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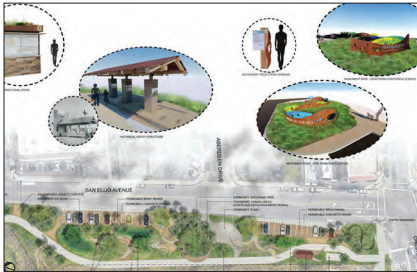
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**PATRICIA FERMAN, RLA, ASLA**

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

*Dear Friends,*

My journey as 2022 President of this fine Chapter is coming to its end. Next year's President will be Marty Armstrong, Senior Associate with GroundLevel Landscape Architecture, and will be supported by Jackie Higgins with Forever Balboa Park, as President Elect. As I move on to be part of an elite group of Past Presidents, I will continue to support the work of this Chapter with enthusiasm and dedication.

My experience so far has been demanding but extremely rewarding. Before joining the Board, I had the desire to help in some capacity, but I felt I didn't have the time to do it due to my busy schedule and job responsibilities. "How can I possibly do all of this well?" I thought. Kelly Broughton encouraged me, and I accepted the opportunity. I started my journey with my eyes closed, not knowing what I would find or how I could help. As I dove into things, I learned about the strategic goals and how the Chapter is meeting these goals to support you, our profession, and our communities.

I have had meaningful moments getting to know you, the [Board members, and Committee Chairs](#). I have formed long-lasting friendships, collaborated with, learned from great leaders, and been inspired by talented designing teams. I understood that the Chapter greatly depends on the generosity and commitment of our [sponsors](#), and that we need to support them as they support us. This experience has enriched my life and it has been worthwhile.

We started 2022 with a busy agenda and a list of goals. Together, we have advocated for our profession, we have celebrated the design of Landscape Architects and designing teams and continue to educate the public about the importance of Landscape Architecture. **This is what the Chapter has accomplished so far this year with YOUR help:**

- ✓ Joined the Drew Schlosberg's podcast "Spotlight on the Community"
- ✓ Increased media exposure by publishing interesting and informative articles about our Landscape Architecture projects.
- ✓ Increased social media exposure and hosted an Instagram Takeover

I HAVE HAD MEANINGFUL MOMENTS GETTING TO KNOW YOU, THE BOARD MEMBERS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS. I HAVE FORMED LONG-LASTING FRIENDSHIPS, COLLABORATED WITH, LEARNED FROM GREAT LEADERS, AND BEEN INSPIRED BY TALENTED DESIGNING TEAMS.

- ✓ Led by former Chapter President Phil Armstrong, the Scouts of America met at Point Loma Nazarene University to learn the basic principles of landscape architecture and to earn a Landscape Architecture "merit badge".
- ✓ Participated in 2022 Earth Day in Balboa Park
- ✓ Advocated with Congressman Scott Peters in support of the Excess Urban Heat Mitigation Act and the Outdoors for All Act
- ✓ Supported the Women of Color Licensure Program
- ✓ Assisted Emerging Professionals with support to renew lapsed members with ASLA membership dues.
- ✓ Formed two new committees: The Climate Action Committee led by James Ryan, Landscape Designer with Van Dyke Landscape Architects; and the Committee of Urban Public Social Spaces (CUPSS) led by former President Chris Stebbins, Urban Design Specialist.
- ✓ Awarded the Stewardship Award to the Park and Recreation Coalition (PARC) and celebrated the 2022 Design Awards.
- ✓ Led by Jaime Sandoval, Senior Landscape Designer with RE Services, and Trista Silvia, Construction Manager with Studio WC, the Legacy project at the Longfellow Elementary School was completed and is now open for students as a garden learning lab.
- ✓ Emerging Professionals co-Chairs Gwen Stark (KTUA) and Fernanda Suarez (MIG) coordinated an online portfolio review and a LARE Q&A session with UCLA instructor Angela Woodward.
- ✓ Hosted a [webinar](#) on the Senate Bill 1383's new requirements to recycle organic waste and a webinar on the San Diego County drought.
- ✓ Held an informative and fun event about the work that San Diego Urban Timber is doing to give new life to fallen trees and other materials which would otherwise be discarded.
- ✓ Awarded the 2022 Community Grant to the Grove Park Restoration in San Marcos, and the 2023 Grant to the Cardiff by the Sea Foundation for their restoration project. The Golf tournament funds the \$5,000 Community Grant annually.



### Yet to be done this year:

- ✓ Launching a member survey to know what you value in your membership and how we can improve member educational and social opportunities.
- ✓ Promoting and supporting the Black Landscape Architects Network (BlackLAN) Day of Service at the Community Awareness Resource Entity (C.A.R.E.) Garden in San Francisco.
- ✓ Getting together for a fun December Holiday event to thank volunteers and sponsors and reconnect with each other.

Please, friends, volunteer and be part of the solution. There is so much to be done. We are looking for members to fill positions so let us know if you would like to help either on a committee or on the Board of Directors. Please contact Tracy Morgan-Hollingworth at [ASLASD@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ASLASD@sbcglobal.net) to confirm your interest. The Chapter needs your help, talent, and energy to make a difference and to share the positive impact that Landscape Architects have in the world.

*See you soon Friends,*

**Patricia Fermán, RLA**  
SDASLA President





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# 42ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT!



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**TRACY MORGAN HOLLINGWORTH, CAE, MPA**

CCASLA & SDASLA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## The 42nd Annual Golf Tournament was one of the best!!

Our Title Sponsor, Brightview, again helped with the event underwriting.

Golf co-chairs, Marty Armstrong, ASLA and Chris Roesink with Hunter and Committee members Chris Langdon and German Martinez reached out to our sponsors and to our firms to participate this year.



The following players were awarded prizes at the awards dinner:



**1ST PLACE WITH A SCORE OF -55**

Team Simon Landscape Architecture



**2ND PLACE WITH A SCORE OF -56**

Team Moon Valley with a back nine playoff



**3RD PLACE TEAM WITH A SCORE OF -56**

Team Rain Bird



**CLOSEST TO THE PIN**

Nikki Streigel (Women) and Jon Teberg (Men)



**LONG DRIVE**

Tori Talbot (Women) and Kayman Koen (Men)



**PUTTING CONTEST**

Rick Mandel and John Pavlik tied







**We couldn't manage the tournament without the help of the following volunteers, Patricia Ferman and Dave DiDonato (City of Chula Vista), Andy Stack (USA Shade and Fabric Structures) and a great friend, Debbie Lehman.**

Thank you to the sponsor firms for their generous support. Special thanks again to Isaac Alford who provided the Title Sponsorship with Brightview.

Check out the fun we had in our Golf Tournament photo gallery ([link below](#)).

**GOLF TOURNAMENT PHOTOS**

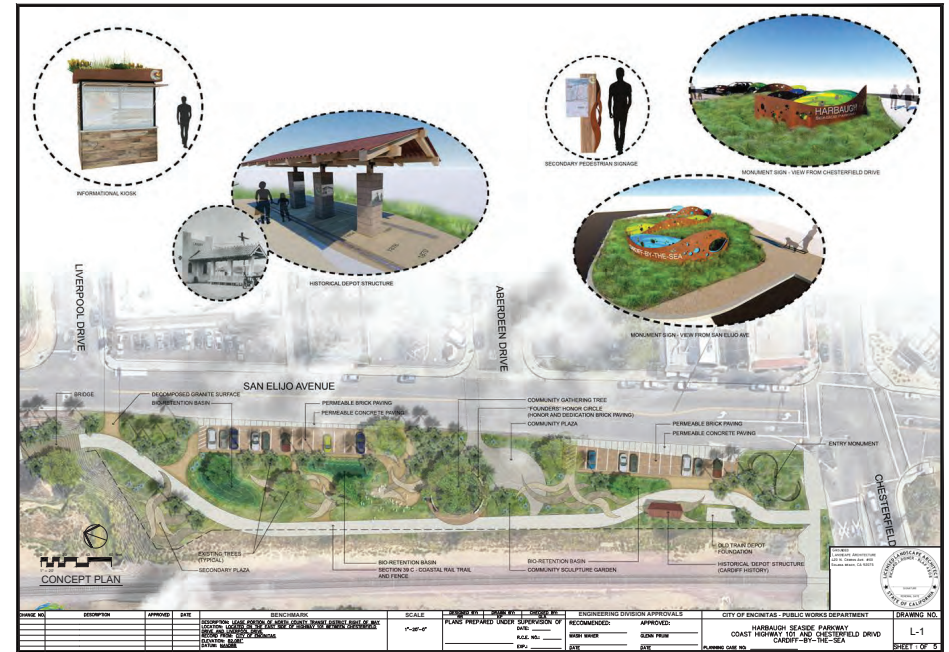
# ASLA SAN DIEGO ANNOUNCES RECIPIENT OF 2023 COMMUNITY GRANT

In order for the profession of landscape architecture to make its full contribution to the San Diego region, the American Society of Landscape Architects - San Diego Chapter cordially invited all non-profit community groups in San Diego region to apply for the 2023 "ASLA San Diego Community Grant". The grant application started on June 1, 2022 and ended on August 17, 2022. This \$5,000 grant is intended to educate and enhance community awareness of the profession of landscape architecture as well as to provide a benefit to the community and/or environment. At the board of directors meeting on October 5, 2022, board members discussed and approved the 2023 community grant recipient. **The grant will go to Cardiff by the Sea Foundation with the project Harbaugh Seaside Parkway.**

Harbaugh Seaside Parkway is the gateway park to Cardiff-by-the-Sea from Pacific Coast Highway but for decades has been a community garden with random plants, many of which are considered invasive or semi-invasive as well as high water consumption varieties. The intent of the proposed Harbaugh Seaside Parkway landscape project is



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to provide a central open-space plaza with vital pedestrian pathway links to the Cardiff segment of the multi-modal Coastal Rail Trail and to provide new attractive, low water consumption, sustainable, environmentally appropriate, and easily maintainable native plant palette. The project proposes to provide new ADA compliant hardscape, new permeable paving parking areas, stormwater runoff bio-retention and filtration basins, site amenities for community functions and socialization, informational signage, and a history component that replicates a past train station depot waiting platform overhead structure that will have interpretive elements in it referring to the saved section of

the old historic Cardiff Train Station depot flooring that was unearthed during the construction of the Coastal Rail Trail.

The applications of Cardiff by the Sea Foundation included a full set of Conceptual Landscape Plans which were generated pro-bono by a licensed Landscape Architect Richard Risner, ASLA (PLA Ca 4808) that lives in the Cardiff-by-the-Sea community. These Conceptual Landscape Plans were generated as a result of 3 different community action/design charette meetings, meetings with the C101/Cardiff Design Committee, City of Encinitas planning/engineering/parks staff, and finally presented at a City of Encinitas Council Meeting where the Conceptual Landscape Plans were approved unanimously. While all the above-mentioned proposed site elements are vital and critically important to the local community, it is difficult for most community members to fully understand, comprehend and grasp the full intent of what Landscape Architecture plans are. With the ASLA SD Community Grant the recipient would hire an expert rendering artist to generate 4 different, highly accurate, realistic looking, computer-generated 3D rendering perspectives of the proposed landscape project in its final completed state.

While the ASLA SD Community Grant unfortunately cannot fulfill the Harbaugh Seaside Parkway construction costs entirely, it will substantially help to obtain the much-needed 3D renderings to help propel the project forward with donations from the community. The board members are glad to see the whole project



which demonstrates the importance of landscape architectural principles and practices in helping to conserve and enhance the natural and built landscape, promote sustainable design and preserve the cultural heritage of San Diego County. It is also strongly showing the support and involvement of local citizens and groups and provide some benefit to the environment and community.

**[THE GRANT] WILL SUBSTANTIALLY HELP TO OBTAIN THE MUCH NEEDED 3D RENDERINGS TO HELP PROPEL THE PROJECT FORWARD.**

# NEW ASLA SAN DIEGO MEMBER HITS THE GROUND RUNNING



Kevin Jeffery moved with his wife to Southern California in August and recently joined the San Diego ASLA Chapter. Having spent the last three years practicing landscape architecture within a small architecture firm in Juneau, Alaska, Kevin is now working as a Landscape Planner public servant for the City of Chula Vista. Kevin uses his expertise water management and stewardship to push for urban water design that is more resilient. His professional endeavors also get channeled into his volunteer passions via waterscape design research (Blue Index), crafting with recycled materials and being a part of the Black Landscape Architects Network (BlackLAN). Expanding and inspiring the public's perception on resilient design is one thing Kevin strives for.

With the national ASLA Conference coming up this month in San Francisco, Kevin has already been spearheading an event being conducted by the BlackLAN group prior to moving. BlackLAN wants to do something in the community the conference is being held in that gives back to Black communities through engaging youth and young adults in the various ways landscape architecture can improve things. The Day of Service is a project to engage young people in the



San Francisco Community to the landscape architecture profession and provide advice on careers in design. The goal is to inspire of our community to learn about landscape architecture and other design disciplines by exposing them to Black design professionals and students.

Kevin will be leading a group of up to 20 young people (16-26 years old) from Black San Francisco communities in creating site furnishings for the C.A.R.E. San Francisco Garden on the Saturday during the conference. This event will allow for the participants to Learn about landscape architecture, and meet design, planning and construction professionals.

Kevin met with the SD ASLA Board in October, and the Board voted to sponsor a portion of the event. This sponsorship shows how SD ASLA is supporting young designers to be in California communities as well as finding fun unique ways to engage with BIPOC young people with landscape architecture's power to positively develop one's community.

Be on the look for updates on the event and how Kevin will be bringing those lessons to the San Diego County. Give Kevin some San Diego recommendations on design and tacos when you see him at the next Chapter Event.

You can reach Kevin at [Kevin.Jeffrey@utexas.edu](mailto:Kevin.Jeffrey@utexas.edu).

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Hello ASLA Members! We are happy to welcome many new and returning members to the chapter. Feel free to reach out with any questions. We hope to see many of you at this year's ASLA National Conference in San Francisco. Thanks for your continued support of the San Diego chapter.

## WELCOME TO OUR RETURNING MEMBERS!

Cristhian Barajas, ASLA, Steven Burkel, ASLA, Adam Robert Crowell, Associate ASLA, Ashley Davenport, ASLA, Chad A. Evans, ASLA, Todd N. Fry, ASLA, Mario Ezequiel Magallanes, ASLA, Olivia Miethke, Associate ASLA, Devin Murphy, ASLA, Matthew G. Wong, ASLA

## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

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



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**Kenya Huevo, ASLA**

VP MEMBERSHIP

## 6 - 10 YEARS

**2016** JT Barr, ASLA, David C. Skalka, Affiliate ASLA, Erik Rowan, ASLA

**2015** Philip J. Armstrong, ASLA, Claire Morris, ASLA, Stephen Nunez, ASLA

**2014** Kent J. Horner, ASLA, Jonathan S. Austin, ASLA, Cheri A. Blatner-Pifer, ASLA

**2013** Kari J. Kikuta, ASLA, Rocio Gertler, ASLA

## 1 - 5 YEARS

**2021** Ania Galka Armour, ASLA, Keath William Flint, ASLA, Baneen Rizvi, Student ASLA, Kaitlyn Porter, ASLA, Melissa Johnson, ASLA, Jaime Sandoval, ASLA, Fernanda Suarez, ASLA, Angelina Sotelo, ASLA

**2020** Gwendolyn Stark, ASLA, Andrew Hatch, ASLA



## ● 11 - 20 YEARS

**2010** David Leonard, ASLA

**2008** Kasia Trojanowska, ASLA

**2007** Jeff Justus, ASLA

**2006** Robert J. Jones, ASLA, Navid Mostatabi, ASLA

**2003** Dillon Diers, ASLA, Jill Van Sickle, ASLA, Thomas G. McDaniel, ASLA, Patricia M. Trauth, ASLA

## 31 - 40 YEARS ●

**1989** Anthony D. Lawson, ASLA, Jon Samuel Wreschinsky, ASLA

**1986** James C. Kuhlken, ASLA

**1983** Kathleen A. Garcia, FASLA, Gail Decker Garbini, ASLA, Michael W. Peltz, ASLA, Glen Schmidt, FASLA



# FEDERAL WEBSITE OFFERS REAL-TIME CLIMATE DATA TO COMMUNITIES

A new federal website offers information that helps communities understand the real-time climate-related hazards in their area. The [Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation portal](#) also offers information on developing equitable climate resilience plans to protect people, property, and infrastructure. Communities will also find information on identifying federal funds, including those available through the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#), to support climate resilience projects.

**CLIMATE MAPPING FOR RESILIENCE**

**BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW**



# LEGACY AWARD TO LOCAL SCHOOL

COLLABORATES WITH LOCAL  
VENDORS TO BUILD LEARNING  
GARDEN ~ RIBBON CUTTING HELD  
OCTOBER 6, 2022.

In 2019, the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) held its National Conference in San Diego and with it came the Legacy Project which sought to gather vendor donations and implement them into a local project. After a lengthy Covid pause, the garden was made possible through the collaborative effort of the Legacy Team of the ASLA San Diego Chapter, the ACE Mentor San Diego program, and the Garden Committee at Longfellow K-8 Spanish Immersion School.

The Legacy Team was able to achieve its goal of providing a garden area for student instruction. Instruction is provided by a Sage Garden Funded educator garnered through the Las Compadres organization of the Longfellow Garden Committee.

This project was also a collaboration with local vendors: Landscape Development, Inc. (LDI), Brightview, Rainbird, Native West Nursery, Everde Nursery, Wolf Landscape



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**Delle Willett**  
PUBLIC RELATIONS





and Design, KRC Rock, and Southwest Boulder and Stone as well Conference vendors: Greenscreen, Belgard, Street Furniture Australia, Gametime, and Maglin Furniture. The Legacy Project was co-chaired by Jaime Sandoval/Senior Landscape Designer/RE Services, and Trista Garcia Silvia/Construction Manager/Studio WC Architecture and Engineering.

Background: In 2008, ASLA introduced the Legacy Project, which seeks to promote positive change in the host city of the annual national conference. The host chapter teams up with the local affiliate of the ACE Mentor Program to design a project to be installed after the meeting.

At the conclusion of the conference the vendors mark their products for donation and ASLA arranges to pick up and store all materials that can be used in a project design until they are installed at the project location.



# TRUSTEE UPDATE



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Patricia Trauth**

CHAPTER TRUSTEE

A Trustees Meeting was held on October 4th. The last couple of years, our new CEO Torey Carter-Conneen, has initiated smaller "Town Hall" type meetings where we are grouped together based on our region and we have met regularly with Washington, Oregon, Hawaii, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, and California chapters. It is easier to have thoughtful discussions with a dozen people with camera on rather than a meeting with over 100 participants! Here are some of the highlights:

**MEMBERSHIP** – Membership has grown 5% this past year! Much of this was the result of 1,200 letters sent out by National to previous members whose membership had lapsed during COVID. This resulted in 700 members rejoining ASLA.

**ADVOCACY DAY** – Nine members from the four California chapters (Northern California, Sierra which is the Sacramento area, Southern California, and San Diego) met with staff from Senators Diane Feinstein's and Alex Padilla's offices. We thanked them for supporting the bill H.R. 7534 – Excess Urban Heat Mitigation Act of 2022. This bill would establish a grant program for green roofs, tree planting, transit shelters and environmental justice, with 50% of the grant going to low-income communities. We also informed them about our profession and how we have a positive impact on public spaces. The team then met with their respective representatives. ASLA National did a great job

or organizing all the meetings and helping to prepare all of us who participated in Advocacy Day.

**INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP** – ASLA currently has 70 members in over 30 countries outside the United States. ASLA National is exploring this opportunity to create a chapter outside the U.S. Shanghai has the largest contingency, although it is complicated with the requirements that China would require. The International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) has a presence in Washington D.C and we are looking at a partnership with them as well. ASLA in Mexico is also being explored.

**DREAM BIG WITH DESIGN** – This is the second year of this initiative that focuses on students from kindergarten through high school, with over 705 students that participated in the event this year and \$32,000 was raised for continued implementation of the initiative. There will be a video that portrays what is happening with Dream Big and it will put a smile on your face! Hopefully we can get this on our website for all of you to experience.

**VIDEO LINK**

As always, if you have questions, suggestions or comments on any of this information, please contact me at [ptrauth@rickengineering.com](mailto:ptrauth@rickengineering.com).



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# EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE UPDATE



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**Gwen Stark & Fernanda Suarez**

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS CO-CHAIRS



## Join us for LARE Study Groups!

Hello Emerging Professionals Committee! As the year comes to an end, we will be very focused on preparing our members for the December LARE exams. As many of you know, the structure of the exams has transformed, and all changes will take effect in December 2023. Thanks to everyone who has joined the meetings and discussions to determine what will be the most beneficial to our members moving forward.

Earlier this year, we hosted a successful LARE prep session and are looking forward to starting LARE study groups in the upcoming weeks! Whether you are taking the first test or are well on your way to

licensure, we hope these groups help and reassure anyone preparing for the tests. We know the testing process can be intimidating, so these study groups will focus on creating a community of people to share important information, study materials, and methods. We plan to have two scheduled meeting times per week, one in person and one virtual, to allow for the most participation.

If you are interested in participating in these study groups or have any questions, please contact:

**Gwen Stark** ([gwen@ktua.com](mailto:gwen@ktua.com)) or  
**Fernanda Suarez** ([fsuarez@migcom.com](mailto:fsuarez@migcom.com))

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY GRANTS

The [Thriving Communities Program](#) provides funding to increase affordable transportation options, enhance economic opportunity, reduce environmental burdens, and improve outdoor accessibility and quality of life in underserved areas.

The U.S. Department of Transportation [issued an announcement regarding this program](#) that is especially relevant to landscape architects. Specifically, **DOT is selecting experts to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building throughout project phases.** Technical assistance will be provided to state, local, or Tribal governments, United States territories, metropolitan planning organizations, regional transportation planning organizations, transit agencies, or other political subdivisions of state or local governments.

**NOTICE OF FUNDING**



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**TRACY MORGAN HOLLINGWORTH, CAE, MPA**  
CCASLA & SDASLA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**The deadline for application submission is 11:59pm ET on November 22, 2022.** Applications must be submitted through <https://www.grants.gov>. Opportunity number: DOT-TCP-FY22-01.

This is a great opportunity for landscape architects to provide their unique expertise to the numerous federal infrastructure projects across the nation. Apply today!



# UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

## NOVEMBER

**2** EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
6PM | LOCATION TBA OR ONLINE

LARE REVIEW SESSION, 7PM  
EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

RSVP GWEN STARK

**6** LARE REVIEW SESSION, 7PM  
EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

RSVP GWEN STARK

**9** LARE REVIEW SESSION, 7PM  
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**13** LARE REVIEW SESSION, 7PM  
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**16** LARE REVIEW SESSION, 7PM  
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RSVP GWEN STARK

**20** LARE REVIEW SESSION, 7PM  
EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

RSVP GWEN STARK

**22** 2023 CHAPTER BUDGET  
PROPOSALS DUE TO:  
[Andrew@HatchWorks.design](mailto:Andrew@HatchWorks.design)

**23** LARE REVIEW SESSION, 7PM  
EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

RSVP GWEN STARK

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA ITEMS TO BOD SECRETARY  
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**27** LARE REVIEW SESSION, 7PM  
EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

RSVP GWEN STARK

**30** LARE REVIEW SESSION, 7PM  
EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

RSVP GWEN STARK

## DECEMBER

**2** EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RETREAT  
9AM - 12PM | RICK ENGINEERING

RSVP KEATH

**14** ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY &  
MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT  
BAHIA HOTEL, 5:30PM - 930PM

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ASLSD EVENTS

# CREATIVE VISIONS: RE-ENVISIONING URBAN TREES

ASLA CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE &  
SAN DIEGO URBAN TIMBER



**It was a perfect afternoon for this enriching ASLA Climate Action Committee + SD Urban Timber event, which was attended by 45 tree-loving Clients, Artisans & Innovators...all looking for new ways to be more sustainable and resilient.**

The gathering was hosted by SD Urban Timber owners Jess Van Arsdale and Dan Herbst at their Chula Vista facility. They shared their passion for salvaging urban wood & creating valuable works of art, with a detailed presentation of salvage operations of mature trees within Balboa Park and many other local sites. Their craftsmanship was on full display within their amazing indoor/outdoor showrooms and fabrication areas.

A special 'TreeStories' docuseries video was presented by Rain Bird Representative Stephen Burton, on the iconic 'Monterrey Cypress'. Don Ross from the Home Fed Corporation shared his appreciation for the effective collaboration with Jess & Dan on the Cote Vera Development, as they incorporated visual enhancements to the 'sales center'.







Landscape Architect Tom Picard with Tributary Landscape Architecture spoke about the successful collaboration with San Diego Urban Timber on several park landscape features he was working on in the same development.

Landscape Architects Jennifer Montgomery & Laura Handschumacher with Schmidt Design Group shared examples of their innovative use of re-purposed salvaged urban timber, including installations at public parks, play spaces, educational facilities, resorts, and private properties.

ASLA's 'Climate Action Committee' Chairperson James Ryan invited new committee members to continue the important work of highlighting the invaluable 'ecosystem services' that trees provide in the face of on-going climate change.

Michelle Landis (previous Chair of ASLA's Stewardship Committee) shared a Tree Salvage Case Study for the South Bay Botanic Garden at Southwestern College. She stressed that careful inventory, pre-planning and documentation is necessary to protect, salvage and remove trees within the urban environment. Michelle,



Jess and James collaborated on a sample Specification Section that should be integrated into any 'Tree Salvage Plan', to help ensure that desirable trees are salvaged properly during construction phases.

An informative 'hands-on' demonstration was a special treat, with Urban Timber staff showing how tree trunks are skillfully cut & prepared for artful re-use.

Networking opportunities were plentiful, with delicious Taco Truck plates and 'TGIF' adult beverages. Our Sponsors were amazing as usual. Information Tables were hosted by Rainbird (Stephen Burton); Hunter/FX (Chris Roesink & Mike Madewell); Brightview and EVERDE (Suzie Wiest bestowed unique plant species on several happy recipients).

Big thanks to our ASLA Chapter President Patricia Ferman for her leadership & organizational skills, and to the dedicated committee members who pulled off this highly successful event, including Michelle Landis, Kathryn Kanaan, James Ryan, Stephen Burton, Brittany Borden, Jess Van Arsdale, Eden Bouchard, Marian Marum and of course our Executive Director Tracy Morgan Hollingworth.



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# CA COUNCIL OF ASLA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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In Sacramento, the State Legislature has gone quiet, as they are in recess. When they return in December, they'll likely select committee chairs, and full committees will form after the new year, with new Assembly and Senate bills submitted thereafter, probably starting around March. Once our lobbyists get wind of new legislation, your state directors on the California Council of ASLA will be reviewing bills that are making their way through both houses of the Legislature.

In the meantime, the Sunset review process has been officially postponed until 2025. So there's that.

Now, as we move toward the New Year, we have some new directors, as well as new officers. Let's introduce them:

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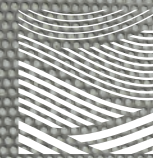
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