



Plain News - April 17, 2009

Letter From the President, Joe Daly, ASLA

As a Chapter we celebrated the Annual Awards Banquet at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art on April 4 with special guest – ASLA President Elect Gary Scott, FASLA, who spoke to us about the current state of our profession and how we as Landscape Architects need to step up our presence and work to be in a leadership role on the next Project Team we are on. When this economy finally does turn around, ours will be a defining role in the A/E industry as most design disciplines continue to clamor for credit for recent efforts to be “GREEN” – Landscape Architects have had that market cornered for over 100 years...

We presented 10 Awards overall - 2 Excellence Awards, 4 Honor Awards and 4 Merit Awards and we want to thank the Vermont Chapter of ASLA for volunteering their time to jury our submittals. (Check soon for the winning images to be on the website as well)

We also presented the Alton B. Thomas Award to Chad Weinand of Landworks Studio for his continued and tireless involvement in running our single fundraising event for the Chapter – below is a note from Chad:

On Saturday, April 4 th at the annual chapter Awards Celebration, I was presented with the Alton B. Thomas Award for my involvement with the Mark D. Moore Scholarship Golf Tournament over the past 8 years . While I was completely shocked, humbled and honored to receive this award, I would be remiss if I did not publically recognize and thank all of the others who have served on the golf committee and been committed to growing the chapter's financial support for future landscape architects. Please join me in thanking Jason Windes, Eric Taylor, Heidi Pollmann, Joe Daly and Tim Duggan for their dedication and contributions to this important annual chapter event that is a success year in and year out.

*Thank you!
Chad Weinand*

We are also in the middle of Landscape Architecture month and welcome your participation in either or both of our designated projects. We have partnered with YouthFriends of Kansas City to volunteer our time individually as Classroom Speakers on whatever professional topic you are most comfortable with. Through this program you are able to sign up and participate in your school district at a time that is most convenient for you and are able to work directly with the classroom teacher who is hosting you. Please check our website for more information and contact me for details if you are interested in participating.

The second project is the Operation Breakthrough Outdoor Classroom Project that has been up and running for quite a while now. There are still several key areas that need our professional attention and time commitment in order to see it through to completion. We have been invited to focus on whatever area or areas we are most interested in and can do this in several small groups or one big group. Please check our website for more information and contact me for details if you are interested in participating.

As always, please join us at any Executive Committee meeting or contact any member of the Executive Committee at your convenience if you have a pressing issue!



Joe Daly, ASLA
President PGASLA

2009 Calendar of Events

April 22 – [Sustainable Film Series presented by USGBC - KC](#)

April 29–May 2 – Chapter Presidents Council / Board of Trustees Meeting – Washington DC

May 7 – Executive Committee Meeting – AIA KC Offices

May 14-16 – [4th Annual Central States Conference, Omaha, Nebraska](#)

May 21 – LINKS Event -

June 4 – Executive Committee Meeting – AIA KC Offices

September – Mark D. Moore Scholarship Golf Tournament presented by Commercial Landscapers Inc. – Falcon Lakes Golf Course – Basehor, Kansas

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Omaha, Nebraska . May 14 – 16 hosted by the Great Plains Chapter. Please visit this website for continually updated information and contact anyone on the Executive Committee should you have any questions or comments.

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Government Affairs

- **Virginia Governor Tim Kaine signed legislation to upgrade the state's licensure law to a practice act** on March 27. Congratulations to the Virginia Chapter for its persistent efforts. Virginia becomes the 44th state to regulate the practice of landscape architecture and the 14th new practice act since the start of the 50 by 2010 Licensure Campaign in 2001.
- **Legislation to enact a practice act in Vermont is likely to be passed by the Senate this week.** The legislation passed second reading with only one negative vote on March 31 and now awaits its third and final reading, which would pass the bill on for consideration in the House.

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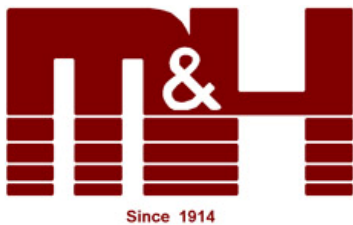
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Publishing and Resource Development

- **The first digital issue of *Landscape Architecture* magazine (LAM) launched on Monday.** A note from Editor Bill Thompson, FASLA, was sent to all email addresses on file announcing the new offering and providing a free digital copy of the April issue. It was delivered to 36,439 individuals and 29 percent or 10,691 individuals have opened the email to date. Nearly 4,000 individuals clicked the link to open the free digital edition of LAM. Annual digital subscriptions are available for purchase for \$44.25; the January 2009-March 2009 back issues will be available for single copy purchase for \$5.25 each. Zinio is continuing to post issues back to May 2006 for single copy purchase. Members and subscribers may opt for a digital subscription upon renewal.

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Information and Professional Practice

- Professional Practice staff attended the 23rd Annual Lahr Symposium on March 28 at the U.S. National Arboretum. The symposium **annually explores ways and demonstrates how native plants are essential to today's landscape architecture and garden design.** Among presenters were **Warren T. Byrd, Jr., FASLA**, who showed examples of projects that demonstrate how landscapes can sustain themselves as well as people; and **Sandra Youssef Clinton**,

FASLA, who illustrated how incorporating native plants in commercial and residential designs can be done successfully and artistically.

- **LATIS (Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System) continues to be an excellent way for members and non-members to fulfill professional development requirements.** Fifty-seven members and seven nonmembers successfully completed LATIS exams during the first quarter of 2009. Please see the [LATIS](#) link, and ASLA's [Professional Practice Resource Center](#) page for additional information.

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