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New Faculty Member Joins Landscape Programs

Following a rather lengthy search, Chatham College is pleased to announce a new full-time faculty member joining Chatham College’s Landscape Programs. On Tuesday August 1, 2006 David Goldberg will become Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture. For the past two years, David has been an adjunct lecturer teaching LAR 512: Graphic Communications in the new landscape architecture program at Chatham College. Following his Master’s degree in Landscape Architecture from Pennsylvania State University, David gained professional landscape architecture experience at both Astorino and Klavon Design Associates, Inc. in Pittsburgh before his desire to teach overtook him.

This fall 2006, David will be teaching not only LAR 512: Graphic Communications but also LAR 523: Computer Design Technology (Introductory AutoCAD) and LAR 650: Construction I: Grading and Landforms. His office will be located at 103 ADC.

We warmly welcome David to the full-time faculty at Chatham College.
What's Happening at Chatham College – Construction Update

From: Fowler, Walter
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2006 5:56 PM
To: All Staff Distribution; All Faculty Distribution; All Students
Subject: Summer Roundup of Construction Projects

All:

This summer will be a very busy time for construction and renovation projects. Below are some of the projects to expect:

- **Athletic Field** – As most of you know, Chatham is installing a new artificial turf athletic field on the site of our old grass field. The work has obviously started and we now have a wonderful muddy rice paddy. Although the rain has delayed the project we still are in good shape to complete before the start of soccer season. Generally, expect more earth removal and profiling in the short-term, followed by the creation of a stone base. Sewing in of the new turf should begin around July 17. Once sewing begins, completion will be in about two weeks.

- **Mellon Pool** – The old Mellon pool is being converted into a multi-purpose room for use as an event venue, classroom, or meeting space. Large programming spaces are very limited on campus and this will be an important addition. Also, the project will provide improved accessibility not only to the new multi-purpose room but also to the broadcast studio. In many ways this project is non-discretionary because the entire masonry face and stairs to the Mellon garden are in extremely bad repair. The project will require at least 9 months to complete. The first stage will be to remove vegetation and profile the site for accessibility. All of the important trees and shrubs have been marked for retention; however, many others will need to be cleared. This first stage will also see the erection of a site fence and the demolition of interior areas of the space. Next will come masonry repair. Finishing of the interior area will come last. Vegetation removal, site preparation, and site fencing will commence this week.

- **Office moves** – Office space is very short on campus and some major reshuffling will need to occur this summer. Several sequential moves are planned starting with the relocation of Public Safety from Lindsay House to Rea Garage. Once they are moved, then English, MFA, and several other related faculty members will move from Braun Falk Coolidge (BFC) to Lindsay House. Finally, a number of offices will be changed in BFC to allow for future growth. These sequential moves will begin next week and will be complete by the end of July.

- **Chatham Towers C and D** – These towers are being refurbished with new paint, stair treads, and carpets where necessary. Towers A and B were rehabbed in the summer of 2004 and this project will be similar.

- **Mellon Front Rehab** – Mellon (along with several other buildings) will be painted this summer. In addition, the front walkway and driveway will be resurfaced. This project will occur later in the summer.

- **Eddy Lighting** – The Eddy lighting system was upgraded at a cost of about $50K. This project represents the successful completion of a first phase of several additional needed improvements.

- **Miscellaneous Projects** - Several smaller projects will also be visible around campus including window replacements in Laughlin and Dilworth, carpet and tile replacement in Anderson, and sign refurbishment.
These projects are exciting and show a great commitment by the Board of Trustees to the future of Chatham. The work may inconvenience Community members at certain times. Please be patient and we will update progress periodically.

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To all the landscape students...if you have the opportunity, you should stop by and check out the method of construction on the new field turf system being installed on the expanded Chatham soccer field.

Conferences/Meetings/Events

Tuesday, July 18, 2006    Saving South Park
Encore presentation of Ron Block's thesis  6 p.m. Seminar Room of Art and Design Center

Wednesday, July 19, 2006 - Alliance Building Breakfast: Green Building Products: Positioning Southwestern Pennsylvania as the U.S. Manufacturing Center
Recently, GBA released a report entitled "Green Building Products: Positioning Southwestern Pennsylvania as the U.S. Manufacturing Center," which documents the rapidly expanding market for green building products and the region's unique opportunity to realize economic growth from this market shift. Join us on July 19th to hear more about this exciting report

Thursday, July 20, 2006 at 7 pm    AIA Pittsburgh- Dine By Design at The Hartwood Restaurant
Join AIA Pittsburgh for this inaugural event on Thursday, July 20th at 7 pm with fellow AIA member and owner of The Hartwood Restaurant, Don Montgomery, AIA. Enjoy a gourmet meal in this unique space filled with historical artifacts and architectural salvage – and a unique bookstore. This exclusive event is limited to 20 people so please make your reservations soon! The cost for this exclusive event is $70, which includes a gourmet four-course meal selected especially for us including Filet Mignon and Island Style Crab Cakes, the chef's specially prepared dessert, wine, tax and tip. Please RSVP to 412-471-9548 or info@aiapgh.org by Monday, July 17th.

Friday, July 21, 2006 at 8 pm    Let's rally. Let's party. Let's kiss the Toll Road goodbye!

The Mon-Fayette Toll Road is a bad idea from the 1950s that can't seem to die a natural death. As the region clamors for increased transit options; bridges without gaping holes; increased bicycling, pedestrian, and trail amenities; and a system (a system!) that works, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and elected officials like Senator Barry Stout continue to push the $3.5 billion Toll Road.

According to a recent report from the Urban Land Institute, the money ain't there. (We've been saying this for years!) The difference now is that the Turnpike Commission is admitting it. They don't know where to get the money either. Gas tax increase? Not likely. Federal earmarks? Nope. Sell off the road to a private organization? Far-fetched.

Now is the time for a collective "NO!" Join us for a Goodbye Party for the Mon-Fayette Toll Road, in the heart of Braddock, through which the road would heartlessly raze. We'll gather at Mayor John Fetterman's front yard (or the First Presbyterian Church next door on the corner of
Braddock & Library, should it rain) for a potluck and lively conversation (8:00 p.m.) That means you should bring some food or snacks to share, and bring your own drinks. We'll have the basics. There will be an outdoor pottery firing going on at the Carnegie Library (if you want to, for example, burn some Turnpike Commission literature).

When night falls, we'll process to the Ohringer Building (640 Braddock Ave.) for the unveiling of an art installation (writ large: NOMFX) and a major announcement about the Toll Road you won't want to miss! We may even pass the hat a little: we need to start the Toll Road Retirement Fund.

Let's rally. Let's party. Let's kiss the Toll Road goodbye!

When Fri Jul 21: 8PM
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Chautauqua Institution’s summer lecture series will feature in their fourth week, the week of July 17, 2006, the theme of: Landscape Architecture and Community Design. Dennis Carmichael, ASLA, Principal of EDAW; along with James van Sweden, FASLA, founding partner of Oehme, van Sweden & Associates; Charles Birnbaum, FASLA, landscape architect preservationist; and L. Azeo Torre, AIA, president of Torre/Design Consortium in New Orleans are all speaking among others. See schedule below.

Chautauqua Institution’s summer lecture series

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### Chautauqua School of Dance

**Student Gala.** Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux, director  
- **5:00 - Vespers**
- **8:00 - Sacred Song Service**

### Design, planning & environments worldwide

- **2:00 - Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, imam, Masjid al-Farah, NYC; founder ASMA Society**
- **4:00 - Chautauqua Wind Quintet**
- **8:15 - Music School Festival Orchestra and Design**

### Sweden & Assoc., Washington, DC; co-creator of New American Garden style

- **2:00 - Rabbi Rami Shapiro, poet, author; director, One River Foundation**
- **7:00 - Family Entertainment**
- **8:15 - Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra. David Lockington, guest conductor;**

### Landscape Initiative

- **1:30 - Dean Gowan, award-winning Buffalo landscape architect**
- **2:00 - Religion Lecture**
- **7:30 - Amphitheater Special. Family Entertainment Series. Trout Fishing in America**

### 'Not So Big'

- **2:00 - The Rev. Dr. Lauren Artress, author, Walking a Sacred Path: Rediscovering the Labyrinth as a Sacred Tool**
- **3:30 - CLSC Roundtable/Lecture**
- **8:15 - Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra. David Lockington, guest conductor**

### New Orleans

- **2:00 - Julie Moir Messervy, landscape and garden designer; author, Contemplative Gardens**
- **7:30 - Opera: Sister Angelica & Gianni Schicchi**
- **8:15 - An Evening with Lonestar**

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**Friday, July 21, 2006**  
**Chatham at Chautauqua**  
**4:00-6:30 P.M.**  
An informal gathering of Chatham College Alumnae and friends at

**the 11th Annual Chatham at Chautauqua Event.**

*This year's event will be hosted by Sigo Falk, Chatham College Trustee, and Jean Falk at 12 McClintock Street on the Institution grounds at the corner of Andrews Street.*  
**RSVP to the Office of Alumnae Affairs**  
412-365-1517 or alumnae@chatham.edu by July 14, 2006

**Wednesday, July 26, 2006 - GBA Presents: Commissioning LEED-NC Projects**

Gain knowledge of the building commissioning process as required by LEED; the benefits, costs and resources available to projects through LEED; and the commissioning agent's role as it applies to a project's design strategies and LEED certification documentation. The Commissioning LEED for New Construction (LEED-NC) Projects Module presented by the U.S. Green Building Council will increase your understanding in each of these areas.

**Thursday-Saturday, July 27-29, 2006 National Children & Youth Garden Symposium**  
St. Louis, Missouri

Sponsored by the American Horticultural Society and hosted by the Missouri Botanical Garden  
For more information visit www.ahs.org or call the AHS at 703-768-5700.

**Until the end of July 2006 Exhibit: canstruction Pittsburgh**

The Society for Design Administration is pleased to announce that the inaugural canstruction Pittsburgh is underway. A display will be at 2 PPG place along Forbes Avenue until late July. Please stop by and see what construction is all about. We look forward to hearing your feedback and seeing more entries in 2007. Look for pictures of the displays in an upcoming issue of Columns. If you have any questions about canstruction, please contact Christine Stewart at cstewart@tda-architects.com.
Sundays from August 6-September 3, 2006
Reservoir Jazz returns to Highland Park 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
For more information visit www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/parks

Watch for invitations with details in the mail for:
Thursday, August 3, 2006 Mark Bastaja’s Thesis Presentation
6:30 p.m. Beckwith Hall, Buhl Science Building

Friday, August 4, 2006 Jodie Pavlovich’s Thesis Project Presentation
6:30 p.m. Beckwith Hall, Buhl Science Building

Friday, August 18, 2006 Graduate Class of 2006 Cocktail Reception
From 5:00 to 7:00 PM Anderson Dining Hall

Graduate Commencement Ceremony: Saturday, August 19, 2006
Hope to have several landscape students in participating!

August 19-28, 2006 A Travel Opportunity
Green Harmony Tours has organized a unique summer ecotour to Germany called “Regenerative Designs and Landscapes of Middle Germany”, which occurs August 19-28, 2006. However, you must act quickly to reserve a spot since there are only 10 spaces available.

Hosted by Roland Oehme and his father, Wolfgang Oehme, the world renowned, German-born landscape architect, this exclusive tour offers special insights gained from years of practice in landscape architecture and garden design, and from many years of travel to Germany visiting its significant buildings, parks, gardens, and garden shows.

The highlights of the tour include two 2006 State Garden Shows, Berlin’s magnificent botanic garden, Potsdam’s historic & contemporary gardens (including the Foerster garden & nursery, Sanssouci (the summer residence for Friedrich the Great), & the former Federal Garden Show), two totally unique Hundertwasser buildings, the Bauhaus architecture school & Woerlitzerpark (one of the best German estate gardens in Dessau), the garden with the largest rose collection in the world, the dramatic restoration of the open pit coal mine into a recreational paradise with the large lake as its centerpiece in Bitterfeld, and the one of a kind Ferropolis or “city of iron”.

Furthermore, the tour will explore Germany’s pioneering and responsible society actively pursuing a sustainable lifestyle, as exemplified in the latest in green building technology, recycling programs, beautiful public parks and gardens, climate cooling roof gardens, lively pedestrian town centers, creatively fun playgrounds, hemp & organic food stores, solar & wind power, delicious, healthy cuisine, and more unique and inspirational places and people.

This tour is designed for the person with an adventurous spirit and the ability to exercise on some days. The tour will include walking large distances on most days; and on some days swimming and bike riding will be optional. Tour participants should be healthy and fit, and capable of walking several miles each day. This is not a motorcoach tour. The tour will travel in large vans, use public transportation, and walk as necessary. This allows for a more intimate and richer experience with the local people and customs.

Land costs are estimated to be $3,290, with a single room supplement of $300. Included in the cost are the accommodations and transportation for 10 days and 11 nights, all breakfasts, and 5 lunches & 5 dinners. Airfare is not included.
You are encouraged to sign up for this wonderfully unique tour of gardens and sustainable living in an undiscovered and blossoming region of Germany. A deposit of $200 (made payable to Roland Oehme) and completion of the Reservation Form (see below) is required to confirm a seat on this tour. Full payment and application deadline is Monday, July 10, 2006. The detailed itinerary and terms & conditions will be sent to you upon receiving your deposit. Please contact Roland Oehme for any questions regarding this trip: T 410.825.3269 or greenharmonytours@yahoo.com

August 22, 2006 Chatham College Graduate Landscape Architecture & Interior Architecture Orientation and Beginning of the Year Reception 6:30 p.m. Art and Design Center

Thursday-Saturday, August 24-26, 2006 Blairsville, PA Your Town Workshop – Antiochian Village, Bolivar, PA

Overarching Goals and Objectives for Blairsville’s Your Town Workshop:

Goal: Realize the potential for economic and community enhancement by focusing on three primary objectives:

I. Gateways Objective – identify and assess opportunities to connect local places and activities with each other.

II. Canal/Trail Town Objective – identify and assess opportunities to connect to regional recreation and heritage tourism activities.

III. River Objective – identify and assess opportunities to connect with the Conemaugh River.

Goal: Identify ways that Blairsville needs to change to capitalize on these positive community forces.

Fall classes start Tuesday, August 29, 2006.

For future consideration:

Register by August 28, 2006 and SAVE $100
Subject: 2006 ACSA Central Regional Conference October 20-22, 2006
The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, will be hosting the fall regional conference and the theme is "Reconciliation | Remediation: Post-Industrial Transformation". The theme of this conference is very relevant to the discipline of Landscape Architecture. Request for scholarly papers from Landscape Architects. The date of the conference is October 20-22, 2006.
National Preservation Conference: Pittsburgh 2006

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, with the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation and Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania partners, will plan and carry out the National Preservation Conference in Pittsburgh, October 31 – November 5, 2006

General Information

The National Preservation Conference is the premier educational event for historic preservation in the United States. Each year it is the principal educational mechanism for community preservationists across the United States. It enables 2,000 participants to:

- learn from leading experts and practitioners from across the U. S.,
- share tactics and achievements with each other,
- learn from on-site exploration of the host city/region, and
- return to their own communities with new knowledge and inspiration.

Pittsburgh successfully competed to host the 2006 Conference because of its wealth of historic places, livability of the city, and surrounding countryside. The Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation is a principal partner of the National Trust in planning and carrying out the conference.
The conference is unique in that it uses the Host City and region as a laboratory to explore current issues and strategies in community preservation and revitalization. More than 30 field sessions will take place throughout the city and region. These will include neighborhood revitalization, affordable housing, downtown revitalization, brownfields, countryside protection, transportation strategies, and heritage tourism. These field sessions are supplemented by 50 educational sessions, presenting the best case studies and approaches from across the country.

The theme for the 2006 National Preservation Conference in Pittsburgh is “Making Preservation Work!” Distinguished author and historian David McCullough, a Pittsburgh native, has accepted National Trust President Richard Moe’s invitation to present the keynote address. Esther Bush, David Barenfeld, and Phil Hallen, all trustees of Landmarks, are leading the 2006 conference planning committee.

Preparations are in full swing for the 2006 National Preservation Conference to be held in Pittsburgh, PA on October 31 – November 5.

Some important forms that are already posted on the conference website:
The Affinity Application Form,
The Exhibit Hall Application and the Volunteer Application Form.

All are available at https://www.nthpconference.org/

Work-Study/Internship Opportunities

Apply for Tuition waiver-work study in Chatham’s Arboretum for FALL term
2 positions available – See below and contact Lisa Kunst Vavro for details

In the summer 2004, for the first time, the landscape program was enable to offer two (2) students a work-study opportunity for a partial tuition waiver. The work consisted of assisting the head Groundskeeper, Daniel Kisiel, on the Chatham College grounds and Arboretum. We now offer this opportunity again each semester. This is not just work, it is a learning experience!

It has been approved that each work study in the Chatham College Arboretum will be valued at a three (3) credit tuition waiver. The work will consist of 18 hours per 11 weeks. For the spring term, the work will be condensed after winter, but consist of the same amount of hours.

Chatham College administration is offering two (2) work study opportunities each spring and fall semesters with four (4) available in the summer.

Kary Arimoto-Mercer and Carol Weston were the first to take this opportunity the summer of 2004. If you have any questions about the work, please ask them or those current tuition waiver students – Laurie Follweiler, Christina Gagnon, Gerard Love or Scott Weston . Anyone interested in this work-study opportunity, please contact Director Lisa Kunst Vavro at 412-365-1882 or lvavro@chatham.edu

Design Competitions

The Great Gardens Contest, sponsored by the Horticultural Society and the Post-Gazette, is occurring again this summer with a bit later time frame. The deadline is August 1st for submissions. This offers an excellent opportunity for individuals to enter a designed garden, whether their own or a client's garden.
Information and entry form for the contest may be found on the websites of the Horticultural Society of Western Pennsylvania (http://www.botanicgardenwpa.org/) or the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (http://www.post-gazette.com/garden/contest/).

**Scholarship / Internship Opportunities**

The **Renewable Natural Resource Foundation (RNRF)** has developed a new tool for students interested in a career in natural resources. This new resource includes:

- **Internship information** for students interested in natural resource internships in the federal government and at and through natural resource societies.

- Educational opportunities in the natural resource fields including over 1000 schools offering programs in natural resources along with some other helpful tools in choosing the appropriate source of higher education.

- Career tools will help students identify various natural resource fields and determine which fields interest them.

These new tools are easily accessed from RNRF's website (http://www.rnrf.org) by selecting "Internships/Education" from the toolbar. RNRF's website also offers other information of interest to the natural resource community including upcoming meetings and workshops, international news, information about Renewable Resources Journal, and news from our member organizations.

**Design Work Opportunities**

Looking for a distinguished student interested in doing some landscape design work for home development. The planned residential community site is located in Bridgeville and consists of two sizeable ponds, a stream, club house and pool area. Some issues that will need to be address are:

1) To discourage Canadian geese from using these ponds during their migration,
2) There is a section with large flat boulders on the edge of the pond. At one time the area around the boulders was vegetated.
   However, between the geese, ducks and the local people that fish there, the vegetation has now become dirt.
3) The owners would like to keep the pond landscape plantings as natural as possible with low maintenance.

They are now only interested in designing around the upper pond. They want something aesthetically pleasing and low maintenance. Pond erosion does not need to be addressed as that will be dealt with later down the road when they dredge the pond.

Sue Byrne is the contact. Her e-mail at home is: byrne15017@comcast.net. At work it is: sbyrne@clayeng.net. Her home phone is: (412) 221-8703. At work, it is: (412) 288-0643.

**Is anyone interested in this design project?**

An opportunity for small-space landscaping: A homeowner in Port Vue (near McKeesport) recently removed a large blue spruce from her front yard, and is interested in hiring a student to design a new front yard appropriate for its size. The property is small – 13’ x 12’ – and fenced. Creativity within a tight budget is appreciated.

**Is anyone interested in this design project?**
A friend of Dr. Roxanne Fisher, Chatham Professor of Biology, who lives in Point Breeze and has redone her house to be handicap accessible. She’s interested in making her garden accessible too. She has some type of joint disorder and can walk now, but she’s planning for the future when she may need to use a wheelchair.

**Is anyone interested in this design project?**

Residential homeowner in Ben Avon Heights (North Hills) is interested in hiring a student for paid work throughout summer on expansive one-acre hillside garden. Due to renovations, creativity in re-shaping the gardens is needed - as well as pruning and other maintenance. Hours are negotiable, but assume 10-20 hours weekly. Interested?

**Is anyone interested in this design project?**

It’s a simple project. This residential landscaping has been done piecemeal over the years. The property owner would like to formalize it to bring it up to par with the neighborhood. “Window dressing” in the front yard, and a design to give the backyard a more cozy feel is requested. A plan is desired to encompass the whole yard so that it looks coherent. Project area located in Lake Ridge Estates Murrysville, PA.

**Is anyone interested in this design project?**

A Murrysville homeowner is interested in both hardscape and softscape elements for her ½ acre property. Certain existing elements will stay. New ideas with the overall design phased to begin installation hopefully in the summer.

**Is anyone interested in this design project?**

Upper St. Clair residential design of ½ acre property, challenging hillside site to include children’s play area, possible water feature and siting of a new two car garage.

**Is anyone interested in this design project?**

**Job Opportunities**

**Interested in gardening????**

My husband and I are looking for landscape help during the spring/summer/fall months to help us maintain a quite expansive garden we inherited upon the purchase of our North Hills home. (pruning, re-planting, weeding, altering beds, etc)

The gardens include a pond, rare plantings, and an expansive variety of trees, shrubs and perennials. While we are learning about gardening, we could use the extra education and hard work involved in maintaining it. For any student seeking experience in this area, our gardens would provide plenty of hands-on education!

Contact Lisa Kunst Vavro if you are interested.

**Research Papers Wanted**

**Call for Abstracts 2007 Active Living Research Conference**

Active Living Research is pleased to announce the 4th Annual Conference scheduled on February 22-24, 2007, in Coronado, California. The theme of the 2007 Conference is “Active Living in
Diverse and Disadvantaged Communities”. Please check our website periodically for the most up-to-date information about the conference.

Active Living Research (ALR) invites abstracts to be considered for presentation at the 2007 Annual Conference. Abstracts are welcome on all topics related to active living policies and environments and abstracts related to the conference theme are particularly encouraged. The theme can be viewed from many perspectives related to economics, crime, culture, etc. Abstracts are also particularly encouraged with a focus on preventing obesity in communities, neighborhoods, children and families.

Abstracts are invited for both posters and oral presentations. All abstracts should describe research that is related to policy and environmental aspects of active living. Methodological, correlational, intervention, economic and policy studies are encouraged. Abstracts presenting innovative conceptual papers and reviews will also be considered, including those with a focus on translating research into practice and policy to promote active living. Preference will be given to abstracts that report complete results.

The American Journal of Preventive Medicine (AJPM) has agreed to produce a special issue devoted to research on active living presented at the ALR conference. Approximately twelve (12) of the abstracts selected for presentation at the conference will also be invited to submit papers for consideration of inclusion in the special issue. Both theme and non-theme abstracts are eligible for consideration for the AJPM special issue.

The Call for Abstracts is NOW OPEN online: http://www.activelivingresearch.org/index.php/Call_for_Abstracts_2007/389. (If the link does not work, please copy and paste the link into your Web browser.)

The abstract submission deadline is Thursday, July 20th, 1:00 p.m. PDT.

If you have any questions about the abstract submission process, please contact Amanda Wilson, Research Coordinator, at awilson@projects.sdsu.edu or 619-260-5538.

News of Interest
American Society of Landscape Architects,

As an association whose members have a need for high capacity file storage, I wanted to make the American Society of Landscape Architects aware of our line of branded flash drives produced from PNY, a world leader in flash memory. These drives are available in size from 128MB – 2GB, and are perfect for traveling executives, seminars, and educators. The flash drives can also be pre-loaded with information if needed. Attached an image sample of a recent job for the TTLA and our complete presentation plus pricing.

The highlights are:

Flash Drives

128MB flash drives reduced to $15.50*
256MB flash drives reduced to $17.68*
512MB flash drives reduced to $20.32*
New Item 1GB flash drives reduced to $30.32*
New Item 2GB flash drives reduced to $55.32*

Executive Flash Drive Pens

128MB flash drives pens reduced to $24.88*
256MB flash drives pens reduced to $27.07*
512MB flash drives pens ............reduced to $29.70*
New Item 1GB flash drives pens ............reduced to $40.20*
New Item 2GB flash drives pens ............reduced to $64.70*

*minimum order 50 units, prices are slightly lower for orders greater than 50 units.

Maybe we can get enough orders within the entire Art and Design Division?

Please let me know if you have any questions or wish to place an order.

Thank you.

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Reports From the Field: Women in Landscape Architecture and International Practice PPNs
The seventh article in a series that highlights the work PPN members are doing in their practice specialties.

ASLA’s Professional Practice Networks (PPNs) are subcommunities where landscape architects sharing professional interests can communicate and network. ASLA recently asked all PPN members to allow a glimpse into their unique work portfolios. This space in LAND Online is where we share what we’ve learned.

This week we highlight the work of members of two PPNs: Women in Landscape Architecture and International Practice. The Women in Landscape Architecture (WILA) PPN focuses on personal and professional development for landscape architects. The International Practice PPN promotes the practice of landscape architecture abroad as an instrument of public service and as a source for professional opportunities. Together, members of these PPNs span the universe of landscape architecture in its personal and professional dimensions.

Women in Landscape Architecture  WILA coordinates a mentoring program, promotes networking, and encourages consideration of workplace and quality-of-life issues for all landscape architects. Membership in the group is open and encouraged for both women and men. Two accomplished members of this PPN sent in their reports:

Terry W. Ryan, FASLA, of Jacobs/Ryan Associates, is interested in women’s issues and leadership development, and she gives her time to mentoring young women professionals. Based in Chicago, she has appeared at the Morton Arboretum to present on the works of Illinois women landscape architects. In March 2006, she addressed an international audience of park designers
in Portugal with a presentation on Chicago's legacy parks. Among other specialties, Ryan practices campus landscape architecture, including recent work on four college campuses and a city school. For the school, Ryan designed a small green roof that was featured in the Illinois ASLA newsletter and in an exhibit at the January 2006 Illinois Parks and Recreation conference. Ryan’s work for a Naval base won a 2005 Naval Facilities Engineering Command Merit Award for Environmental Design. Ryan has been chair of the Editorial Board for Landscape Architecture in the past and currently serves as trustee for the Illinois Chapter.

Patricia S. Loheed, ASLA, is principal of Pat Loheed Landscape Architect and also the first program director for a start-up BLA program at the Boston Architectural College (BAC). The program, an open admissions degree-granting evening program, will offer the opportunity for students to study and work concurrently. BAC has already recruited its first class, and upon the class’s graduation ASLA’s Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB) will consider the program for accreditation. In addition to her work to establish the program, Loheed presented a paper at the September 2005 CELA meetings on BAC’s educational model. She credits BAC President Ted Landsmark, Associate AIA and current president of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, with “creative leadership that is agile and inspires program management and support staff.”

International Practice  The objectives of this PPN are many: promoting ASLA membership and professional organizational development worldwide; establishing networks with organizations concerned with global environmental issues; promoting the profession among international lending and assistance groups; and developing seminars and conferences dealing with international practice.

Mingkuo Yu, International ASLA, of Mingkuo Yu and Associates, works on the planning and design of city streetscapes, urban plazas, school campuses, and recreational areas. One of the firm’s projects, the design for the Taipei County Civic Plaza, won the IFLA Eastern Regional Merit Award. The Taipei County Civic Plaza encompasses an area of 50 hectares and sits between a new 39-story county office building and the new Ban Chiao-Taiwan station. The existing railway was moved underground, and underground parking for 900 cars and 1,400 motorcycles was added. The plaza was designed as a completely traffic-free public space for multifunction activities.

Thomas P. Skinfill, ASLA, works for Studio CITE, a firm whose president began working in the Pacific Basin in 1979 and acquired an enduring passion for international work. Overseas projects now account for about 45 percent of the company’s work, which includes projects from the Far East to the Middle East. Working with RNL, Studio CITE is designing a major development in Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates. The firm is also working with JDS Studio, Shanghai on the design of a 3,000-unit housing project.

John Crone, ASLA, is professor of landscape architecture at the University of Arkansas. Crone says that “having studied the relationship of villages to the agricultural contexts in Bali, Italy, and Thailand, I am amazed how traditional systems embrace sustainable agriculture at a time when agribusiness has made living off the land difficult for small owners.” At a recent CELA conference, Crone presented a comparative analysis of federally built New Deal farm communities in Penderlea, North Carolina, and Dyess, Arkansas.

Chingwen Cheng, Associate ASLA, has recently moved to Tampa, Florida, for a new position at Land Design Inc. starting in July. Cheng has personal connections to Taiwan and has worked on projects in China, including a high-end residential development in Beijing. A licensed landscape architect in Illinois, Cheng was secretary/treasurer and board member for the Congress for the New Urbanism Illinois Chapter, a member of the Illinois Chapter ASLA Education Committee, and is a LEED Accredited Professional who recently led tours for Great Places and Spaces in Chicago in May.
ASLA thanks all of the members of the Women in Landscape Architecture and International Practice PPNs who shared reports of their exciting work and achievements. We know that many more of you have exciting news to share, so we encourage all PPN members to be prepared to respond when the Second Annual Survey goes out in February 2007. In the meantime, turn to your PPN Listserv and newsletter to exchange information, swap stories, and share achievements with your PPN colleagues. And watch this space for more reports from the field by members of other PPNs.

For more information on ASLA's PPNs, please contact Jennifer Strassfeld, ASLA's professional practice manager, at jstrassfeld@asla.org, or visit the PPN website.

**Homeless Help Maintain Landscape of the Windy City**

The Chicago Christian Industrial League is teaching the basics of landscape maintenance to members of Chicago's homeless population as part of a multi-million dollar model for self-help and entrepreneurship.

Chicago's homeless population is helping to beautify the city streets they call home. By planting, watering and maintaining downtown streets around the Daley Center, the medians and planters lining Michigan Avenue, LaSalle Street, and Congress Parkway, this often overlooked portion of the population is finding renewed hope.

The Chicago Christian Industrial League’s (CCIL) Landscape Training Program organizing what was once a pilot program to a multi-million dollar model for self-help and entrepreneurship. Each year, CCIL trains more than 100 poor and homeless people in landscape maintenance as part of a partnership with ARAMARK and the city of Chicago. Through classroom presentations, participants learn about planting, watering and maintenance.

"Everyone talks about hopes of getting the homeless off the streets," said CCIL Executive Director Judy McIntyre. "We provide housing and literally put people back on the streets, but as productive members of society with work that pays and a renewed sense of purpose. The results speak for themselves."
Since 1909, CCIL has been providing food, clothing, shelter, counseling, training experiences, and affordable housing. They are one of the largest organizations serving the poor and homeless in Chicago.

For more information about CCIL, call 312-491-2275—Source: Chicago Daily Business News

National Park Service Offers Assistance for Community Projects

ASLA chapters have the opportunity to help design local trail, river corridor, and other projects.

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program within the National Park Service (NPS) is currently soliciting applications for technical assistance for projects that conserve open space, develop trails and greenways, and protect river corridors. ASLA is proud to have a cooperative agreement with the Park Service to support this program and the conservation and recreation projects it helps to make a reality. In previous years, several ASLA chapters have worked closely with RTCA to develop and design local trail, river corridor, and other projects.

The RTCA program offers community groups and many others at the local level a range of technical and professional assistance, including such areas as partnership building, public involvement and education, planning, and financing. The program does not provide direct grants, but can help groups to identify possible sources of public and private funding for their projects.

The RTCA program must receive application letters by August 1, 2006. Application guidelines are available on the NPS website. For more information about the RTCA Program, visit www.nps.gov/rtca.

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Sustainable Development Bonuses

On Wednesday July, 5th, Councilmen Peduto and Shields co-sponsored a bill that will grant density bonuses to developers who build green in the City’s non-residential districts (LNC Zoning Districts must be reviewed by Planning Commission). This no-cost public incentive will help Pittsburgh retain its position as a national leader in the green building movement leadership which has brought international focus on the City and is seen as a tool for economic development locally. Several city governments across the country have passed various forms of green building legislation. This is the City’s first green building policy - Green Building Alliance requests your support in getting it passed!

If you have any questions regarding the bill or GBA’s efforts to garner further support, please contact GBA’s Director of Education & Special Projects, Ryan Snow at 412-431-0709.
Something Old, Something Green

"Pittsburgh is a national model for a dynamic urban area which has emerged from a former gritty industrial city," says Cathy McCollom, chief program officer with PHLF. "The current rebirth showcases a wealth of historic neighborhoods with revitalized commercial buildings and a scenic natural setting. What better place and time to launch the national discussion on the greening of historic properties?"...Flora agrees: "The best green building is one that doesn't need to be built at all. ' Reusing existing buildings, and specifically historic properties, has many environmental benefits. Older buildings are usually in urban centers, close to public transportation. And you maintain the embodied energy of the building defined as the sum of the energy involved in manufacturing the building’s materials and the construction of the building. Suffice it to say, that sum is huge. "It is imperative to broaden the thinking about green construction to include the reuse of these structures," adds McCollom. "The cost to the environment through demolition and the loss of the embodied energy now housed in those buildings, must be factored in to level the playing field."

Enjoy the sunny days of summer…and all that it brings!