San Diego Design Awards Entries Due October 12

The 2009 San Diego Chapter Design Awards, scheduled for December 3, at the Neurosciences Institute, will focus on celebrating the vital accomplishments of our Chapter members and the profession at large. Now more than ever, it is important to participate in this event and take advantage of the opportunity to showcase the works that help distinguish our abilities as designers and practitioners.

We encourage members and other design professionals to enter their work in the categories of general and un-built works, residential/garden design, planning and analysis, professional research and communications. The awards guidelines and entry forms are posted on www.asla-sandiego.org and are due on Monday, October 12.

We will recognize members for lifetime achievement for extraordinary professional contributions to the profession exemplifying the values, sensibility and spirit of the Society. Other awards will recognize individuals or organizations for their Service to the Chapter and Service to the Community.

Each of the awards will focus on the concepts of sustainability and stewardship, which our Chapter has adopted as a primary focus of our advocacy work.

For further information or to volunteer to work with us on this event, please contact Jon Wrenchinsky, ASLA, Design Awards Committee Chair at 619-916-6956 or jwrenchinsky@shmagroup.com.

ASLA Grant Proposals Are In!

By Darval W. Reed, ASLA, Vice President for Community Outreach

The San Diego Chapter has received a record number of proposals this year for the 2010 Community Grant. The Grant awards $5,000 to one worthy submittal, and/or environmental issues. It is available to all regional nonprofit community organizations.

Grant evaluation and selection by our Executive Board are expected by late September. The ASLA San Diego Community Grant was established in 1997 as a result of the Chapter’s commitment to the local community. The grant may be used for landscape amenities, design, construction or maintenance.

Still a relatively new program in its 11th year, the grant program received ten proposals, the highest number yet. The 2010 Proposals from various organizations include:

- The Jolla Wall Street Post Office Beautification - La Jolla Town Council
- The Water Wise Zoo - La Jolla Country Day School/Kindergarten
- The Rancho Bernardo Fine Wine Demonstration Garden - RB United
- The Famosa Slough Trail Improvements - Friends of Famosa Slough
- The Front Facade and Public Art Space - Casa Familiar
- Explorer Elementary Charter School Garden Design & Improvements - Explorer Elementary Charter School

ASLA Golf Tournament

The annual ASLA Golf Tournament was a great success grossing almost $12,000 for our 2010 community grant. To see the photos from the tournament taken by Flying Eye Photo, please go to http://www.flyingeyephoto.com/asla/

We thank all the volunteers who helped make the tournament smooth sailing and the following generous sponsors:

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**From the President**

**Welcome Executive Committee**

As your new SDSALA President, I would like to thank all of the 2009 Chapter Board members for their service to you, the members of the San Diego Chapter. I would like to especially thank Jon Wreschinsky for his leadership over the past few years. In addition to serving as 2008 San Diego chapter President, VP of Membership, and Liaison to the Cuyamaca College Student Affiliate Chapter and this year’s Design Awards Chairman, he previously served as the Northern California ASLA Chapter President. He is now our California Council of ASLA representative. Thank Jon, for your tireless leadership!

I want to welcome other newly-elected Board members for 2010. Serving as President-Elect is David Roed. This is a reunion of sorts for David, as he previously served on the Board in 1988-1999 as a Chapter Vice President. David is now committed for the next three years, but I know he is looking forward to it. David Preciado once again will be serving as chapter Treasurer. During his tenure we have been able to shore up the chapter finances, and we look forward to his financial stewardship for the next two years.

Darren Solano will continue on the Board as VP of Membership. This is a very important position to the chapter, as it is our members who make everything happen! Darren will be working with member retention and outreach to the chapter membership. Also continuing to serve is Navid Mostatabi. Navid has been instrumental in coming up with new and free chapter events. He loves to bike and hike, so please join him on future excursions. Glen Schmidt will continue as our Chapter Trustee. He serves as our vital link to ASLA in Washington, D.C. Glen has been on the leading edge of promoting the profession of landscape architecture locally. He will be serving on the national ASLA Public Relations and Communications Advisory Committee in an effort to continue his outreach to members and the general public.

New to the Board this year are Kasia Trojanowska and Tim Jachlewski. Kasia will be serving as Chapter Secretary and will be the Board’s point person to you sending all of you emails announcing chapter events and programs and keeping our Executive Committee organized. Tim will continue the term of VP of Community Outreach and has already taken the lead in developing many chapter membership position papers.

I look forward to a successful year in which many challenges lie ahead. However, I am confident that, as a profession, our time has come to really shine and be in the forefront of this renaissance of our profession’s leadership in environmental responsibility.

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Until you put forth the effort to volunteer (it is an effort to find free time) you will never know how fulfilling it can be to your psyche. I happened to be one of ‘those’ people who never seemed to be able to find the time. How wrong I was not to make the time.

In early June of 2009, I was approached by a friend who worked at Noah’s Ark, a non-profit division of Noah Homes. Noah’s Ark is a group home for developmentally disabled adults. The front office had a rather tired and old landscape. It consisted of a 6’ high, 48’ long hedge of Cape Plumbago which basically hid the entire building. My friend asked if I had the time to provide some ideas and maybe do a quick design. The project seemed like a good way to set an example for others in our organization. I was initially approached to come up with some ideas for a small island strip that had been demolished and needed planting. The hope was to find funding to install some really great plants. Unfortunately, the State of California cut funding to all group homes around this time. We were told that anything currently growing on the grounds was fair game for transplanting. So we walked the entire property and a design started to formulate. In the interim, my friend left for a job in Oregon. I called a friend, Lynn Priddy, who has her own landscape maintenance company, and asked for help.

In early July, Lynn and I really got into the project. It started with removing the Cape Plumbago. Initially, we were only supposed to remove it on one side of the entrance, but since we had the go ahead to remove one side, we decided to do both sides. We decided that re-planting only one side would not substantially change the visual impact to the entrance. Next we worked on repairing the broken irrigation system. For a while, it seemed that every break we fixed cre- ated a new leak. After several weeks, we did finally get them all, and it was time to plant. Lynn and I walked the property with the facilities manager and proceeded to mark with orange washable paint all the plants we were going to use. Now, it will go fast, I thought.

The soil in this area is to say the least inhospitable. I never knew a digging bar and a 25# pick were going to be my favorite gardening tools. To top it all off, we started going through our heat wave, so the only time we could effectively work was early in the morning. I’m not a morn- ing person, but there I was at 6:00 am getting up to get to the facility by 7:00 am and start plant removal before it got too hot. Lynn was there working with the manager and his assistant to prep the new planting area for the new plants.

Although we obtained most of the plant material from the site, we did get donations of palm trees, succulents and 12 flats of gazania from Walter Andersen in Poway. Lynn and I think the same way about donations – you won’t get them if you don’t ask. We asked and some very generous people stepped up. Three months later, Noah’s Ark has a beautifully landscaped entrance. We think the end result looks great! I love to volunteer! 

The ASLA Stewardship Committee has been active on several efforts over the summer to promote sustainability in the region. In June, ASLA held a joint meeting with CLCA to promote the use of recycled water in the landscape. Members of the San Diego County Water Authority and various other water retailers offered information and answered industry questions pertaining to recycled water connections, and the effects of recycled water on plant materials and soil quality. The Stewardship Committee appointed a task force (Kasia Trojanowska and Michelle Landis) to explore policy direction and set strategies for supporting ‘Green Vendors’. The task force is planning a ‘Green Dialogue’ event in the first part of 2010 to showcase green vendors, have them highlight their products, and have landscape architects express their needs and expectations for green products. This event will be a mutual effort to ‘raise the sustainability bar’ for our chapter.

Members of the Stewardship Committee (Jon Wroschinsky) are instrumental in the planning efforts for the ASLA Design Awards Program, scheduled for December. The program will, for the first time, recognize the sustainable design efforts of ASLA Members. The Stewardship Committee is continuing its outreach and advocacy goals with on-going coordination with Cuyamaca College, helping formulate the direction of its 2010 ‘Sustainable Urban Landscapes’ forum.

As Chair of the Committee, Marian Marum has attained her LEED AP credential, and continues to serve as the ASLA liaison to the following related groups: Marin County Sustainability Network going strong

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2009 Lectures-Neurosciences Institute

By Brooke Pietz, ASLA and Navid Mostatabi, ASLA

It is with much excitement that we announce the following lecturers will speak at the 2009 ASLA Fall Lectures!

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The ASLA Lectures is one of the most significant ways we can offer education and inspiration to ourselves and to design professionals throughout the region. If your firm is interested in sponsoring the November 5 lecture, contact either of us if you have questions regarding opportunities.

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National Trustee Report

By David W. Reed, ASLA Vice President for Community Outreach

The ASLA Board of Trustees (BOT) met in Chicago for the ASLA National Meetings September 18 - 22. ASLA National reports that revenues are continuing to be negatively affected by the national economy, and budget cuts, approved in May, have been implemented.

ASLA National Meetings Come to San Diego 2011

Be sure to save the dates of October 29 – November 2, 2011 to attend the ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo which will be held in San Diego! We will be forming an organizing committee this winter and encourage any members interested in helping identify potential project and studio tour locations and help with hospitality for over 3,000 attendees to let us of your interest by emailing ASLASD@boglobal.net.

Water Conservation Regulations Workshop – October 21

Join us at an informative workshop to overview new water conservation regulations adopted by the City of San Diego and pending regulations proposed for unincorporated portions of San Diego County (see enclosed flyer which is also posted at www.asla-sandiego.org).

A panel discussion with City and County water staff will be moderated by Glen Schmidt, FASLA to provide an overview of the new requirements and expectations for plan submittals and will be available to answer your questions.

Register for this program by emailing ASLASD@boglobal.net or call us by October 20 at 619.225.8155. See flyer page 7.

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