30th Anniversary Gala Celebrated Impact of SD/ASLA Chapter 1976-2006

The San Diego Chapter of ASLA has just witnessed 30 years in operation and our Winter Gala affair was a grand tribute for the past years of SDASLA. The evening, organized by past-president Stephen Copley, was filled with retrospection. Held at the historic Abby in Bankers Hill just outside of downtown, members filled the building for an evening of drinks, food, music, and appropriately a word from founding president Stephen Halsey. Those in attendance were entertained by a photographic retrospective membership slide show and were introduced to the new executive board. Introductions and key notes were given by Copley and current president Chris Gustard. Mr. Gustard also introduced the group to the organization’s theme for 2007 - Impact. As a wrap-up to 2006 and introduction to 2007, the Gala was a reminder of the “impact” our community of landscape architects has had on the region and a reminder of the “impact” we are responsible for in the future. If member participation is a first step to creating a positive and strong “impact” on our futures here in San Diego County, then the positive turnout at our 30th Anniversary Gala in December should be a good indication for a bright future.

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Interrobang 2007 Off to a Great Start

Interrobang 2007 started out with a BANG! Tom Oslund of Oslund Associates spoke to a packed house at the Museum of Contemporary Art’s new downtown location. Members of the four host organizations (ASID, ASLA, AIA and SOHO) were out in full force to see the new location and to see Tom’s thought provoking land forms. Wine and beer were provided by San Diego Wine Company and Karl Strauss Brewing Company for a lively reception. Guests arriving early got to tour through the museum’s new building and exhibits.

Don’t forget to add the 2nd Tuesday of each month through November to your calendar. Next month’s speaker is Anthea Hartig on March 13. She will discuss the humorous twist of preserving our historic architecture. Visit www.InterrobangSD.org for more information and the complete speaker line up for the year.

CCASLA Sacramento Legislative Day 2007

You are invited to meet fellow ASLA members from all over California in Sacramento on April 11, for the first annual CC/ASLA Legislative Lobby Day. You will learn about issue impacting the industry, meet CC/ASLA leaders, our legislative advocate and key state legislators, and help make a difference in the future of Landscape Architecture in California.

Schedule
You will fly to Sacramento the morning of April 11 (or the night before - no hotel rooms have been reserved - a list of hotels will be provided).
9:30-10 a.m.
- Registration and breakfast buffet
  Sutter Club, 1120 9th St., between Capitol and L Streets)
10 a.m. to noon
- Opening Session: Keynote
  Speaker/Legislative Briefing
Noon-1 p.m.
- Open time for lunch and exploring the Capitol
1:30 -4:00 p.m.
- Group Legislative Appointment with Key Legislators
5-7 p.m.
- ASLA Sierra Chapter Hosted Reception and Lobby Debriefing
  HLA Group, 1050 20th Street, Suite 200 (20th and L Streets)
Flights home or stay night and return the next morning (Sierra ASLA members will assist with transportation to the airport).
For more information or to register, call (619) 225-8155 or ccasla@sbcglobal.net.
Happy New Year to all, and I wish you a successful and prosperous 2007. In the last newsletter I divulged some humorous aspects of my younger years and how I got into the profession. Thank you to all of you who wrote me response e-mails.

The 30th Anniversary Gala, held at the Abbey, was a huge success. Steve Halsey, the chapter’s very first president who was involved in setting up the Chapter and breaking away from the Los Angeles Chapter back in 1976, gave a warm and humorous speech on the last 30 years of the Chapter. This chapter has definitely changed over the years. Our local membership is well over 200 and growing with a much bigger budget to work with and so many more events to offer the membership. I want to personally thank Steve for attending and speaking to the group. My duties followed his in speaking on the next 30 years. To be honest, I was incredibly nervous speaking to such a prestigious crowd of local Landscape Architecture professionals. If you would like to read the full Gala speeches they will be posted on the website.

In 2007 SDASLA’s theme is ‘Impact’. Simple yes, but what does this single word mean to us as Landscape Architects? What is the extent of our impact on society, on the built environment locally/globally? The extent of our work in shaping our environment? The extent of our work in shaping the built environment locally/globally? With the fun. It’s great to get out and meet other persons of your profession.

One final note, Jerry Hastings, who teaches the Grading and Drainage course here in San Diego for $300 per student. He needs at least 14 participants to sign up. The review session will most likely be in May right before the exam. Please contact the Chapter office or myself for additional information.

I look forward to meeting some new faces at this year’s events. Please feel free to e-mail either myself or any of the board members with any questions you may have.

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Educational Program on Wildfire Prevention

The San Diego Natural History Museum, in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as local fire agencies and businesses, is working to provide local businesses and professionals with the tools to address the needs of clients whose homes are at risk from wildfire. In March 2007, the Museum will host "Protecting Homes and Communities from Wildfire: Education for the Business Sector," a one-day workshop for businesses and professionals who work in and around home sites in the wildland-urban interface.

La Mesa DRB Opening

The City of La Mesa will have an opening on its Design Review Board (DRB) in July 2007 for a volunteer position serving in an advisory capacity to the La Mesa City Council. We are very interested in getting a certified landscape architect to fill that position and round out the board with two architects and two planners who are now serving on the DRB.

The DRB meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Lunch is provided and DRB members receive a stipend of $50 for each meeting they attend.

Interested landscape professionals are encouraged to apply for the DRB position. To apply, please visit our website at www.cityoflamesa.com and click on "Boards and Commissions" under the Government heading. Any questions regarding this position can be directed to me.

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EVENTS

March
13 Interrobang. Anthea Hartig, PhD – Architectural History
20 ASLA/SD Executive Committee Meeting. Gillespie, Moody and Patterson, Inc.
23 Wildfire Landscape Seminar. 12 – 5 pm – Prado Bldg, Room 104, Balboa Park

April
1-30 Landscape Architecture Month LA Career Outreach to San Diego Schools
10 Interrobang. Paul Kephart – Sustainable Architecture
11 CA ASLA Legislative Day/Lobby Day in Sacramento, CA. To participate contact: ccasla@sbcglobal.net
17 ASLA/SD Executive Committee Meeting. Gillespie, Moody and Patterson, Inc.
21 Landscape Architecture Month Event - Boy Scout Merit Badge Fair at Qualcomm Stadium
28 Landscape Architecture Month Event - “I Love a Clean San Diego 5th Annual Creek to Bay Cleanup”

May
8 Interrobang. Laura Birns – Green Interior Design
15 ASLA/SD Executive Committee Meeting. Gillespie, Moody and Patterson, Inc.

NOTE: Events, dates and times are subject to change! Please check with the ASLA office at (619) 225-8155 for the latest events or visit www.asla-sandiego.com/content/events.

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There will be a Cal Poly San Luis Obispo alumni mixer/celebration at EDAW in Irvine to celebrate 35 years of landscape architecture at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. This event is open to all alumni, family and friends of the Department. The new Department Chair, Margarita Hill will be in attendance as will Dick Zweifel, Associate Dean, and Thomas Jones, Dean of the School of Architecture. There will be no charge for the event. Look for email updates in the coming weeks. The Irvine office of EDAW is located at 2737 Campus Drive, Irvine, CA 92612.