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.

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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maximum of two projects per firm will be shown in the gallery. To learn how to submit a project to this gallery see instructions on the Member Resources Page. A thoughtful description of the project, which could include an overview, any challenges or innovations, and credits to other parties involved.

Indicate which of the images, if including more than one, should be the primary image for the project.

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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**CCASLA Legislative Update**

**DJ Taylor, ASLA, CCASLA Director**

The California Council of ASLA (CCASLA), which is comprised of 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.

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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

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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 and #LifeGrowsHere. Be sure to tag @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 and #LifeGrowsHere and (if you can) send into National ASLA. Be sure to tag @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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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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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

6 to 10 Years
2014 Christopher L. Langdon, ASLA
    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
    Darren Jacobsen, ASLA
2005 Alexander Nagel, ASLA
    Martin S. Flores, ASLA
    James Paul Benedetti, ASLA
2004 Marcie Harris, ASLA

21 to 30 Years
1999 Martin J. Rosen, Honorary ASLA
    Nelly M. Chung, ASLA

21 to 30 Years
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
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40+ Years
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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.

Contributing to this article: Jose Aguila, Jennifer Webster, and the SDASLA.

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