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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ABOUT THE AUTHOR JACKIE HIGGINS, ASLA CHAPTER PRESIDENT

> FROM ALL OF US AT ASLA-SAN DIEGO

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Happy 2024 to all ASLA SD members!

I hope that you all had some time to enjoy the end of year festivities. Thank you to all that supported and attended the Holiday Gala. It is so nice to gather our friends and colleagues together and reflect on the abundance of blessings we have created as landscape architects for the community throughout the year and throughout our careers with the work that we do. I'm so proud to be surrounded by so many talented and passionate people. Being part of the ASLA SD Chapter constantly inspires me to be more curious about our profession and the needs of the communities we serve.

The annual ASLA conference in October focused heavily on ecological adaptation for climate resilience and the integration of social equity in all that we do. I believe our chapter and our region of the country feels the consequences of the challenges of these issues intensely and have been required to lead the way in addressing these issues for many years. I'm looking forward to work with our members this year to highlight many of the trailblazing projects that ASLA SD members have undertaken to continue to communicate and learn with our national colleagues and the community, how we as

Landscape Architects are especially skilled and suited to lead the way for an equitable and climate resilient future.

We had a strong turnout and discussion at the Fellows event this past November. It was a thoughtful discussion and sharing of experiences and knowledge. I'd like to thank all the ASLA SD Fellows that participated and so generously shared their wisdom with us. One nugget that resonated for me was beautifully articulated in the phrase by one of our Fellows as "gentle pressure relentlessly applied". This will be one of my mantras for 2024. Thank you, Fellows, for leading the way and inspiring us to continue!

In efforts to advance our professional impacts, ASLA SD is creating new and evolving some of the standing board committees. We will be developing our calendar of events for 2024 in the next 60 days or so, and I ask all of you that have ideas regarding engaging our members, allied professions, and community to reach out to me and the rest of the 2024 Board members. Please stay tuned for the all the new ways to become engaged with ASLA SD in the new year! Wishing you all a peaceful and prosperous 2024!



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Patricia Trauth

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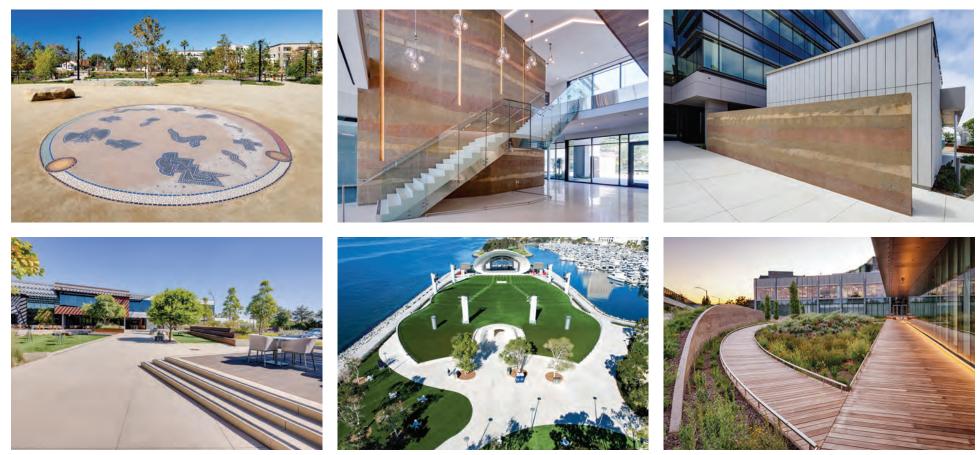


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2023 HOLIDAY EVENT



ABOUT THE AUTHOR Elissa Urbina VP SOCIAL/PROGRAMS

This year's annual holiday Christmas party was a great success and wonderful conclusion to an eventful year. Held at the Bali Hai Restaurant, the dinner brought together over 80 members of San Diego's landscape architecture community to enjoy an evening of revisiting old friendships, sparking new connections, and celebrating this past year's achievements.

The chapter expresses their deepest appreciation to Kathryn Kanaan, principle of KDA Landscape Architects, for being the sole sponsor of this year's event. Her contribution to the chapter helped make this beautiful night possible. Additionally, the chapter would like to thank all the sponsors that supported us in 2023.





We are grateful to those who continue their sponsorship into the new year and are excited to welcome our new sponsors to the community.

The chapter acknowledged Marty Armstrong for his hard work as president this past year. Marty is a natural, dedicated leader, and it was an honor to have him lead the board.

Marty took a moment to recognize each committee chair from 2023. This year's board consisted of passionate individuals who worked hard to create a community for conscientious designers. There were many successful events hosted and inciting conversations brought to the table. The incoming 2024 committee chairs were introduced and welcomed. It is exciting to see more dedicated individuals committed to run the chapter, and we cannot wait for the potential that the new year holds.

President-Elect, Jackie Higgins, presented a certificate to our 2024 Chapter Community Grant Recipient, the Julian Community Heritage Foundation, for their Julian Town Square Project. Dana Petterson, Vice-president and Fundraising Chair for JCHF, accepted the grant award and displayed the design for the square. Located on a vacant lot in downtown, the project takes into consideration Julian's rich history, and works to eliminate lingering pollution from a gasoline spill that occurred decades ago. The design includes a community park and amphitheater with the goal of curating a space for art, theater, and community gatherings. The team of volunteers that have been working hard on this project are enthusiastic to see it come to fruition.

The celebration came to a close with a final announcement. If you are interested in getting more involved with this remarkable community, the San Diego Chapter is looking for more volunteers to join the board. Please email us at <u>aslasd@sbcglobal.net</u>.

We can't wait to see you in the new year!



















SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE



ABOUT THE AUTHOR **DIFAN CHEN, ASLA** VP COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Coming up next year, ASLA will continue to participate in several school career fair events. These will be very good opportunities to introduce landscape architecture to the students and have in-person conversations with them. Volunteers are needed and appreciated.

Let us know if you're interested in talking and meeting with the students about your careers.

More details are coming up early next year. Contact me at <u>difanchen752@gmail.com</u>. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.



2024 DESIGN AWARDS ENTRY DEADLINE FEBRUARY 23





ABOUT THE AUTHOR **Tracy Morgan Hollingworth, CAE, MPA** CHAPTER + CCASLA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

About the Design Awards

The ASLA San Diego Excellence in Design Awards are the ultimate recognition of design achievement for landscape architecture firms and projects in and outside of the San Diego region. These awards celebrate the innovation and creativity found among the practitioners of landscape architecture.

Program

The San Diego Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects is conducting the 2024 Design Awards Program to recognize professional excellence for outstanding works of landscape architecture and environmental planning.

Eligibility

Project entries will be accepted from any individual, firm, nonprofit organization, public agency or academic institution if one of the projects participants includes at least one of the following:

- San Diego Chapter, ASLA Members and Licensed Landscape Architect in the State of California (Projects at any location)
- ASLA Member and Licensed Landscape Architect in any state (San Diego County projects only)

 Non-ASLA Member Licensed Landscape Architect in the State of California (San Diego County projects only)

Design Awards Entry Form & Payments Due: Friday, February 23, 2024

Entry PowerPoint Submittals Due: Monday, March 11, 2024

*Late Entry Form & Payment Due: Monday, March 18, 2024

*Late PowerPoint Submittals Due: Thursday, March 28, 2024

Be sure to completely review the Entry Form Instructions and FAQs that are posted on our website events calendar at <u>www.</u> <u>asla-sandiego.org</u>. There are no refunds if entry PPT templates are not submitted either at the early or late entry deadlines.

Call us at 619.283.8818 or email us at <u>ASLASD@sbcglobal</u>. <u>net</u> if you have questions that are not answered in our FAQ contained in the Call For Entries instructions and entry form at the following link: <u>https://www.asla-sandiego.org/aslasdwp/</u> <u>wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2024ASLASD_DesignAwards_</u> <u>EntryPacket-1.pdf</u>

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CA COUNCIL OF ASLA (CCASLA) ADVOCACY WEBINAR TO DEFEND STATE LICENSURE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH @ 12PM

REGISTER + RECEIVE ZOOM LINK



Join CA Chapter Executive Committee members, Past Presidents & Chapter Fellows to learn how you can help defend California's licensure of landscape architects by participating in meetings with your State Legislators. Topics include:

- The Landscape Architects License Sunset Review timeline.
- What Legislators who sit on the Assembly & Senate Business and Professions Committees will discuss in the Spring regarding licensure continuing for landscape architects & architects.
- Building Relationships with State Legislators.
- Scheduling a District Office meeting with your Legislators.
- Communicating the value of landscape architecture in addressing environmental challenges that face California communities & why licensure of the profession protects consumers.



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MEET THE FELLOWS & LARE STUDY GROUPS



ABOUT THE AUTHOR **Gwen Stark, ASLA** EMERGING PROFESSIONALS CO- CHAIR

HELLO EMERGING PROFESSIONALS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We ended 2023 with a great "Meet the Fellows" event which was finally held in person after years of being virtual! Seven of the Fellows from the San Diego Chapter (Pat Caughey, Vicki Estrada, Kyle Fiddelke, Kathy Garcia, Joy Lyndes, Dennis Otsuji & Glen Schmidt) made up the panel and answered a range of questions from the attendees.

The FASLA members have made significant contributions to the profession of landscape architecture and society at large. To begin the discussion, they all gave background information about their careers. They then discussed the variety of ways they became interested in Landscape Architecture, whether from direct work experience or by switching majors at the last moment to study Landscape Architecture!

They emphasized the need to educate more people about the field of Landscape Architecture. Questions from the attendees touched on topics including the process of becoming a Fellow, trends that have come and gone over the Fellow's careers, how water use and other regulations have affected design and how to ensure that your work meets the needs of your client while still maintaining design standards and ideals. Thank you to all the Fellows who provided insightful answers to the group's questions as well as all of the volunteers and attendees who came to the event!

Upcoming this year, we will be starting our LARE study groups again in January. We have had a lot of members participate in these groups over the last year and they have been very helpful in creating a peer network to work with while studying for all sections of the LARE exams. Keep an eye out for the Kickoff Meeting invitation in the





coming weeks. We will continue to hold meetings virtually on Wednesday evenings and in person on Sunday mornings.

If you are interested in participating in these study groups or have any questions regarding the Emerging Professionals Committee, please contact Gwen Stark (<u>gwen@ktua.com</u>) or Fernanda Suarez (<u>fsuarez@migcom.com</u>).

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LICENSE FEE INCREASE

The Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) is self-funded by licensing fees and has been diligent to control operational and staffing expenses; however, costs imposed that are outside of LATC's control have made it impossible to keep the budget in balance.

Until now, an operational reserve helped defray these costs which is why the fees were lowered to utilize the reserves. The main reasons for these fee increases are operational and staffing expenses, including costs related to LATC's business modernization efforts to update legacy IT platforms to a modern IT system.

During its November 2022 meeting, the LATC reviewed extensive research and analysis of its existing fee structure. This was a culmination of efforts to address a serious budget situation brought to its attention and potentially leading to insolvency.

At the current fee structure, LATC would become insolvent sometime during the 2024 fiscal year due to its reserve funds becoming depleted. By law, this is not permissible. To maintain LATC's fiscal balance, a new fee structure was devised following careful consideration of numerous factors.



This will be the first time that the LATC has increased license and examination fees in 14 years to cover increased operational costs. This effort will bring fees in line with the actual cost to provide the services to licensees and the public. The new fee structure will become effective January 1, 2024. For additional information please contact LATC at (916) 575-7230 or https://www.latc.ca.gov/.

UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF URBAN SOCIAL SPACES: JOIN THE CUPSS MOVEMENT!



ABOUT THE AUTHOR Wei Wang, ASLA CUPPS CHAIR

In the dynamic realm of landscape architecture, where design meets community, a new frontier is emerging. The Committee on Urban Public Social Spaces (CUPSS) beckons you to join us in transforming the landscape of social sustainability in San Diego.

About CUPSS: CUPSS is an innovative committee within the San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). Our focus is on fostering an interdisciplinary community dedicated to amplifying awareness and understanding of "social sustainability" within the public realm through strategic design and planning approaches. We believe that creating vibrant, socially engaging environments is not just a design choice; it's a pathway to build stronger, more resilient communities.

Design Approach: Sustainable design is a cornerstone of our mission. It envisions spaces that not only captivate the human spirit but also harmonize with the natural environment. Our belief is rooted in the understanding that a socially sustainable

place must uphold ecological and environmental sustainability. It's a symbiotic relationship where the well-being of the community and the health of the environment are intertwined.

The Social Sustainability Nexus: At CUPSS, we see social sustainability as the linchpin connecting various facets of sustainable development. If a place is socially sustainable, it fosters economic growth by becoming a magnet for people. This influx of human activity creates a thriving environment that, in turn, positively impacts the economic environment. Moreover, our commitment extends to ensuring that the ecological balance is preserved alongside these human-centric spaces.

Why Join CUPSS: Impactful Collaboration: At CUPSS, we believe in the power of collective action. By joining our committee, you become a part of a diverse and dynamic team working towards a common goal – enhancing urban public social spaces for the betterment of our communities.

Professional Growth: Whether you're a seasoned professional or just starting your journey, CUPSS offers a platform for continuous learning and professional development. Engage in projects, share insights, and expand your network within the landscape architecture community.

Social and Environmental Advocacy: Be at the forefront of advocating for social sustainability. CUPSS is not just about physical spaces; it's about fostering connections, understanding cultural nuances, and championing the principles of a sustainable and inclusive society.

How You Can Contribute: If you are passionate about shaping the future of our urban spaces and contributing to social sustainability, CUPSS is the place for you. Join us in our upcoming meeting and learn more about the direction of CUPSS's going, share your ideas, and be a part of this transformative journey.

Get Involved: Reach out to our chair, Wei, at <u>wwang@vdla.us</u> to express your interest or seek more information about joining CUPSS.

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TRUSTEE UPDATE



ABOUT THE AUTHOR **Patricia Trauth, ASLA** CHAPTER TRUSTEE

The Trustees Fall Meeting was held on October 26 and 27 in Minneapolis. Here are some of the items that were discussed and voted upon during our meetings: ASLA public policies such as Climate Change and Resilience and a new policy on Biodiversity. We also voted on policy updates for professional licensure, qualifications for licensure, reciprocity, and enforcement.

NATIONAL DUES – Our dues will be increasing in 2024. There are many non-profit organizations like ASLA that experienced the same issues during COVID that resulted in lower attendance at national conferences, and our national conference is a third of our yearly revenue. National is sharing the responsibility to be more efficient and reducing the budget for next year by reducing staff by 10%. To put this increase in perspective though, the American Planning Association, of which I'm also a member, has yearly dues that are \$622.00. Currently ASLA dues are \$385.00 for full members and remain low in comparison.

STEM PROGRAM – ASLA applied and was successful in acquiring this designation this past year!!! This designation increases our exposure to the public, particularly at the college level, and elevates our profession. The Department

of Homeland Security (DEH) determines who acquires this status and this has been an ongoing effort for several years.

FRAMEWORKS INSTITUTE – We now have a specific framing strategy – a way of talking about landscape architecture – that helps people recognize the importance of what we do. Log in to the ASLA website for more information. The four key recommendations are:

- **Paint a vivid pictu**re of how landscape architecture directly benefits people and communities.
- Appeal to the value of community cohesion to reinforce the value of the profession.
- Explain how landscape architects use their expertise in design to build a better world.
- Offer strategic examples of your work.

I would love to hear your thoughts on all things related to landscape architecture.

CONTACT PATRICIA

CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE PRESENTS: **FIRESCAPING AND THE MIYAWAKI AFFORESTATION METHOD** ABOUT THE AUTHOR Stephanie Green, ASLA

HAPPY 2024 FROM THE CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE!

We're kicking off the new year with an engaging talk and an exciting project. Our featured discussion will delve into the dual topics of Firescaping and the Miyawaki Afforestation Method. The inspiration for this conversation arose during our exploration of the Miyawaki Method, promoted for its efficient approach to cultivating native, biodiverse forest ecosystems. This method involves densely and randomly planting all layers of a forest simultaneously, aligning with the natural succession stages of a forest.

Our talk will address how this method, originally developed in a temperate climate, can be adapted to our Mediterranean climate. We'll explore where our fire regulations permit the establishment of such densely intermixed plantings. To kick off the discussion, Dr. Trevor Maynard, a Mechanical and Fire Protection Engineer with Extropy Research, will provide an overview of California's current fire regulations and Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ). He'll offer insights into the evolution of these regulations and how our profession can contribute valuable input to regulators.

We invite you to set aside an hour on Friday, February 9, at noon to join us and actively participate in this enlightening conversation. RSVP at the following link and we'll send you the Zoom link: https://bpt.me/6205324

Now, onto our project! We are embarking on the exciting venture of planting a miniforest in the Miyawaki style based on the insights gathered from our talk. While we have a designated test site, we welcome suggestions for additional sites. The ideal location would be a neglected or underutilized urban area outside of a Very High FHSZ. We are also seeking a local user group or organization interested in partnering with us for the installation and maintenance of this project.

Your participation is key, so let's come together and make a positive impact on our environment. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for further details. If you miss the program, we'll post a recording to our website



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WEBINAR & MINIFOREST PROJECT

Firescaping & the Miyawaki Method of Reforestation

ZOOM Webinar: Friday February 9 12-1pm PST

<u>WEBINAR:</u> The Miyawaki Afforestation Method efficiently cultivates native, biodiverse forest ecosystems by densely and randomly planting all layers of a forest simultaneously. This free webinar will address how the method can be adapted to our Mediterranean climate and permitted within current CA fire regulations and Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ).



Stephanie Green PLA, CAC Chair ASLA-San Diego Chapter



Dr. Trevor Maynard Mechanical & Fire Protection Engineer, Extropy Research

<u>MINIFOREST PROJECT</u>: We have identified a designated test site to plant a Miyawakiinspired miniforest in San Diego and are seeking a partner organization or local user group to help with the installation and maintenance. We also welcome suggestions for additional sites, ideally neglected or underutilized urban areas outside of a Very High FHSZ.

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



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Thanks for your continued support of the ASLA San Diego chapter!

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions on your membership at <u>ASLASD@</u> <u>sbcglobal.net.</u>

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

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