

EVENTS

March

- 11 Interrobang/Lecture Series. Neurosciences Institute - 6 p.m. Reception/7 p.m. Program
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting TBA
- 29 Poway Fire Restoration – 9 a.m., Lake Poway Entryway

April

- 3 Liberty Station Landscape Tour – 4:30 p.m., McMillin Headquarters, 2750 Womble Road, Point Loma
- 8 Interrobang/Lecture Series
- 15 Executive Committee Meeting TBA
- 26 I Love A Clean San Diego Canyon Clean Up – 8 a.m., Park Avenue Rose Garden (bring gloves)

May

- 16 Executive Committee Retreat
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting TBA
- 26 First Annual California Legislative Day – Sacramento – (see flyer)

June

- 5 Petco Barbeque and Ballgame – 5:30 p.m. Barbeque/7:05 Padres vs. Mets, \$35 Members/Spouses-\$45 Non-Members

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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We need your help to identify worthy non-profit community organizations that are working on projects in San Diego County that may need financial support in order to plan or execute their projects. The past few years, we’ve received fewer and fewer applications for ASLA’s annual \$5,000 Community Grant. We need your assistance to recommend organizations that are working on restoring their parks, streambeds, community gardens, beautifying their parkways or other improvement projects.

If you know of such an organization, please forward their information to us at ASLASD@sbcglobal.net and direct them to the 2008 grant application on our website at www.asla-sandiego.org. We will assist recommended organizations to understand the application process by coordinating a grant meeting sometime in late May. Recommendations will be appreciated by the end of April to set up the review meeting.



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Landscape Architects Step Up for LA Month Activities

We invite you and other professionals to get involved in a great month of activities during Landscape Architecture Month. To volunteer or attend these events, email ASLASD@sbcglobal.net (Interrobang requires online registration).

•**March 11 – Interrobang Lecture** has moved to the Neuorsciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, SD 92121 – 6 pm Registration/Refreshments/ 7 pm Program. Registration ASLA/AIA/ASID/IIDA. Members:\$12/\$15 At Door, Non-Members: \$15/\$18 At Door. Register on www.asla-sandiego.org
Speakers: *Billie Tsien, AIA & Tod Williams, FAIA* are known for their background in fine arts and architecture and collaboration with housing of the arts, including design of science and athletic facilities and national art and architecture awards.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for these exciting upcoming events:

Wednesday, March 26
CCALSA Legislative Conference. 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. State Capitol, Sacramento. See flyer.

Saturday, March 29
Poway Fire Revegetation. 8:30 a.m. to noon. Help replant the Lake Poway entryway planters destroyed by the fires. See flyer.

Thursday, June 5
SDASLA Night at Petco Park 5:30 p.m. BBQ, 7:05 p.m. game time. Padres vs. Mets. Petco Park, San Diego. See flyer.

•**March 29 Poway Fire Revegetation** – Volunteers are needed to revegetate planters ravaged by ‘07 fires at the entryway of Lake Poway on Saturday, March 29. Donations by Monrovia Growers and Walter Anderson Nursery will help ASLA members and volunteers from Cuyamaca College and Poway Girl Scouts to re-plant vegetation. Meet 9 am at the Lake Poway Entryway.
•**April 3 Liberty Station Landscape Architecture Tour** – Join Dennis Otsuji, FASLA and Principal of ONA, Inc. and representatives of the Corky McMillin Companies for a tour of the newly refurbished areas of the former Naval Training Center – now Liberty Station. After the tour, join us at 5:45 pm for a social hour at Sammy’s Woodfire Pizza. The tour starts at 4:30 pm at McMillin Compnay headquarters located at 2750 Womble Road, Point Loma.

•**April 19 - Boy Scout Merit Badge Midway** - Join ASLA members and sponsors who will talk to local Boy Scouts about the landscape architecture profession as part of the scouts annual merit badge day. If you'd like to volunteer between 8 am and 4 pm, contact Darren Solano at darren@lightfootpg.com
•**April 26 – I Love A Clean San Diego Creek to Bay Cleanup** – Roll up your sleeves for our annual cleanup of Florida Canyon. Meet 8 am at the Rose Garden on the east side of Park Blvd across from the Reuben H. Fleet Space Museum
For more information on any of these events, contact ASLA at 619.225.8155 or ASLASD@sbcglobal.net



SDASLA Takes on Shelter Project for LA Month

The San Diego Chapter of ASLA is taking on a community beautification project for the Center for Community Solutions (CCS). CCS is a non-profit organization that has been dedicated to helping victims of domestic violence in San Diego County since 1969 (www.ccssd.org). Chris Gustard, ASLA, the chapter’s current Past President, is spearheading the effort as one of many of the chapter’s Landscape Architecture Month projects.

David Salisbury, Business Development Director of Mintz Levin, a law firm based in Boston with offices in San Diego, connected CSS with SDASLA. CCS had the simple request of replacing a large tree at their North County shelter. The 24” caliper tree that provided shade for the children’s play area had been struck by lightening and needed to be removed. The first request by CCS staff to Mintz Levin was to (continued on page 3)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring Brings Heightened Activity for ASLA San Diego Chapter

By Jon Wreschinsky, ASLA – John Gallup & Associates

As I sit here, listening to the rain, I look forward to the sense of renewal spring will bring us. Then I remember, here in southern California, late fall and winter are essentially our spring. The hills turn green, the streams and rivers come alive, and the circle of life renews itself. I am also reminded that this time of year brings the beginning of the many exciting events our Chapter has to offer.

This year, we are embarking on a new series of events to be co-facilitated with the San Diego Chapter of the California Landscape Contractors Association. The first of these events, tentatively scheduled for March 6, will include a vital discussion of the new statewide water management regulations, on-going storm water management issues, and the new Low Impact Design (LID) standards. This event will offer excellent networking opportunities as well as providing landscape architects the chance to make their concerns known. It will be most advantageous that we work with our allied organization to address these issues in a thoughtful and productive manner. We hope to offer similar meetings to address other issues of mutual interest later in the year.

The Interrobang lecture series begins again in March. This year's program reflects a renewed commitment to providing outstanding speakers who will share their knowledge and experience in addressing many of the important design issues facing us today. I encourage each of you to attend these lectures and take advantage of the excellent professional growth opportunity they provide.

In an effort to facilitate an active role in addressing local, regional and national issues, our Chapter will participate this year in an In-district lobby day. This event provides us the opportunity to meet with our congressional representatives and discuss a number of issues important to our pro-

fession, including funding for the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) and climate change legislation. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Chapter office.

Landscape Architecture Month will again provide many opportunities to become involved in public outreach and demonstrate our commitment to our communities. Scheduled activities will include a fire restoration project at Lake Poway (March 29), our annual Canyon Cleanup Day at Florida Canyon (Balboa Park), and a landscape improvements project for the Center for Community Solutions North County Shelter. Please look for more information in the coming weeks on these important events.

I am also pleased to announce that the Chapter is in the process of creating a working group for those small office practitioners looking for a support network for small businesses, where marketing, design, and productivity knowledge and experience can be shared, and where you will find the type of support to help you succeed.

The Chapter is also organizing a group whose primary focus will be addressing sustainability issues. This is being done in order to respond more effectively to the many calls for participation with our civic organizations and our need to address the future direction of San Diego County. This effort will be built upon a broad set of interests and the need to focus our attention on the ideals of the landscape architecture profession. This effort is in the early stages of development so we especially seek those interested in shaping the future of this group.

I am looking forward to these many opportunities. I only ask that you take the initiative to add your energy and enthusiasm to them. Your participation does make a difference.

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ASLA National Trustee Report

Glen Schmidt, FASLA, Schmidt Design Group

- The State Department of Water Resources has released a Draft Model Water Conservation Ordinance. Public comment is open and the chapter will be responding. Any comments are welcome. The Chapter attempted to obtain a consensus with CCASLA to provide early comments to the DWR prior to the release of the document to the public. There were issues were the chapter differed from the CCASLA board. The Chapter did, however, provide our own comments in a letter to DWR prior to the public release of the document. For more information visit DWR's Ordinance website: <http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/landscape/ord/updatedOrd.cfm/#howto>
- Stormwater regulations by the Regional Water Quality Control Board legislate the requirement for infiltration and Low Impact Development on all new construction. This is an important opportunity for landscape architects and it will be a part of every project in the future. Two workshops were held February 25th and February 27th. View details at <http://sandiego.apwa.net/events.asp?mode=detail&ID=4384>
- The Sustainable Sites Initiative, a program by ASLA National to create a LEED like certification system for sites is well underway and gaining considerable attention. Visit the website for the program at <http://www.sustainablesites.org/> to learn more.

CC/ASLA State Report

David Allan Taylor, Jr., ASLA, CC/ASLA President

Legislative Update

The California Council of the ASLA (CCASLA) works with our state Lobbyist, Terri Thomas, and the Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) to track legislative issues and policies that could impact our profession, as well as our allied professions. We are looking forward to another active year of monitoring upcoming proposed legislation, taking action as necessary.

CC/ASLA is currently monitoring several bills at the state level. Please keep an eye on your email in-boxes, as a Bill Watch should be headed your way soon, if you haven't already seen it. These Bill Watch documents, which we try to send on a monthly basis as necessary, contain links that will take you to the full wording of the proposed legislation.

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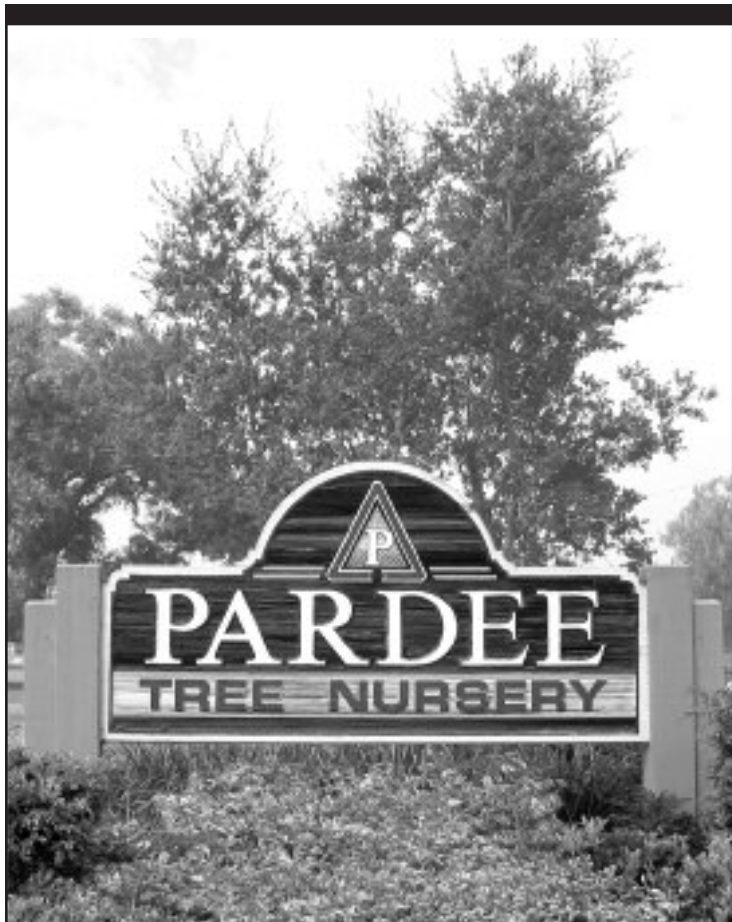
There are three state regulatory boards of interest to our profession that have vacant positions on their committees. The California Architects' Board, The Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, and the Landscape Architects' Technical Committee all have appointments available by either the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, or the Senate Rules Committee. It would be incredibly valuable to have a landscape architect serve on all of these boards. Please visit the California Department of Consumer Affairs website at http://www.dca.ca.gov/about_dca/entities.shtml for more information. Contact us at CCASLA@sbcglobal.net if you plan to submit an application.

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have umbrellas donated for the space. Dave suggested replacing the large tree and immediately thought of our Chapter and how we might be able to help.

On January 14, 2008 Chris visited the shelter with members of CCS. He discussed their needs and developed a wish list of ways to improve the quality of life for those utilizing the shelter by upgrading the shelter's exterior spaces. Suggestions that came out of the meeting were to install a large 96" box tree, add 36" box trees to the shelter property, replace the children's old tot lot equipment, add exterior benches and picnic tables and freshen up the property with new shrubs and mulch.

A rendered concept plan is being put together courtesy of Gillespie Moody Patterson. In addition, a number of vendors and SDASLA Chapter sponsors have already committed to help with the project including: Pardee Tree Nursery, Brickman Group, Big Trees Nursery, Quick Crete Products, Coast Recreation and Landscape Structures, Armstrong Growers, Monrovia and Mintz Levin. If your company is interested in being involved by donating funding, goods or services, please contact Chris Gustard at chris@gmplandarch.com.

The chapter is also seeking members and volunteers to help organize and participate in an install at a yet to be determined date. Please contact Chris Gustard via e-mail at chris@gmplandarch.com.



The 96" box Quercus agrifolia (Coast Live Oak), donated by Big Trees Nursery, was installed at the Center for Community Solutions with the help of the Brickman Group and Horizon Crane. The operation went incredibly smoothly. Thanks again to everyone who has donated time and/or materials. Watch for more informatoin on the ribbon cutting to be held sometime in April.

It's Your Chapter – Lend a Hand!

The ASLA Chapter is working on revamping the lecture series, fire restoration and women's shelter projects, water conservation and other community issues – and our board of 12 needs your assistance.

If you are an ASLA member or office associate who can assist our committee chairs or who may be interested in serving on the 2009 Executive Committee, please check the areas below where you can assist and copy/fax to SD/ASLA at 619.225.8151 or email your interest to ASLASD@sbcglobal.net

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