

SAVE THE DATE! HITESH MEHTA TO GIVE 2016 DOUG CROWELL LECTURE

October 6, 2016

The 2016 Doug Crowell Lecture Series will feature **Hitesh Mehta, FASLA**, president of HM Design, on **October 6, 2016** in Burlington, VT.

ABOUT HITESH MEHTA, FASLA

HM Design is an altruistic, creative, sensitive and multi-disciplinary modern-renaissance firm. HM Design projects are found across the globe, exhibiting services ranging from Protected Area Physical Planning to Architecture to Public Speaking to Photography. Hitesh Mehta, as president, is one of the world's leading practitioners and researchers on ecotourism physical planning, landscape architectural and architectural aspects of ecolodges. Hitesh is an eco-Architect, eco-Landscape Architect, Environmental Planner, Professional Photographer, Adjunct Professor and Author.



Hitesh Mehta

ABOUT THE LECTURE SERIES

The Doug Crowell Lecture Series was established in 2012 in memory of Doug Crowell. The Series features guest speakers who present innovative site design or sustainable projects, practices or initiatives related to landscape architecture.

Working for H. Keith Wagner Partnership (now Wagner Hodgson Landscape Architecture), Doug had just completed design work for the Fletcher Allen Radiation Oncology Center green roof project when he was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He spent several months in Fletcher Allen Hospital, and he had a unique insight as a patient into designing healing spaces. Doug would be elated in knowing that this Lecture Series exists, as he was an advocate of improving continuing education opportunities during his volunteer efforts with the VT ASLA.

For more information, visit:

www.vtasla.org/doug-crowell-lecture-series/

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IT'S ELECTION TIME!

It's Chapter Executive Board election time - that is!

This year the Chapter is looking for candidates to fill the offices of:

- **President Elect**
- **Secretary**
- **Member-at-Large**

Each of these positions offer a great opportunity to lead, strengthen, and participate in the landscape architectural community. The election process contains two primary steps: (1) nominations followed by (2) elections. **VTASLA is now seeking nominations for the following positions to the Executive Board by Friday, July 15, 2016.**

President Elect (Full Members Only, 3 year term)

- Aiding the president when needed
- Representing the president at his/her request
- Assuming the presidency in case of resignation, etc., until the post is filled according to the chapter's bylaws
- Participate in Chapter President's Council meetings in Washington DC and at the National Meeting and Expo
- Chair the Chapter Nominating Committee

Secretary (Full Members Only, 2 year term)

- Keeping Chapter records (election results, membership in the chapter, recorder of Chapter meeting minutes and Chapter constitution and bylaws updates)
- Acting as liaison between the other members of the chapter executive committee
- Maintaining and updating Chapter membership roster
- Coordinating Chapter communication and the Newsletter

Member-at-Large (Full or Associate Members, 2 year term)

- Acting as chair for committees as determined by Chapter President or Executive Committee
- Acting as lead liaison for special assignments, activities, or research conducted by the Chapter

The best part is, you will work with a great group of energetic folks from a diverse group of landscape architects from across the state, add to your resume, and expand your professional network!

If you are wondering what it would be like to serve on the Executive Board of the Vermont Chapter of ASLA, contact:

Jim Donovan, Chair of the Nominating Committee
jdonovan@gmavt.net

PARTICIPATE IN ASLA PARK(ing) DAY!

Friday, September 16, 2016

PARK(ing) Day is an annual open-source global event where citizens, artists and activists collaborate to temporarily transform metered parking spaces into “PARK(ing)” spaces: temporary public places. The project began in 2005 when [Rebar](#), a San Francisco art and design studio, converted a single metered parking space into a temporary public park in downtown San Francisco. Since 2005, PARK(ing) Day has evolved into a global movement, with organizations and individuals (operating independently of Rebar but following an established set of guidelines) creating new forms of temporary public space in urban contexts around the world (parkingday.org).

This year, PARK(ing) Day will occur on Friday, September, 16, 2016. The Vermont Chapter is looking forward to hosting our own PARK(ing) Day event, so check our website and social media during the summer months for more details! We would like to partner with a sponsor to ensure our event is successful and visible for everyone, including the general public. If you are interested in helping, please contact us!

VT DOWNTOWN ACTION TEAM [V-DAT] IN NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

The National Main Street Program featured V-DAT as its [Story of the Week](#). The article told the story of how eight Vermont [communities](#) turned massive flooding into opportunities to improve their physical design, hone their marketing messages, and build back stronger than before the flood. For more information, contact [Richard Amore](#).



Wilmington - after the flood

2016 HALS CHALLENGE

VTASLA Documents 3 Historical Landscapes



Taylor Park in St. Albans, VT

During the past few decades, the concept of historic preservation has grown beyond protecting a single building or urban district to include the historic landscape that provides the setting and context for a property as well as much larger landscapes that have regional and national significance. In response to this growing interest in the historic preservation and documentation of landscapes, the American Society of Landscape Architects worked with the National Park Service to create a national program, and in October 2000, the National Park Service established the [Historic American Landscapes Survey \(HALS\)](#) to document historic landscapes in the United States.

Since 2010, landscape architecture preservation enthusiasts from every state have been challenged to complete at least one HALS short format history to increase awareness of particular cultural landscapes. This year, VTASLA members and partners are documenting Vermont’s first historic landscapes as part of the [2016 HALS Challenge](#) to celebrate the National Historic Preservation Act’s 50th birthday.

The Vermont Chapter of ASLA is working with the [Vermont Division of Historic Preservation](#) to document three historic landscapes:

- 1) [Greatwood Gardens at Goddard College in Plainfield](#)
- 2) [Justin Morrill Estate and Gardens in Strafford](#)
- 3) [Taylor Park in St. Albans](#)

To learn more or get involved contact Gail Henderson-King at ghendersonking@comcast.net or Richard Amore at richardaamore@gmail.com.

VERMONTERS ADVOCATE ON CAPITOL HILL!

On May 18-21, VTASLA Chapter Trustee Ann Milovsoroff, President-Elect Jim Donovan, and President Hannah Loope traveled to Washington DC to participate in ASLA Advocacy Day. ASLA's Advocacy Day brings together Chapter representatives from across the country to meet with their members of Congress to urge support of legislation related and important to landscape architecture.

This year, two major pieces of legislation became the focus for advocacy: The National Park Service (NPS) Centennial Challenge, and retaining green infrastructure as part of all future transportation projects. 2016 is the 100th Anniversary of America's National Park System, and Congress will vote on providing support for the NPS Centennial Challenge, which would guarantee federal funding that would be matched by private donations to finance key projects and educational programs for National Parks across the country. Funding these projects and programs would help to protect our treasured national landscapes for future generations and create visitor education programs to encourage future generations to be stewards of our public land, historic sites, and cultural heritage.

In addition, this year's legislation also draws focus to the design of resilient streets and the creation of transportation networks that include vegetation management. Currently, a House bill (H.R. 2606) threatens to completely remove funding for vegetation and green infrastructure from all future federally-funded transportation projects. Benefits of green infrastructure in major transportation projects include cost-effective and improved stormwater management and life extension of aging utilities (gray infrastructure), as well as improved water quality, groundwater recharge, and flood protection. Native vegetation in public rights-of-way promote pollinators that protect our food supply and diversify ecosystems. Green infrastructure projects also reduce construction and maintenance costs and boost local economies by creating jobs, and support small businesses by attracting development and increasing property values. All these benefits are at risk in the proposed bill by eliminating integrated vegetation management from the scope of future transportation projects.

Your Vermont Chapter representatives met with staff from the offices of Senators Bernie Sanders and Patrick Leahy, and Representative Peter Welch, to urge Congressional authorization and funding for the National Parks Centennial Challenge and to oppose any legislation that limits the scope of green infrastructure for future transportation projects. In Vermont, both the Marsh-Billings Rockefeller National Historical Park and the Appalachian Trail receive federal funding, bringing over 35,000 visitors to Vermont and more than \$2.5 million in the local economy.



Left to right: Hannah Loope, Ann Milovsoroff, and Jim Donovan

We also asked for a vote in opposition to any legislation that would remove green infrastructure from future transportation bills.

The removal of green infrastructure will threaten the protection of Vermont's waterways and downstream neighbors, weaken our aging gray infrastructure, limit our economy in both job creation and tourism, and hurt small businesses— all which go against Vermont's values, culture, and way of life. We received ready assurances from the staff of Senator Sanders, Senator Leahy, and Representative Welch that they supported the Centennial Challenge funding efforts, and would not support any measure seeking to eliminate green infrastructure from transportation projects.

As in previous years, our Vermont congressional delegation was in complete agreement on all of ASLA's national agenda items. A big thank you to our Vermont members of Congress and their staff for supporting ASLA's efforts and taking the time to discuss these critical issues with us!

For more information, please visit:

ASLA Advocacy: www.asla.org/governmentAffairs.aspx

NPS Centennial Challenge: www.nps.gov/subjects/centennial/nps-centennial-challenge-projects.htm

Amendment to 2015 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Affairs Appropriations Bill: www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/2606

MAKING GREAT PLACES USING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Parks are not only great places to enjoy, they help keep our water clean. A new [report](#) by the Trust for Public Land shines a light on the successes and challenges in using parks and green infrastructure to improve water quality and make our communities more desirable and livable.



Green infrastructure in St. Albans

10 PARKS MOVIE SCREENING

Event Recap



On April 12, VTASLA hosted its first-ever movie night to coincide with the live screening of the PBS documentary, "10 Parks That Changed America". The event was held at Merrill's Roxy Cinemas in downtown Burlington, with a small pre-screening reception at the office of SE Group on Church Street. The movie screening was well-attended by 45 people, including VTASLA members and interested community members.

"10 Parks" was produced by WTTW in Chicago for PBS, and traced the evolution and significance of park design in the United States. The film showcased Central Park and the High Line in New York City, as well of the Squares of Savannah, GA and Chicago's neighborhood park system, among others. The "10 Parks" film is one piece of a three-part PBS series that also features America's influential "10 Towns" and "10 Homes".

Thanks to the success of this event, the chapter may consider additional movie screenings in the future! Have a movie recommendation? Send us your ideas at vtasla@gmail.com.

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New Orleans, Oct 21-24, 2016

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