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Education Lineup 2014

Kathryn Kanaan, ASLA

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
– Nelson Mandela

Here we are barely into 2014 and the possibility of learning is already upon us. We are conducting 3 irrigation workshops that will educate all - from the new designer to the most seasoned specifier.

January 10th – Have you ever wanted to meet the county plan check representatives to pick their brains? Well join us for an exciting panel discussion with Kelly Broughton, Mary Radley, Gary Hoyt, David Kahler, and a representative from Riverside County. How to get through plan check the first time, things that inspectors are hoping we improve on,
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from the President

Get Involved and Watch How You Change!

Happy New Year! I’m very excited to be your Chapter President this upcoming year. After scaling back my involvement in ASLA to raise my two children over the last fifteen years, I’m ready to give back and make a difference!

I plan to make landscape architecture more visible throughout the region, engage in thought-provoking events and mentor young professionals. My leadership style will utilize a “bottom up” and a “top down” approach. I want to continue to channel the passion and energy that Michael Watts, Kristen Koehrn, Maria Swift and other emerging professionals have demonstrated this past year. I also want to engage our seasoned professionals, particularly our ASLA Fellows and past presidents, to share their perspective and wisdom. Our Meet the Fellows event for Landscape Architecture Month last year was well received, and I want to expand this program with more thoughtful discussions about our profession. Contributions from these two groups should prove to be exciting for all landscape architects and the general public.

Stewardship is at the forefront of our profession, and I want to position landscape architects to have a leadership role in sustainability throughout our region. Initiated by Marian Marum, the San Diego Chapter of ASLA was the first chapter to develop a Stewardship Committee. Under the leadership of Tim Smith, our President-Elect, the committee has blossomed. Recently the committee held a series of seminars attended by landscape architects, civil engineers, architects, planners, and County and City officials. Please check out the Stewardship Committee’s YouTube videos of these events on our website. The enthusiasm at these events was remarkable, so stay tuned for more!

Communication is central to the success of any organization. You may have noticed more articles about local landscape architects this past year. This is due to Ty Sterns, Vice President of Visibility and Delle Willett, our publicist. Delle has dramatically increased the number of articles in local publications and she is just warming up! We all know our profession needs more visibility, and Delle is making a difference.

As Chapter President, Jim Kuhlken upgraded our branding with a contemporary logo distinct to the San Diego Chapter. In 2013, Past President Tim Jachlewski spearheaded the creation of a professional display unit, which will be profiled at all of our events. It is now time to take a fresh look at our newsletter and website. You may have noticed a few changes in the layout of this edition of the ASLA Newsletter, starting with the cover that is simplified to highlight our award-winning projects exclusively, and locating the address on the back of the publication. With guidance from the Executive Committee, our website will get a face-lift this upcoming year. Our website promotes all of us collectively and as a design-oriented profession, we need increased graphic representation and a website that is more interactive with social media.

We have a great calendar of events planned for the upcoming year. Hope to see you at the Kick-Off Meeting on January 31st at Grounded, 897 Highway 101 in Encinitas, where the Executive Committee will profile the events for the year. ASLA is always there for you: informing you of profession-related issues, defending your license, and in general, looking out for your best interests. Get involved and watch how your life changes!
Trustee’s Report:  
Many Items Covered at Annual Meeting  
Mark Steyaert, Jr., ASLA, Trustee

I hope some of you were able to attend the annual meeting in Boston. I, unfortunately had to bow out at the last minute due to family issues. Fortunately, our esteemed President, Patricia Trauth, sat in on the Board of Trustees meetings for me and created the thorough notes that follow. Please check it out for happenings at ASLA National and around the nation.

ASLA Board of Trustees  
Annual Meeting, November 14-15, 2013:

Programs and Operations

The Board of Trustees is charged with approving the annual program and budget of the Society and with monitoring progress toward achieving goals and objectives.

• ASLA National is working to support the ASLA Potomac Chapter in its pursuit of licensure for landscape architects in the District of Columbia, which currently lacks any regulation. The D.C. Board of Architecture and Interior Design may vote on licensure as early as October 2014.

• With regard to deregulation of licensure, Michigan is the only state that is of concern at this time.

• ASLA released a Request for Qualifications for a landscape architecture firm to lead the Society’s Chinatown Green Streets demonstration project. Firms should submit their qualifications to serve as lead consultant for this demonstration project, which surrounds ASLA’s headquarters in Washington D.C. The deadline is January 15, 2014 at 5 pm EST. The project involves the design and installation of an interconnected series of vegetated drainage systems to manage stormwater runoff and beautify the public right-of-way.

Finance and Budget

• Financial activities over the last few years position ASLA to continue to be strong from a financial perspective. In response to the recession, ASLA National cut the operating budget in 2008-09. In 2010, ASLA restored the Government Affairs and Public Relations positions. ASLA has always operated in the black, which has not been the case for many professional organizations during the recession.

• The Board of Trustees voted and approved a motion to pay off the long term debt associated with the ASLA headquarters building in Washington D.C. This activity is targeted for the Spring of 2014. This will allow ASLA more flexibility with regard to providing services to members.

• Membership has slightly increased the last three quarters in 2013.

Government Affairs

• Congresswoman Donna Edwards (Maryland) and Senator Tom Udall (New Mexico) reintroduced the Innovative Stormwater Infrastructure Act, which would help local communities utilize green infrastructure projects to address stormwater management and water related issues.

• ASLA has joined the League of American Bicyclists, the Safe Routes to Schools National Partnership, the National Complete Streets Coalition and other groups in sending a letter to Congress urging legislators to cosponsor the bipartisan Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Act. This legislation would require the Department of Transportation to set at a performance measure to reduce the number of bicyclists and pedestrians killed on the roads. Of the +34,000 people who died in traffic accidents last year, nearly 16 percent were bikers or pedestrians.

SITES Program Update

• SITES is a partnership of ASLA, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at the University of Texas at Austin, and the U.S. Botanic Garden, which was started in 2005.

• The goal of the partnership was to create guidelines and performance standards for sustainable land design, construction and maintenance practices.

• SITES is administered by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and funded by SITES and ASLA. The U.S. Green Building Council has been an early stakeholder and participant in SITES.

• The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) are working on preparations for the release of the SITES v2 rating system. Ultimately, the SITES program will be managed by GBCI.

• Last summer, the University of Texas at Austin filed for exclusive ownership of the SITES trademark. In October 2013, ASLA filed a petition in Texas court against the University seeking a court order requiring that their filing be withdrawn. After filing the petition, ASLA suggested early mediation to the University and they agreed. The University of Texas has since requested that mediation be postponed until January, following a hearing on the University’s plea to dismiss the ASLA petition.

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and much more about water efficient systems. This will be at the SDG&E Energy Innovation Center, 4760 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92117 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. with a tour of this facility from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

January 24th – Back to the classroom with a general overview of basic irrigation design requirements with Brad Monroe, head layouts and pipe sizing with Rick Dortch, touching on scheduling and audits with Chris Roesink. Location is Hunter Industries, 1943 Diamond St., San Marcos 92078 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lunch included.

January 31st – Our last workshop in the series is a hands-on approach to design with rotating nozzles, 2 wire systems, flow sensor connections, discussion with Bernard Everling from KTU+A on typical contractor shortcuts, red flags to watch for during field observations, common specifier mistakes, and more information that will help us make better designs for better maintenance. Balboa Park at Japanese Friendship Garden, 2215 Pan American Rd. E, San Diego, CA 92101 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

April 8th – will be our first Lecture, and we are excited to have Mark Johnson of CIVITAS in Denver, CO. This multi-disciplinary firm has projects around the world and will share with us insights into working in different countries.

September 9th – will be our second Lecture and is TBD.

I am hoping that by the time you read this we will have plenty of lecture series sponsors, but as you know, we can never have enough. Without our generous sponsors, we could not get the influential speakers we are known for, so grab the sponsorship form in this newsletter and help us to make 2014 an inspiring lecture year!

I would like to give Maria Swift a big thank you for a wonderful series last year. She will be missed by many as she relocates to South Carolina for what we are hoping is a short 14 months.

If you would like to lend a helping hand this year, or have thoughts on how we can rock this series, please email me at kathryn@kda-landscapearchitects.com. Watch for the email blast updates.
Emerging Professionals Committee
EPC Made Strides in ’13
Kristen Koehrn, Emerging Professionals Committee

The Committee that welcomes fresh faces to our local chapter and introduces exciting and engaging ways to establish long-term sustaining members has made great strides in 2013.

The Emerging Professionals Committee is made up of a variety of professionals in school, recently graduated, recently hired, and recently licensed. We unite these aspiring Landscape Architects with knowledgeable experts in the trade for mentorship. In an effort to accomplish our mission of supporting licensure and making ASLA-SD membership fun and fulfilling for new members, we have accomplished the following tasks this year:

• Established a regular monthly meeting to continuously welcome new members and build momentum from month-to-month;
• Developed a media and social media presence by creating our own page on the Chapter website, building a strongly supported facebook page, and working with Ty Sterns, Vice President of Visibility/Public Affairs, to photographically document Chapter events;
• United forces with Joe Dodd, Vice President of Social Activities, to coordinate the monthly EPC meetings with social mixers including museum visits, happy hours, and firm and project tours, to name a few;
• Began the development of a consistent member-driven and member-organized study group for all 4 sections of the L.A.R.E.;
• Summarized and streamlined the often complicated information about “Becoming a Student Member of the ASLA” and the “Path to Licensure” in the form of inspiring and instructive infographics.

Keep an eye on the EPC in 2014 and its quickly growing group of motivated design professionals. Watch us as we strengthen our Chapter with our motivation to make a difference. Feel free to contact me at krkoehrn@gmail.com if you would like to participate or have recommendations for the Emerging Professionals Committee.

VP Membership
Growing Our ASLA Membership
Richard Risner, ASLA

The San Diego Chapter, along with ASLA National have been working hard to expand the benefits of membership. But to continue to expand our advocacy, community outreach and other benefits, we need to grow our membership.

Whether someone is new to the profession or a seasoned practitioner, ASLA offers numerous benefits. Your dues support ASLA’s State and Federal Advocacy. Membership benefits also fund Public Relations and awareness of our profession, the (PPN) Professional Practice Network, discounts on awards submittals, discounts on ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO registration, the ASLA Joblink and numerous professional resources. Locally, you can attend many ASLA sponsored events, educational seminars, guest lectures and a variety of different parties. Members can join community/public participation committees, participate in our Stewardship Committee, Residential Practitioners Committee, Emerging Professionals Committee, and one can participate in many of the community outreach programs.

If you believe in the value of your ASLA membership like I do, I hope you’ll help by spreading the word to a non-member colleague, student or supplier.
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CCASLA Report:
Advocacy for Profession Begins with You
Jon Wreschinsky, CCASLA Delegate

“The education and training of landscape architects makes us unique among the design professions. We are uniquely qualified at seeing the “bigger” picture and developing the solutions that tie together the built and natural environments.”

Have you ever gotten that blank stare when you tell someone you’re a landscape architect? You know, that hesitation where you sense the other person doesn’t quite understand what that means; then inevitably the question comes... they ask about their yard problems. We all hate this, seeing ourselves placed in a category so much below our actual education and experience. You get tired of explaining yourself or correcting the misconceptions. There’s a reason why this continues to happen over and over. The public’s misconceptions can be understood when as a profession, we don’t act collectively to educate them. Every one of us has an important role to play in that effort.

The education and training of landscape architects makes us unique among the design professions. We are uniquely qualified at seeing the “bigger” picture and developing the solutions that tie together the built and natural environments. The fundamental practice of landscape architecture helps address the public health, safety and welfare, environmental issues and provides a purely human aesthetic.

Advocating for the profession is not a simple or easy thing. The complexities of the issues we typically deal with are often beyond the comprehension of those who benefit from our work the most. It is precisely for this reason that we need to focus on developing a clear and easily understood program of educating both ourselves and the public, advocating for the ideals of our profession and the important role it plays today. We must continue to develop both as a profession and as individual practitioners.

Foremost in this effort, is maintaining our professional competency which in turn helps maintain our relevancy. This is tied directly to advocating for the profession. We need to be thinking every day how we can become better at what we do and how we can improve explaining this to others.

With all of this in mind, CCASLA continues to develop the tools to help all landscape architects organize around a collective advocacy for the profession. CCASLA is preparing an advocacy issues focus report which will rely on your personal input to refine. This report will serve as the basis for developing specific advocacy tools for the education of our elected officials, key community decision makers and the public. Please keep your attention on this effort.

Our profession depends on you to help make advocacy a reality, both in your daily practice and as a collective organization. You have worked long and hard to hone your skills, build your professional reputations, and provide a valuable service to the communities where you live, work and play. Be proud of who you are and help make landscape architecture all it should and can be.

The San Diego chapter of the ASLA held its Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Event on December 5 at the Bali Hai Restaurant. Included in the evening was a silent auction and the awarding of the Community Grant to Project B.E.L.L. Learning Landscape (Bell Middle School).

VP Chapter Visibility/Public Affairs
Chapter Gains Exposure
Ty Sterns, ASLA

Looking back on the past year of PR efforts with SD ASLA, I realize that landscape architects have a golden opportunity. The media and the community love the projects we create, so it is an easy sell to get your projects and biographies published. Again this year, we contracted public relations services with freelance publicist Delle Willett. She was hired to interact with local media, and get landscape architects and ASLA in the news! Our members who responded to media requests in SD ASLA e-mail’s reaped the benefits of our PR efforts.

Delle was behind the scenes lining up opportunities for our members to get published. I look forward to serving all our members and sponsors for another year by creating more PR opportunities for our members. Some highlights from the past year are listed below:

ASLA SD Feature stories were published:
1. September 2013, San Diego Magazine, Joe Yamada retrospective
2. August 2013, North Park News and SD Metro, Women in Landscape Architecture
3. June 2013, San Diego Business Journal, green issue, four separate articles on local landscape architects
5. January 2013 Presidio Sentinel and Uptown News, design awards
6. Fall 2012, UT and NC Times published the ASLA SD community grant
7. Fall 2012, Landscape Online published an editorial on the ASLA SD community grant.
8. ASLA SD EVENTS were posted on online calendars: The Reader, City Beat, The Union-Tribune, KPBS, 10 News, Discover SD, Scoop (Mission Valley, Mission Gorge and La Mesa), La Jolla Light, GLBT, Patch.com, The San Diegan, The Mission Valley and Mission Gorge News, etc.
VP of Social Activities

Getting Social in 2014

Joe Dodd, ASLA

As the year comes to a close, we look back on all the events that made 2013 such a success for the San Diego ASLA chapter. In 2013, I was able to help plan and organize several events as the VP of Social Activities, and as a first term board member. The year started off on a good note as several attended the annual kickoff event at Grounded in Encinitas. SDASLA hosted the first annual Meet the Fellows event where local Fellow landscape architects shared their words of wisdom and answered questions in a roundtable format. In August, the ASLA golf tournament was held for the first time at the Lomas Santa Fe Country Club. Given the popularity of the location, this year’s tournament will also be held there. In December, we gathered to celebrate the holiday season and show our appreciation for all of the sponsors and volunteers at the Holiday Gala and Annual Meeting held at the Bali Hai Resort. A big thanks once again to all who attended this year’s events.

We have a lot in store for 2014 including the annual Kick-off event being held on January 31, at Grounded in Encinitas from 6pm to 8pm. For those who have not been to Grounded, it is an amazing retail space with tons of landscape architecture-centric home decor items, books, and furniture with a modern flair. This year’s golf tourney will again be held at the Lomas Santa Fe Golf Club on August 12. The design awards alternates years with the Holiday Gala, so this year’s awards program will be tentatively held in October, instead of December as in previous years.

Lastly, I am excited to announce a new event series in 2014 for all landscape architects - the ASLA Social Club (title pending). The idea is simple; an informal meet-up with other local landscape architects and professionals, centered around socializing activities relating to the profession. Such events include happy hours at local bars, informative guided project tours, tours of local firms, and organized recreation such as hiking, golfing, biking, kayaking, bowling, etc. These events will be coordinated with the Emerging Professionals Group and held once a month. We encourage everyone to come and check it out - details to come. For members and non-members alike, it will be a good excuse to detach from their computers, unwind, and network with other like-minded landscape architects.

I look forward to seeing many new faces in 2014 and encourage you all to participate in the many events scheduled for this year.

Landscape Architecture Month

Ty Stearns, ASLA

April is Landscape Architecture month, so let’s get together as a local chapter in honor of Fredrick Law Olmstead (April 26, 1822 – August 28, 1903). Join the collective effort with all 48 ASLA local chapters to promote the profession. Last April, we gathered for the Meet the Fellows program and emerging professionals networking event. Thanks again to our nationally distinguished FASLA members for taking the time to inspire future generations of landscape architects. Stay tuned for the next session of Meet the Fellows on April 24, and please join us on Saturday, April 26, 2014 for a networking event with sponsors, landscape architects, allied professionals, and emerging professionals to celebrate Landscape Architecture month. Please look for updates on social media platforms, and don’t forget to subscribe to our local chapter e-newsletter.
$5000 Community Grant Winner - 2014
Project B.E.L.L. Learning Landscape
Nate Magnusson, ASLA

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Stewardship Committee
Future Educational Events
Tim Smith, ASLA

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The speakers will come from disciplines relating to all aspects of the subject, but the most important people attending the discussion will be the audience – you. As we learned in our discussion last June entitled, “Overcoming Barriers to Creative LID Solutions,” we had great questions and comments from the audience, but needed to provide more time for questions and comments. At this next event, there will be plenty of time for you to engage in the discussion.

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Nate Magnusson, ASLA

ASLA San Diego Chapter is pleased to announce Project B.E.L.L. Learning Landscape (Bell Middle School) as recipient of the 2014 San Diego American Society of Landscape Architects $5,000 Community Grant!

We are excited for Project B.E.L.L. Learning Landscape to gain traction and transform student’s ideas and goals into vision plans and begin construction by next spring. On December 7, 2013, Project B.E.L.L. had their first design charrette with several volunteers, landscape architects, and students! The next design charrette will take place on Saturday, January 18, 2014. If you are interested in volunteering or making a donation to Project B.E.L.L. Learning Landscape, contact Elena Chang - elenachangis@gmail.com.

ASLA San Diego encourages local educators to contact Nate Magnusson at nmagnusson@schmidtdesign.com for guest speaking opportunities and attendance at upcoming career fairs. We look forward to providing students with a better understanding of the profession of landscape architecture.

Stewardship Committee
Future Educational Events
Tim Smith, ASLA

The Stewardship Committee is working on presentations for next year to engage our members as well as related disciplines and government agencies so that we may all grow in our understanding of sustainability and how best to work together. Our next event will be coming up this spring and will be a study on designing, installing and maintaining the most effective bio-swales and basins.

The speakers will come from disciplines relating to all aspects of the subject, but the most important people attending the discussion will be the audience – you. As we learned in our discussion last June entitled, “Overcoming Barriers to Creative LID Solutions,” we had great questions and comments from the audience, but needed to provide more time for questions and comments. At this next event, there will be plenty of time for you to engage in the discussion.

The event will look at case studies of bio-swales and basins that did not work so well, either immediately or a year later, and we will also present examples of successful projects. Attendees will learn how to specify the proper growing media and the proper maintenance techniques to ensure long term effectiveness of the project and compliance with local codes.

Please pay attention to the eblasts you receive from the San Diego ASLA Chapter as they will keep you informed of the date of this important event as well as others. If you would like to see the video of our last event, visit ASLA San Diego’s web site at www.asla-sandiego.org, click on Committees (in the top green bar) and then click on Stewardship Committee. There you will see a link to the Return On Investment study and the 2-part video of the event.

We plan to provide a breakdown of where certain subjects can be found on the videos so anyone can go directly to that topic rather than having to watch the entire video.

If you have any questions regarding these events or want to know more about the Stewardship Committee, please do not hesitate to call me at 858-513-0030 or email at tim@wynn-smith.com. I am very happy to chat with you.
In attempt to promote wellbeing, T.B. Penick & Sons, Inc. encourages you to walk along Highway 101 in Solana Beach to enjoy the beautiful landscaping along with our work. This project has taken years to design and develop and is finally being enjoyed by the people of Solana Beach. The idea was to create places along the pathways leading from Dahlia Drive down to Cliff Street; there are eight total places throughout the project. The city wanted to promote wellbeing throughout Solana Beach.

There were multiple applications done throughout this project, including LithoMosaic, seeded aggregate, sedimentary walls, and quarried stone finish.

One of the places created shows the constellations that the milky way passes through using handmade tiles created by a local Solana Beach Artist Christine Beniston. The constellation was made to model the constellation as it were to be seen when Solana Beach first became a city.

Each place has something unique to it, along with the theme of promoting wellbeing. One of the sedimentary walls found at Plaza Street and highway 101 incorporates actual bicycle chains and brackets embedded within the walls. This has become a large meeting place for bicyclists.

Suns were also a common theme within this project; they can be seen at multiple places within this project. A major reason for this is because Solana stands for sun. At the north end of this job there was a sun created using saw cuts and two seeded aggregate finishes. They chose a green color signifying the west and gold for the east signifying ocean and land meeting.

The Landscape Architect Pat O’Conner’s comments on working with T.B. Penick & Sons, Inc., “Working with an experienced, knowledgeable contractor during the design phase of a project is invaluable to a design professional. Reviewing finishes, material options, and installation methods with the contractor prior to committing the ideas to paper will be a dividend during construction.”

The Landscape Architects Residential Practitioners Committee (LARPC)

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Rich Risner, ASLA – LARPC Chairman

This is a committee for the Landscape Architect who primarily practices residential Landscape Architecture.

Items that our committee will be working on:
• Increasing residential consumer awareness. We will start to use our SD ASLA website for better residential consumer access.
• Better public awareness of residential Landscape Architects in other media sources. (Magazines, websites, radio, TV, etc…)
• Continue promoting the residential Landscape Architecture practice at all local Architectural Designing schools/colleges/universities.
• Constant ASLA interface with County/City regulatory departments about the current requirements for residential landscape plans.
• Provide a brochure prepared by SD ASLA that City engineering/building/planning departments can refer to or hand out to the public about residential Landscape Architects, landscape plan requirements and submittals.
• Group support (for design ideas, different HOA rules, City regulations/requirements, drafting services, etc…) “Brainstorming sessions”.
• Education or industry news/updates.
• Help obtain direction, solutions or feedback from the SD ASLA Executive Committee regarding problems/issues for residential designers and small practitioners.
• Gain better self marketing & promotional skills.
• Interaction with other A&E small/residential practitioners. (generate project/job leads)
• Business expansion and/or project collaboration

If you are interested in participating in the LARPC please email Rich Risner at: rich@grounded101.com. Please indicate ASLA-LARPC in the subject line.
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To lead, to educate and to participate in the careful stewardship, wise planning and artful design of our cultural and natural environments.