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Stone Brewing Company Achieves SITES Certification

Submitted by Schmidt Design Group, Inc.

Stone Brewing Co. and Schmidt Design Group, Inc. have exciting news: Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens is officially one of just 11 sites worldwide to achieve The Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES) certification. Sites is an important new rating system for the sustainable design, construction and maintenance of built landscapes. In short, it could be described as a “LEED-like” program that includes projects with or without buildings.

SITES is a partnership of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center of The University of Texas at Austin, and the United States Botanic Garden. SITES was created in 2005 to fill a critical need for guidelines and recognition of sustainable landscapes based on their planning, design, construction and maintenance. The voluntary, national rating system and set of performance benchmarks applies to sites with or without buildings.

“This new group of showplace projects represents a tremendous amount of work toward making the built landscape more sustainable and adding to ecosystem services,” said Holy Shimizu, executive director of the U.S. Botanic Garden. The SITES 2009 rating system includes 15 prerequisites and 51 credits that address areas such as soil restoration, hydrology, vegetation, human health and well being, and more. More information about Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens’ specific qualifications can be found at www.sustainablesites.org.

Among the specific sustainable design benchmarks met by Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens are:

• Capturing stormwater and utilizing it as a design feature
• Edible landscaping and drought-tolerant, regionally appropriate plantings
• Use of salvaged and reused materials in construction of the site
• A commitment to sustainable and organic maintenance practices

The project team includes:

• Stone Brewing Co. - Greg Koch, CEO and co-founder
• Schmidt Design Group, Inc. - Glen Schmidt, FASLA, Landscape Architect
• Hammond Companies - John Balcher, General Contractor
• Landscape Plus - Matthew Jermain, Landscape Contractor
• Spear & Associates, Inc. - Danny Ababa, Civil Engineer

“Stone Brewing Co.’s unrelenting commitment to sustainability and community is what inspired us to pursue this significant honor,” said Glen Schmidt, FASLA, of Schmidt Design Group, Inc., the San Diego landscape architecture firm that collaborated with CEO and co-founder Greg Koch on the design of the site.

Since 2005, the SITES partners, in conjunction with a diverse group of stakeholder organizations, have worked to transform land management and practices with this first national rating system for sustainable landscapes. The guidelines apply to any type of designed landscape, with or without buildings, including shopping malls, streetscapes, subdivisions, corporate and academic campuses, transportation corridors, parks and recreation areas, and single family homes.

The U.S. Green Building Council, a stakeholder in the Sustainable Sites Initiative, anticipates incorporating the SITES guidelines and performance benchmarks into future iterations of its LEED Green Building Rating System. While LEED minimizes the carbon footprint, SITES demonstrates how a landscape can actually sequester carbon and regenerate living systems. Working together, these initiatives will further revolutionize sustainable design.
From the President

Thank You!

I want to thank the 2011/2012 Executive Board for all their hard work and commitment to the San Diego Chapter of ASLA. We have been told many times, when attending the ASLA national meetings, that our Chapter is one of the most organized, progressive and best Chapters in the Nation. This is due, in large part, to a group of people who have dedicated countless hours and served for years to provide a tremendous amount of volunteer effort to promote our profession. This includes 2012/2013 Board members Jim Taylor who has served for 7 years in two VP positions and as President, Jon Wre schinsky who has served for 7 years in one VP position, and is serving his second term as President of the California Council of ASLA (your watchdog legislative group) and David Proceda who has served as Treasurer for 6 years.

I want to personally thank outgoing Board members Kasia Tojanow ska and Brooke Patz for all their efforts over the last 4 years. Thank you to David Read who served as a Board member several years ago and returned to serve for 3 years as President, Executive, and Past President. He has also taken the time to mentor me as President. Welcome new Board members, Ty Sterns as our VP of Visibility and Public Affairs; Maria Swift as VP of Programs and Education; Mark Steyaert as Treasurer, and our new Cuy amaca College Student Affiliate President, John Thomas, as a non-voting member of our incoming 2012/2013 Executive Board.

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ASLA San Diego at The 23rd Annual Home & Garden Show

By Rich Risner, ASLA

Our Landscape Architecture Residential Practitioners Committee (LARPC) joined forces with the local AIA residential practitioners to create a great display and public information booth at the Fall Home and Garden Show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds September 14-16. Our goal was to educate the public and provide information about the landscape architecture profession and how we can provide professional Landscape Architecture services for the average homeowner. Our booth was located in the home and garden show “Meet the Experts” area. We consulted with consumers on residential landscape architecture and the importance of having a licensed professional prepare landscape plans for their home. It was informative for many people who stopped by due to the fact that there were so many unlicensed professionals at the show offering to provide landscape design services illegally. The three-day event was exciting. Our new booth configuration and partnership with AIA created a lot of interest from show goers. Every day we had a steady flow of people entering the booth to ask an “Expert” landscape architect or an architect something about their newly purchased home or something about their future remodel or expansion. We answered questions that ranged from drought tolerant plantings, to city codes and requirements, to lighting ideas, to irrigation and drainage techniques and specific design styles.

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Also at the RCP event, Marian Marum, ASLA, presented multiple studies on sustainable landscapes and their Return On Investment. Any case studies on the ROI of sustainable landscapes in the Southern California region would be welcomed by Marian. These studies will also be listed on our web site. Please contact Marian at marumpartnership.com with input and recommendations on this important issue.

Tim Smith, ASLA, wrapped up the presentations with a discussion on how a design Charrette will include teams of landscape architects, landscape contractors, civil engineers and landscape architecture students. The Charrette will take place at Mesa College Design Center on October 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Based on a provided site plan for a business park, each team will come up with a new design that uses more sustainable design and construction methods and present their ideas at the end of the day. Ultimately, the construction costs of the new designs will be compared to the current design of the project to determine the Return On Investment of sustainable design in the short and long term. The Charrette designs will be posted on the Chapter website (www.asla-sandiego.org) and re-capped in the January newsletter.

If you are interested in participating on the Stewardship Committee, contact me at tim@wynn-smith.com or call me at 858-513-0030 for future meeting dates and activities.

The ASLA Stewardship Committee continues to bring awareness of sustainable design practices to landscape architects and the public. In July, we participated in an event at RCP Block and Brick in Encinitas allowing us to share the status of our sustainability studies. At the event, Michelle landis, ASLA, presented a matrix indicating issues the landscape architect or contractor should be aware of when selecting materials. She also provided a list of questions we should ask sales representatives who are trying to encourage us to use or specify their “green” products. It is important to know what exactly makes a material or product “green.” Just because a product is marketed as being “green,” does not necessarily make it green. Our hope is that this matrix, which will ultimately be posted on the ASLA San Diego web site, will be a helpful resource for everyone. Your ideas for methods of measuring or understanding a material’s or product’s level of sustainability are welcome and encouraged. Please email Michelle at ml@liddlerenzo.com with recommendations.

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Tim Jachlewski, ASLA, President-Elect

The ASLA San Diego golf tournament, held Friday, August 24, turned out to be a beautiful day at the Rancho Bernardo Golf Club. We had a great day and want to thank all the enthusiastic players, sponsors, and volunteers! The day was topped off with a great Hawaiian-themed dinner and raffle full of awesome prizes.

The Tournament Winners are:

First Place Foursome: Mike Lawrence, Tim Barrier, Doug Chilton, Harry Funk
Second Place Foursome: Seth Seaton, Glen Brower, Mitch Philippe, Tom Pocard
Longest Drive/Man: Isaac Alford
Longest Drive/Woman: Jennifer Montgomery
Putting Contest: Doug Chilton
Closest to the Pin: Scott O’Brien

Our Annual Golf Tournament funds the $5,000 SDASLA Community Grant awarded each year to a local nonprofit community group to design or build landscape architectural improvements in local parks, schools and neighborhoods. (See page 9 for this year’s winner). The grant is intended to educate and enhance community awareness of the profession of landscape architecture as well as provide a benefit to the community or environment.

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CCASLA conducted a number of advocacy activities throughout the 2012 legislative session. Key legislative bills we successfully advocated for or against included:

**AB1963 - Income taxes: sales and use taxes (CCASLA opposed)**
This bill would have instituted taxes on business services. The bill was referred back to the Legislative Analyst’s Office to assess potential changes to existing laws in order to reduce revenue volatility and to provide a report including these assessments to the Legislature on or before July 1, 2013. CCASLA will continue to follow this issue closely.

**SB2570 - Licenses: settlement agreements.** This legislation would prohibit a licensee who is regulated by the Department of Consumer Affairs from including or permitting to be included in any settlement agreement or any provision which prohibits the licensee from contacting, filing a complaint with, or cooperating with the regulatory board or other governmental entity in any subsequent investigation. A licensee in violation of these provisions would be subject to disciplinary action.

**SB975 - Professions and vocations: regulatory authority.** If enacted, this would prohibit the imposition of educational and training requirements by any local or state governmental entity, in addition to state licensing requirements, that would inhibit the practice of those licensed professions. This law would address the imposition of additional training or certification requirements to practice within the licensed scope of practice. This would affect the practice of landscape architecture in areas such as stormwater management and ADA accessibility as examples.

**SB1186 – Disability Access.** was signed by the Governor and enacted into law. This law reduces statutory damages and provides litigation protections for specified defendants who contest, in a timely manner, construction-related accessibility violations of State ADA regulations. This law includes provisions related to the hiring of a certified access specialist (CASp), good faith efforts to meet applicable compliance standards and implied compliance associated with project approvals by local building departments on or after January 2008, among other compliance provisions.

Other legislation of interest that CCASLA will continue to follow during the 2013 legislative year will include CEQA reform, tax reform, what form the reinstatement of California’s redevelopment agencies’ activities takes and water issues among other legislative issues. To ensure that CCASLA is able to effectively address these issues you feel affect your landscape architecture practice, we need to hear from you. Together, we can ensure that the interests of the landscape architecture community are understood locally and in Sacramento.

CCASLA recently applied for an AS IA 2013 Licensee and Advocacy Grant. The proposed grant project, if funded, will support development of a training program to educate Landscape Architects on how to meet and educate local officials and state legislators and to build these relationships as an advocacy and educational resource on key issues including: Licenses, Water Conservation and Storm Water Management, Habitat Conservation, Community Planning and Sustainability issues. This new advocacy network would also focus on the “why continued licensure of the practice of landscape architecture is in the best interest of consumer protection.” I will provide more information on the grant project once it is funded.

Both the LATC Exempt Area of Practice Task Force and the University of California Extension Certificate Program Task Force will be meeting in October to further action on their respective mandates. The Exempt Area of Practice Task Force includes: occupational analysis and testing criteria; examples of exception and exemption laws from other states; and suggestions for proposed Practice Act language amendments to address any issues of clarity of Section BPC 5641 of the Practice Act. CCASLA will continue to represent the interests of the landscape architecture profession including the belief that the Practice Act best represents the health, safety and welfare interests of the public.

The UC Extension Certificate Program Task Force will continue to address the desire to bring LATC’s certification process of the UC extension programs into line with the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board accreditation standards, rules and procedures for first professional programs at the bachelor’s or master’s level. The intent is that if and when the IAAB elects to certify programs similar to the UC extension programs, LATC will have implemented the standards to accommodate a smooth transfer of that process to the IAAB. This issue is important because it directly relates to reciprocity issues.

For further information on these and other legislative issues, please feel free to contact me at jswreschinsky@pacbell.net, 619-916-6956 or contact other CCASLA representatives listed on page 3.