetings. Serves as President and Past President and Nominating Committee Chair the following year. Attends/reports at monthly Executive Committee.
- Treasurer (Full, Fellow, Associate - 2 yr term):** Custodian of chapter funds, prepares monthly/quarterly financial reports on monthly income & expenses and present reports at monthly Executive Committee meetings. Prepares budget each October/November with President and President Elect. Prepares end of the year Treasurer's report for tax filing. Attends/reports at monthly Executive Committee.
- California Council of ASLA Director (Full, Fellow - 2 yr 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. Reports monthly to Executive Committee.
- Secretary (Full, Fellow, Associate - 1 yr term):** Gather monthly Executive Committee agenda items & take/transcribe minutes at meetings and distributes to Board. Coordinates Executive Committee candidate nomination. Notifies candidates of their election each Aug/Sept. Maintains Constitution, Bylaws, Board Roster and ED contract. Attends and reports monthly to Executive Committee.
- VP Programs/Education (Full, Fellow, Associate - 2 yr term):** Coordinates Lecture Series speakers, venue and catering. Works with other VPs to organize Chapter Meeting topics and speakers. Submits list of event details for newsletter and website. Reports to Executive Committee.
- VP Community Outreach (Full, Fellow, Associate, Affiliate - 2 yr term):** Coordinates annual Community Grant and School Outreach activities. Submits list of outreach events for newsletter and website. Reports to Executive Committee.
- VP Visibility/Public Affairs (Full, Fellow, Associate, Affiliate - 2 yr term):** Oversees chapter public relations by organizing media advisories & press releases to local media regarding Chapter events and key issues. Coordinate Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and ASLA website blog member discussions and event updates. Reviews website content to ensure it reflects current sponsors and activities. Coordinates member involvement in key issues impacting the industry. Reports monthly to Executive Committee.

For a full description of each Board position 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 June 15, 2020***

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Membership

Membership Update

Jonathan Austin, ASLA, VP Membership

The San Diego Chapter was recognized by ASLA national as one of the top Chapters for membership growth (thanks to you!). We encourage our local San Diego landscape architecture offices to support their staff with ASLA membership dues.



Welcome to our new and returning members

Megan Allison, ASLA; Mira Costa College
Katazyna Legsavath, Affiliate ASLA, Verde Design, Inc
Michael H. Spohr, ASLA; DeLorenzo International

Membership Anniversaries

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

1 to 5 Years

- 2019 Jesus Alan Figueroa, ASLA
- Philip Lizarraga, ASLA
- Christopher W. Stebbins, Associate ASLA
- Yi Su, ASLA
- Keath William Flint, Associate ASLA

- Alli Wilson Wilson, ASLA
- 2018 Brett Jeffrey Allen, ASLA
- Karli Scott, ASLA
- 2017 Difan Chen, ASLA
- JoEllen Jacoby, ASLA
- Michelle M. Landis, ASLA
- Luke O. Ellingwood, ASLA
- Troy L. Vaughn, ASLA
- Chad A. Evans, Associate ASLA
- 2016 Yu-Ju Liu, ASLA
- John W. Howard, ASLA
- 2015 Nathan S. Elliott, ASLA
- Kathleen Therese Brand, ASLA

6 to 10 Years

- 2014 Christopher L. Langdon, ASLA
- 2013 Amelia Capron, ASLA
- Curtis Q. McMahon, ASLA
- 2012 Andrew Dawson, ASLA
- 2011 Gail Zerbe, ASLA
- 2010 Bradley C. Lenahan, ASLA
- Gary Lee Ruyle, ASLA

11 to 20 Years

- 2009 Kevin Krenek, ASLA
- 2007 Darren Jacobsen, ASLA
- 2005 Alexander Nagel, ASLA
- Martin S. Flores, ASLA
- James Paul Benedetti, ASLA
- 2004 Marcie Harris, ASLA

- Lisa Chestnut, ASLA
- Brad Lents, ASLA
- 2002 Kathryn J. Kanaan, ASLA
- Michael E. Nichols, FASLA
- 2001 Edward Whitehouse, FASLA

21 to 30 Years

- 1999 Martin J. Rosen, Honorary ASLA
- Nelly M. Chung, ASLA
- 1998 Scott L. Sandel, ASLA
- 1996 Bernard R. Wenzig, ASLA
- 1993 Frank N. Brower, FASLA
- 1991 Bruce Dugmore, ASLA
- 1990 Martin Poirier, FASLA
- 1989 Steven L. Sherman, ASLA

31 to 40 Years

- 1988 Robin Shifflet, ASLA
- 1986 Patrick W. Caughey, FASLA
- 1985 Michael Lee Singleton, ASLA
- Sharon A. Singleton, ASLA
- Kurt William Carlson, ASLA
- Marian Marum, ASLA
- 1984 William S. Burton, FASLA
- 1983 David W. Reed, ASLA
- Barbara G. Gilman, ASLA

40+ Years

- 1975 Ralph W. Stone, ASLA

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SDASLA Thanks Jerrie Beard for 30+ Years of Service to the Chapter

The SDASLA would like to take this opportunity to thank Jerrie Beard for her many years of service to the chapter. For over 30 years she has helped keep our members informed through the production of our chapter newsletter and the upkeep of our website.



A graduate of Bowling Green State University with a BFA in Graphic Design, Ms. Beard established Jerrie Beard and Associates in 1987 and has been serving the green industry since.

Jerrie first became involved with the San Diego Chapter of the California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA) taking over production of their chapter newsletter in 1988. Through that association, she was introduced to members of the SDASLA and to then Executive Director Betty Pharris.

The SDASLA approached Jerrie in 1989 to take over production of their chapter newsletter. When the chapter joined the digital age and put up its first website, Jerrie maintained the site and continued to maintain the chapter website through various design improvements until 2017.

Jerrie has been involved with the CLCA for over 30 years, working with chapters throughout the state to promote their programs and events through printed and digital means. She served for several years on the communications committee at the state level and as director of communications on the organization's board of directors. She recently received the association's Allegiance Award.

Jerrie Beard & Associates has been helping non-profits like SDASLA and CLCA and private companies promote their products and services through the development of corporate identity, sales and marketing materials, product and training manuals and website development for over 30 years.

Jerrie will produce the last hard copy SDASLA newsletter in the next quarter to promote programs and events in July-September. The chapter is discussing creating an online newsletter starting in October to continue to promote annual and event sponsors and chapter programs and will be branding our email blasts with sponsor logos and information.

Thanks so much Jerrie for all your professional and personal service to our chapter over the years.

Mercy Housing Meditation Garden A Dream with a View

Residents at Mercy Gardens, a Mercy Housing community in San Diego, wanted to create a sense of solace for their neighborhood. A small patch of land with a view just outside their front door had so much potential. They knew, with a little help, they could turn this small patch of mulch into something beautiful that would enrich the entire neighborhood.

Residents at Mercy Gardens are overcoming a variety of health and trauma issues. The small underused patch of land just outside their front doors had a few benches, a wonderful view, but not much else. A resident read a magazine article by the San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architecture about meditation gardens — a place to find peace and quiet. Turning this little parcel of land into a meditation garden was ambitious, but residents saw potential where no one else had. They believed that a little love, care, and attention could transform a vacant space into a place of harmony and growth.

Eric Ligare, the resident services coordinator for Mercy Gardens, supports residents in a variety of capacities to ensure that they gain access to health-care, education, and career opportunities to pursue their dreams. Residents reached out to Eric to see what they could do to make this dream come true. He contacted the San Diego Chapter of the ASLA and was encouraged to apply for a community grant.

Competition for the grant was tough — dozens of nonprofits applied. "When Principal Landscape Architect Michael Brennan and his firm Carson Douglas Landscape Architecture contributed efforts in support of our grant, we really started to think we had a chance," Eric says. They had more than a chance, they were awarded the \$5,000 grant!

Residents and Eric continued their collaboration to design and even build the Meditation Garden with the help of United Way volunteers.

Patients, physicians, and nurses use the Meditation Garden today to find solace in a stressful world. Other community members and organizations have come forward to contribute. 'The Center' (San Diego LGBTQ Community Center) recognized what a positive impact the Meditation Garden was having on the community and made a donation that allowed them to purchase a grill. Now, they can have cookouts and enjoy the garden together with their neighbors.

This Meditation Garden embodies the spirit of hope that lies within the notion of a stable home. Today, residents have a place to find tranquility and focus on building brighter futures.

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