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Important Chatham University News

Welcome to Christine Simony. On Monday, October 27, 2008 Christine joined the Landscape Program staff as Part-time Secretary. Since 2000 Christine has freelanced as a copyeditor, proofreader, and fact checker in the realm of architecture and landscape architecture. During the same time frame she has worked in various administrative and editorial capacities at Carnegie Mellon University. Her background includes a B.A. in English/Writing/Art from St. Mary’s College at Notre Dame, IN as well as graduate studies in landscape architecture at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY and Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI. One of Christine’s many tasks will be assisting with this newsletter.

Please stop by her office at 109 ADC Mondays through Wednesdays to introduce yourself and welcome Christine to Chatham and the landscape programs.

Registration opens for Spring and Maymester 2008. Please consult with your Advisor about requirements you should register for. Registration for Graduate Students opens at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 8, 2008.
Thanks go out to designer Lauren Cohen, assistants Leighton Brew, Michele Burton-Brown, Doug Dmitrzak, Laurie Follweiler, Sara Madden, Camille Smith, Debbie Steinberg for planting the Chatham Green House slope over the course of several days. Stop by and check it out!

Additional thanks to Ann Petrus and Camille Smith for signing the arboretum trees in preparation of the arboretum tours during Alumni Weekend, conducted by Sara Madden and Debbie Steinberg at 2:00 p.m. and Kary Arimoto-Mercer and Laurie Follweiler who volunteered at 4:00 p.m. Saturday October 25, 2008.

The Sixteenth Annual
Pennsylvania Community Forestry Council Conference
Healthy Trees - Healthy Communities

Thursday, November 13th - Friday, November 14th, 2008
Chatham University
Pittsburgh, PA

Who should attend? Tree commission members, arborists, architects and landscape architects, municipal DPW staff, students, educators, elected officials, and anyone who cares about creating healthy & sustainable communities.

Featured keynote speakers include:

Day One: Thomas Hylton, President, Save our Land, Save our Towns, Inc.

Thomas is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, the author of Save Our Land, Save Our Towns, and president of a non-profit corporation bearing the same name. Mr. Hylton is also the founder of Trees Inc., a non-profit corporation with the mission of planting and maintaining street trees in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. He will discuss the connections between community health and well-being and trees.

Day Two: Ray Tretheway, Executive Director, The Sacramento Tree Foundation

Ray will talk about Sacramento's Greenprint initiative - a multi-decade regional framework created to meet Sacramento's sustainability and livability goals by expanding urban forests and optimizing the benefits of tree canopies. Supported by official resolutions from twenty-two cities and four counties in the greater Sacramento region, the Greenprint initiative represents a model for the nation in regional collaboration, environmental enhancement and land stewardship.

Conference Registration fee is $100 for both days or $75 for one day. Register online at http://www.pittsburghforest.org/communityforestryconference

Students: Please contact Mary Whitney to register, 412-365-1686, or at mwhitney@chatham.edu

Conferences/Meetings/Events

October 4, 2008–January 18, 2009
Carnegie Museum of Art’s Heinz Architectural Center
Worlds Away: New Suburban Landscapes

This is first major museum exhibition to look at suburbia and its physical and social complexities. The exhibition features more than one hundred architectural drawings and models, installations, photographs, paintings, works on paper, sculptures, and videos, created in response to con-temporary suburbia by 33 artists and architects, reflecting on the myths and realities of suburbs, provocatively exposing the fascinating layers of these deceptively familiar places. Co-curators are Tracy Myers (Heinz Architectural Center) and Andrew Blauvelt (Director of Design and Curator, Walker Art Center).
Wednesday, November 5—Friday, November 7, 2008
Design on the Delaware, Sheraton Philadelphia City Center and The Center for Architecture
A three-day conference and trade show that brings together design and building professionals, business and public leaders, product and service providers for a two-day trade show and three days of professional education and networking. The event is a collaborative effort of 25 professional organizations representing over 10,000 design and building professionals in PA, NJ, and DE. See http://www.designonthedelaware.com

Green Roofs for Healthy Cities
Your Green Roof Infrastructure Industry Association

Pittsburgh Green Roof Training Courses 2008
Green Roof Design 101 Introductory Course
Thursday, November 6th, 2008 - Pittsburgh
In this newly revised introductory course you will learn about the components and benefits of green roofs, how to design a project for maximum benefits, how to cost estimate for different types of projects and much more. The new course includes the most up-to-date green roof research and design practices as well, as new case studies from this rapidly expanding industry. Tuition: $399

For more information, call James Brockman at (724) 741-1062
Slippery Rock University
Regional Learning Alliance
850 Cranberry Woods Drive
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Friday, November 7, 2008 8am-12:15pm.
CMU, University Center, 2nd Floor.
The Creative Careers Seminar
All Graduate and Undergraduate students are invited to the Creative Careers Seminar
Come for the whole program or only a panel session or two! The program includes a keynote speaker (Carl Kurlander, Hollywood Screenwriter (“St. Elmo's Fire”), Television Writer/Producer (“Saved By The Bell”) and currently Visiting Professor at the University of Pittsburgh), panel discussions with professionals from each field mentioned above and a short networking break. Students may pick three panel discussions to attend. Cost: $10 at the door

HOW TO REGISTER: Please email careers@chatham.edu to register or stop by the PACE Center, 3rd Floor, Jennie King Mellon Library. For more information about the event, visit http://sites.google.com/site/creativecareersseminar/Home or email careers@chatham.edu

The Creative Careers Seminar is sponsored by the Pittsburgh Arts Employment Partnership (a collaboration of 5 local universities); Carlow University, Carnegie Mellon University, Chatham University, Duquesne University, University of Pittsburgh.
Saturday, November 8, 2008

Dress with Design at the Palladian Ball Revival
Celebrating 40 years of good design: Lou Astorino + Arthur Lubetz, Honorary Chairs

Save the date for the design community event of the year! The ball is a benefit for the Community Design Center of Pittsburgh, founded as the Pittsburgh Architects Workshop in 1968. Dress with design in mind—costumes with an architectural flair also encouraged! Call 412-391-4144 or visit www.cdcp.org for more information.

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Lunch & Learn: Green Building Market Information, 12-1:30 p.m., Engineer’s Society of Western PA, 337 4th Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA

Join Gina Baker from Burt Hill and Vivian Loftness from Carnegie Mellon to find out the most current green building developments. Learn about growing sectors of the market, as well as green design and performance trends at the local, state, and national levels. Advance registration only. Call 412-261-0710 or email m.gaetano@eswp.com.

Thursday and Friday, November 13 and 14, 2008

Community Forester’s Conference: Healthy Trees, Healthy Communities
Chatham campus. Students may attend all or selected sessions. Lunch is not provided. Students: To register, contact Mary Whitney, 412-365-1686. All others: Conference Registration fee is $100 for both days or $75 for one day. Register online at http://www.pittsburghforest.org/communityforestryconference

Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Professionals workshop
Classroom Session: Thursday, November 13, 2008 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tom Ridge Environmental Center in Erie, PA

Site Visits: Friday, November 14, 2008 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pre-registration is required — Cost for the workshop is $25

This workshop is geared towards environmental engineers, landscape architects, realtors, surveyors, and municipal, state and federal employees from Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York who work along the Lake Erie shoreline and tributaries. Among other topics the workshop will cover federal, state and local permitting; coastal processes, especially shoreline erosion and recession; BMPs; and effective methods of shoreline stabilization. The workshop is approved for continuing education thru the Pennsylvania State University for Landscape Architects and Realtors.

Topics include the following:
Coastal Processes geology and hydrology
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers permitting
New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania state Regulations
Conservation District
Permitting
Using vegetation to stabilize the shoreline
Tried and true landscape solutions for erosion-prone areas
Conservation Design
Habitat Impacts of Riparian Projects
Ecological impacts of shoreline erosion
In-stream habitat/bank stabilization devices
Contact with questions:
Marti A. Martz
Pennsylvania Sea Grant
c/o Tom Ridge Environmental Center
301 Peninsula Drive, Suite 3
Erie, PA 16505
phone: (814)217-9015
fax: (814)217-9021

Monday, November 17, 2008  7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Monroeville Public Library Gallery Space, Monroeville
What Are Sustainable Communities, and How Do We Get There?
Come join a lively community discussion with Court Gould of Sustainable Pittsburgh to explore what sustainability is about -- its promise and potential. Contact: Mark Hudson, Adult Services Librarian, at 412-372-0500 ext. 13 or hudsonme@mac.com

The Grant Institute: Certificate in Professional Program Development and Grant Communication will be held at the Adria Hotel in New York City, New York from November 17 - 21, 2008. Interested development professionals, researchers, faculty, and graduate students should register as soon as possible, as demand means that seats will fill up quickly. Please forward, post, and distribute this e-mail to your colleagues and listservs.

All participants will receive certification in professional grant writing from the Institute, as well as 3.5 CEU units. For more information call (888) 824 - 4424 or visit The Grant Institute at:
www.thegrantinstitute.com

Please find the program description below:

The Grant Institute
Certificate in Professional Program Development and Grant Communication will be held at:
Adria Hotel & Conference Center
New York City, New York
November 17 - 21, 2008
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
**Wednesday, November 19, 2008  5:30 pm – 8:00 pm**
PNC Firstside, Firstside Café  
*Rachel Carson Homestead Association 33rd Annual Meeting*
Hear remarks by Devra L. Davis, Ph.D., M.P.H., Director, Center for Environmental Oncology, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute. Register online [http://www.rachelcarsonhomestead.org](http://www.rachelcarsonhomestead.org)

**Friday, November 21  12:00 pm – 4:00 pm**
Greentree Municipal Building  
*6th Annual Public Officials Design Charrette (PODC)*
Free; lunch will be provided.  
Open to limited number of municipalities. Please call 412-258-6643 to discuss your needs.  
Requirements for municipal participation: attendance from your municipality must include at least one elected official, a municipal staff person, and one community leader.

Sustainable Pittsburgh's Sustainable Community Development Network, AIA Pittsburgh, and the Local Government Academy are now welcoming interested municipalities to propose to be "clients" for this free, half-day, hands-on, charrette-style consultation.

Up to five municipalities will be selected to benefit from the assistance of a team of pro bono experts. The municipality identifies a pressing sustainability challenge or opportunity and we assemble a team of experts to be on hand to work through the issue and generate practical solutions. Issues may relate to: main street revitalization, infill development, transportation access, energy efficiency or resource conservation, community development, a social or human service concern, community or green space, etc.

**Wednesday, November 26 - Sunday, November 30, 2008**
Chatham University Thanksgiving Break

**For future consideration:**

**January 27-28, 2009**
The Largest Conference & Exhibition in North America for the Composting, Wood Waste & Organics Recycling Industry OUTSTANDING CONFERENCE PROGRAM  
Expanded Educational & Technical Program Featuring More than 100 Presentations

**January 26, 2009**
**PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS**
8 NEW Workshops & Training Opportunities for 2009

**NEW FOR 2009! Health and Safety Issues of Composting:** This one-day program covers the specific health and safety concerns of the composting operation, including mechanical hazards of equipment, heat/cold stress, overexertion injuries, engulfment, and the biological and chemical hazards of raw materials and the composting process steps.  
**Instructor:** Nellie J. Brown, MS, CIH, is the Director of Workplace Health and Safety Programs for Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relation.

**USCC "Foundations of Compost" Training Course:** This course will provide a solid understanding of the foundations of composting for operators, managers and regulators. The course will train new composters on the basic principles and techniques of composting will reacquaint veteran composters with the underlying fundamentals of their profession.  
**This will include the review for the Compost Certification exam to be given on Thursday, Jan. 29. Course Instructors:** Dr. Robert Rynk is an environmental and agricultural engineer. He is the editor of the "On-Farm Composting Handbook," and a faculty member with the State University of New York at Cobleskill, and [Matthew Cotton](mailto:matthew.cotton@iwmc.com), Integrated Waste Management Consulting, LLC. Matt teaches SWANA's Manager of Composting Programs Course and has over 20 years experience in composting.

**NEW for 2009! Odor Management and Odor Control for Windrow Composting:** This workshop will provide information and discuss odor management for various handling systems and control technologies for windrow composting. Methods of odor assessment will be presented. Odor modeling and its value will be discussed. There have been several studies concerning odor as a potential public health issue. As a result there have been several legal actions against operators. This aspect will also be discussed.  
**Instructor:** Jeff Gage is the Research & Development Director for Swanson Bark & Wood Products, Inc. in Longview, Washington. He has been an instructor for the Washington Organic Recycling Council Compost Facility Operator Training for 12 years.
NEW for 2009! Taking Composting to the Next Level: Using Forced Aeration for Food Wastes, Manures and Other Organics: This course is for experienced composters who would like to expand beyond the basics of leaf and yard waste composting into food residuals, manures and other challenging materials. Participants will learn the differences between various systems, how to determine fan size and piping, and what kind of environmental protection and permitting is needed. Course Instructor: Peter Moon, PE, O2 Compost, has 25 years of experience in setting up compost facilities to process organic waste with aeration and to keep this process simple, systematic and affordable.

NEW for 2009! Tracking Your Carbon Footprint: A Primer to Understanding and Inventorying Greenhouse Gas Emissions: This workshop has been designed to answer your questions and introduce you to the basics of global climate change, global warming and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHGs); the what, why and how of GHG inventorying, how to use your inventory to set goals and reduce your GHG emissions and how to determine whether or not you can generate carbon credits. Each workshop participant will receive a copy of “Tracking Your Carbon Footprint: A Step-by-Step Guide to Understanding and Inventorying Greenhouse Gas Emissions.” Course Instructor and textbook author: Judith Purman, Sustainability Specialist. Judy has worked in the solid waste management industry for the last 20 years helping companies achieve their goals in environmental stewardship and compliance.

NEW for 2009! How to Use Compost: Fruit, Vegetables, Ornamentals, Golf Courses, Landscaping, Forestry, Disease Suppression and Organic Agriculture: Workshop participants will learn proper compost use for specific crops and other applications. Course Instructors: Dr. Monica Ozores-Hampton, has more than a decade of experience researching compost production and utilization, Dr. Don Rockwood and Dr. Ronald French-Monar, University of Florida/ SWFREC.

NEW for 2009! Compost Marketers Toolkit: Provides training for compost sales and marketing staff on the basics of compost marketing and sales, as well as providing pertinent technical information on compost benefits, and plant and soil responses (ammunition for the compost salesperson). The workshop provides marketing insight and sales techniques for new salespeople, as well as veteran, compost sales staff. Course Instructor: Ron Alexander is an American horticulturist and veteran compost salesman and sales/marketing manager with 25 years of experience in compost marketing and end use.

NEW for 2009! How to Develop a Successful Organics Diversion Program: Sustainability is on the top of all companies and organization’s goals. The development of organic diversion programs will be of utmost importance for the next decade. This workshop will outline a formal procedure for developing an organic diversion program. Participants will receive a booklet of all containing the necessary waste audit documentation and tracking forms for program implementation. Course Instructor: Peter Klaich, Garick Corporation, is an international expert in the biodegradable plastics market arena and program development infrastructure.

NEW for 2009! Understanding Your Compost Product for Better Utilization and Marketing: This workshop will provide information on plant nutrients, major and minor elements, heavy metals, salts, stability, maturity, human and plant pathogens, and the basics of composting. The workshop will cover reactions in the soil; the importance of organic matter in enhancing soil physical properties; binding of heavy metals; and improving the soil microbial populations. Information on compost testing and how to interpret analytical results also will be discussed. Course Instructor: Dr. Eliot Epstein, is a soil physicist with extensive research experience on soil, water, crop production, runoff and erosion, and soil organic matter effect on soil physical properties. He published books on The Science of Composting and Land Application of Sewage Sludge and Biosolids.

Green Roofs for Healthy Cities "Green Roof Design 101" Training Course: This introductory course on green roof infrastructure design presents many of the tools and techniques needed to meet green roof project objectives on schedule, to specification and within budget. The training will enhance your skills in understanding the performance criteria of different green roof elements, and understanding the major design principles for a successful green roof project. Course Instructor: Jennifer Sprout is a Landscape Architect with a lifelong passion for green roofs.

Green Roof Infrastructure: Plants and Growing Medium 401: This course will provide participants with an overview of plants and growing medium design considerations and maintenance for green roof assemblies. It establishes design and implementation best management practices. Discussion includes the principles of plant physiology and soil sciences as they apply to green roofs; identify applications of various plant and growing material for green roof projects; & understand the technical requirements for growing medium and plant life. Course Instructor: Patrick Hadj is a pioneer in green roof design.
February 26-28, 2009
labash 09
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, PA
http://www.outreach.psu.edu/programs/labash/

Under the patronage of the German Federal Minister of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs, Wolfgang Tiefensee, the International Green Roof Association (IGRA) and the German Roof Gardener Association (DDV). Practical workshops and excursions to local green roof projects in and around Stuttgart and Freiburg will build upon the lecture series. The congress 2009 will be of relevance to architects, landscape architects, planners, policy makers, investors, manufacturers and installers. International Green Roof Congress, PO Box 2025, 72610 Nuertingen, Germany, Tel.: ++49 7024 / 96879596 email: info@igra-world.com; www.greenroofworld.com

March 31, 2009
Green$ense 2009 hosted by GBA at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Keynote speakers will include Harvey Bernstein, vice president, analytics, alliance, and strategic initiatives, McGraw-Hill Construction; and Joe Van Belleghem, principal, Windmill West. Further details about Green$ense 2009 will be released soon.

June 1-3, 2009
Landscape Design in the City: Historical Landscapes in the Modern Era
St.Petersburg, Russian Federation
Contact: Dr. Irina Melnichuk, St.Petersburg State Forest Technical Academy, imelnichuk@peterlink.ru or Dr. Maria Ignatieva, Lincoln University, New Zealand ignat.m@gmail.com

News from ASLA

ASLA Annual Meeting Draws Second-Largest Attendance in History
More than 5,300 register for meeting in Philadelphia. A total of 5,317 attendees registered for the 2008 annual meeting, making it the second-largest meeting in ASLA history by more than 1,000 attendees, despite worries that the economy would have a harsh impact on attendance. The Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates that the total economic impact of the meeting for the city of Philadelphia will be $6,817,770.

PENNSYLVANIA/DELAWARE CHAPTER ASLA
We thank Chatham Students - Sara Madden, Debbie Steinberg, Mike Harter, Laurie Follweiler, Kary Arimoto-Mercer, Rick Mercer and Scott Watson for helping to staff the Host Chapter Booth at the national ASLA meeting in Philadelphia October 3-7, 2008. Many thanks to all of you!!!
ASLA's General Session Speaker Highlights Importance of Environmental Education

Mr. Lawrence Selzer, President and CEO of the Conservation Fund, addressed ASLA's General Session during the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on Saturday, October 4, highlighting the significance of environmental education. President Selzer specifically mentioned the considerable impact that the No Child Left Inside Act (H.R. 3036) can have on conservation and preservation of landscapes. Mr. Selzer's address focused on the significant influence that outdoor education can have on children, encouraging them to have greater regard for conservation and the environment, as well as promoting healthier lifestyles through increased outdoor activities.

The No Child Left Inside Act, which passed by 293-109 in the House of Representatives in September, offers states incentives to develop Environmental Literacy Plans and integrate environmental education across their K-12 curriculums. Sponsored by Congressman John Sarbanes (MD), the legislation also increases funding for teacher training to ensure that teachers have the skills and knowledge necessary to deliver high quality environmental education. Such curricula would use the local environment as an extension of the classroom.

Thanks to the diligent efforts from the landscape architecture community, more than 1,180 messages were sent through ASLA's Advocacy Network to Members of Congress. These messages of support for H.R. 3036 undoubtedly contributed to its passage. ASLA will continue to work with the NCLI Coalition until this important legislation is passed in both chambers of Congress and signed into law.

We appreciate your continued advocacy.

Roxanne Blackwell
Federal Government Affairs Manager

ATTENTION: ALL NEW STUDENTS YOU RECEIVE FREE STUDENT MEMBERSHIP IN CHATHAM UNIVERSITY'S STUDENT CHAPTER ASLA AND NATIONAL STUDENT ASLA. JOIN TODAY!!!!

ALL CONTINUING STUDENTS REMEMBER IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT FOR AN AWARD YOU MUST BE A STUDENT MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASLA, NOT JUST CHATHAM’S STUDENT CHAPTER.

CHATHAM UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER ASLA MEETS THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN 203 ADC AT 5 P.M.

NEW OFFICERS VOTED ON IN OCTOBER:
President       Debbie Steinberg
Vice President  Sara Madden
Secretary       Scott Watson
Treasurer       Rebekah Johnston
Membership Benefits

There are many reasons that landscape architecture professionals and students should join ASLA. With eight distinct member categories, one is perfect for you. ASLA offers a wide range of benefits with membership, all designed to give landscape architecture professionals extraordinary value while providing resources and tools to expand their businesses.

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<td><strong>ASLA Professional Designation</strong></td>
<td>Only ASLA members can use the professional designation. This exclusive credential shows clients and peers a commitment to the highest level of professionalism, giving you an important competitive edge.</td>
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<td><strong>Landscape Architecture Magazine</strong></td>
<td>Members consistently rank the award-winning <em>Landscape Architecture</em> magazine as one of the top benefits of membership. Stay on top of the profession with the latest news, trends, resources, and developments in design, technology, planning, and ecology.</td>
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<td><strong>Awareness of the Profession</strong></td>
<td>ASLA’s Public Relations and Communications department is dedicated to advancing awareness and appreciation of the profession. Reaching millions of people each year, these efforts strengthen the profession and, in turn, your career.</td>
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<td><strong>Federal and State Advocacy</strong></td>
<td>ASLA’s Government Affairs department works to ensure that the landscape architecture profession is at the forefront of local, state, and federal policymakers. ASLA supports and defends state licensure and is nearing its goal of obtaining practice acts in 50 states by 2010.</td>
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<td><strong>ASLA Advocacy Network</strong></td>
<td>Help shape the political landscape. By working together, landscape architecture professionals can leverage their numbers and expertise to positively impact public policy. The ASLA Advocacy Network allows members to quickly and effectively communicate with policymakers about issues important to the profession.</td>
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<td><strong>Chapters (full, associate, affiliate and corporate members only)</strong></td>
<td>With membership in the national organization comes membership in the local organization. Network with your peers and promote the profession in the local community through involvement with your ASLA Chapter.</td>
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<td><strong>LAND Online</strong></td>
<td>Delivered bi-weekly via email to your inbox. All the latest news and events of the Society are just a click away.</td>
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<td><strong>One Professional Practice Network (PPN) (additional PPNs available at nominal charge)</strong></td>
<td>To further network within your specialty, ASLA offers members a choice of 17 Professional Practice Networks (PPNs). PPNs unite colleagues who share common practice emphases, and provide members an advanced knowledge base and resources to call upon as needed. Members can join additional PPNs at a nominal charge.</td>
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<td><strong>Business Quarterly</strong></td>
<td>Each quarter, ASLA surveys key contacts for business statistics and prepares an economic outlook of the profession. The quarterly benchmarks are published online and shared with industry professionals and allied organizations.</td>
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<td><strong>Firm Finder</strong></td>
<td>Help others find your services. Professional members receive a free listing for their firm in Firm Finder, the online search tool that connects clients with landscape architecture professionals.</td>
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<td><strong>National Landscape Architecture Month</strong></td>
<td>ASLA and ASLA chapters organize events and media coverage to promote National Landscape Architecture Month. Not only does National Landscape Architecture Month build awareness and showcase the importance of landscape architecture, but it also provides a unique opportunity to give back and mentor the next generation of professionals.</td>
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<td><strong>Affinity Programs</strong></td>
<td>ASLA Members can save time and money by using one of ASLA's affinity partners on a wide variety of personal and professional services.</td>
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<td><strong>ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO Registration</strong></td>
<td>Be a part of the largest gathering of landscape architecture professions each year. The annual meeting celebrates the profession and features many opportunities for professional development and networking. Professional members save almost 50 percent. Students and Associate Members save even more!</td>
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<td><strong>ASLA Professional Awards Entry Fee</strong></td>
<td>Discounted entry fees help individuals and firms highlight their outstanding landscape architecture projects. Winning entries are featured in many industry publications and recognized at the ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO.</td>
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<td><strong>Professional Development and Continuing Education</strong></td>
<td>Through the annual meeting and other opportunities throughout the year with vendors and allied organizations, members can advance their careers through continuing education.</td>
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<td><strong>JobLink</strong></td>
<td>As the primary career network and recruitment tool for landscape architecture professionals, JobLink—ASLA’s searchable jobs database—connects employers with qualified applicants for a variety of landscape architecture positions. Members receive a special rate to post jobs, making JobLink an inexpensive alternative for members to market their firms and open positions.</td>
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| **Professional Resources**                    | ASLA is dedicated to helping members increase their professionalism and operate their businesses more effectively and efficiently. Through its resource center, ASLA offers free and discounted professional resources to members. Resources include:  
  • Standard Form Contract  
  • Landscape Architecture Technical Information Series (LATIS)  
  • Salary and Business Indicators Surveys |

**CONNECTICUT CHAPTER ASLA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS**
The Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects is pleased to announce scholarships for students entering or pursuing an education in the field of Landscape Architecture (at the undergraduate or graduate level). CTASLA grants one or two scholarships per year, typically in the amount of $2,500 each. *(Applicants must be a resident of the state of Connecticut.)*

The 2009 CTASLA Student Scholarship form may also be downloaded from the CTASLA website at http://www.ctasla.org/scholarships.htm. If you have any questions about the scholarship, please send email to executivedirector@ctasla.org, or leave a message on voice mail at (800) 878-1474.

All application forms must be postmarked between January 1 and March 15, 2009 and should be mailed to:

CTASLA Scholarship Committee  
CTASLA Office  
370 James Street, 4th Floor  
New Haven, CT 06513

**PENNSYLVANIA/DELAWARE CHAPTER ASLA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS**
PENNSYLVANIA/DELAWARE CHAPTER ASLA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS OVER $5,000 AWARDED TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE SCHOOLS IN PA Harrisburg, PA – May 05, 2008 – Lisa Kunst Vavro, President, PA/DE Chapter of the American Society for Landscape Architects is pleased to announce that in 2008 for the 2008-2009 academic year, the chapter will award over $5,000 in scholarships to the following schools in Pennsylvania: Chatham University, Pennsylvania State University, Philadelphia University, Temple University, and the University of Pennsylvania. These scholarships will be awarded by each school to at least one student that is enrolled in the landscape architecture program. The chapter provided $2,000
out of their budget for these scholarships and the other $3,000 was provided by each of the chapter’s three Pennsylvania sections, Eastern, Central and Western at $1,000 each.

Starting in the fall of 2008, applications will be available for the 2009–2010 school year. Applications are available for eligible students by going to the chapter website http://www.padeasla.org. All applications will be due to the Chapter Executive Director by January 15th of each year. To be eligible for the scholarship, the student shall have:

1. Graduated from a high school within the Commonwealth of PA or the State of Delaware;
2. Have successfully completed at least (2) years in an undergraduate landscape architecture program or (1) year in a graduate landscape architecture program;
3. Be a member of the school’s Student Chapter ASLA; and
4. Have maintained a grade point average of at least a 3.0 on a GPA scale of 4.0 for all courses taken to date at the college or university.

With this new process, the PA/DE Chapter Executive Committee will have final approval of the awarding of these scholarships and is responsible for notifying each student prior to April 15th of each year. Check out the PA/DE website at http://www.padeasla.org for more details on the 2009–2010 PA/DE Chapter ASLA landscape architecture scholarship opportunities.

FELLOWSHIPS OFFERED BY THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA
Deadline: March 2009

Any landscape architecture student who is enrolled in an accredited school of landscape architecture, working toward an M.L.A. degree may apply.

The Garden Club of Virginia Landscape Fellowship supports the documentation of a garden not held in private ownership.

The Rudy J. Favretti* Landscape Fellowship supports the documentation of historic gardens in private hands. The Favretti Fellowship was named in honor of The Garden Club of Virginia’s former landscape architect, Rudy J. Favretti, FASLA, in appreciation for his distinguished contributions to historic landscape scholarship, restoration, and education. See http://www.gcvirginia.org/Fellowships/fellowships.html

News from AIA Pittsburgh eColumns

Columns magazine on the web! Download the most recent edition of Columns magazine from the AIA Pittsburgh website!
Call for Entries

2009 Call for Entries: ASLA Professional and Student Awards

Entry forms and payment must be received by:

- Friday, February 6, 2009, for Professional Awards
- Friday, May 29, 2009, for Student Awards

Submission binders must be received by:

- Friday, February 20, 2009, for Professional Awards
- Friday, June 12, 2009, for Student Awards


Internship Opportunities

**Internships available at Sewickley-based e. k. smithlandscape design**

Engage in every facet from design to installation at e. k. smithlandscape design, a boutique firm with a stellar reputation in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. We’re seeking interns who can do hand renderings as well as accurate sheets and vignettes. We design projects all around Pittsburgh, from intimate courtyard gardens to large hard-scape projects. Specializing in endemic plant species, we also design terraces and swimming pools. As a design/build firm, candidate will have the opportunity to learn site analyses, design, and installation, gaining much experience in plant selection and sustainable landscape practice. Travel costs will be compensated.

*For further information, please visit [www.eksmithlandscapedesign.com](http://www.eksmithlandscapedesign.com) to get a better idea of the scope of what we do, or call Elise Keely, 412-741-6030.*

**Immediate need for Landscape Architecture intern**

Landscape Design Studio, an expanding, professional design company located in Squirrel Hill, has an immediate need for a Landscape Architecture intern or recent graduate, on a sub-contract basis. Candidate must be able to draft and design using own CAD software and be proficient at on-site surveys. Attention to detail and accuracy a must. Artistic, 3-D rendering abilities would be a plus.

*Contact: Phyllis Gricus, 412-654-8693.*

Design Opportunities

A Squirrel Hill resident who recently moved into a small home that has tired landscaping would like a student who would be interested in advising and perhaps designing a plan for the yard in return for compensation commensurate with his/her experience.

*Is anyone interested in this design project?*

Heavenly design needed

The staff at Saint Mary of the Mount Parish is looking to improve the grounds around the church and rectory. They are looking for advice on what type of plants, shrubs etc could be utilized that would be right for the property that would not outgrow the space. Saint Mary of the Mount Parish is located on Grandview Ave in Mt. Washington and many tourists visit on a daily basis.

*Is anyone interested in this design project?*
Residential design experience opportunities
Professor of Occupational Therapy at Chatham needs a hillside that we need some recommendations re: ground cover, shrubs, plantings, etc for a hillside planting. The idea is a no mow solution. They will do the "labor" -- we’re looking for some recommendations related to what to use.

*Is anyone interested in this design project?*

Pittsburgh area residential property needs landscape renovation. The owner is seeking students who may want practical experience redesigning the landscape. 
*Please contact Lisa Kunst Vavro for details: lvavro@chatham.edu.*

*Is anyone interested in this design project?*

Design work needed
Established residential garden in Franklin Park Borough needs design work to address damage caused by an adjacent new home development. 
*Please contact Lisa Kunst Vavro for details: lvavro@chatham.edu.*

*Is anyone interested in this design project?*

Any students are interested in these design opportunities, please contact Lisa Kunst Vavro for details: lvavro@chatham.edu.

Job Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities
RenPlan REALLY needs landscape architects and landscape architecture students!!!
If you are interested in becoming a consultant or learning more about the RenPlan program, please contact Kate McGlynn, RenPlan Program Manager (kmcglynn@cdcp.org) and visit the CDCP website: www.cdcp.org

Want to become a Tree Tender? http://www.pittsburghforest.org/TreeTenders

Tree Tenders are trained volunteers who are authorized to care for small city-owned trees during Tree Care Days. Volunteers participate in a three-session course that equips them with the skills necessary to care for trees. Local tree experts provide instruction, and the course covers everything from tree biology to planting and pruning. Following completion of the course, Tree Tenders-in-Training participate in 10 volunteer hours (often at plantings in their neighborhoods) and a hands-on Pruning Workshop. The more card-carrying Tree Tenders a neighborhood has, the more trees we can provide!

News of Interest

Places: Architect talks up a new approach to urban planning
Wednesday, October 29, 2008
By Patricial Lowry, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

For decades, planners and developers ignored the public and pretty much did as they pleased. Then along came public process and community meetings, which, indispensable as they are, can be factional and dominated by the constituency with the loudest voice.

San Francisco architect Fred Dust believes there's another way to find out what people want, even when they don't know they want it. He came to town this week to argue for nothing less than "a revolution in the design process."

In a fast-paced, 45-minute talk Monday evening at the University Center at Point Park University, Dust, who leads multidisciplinary design teams as head of IDEO's international Smart Space group, suggested architects and planners design for behavior.

"What people do tells you what to do," he said.

The University of California at Berkeley wanted to build a community center for students and faculty in an existing plaza. When IDEO had potential users map where they had been on campus on a given day, none of them had passed through the plaza. So Berkeley built several satellite community centers rather than a single large one.
"There are new ways to know who you're designing for," said Dust, whose appearance was sponsored by the Community Design Center of Pittsburgh.

One of IDEO's tools is the in-context video, which involves interviewing potential users on-site to determine what they're doing and why. Starbucks wanted to build a drive-through that replicated the sensory experience of coming inside the store, until IDEO's research discovered that drive-through customers really just want to get in and out as quickly as possible.

How does this apply to cities? Dust touched on that aspect all too briefly, but the question was taken up afterward by panelists who were asked how Dust's ideas can be used in solutions for Pittsburgh. Urban Redevelopment Authority director Rob Stephany wondered if local foundations, government and community developers together could embrace "a more creative team approach."

Culture and the arts, he suggested, might be helpful in setting a better tone.

"Can an artist," he asked, "be more effective than a planner?"

No wonder Dust calls it "radical collaboration." Bring it.

**APA's 2008 “Great Public Spaces”**

The American Planning Association has named its 2008 list of “Great Public Spaces." The 10 locales are not ranked, but just listed alphabetically. They represent what the APA calls "a true sense of place, cultural and historical interest, community involvement, and a vision for tomorrow. “ Mellon Square was among the selections. Other sites included: Central Park, NYC; Church Street Marketplace, Burlington, VT; Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland, OR; Santa Monica Beach, CA; Union Station, Washington, DC; Waterfront Park, Charleston, SC; Waterplace Park, Providence, RI; West Side Market, Cleveland, OH; and Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza, Prescott, AZ.

**Boosts for bike commuting: Feds trying to make it easier to get to work.**

Buried in the financial rescue bill passed by Congress last week is a provision to encourage bike commuting. The idea is to level the playing field for cyclists, who currently can’t get benefits like those available for participants in car or van pools or other programs designed to reduce traffic congestion.

Starting in January, employers can reimburse bike commuters up to $20/month for the “purchase of a bicycle, bicycle improvements, repair, and storage, if such bicycle is regularly used for travel between the employee’s residence and place of employment” and have such reimbursements get the same favorable tax treatment as other benefits.

**Air-dry your laundry**

*If it’s too cold outside, you can still hang the clothes inside. It’s cheaper than the dryer.*

Drying clothes on a line can take a little longer than throwing clothes into a dryer, but it doesn’t have to be an unpleasant task. In addition to cutting down on energy use, other benefits can include enjoying the outdoors or humidifying the air in your house (when clothes line-dry indoors).

**How this helps:** Air-drying some or all of your wet laundry could save you $135 in energy costs every year, prevent tons of carbon from entering the atmosphere, and result in less wear-and-tear on clothes.

**More information:** Read the full tip at GreenYour.com or Cheap Green Laundry at NYTimes.com

**Related tips:** Run your appliances at night; Wash your clothes in cold water; Wash only full loads of laundry
News from Green Building Alliance:

TOP NEWS AND OTHER GREEN EVENTS

New Standard Added to USGBC’s Strategic Plan

The newly released strategic plan sets forth the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC's) vision for the next five years and includes a new standard, fostering social equity. USGBC seeks to elevate social equity as a value and outcome integral to sustainable built environments. Along with social equity, the guiding principles include promoting the triple bottom line, establishing leadership, reconciling humanity with nature, maintaining integrity, ensuring inclusiveness, and exhibiting transparency.


Breakfast Briefing: GBA & USGBC Member Update

Join GBA and Rebecca Flora for this annual meeting reviewing the latest local and national green building initiatives. Learn about the initiatives and projects GBA and U.S. Green Building Council will launch in 2009, as well as an updated on LEED 2009.

When: Wednesday, December 10th, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Where: Regional Enterprise Tower, 425 6th Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA

Incorporating Powder Coated Metals into Green Projects

There are a variety of finishes with health and environmental benefits that can be a feature of green building projects. Some of these finishes are truly revolutionary, and powder coating in particular has been a growing force in architectural aluminum for many years. With the recent growing importance of certifications like LEED and Cradle to Cradle (C2C), powder coating is poised to fully blossom over the next few years. Some common architectural applications for this product are window and door frames, curtain walls, wall and ceiling tiles and support systems, and railing systems. Furniture, fixtures, and even structural steel members are also moving from paint to powder finishes. For more information see: http://gbapgh.org and Powder Coating magazine’s web site at www.pcoating.com

Green Building Alliance has moved

New address: Green Building Alliance
River Walk Corporate Centre
333 East Carson Street, Suite 331
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Full details, news and events online at www.gbapgh.org/events.asp
News from Sustainable Pittsburgh:

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State Senator Darrell Steinberg tackles the connections between land use and greenhouse gas emissions

It’s no secret that reductions in carbon emissions will require smart land use and transportation. A new bill in the California State Senate, SB 375, would compel local planning agencies to make planning choices that reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). In order to discuss the details of SB 375—which may become the next trend-setting piece of green legislation to emerge from the California State Legislature—TPR was pleased to speak with the bill’s author, State Senator Darrell Steinberg. . .It is a very important yet fairly modest measure, because it requires the 18 metropolitan planning organizations across the state of California to show that their future planning scenarios will result in a reduction in carbon. The requirement will engage regions in a process similar to a process pioneered in my region of Sacramento, known as “the blueprint,” which essentially says that we need to plan as a region, not just as individual cities and counties. Air quality, traffic congestion, and carbon know no artificial boundaries. These issues must be tackled regionally.

Senate Bill 375: Redesigning Communities to Reduce Greenhouse Gases

Senate Bill 375 by incoming Senator Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg would be the nation's first law to control greenhouse gas emissions by curbing sprawl. SB 375 provides emissions-reducing goals for which regions can plan, integrates disjointed planning activities, and provides incentives for local governments and developers to follow new conscientiously-planned growth patterns.

Happy Thanksgiving!