



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Members and friends,

In summer of 2008, then Chapter President Gail Henderson-King asked me if I would be willing to take on the office of President-elect. Although I had been part of the small group of LAs back in the 1980's that formed an independent Vermont LA association, and before that had been part of a group of women LAs who meet informally for pot luck dinners and chat about landscape architecture, I had been pretty inactive in the local chapter for many years. But I decided I was at a point professionally that I need a new focus. So, I surprised Gail by saying yes, and lo and behold I was elected. As of the September 2009 ASLA Annual Meeting in Chicago I morphed into your Chapter President.

Over the last year as "President in training" I have been surprised and impressed at how much the VT chapter is doing locally and how much ASLA national organization is doing to help the chapters and promote the profession nationally. Some of the things the energetic national staff do include:

- Keeping track of legislation that affects the profession. On Lobby Day this year they organized the local chapter representatives who came to DC to support two transportation bills one that promoted Complete Streets as part of the transportation bill and another supported a link between planning and transportation.
- Spearheading the effort to have licensure in all 50 states by 2010. This includes a lot of financial and technical support for Vermont, the only state with no law, but also help for the states who want to take their law from title to practice and the states that are facing the sunset of their law.
- Organizing the twice a year Chapter Presidents Council meeting that offers informational and educational sessions on topics requested by the chapters. These intense day and a half meetings do much to strengthen the chapters. This year in Chicago topics included:

Making connections with the community and other professions

Ideas for chapter fundraising

Hiring an Executive Director

Involving students in local chapters.

The local chapter puts a lot of volunteer effort into running monthly executive board meetings; organizing and funding the fall and spring lectures, taking part in the Flower Show, sending out the newsletter, organizing the Biannual awards and dinner and the very popular Christmas Party.

Of course the major effort for the last several years has been funding and lobbying of licensure for LAs in VT. We are encouraged that this may be the year we will succeed. Jim Donovan and the Licensure Committee have been working with our Lobbyist to make this happen. We will likely be asking for your help in this effort in contacting your Representative. Stay tuned.

Adam Portz, your President-elect and I hope to keep in touch with you ±65 members and our friends to keep you informed on State and National events. We would also like to hear from you about your ideas for improving the VT Chapter.

Best Regards,

Kathleen



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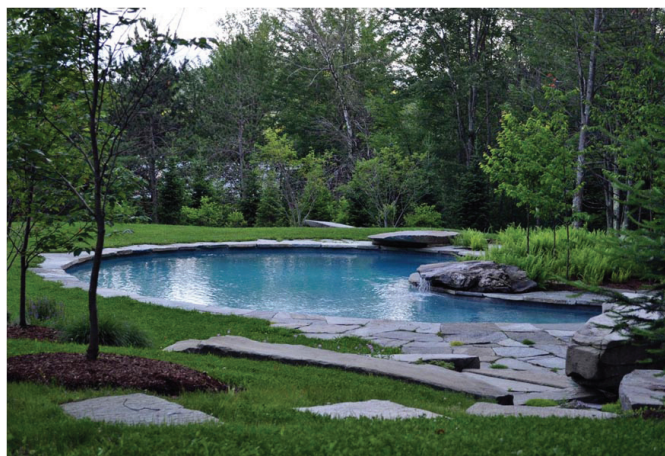


2009 CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM

The Vermont Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) recently announced the winners of its annual award program. In response to the outstanding quality of the submissions, two "Awards of Excellence," the competition's highest honor, were given this year: one to the design of the Stone Pool garden in Stowe by Shepard Butler Landscape Architects of Thetford, and another to a renewal plan for the Longue Vue House and Gardens in New Orleans, Louisiana by Heritage Landscapes LLC, Preservation Landscape Architects and Planners of Charlotte.

A five-person jury granted eight awards in all, including three for design and five for planning and analysis. The jury noted the high quality of submissions for 2009, stating "Vermont landscape architects are, pound-for-pound, producing some of the finest works of landscape architecture across the country."

The winners were honored at an award dinner in Charlotte on September 11, 2009. The awards were presented by ASLA National President Angela Dye, ASLA. A full list of award winners is presented below. Congratulations to all!



Award of Excellence: Stone Pool – Shepard Butler Landscape Architecture



Award of Excellence: Longue Vue House & Gardens Landscape Renewal Plan for Katrina Recovery – Heritage Landscapes LLC, Preservation Landscape Architects and Planners

Landscape Architectural Design

Award of Excellence: Stone Pool – Shepard Butler Landscape Architecture (Thetford)

Honor Award: Fairytale Cottage – Distinctive Landscaping (Charlotte)

Merit Award: Wing's Point Residence – Distinctive Landscaping (Charlotte)

Planning and Analysis:

Award of Excellence: Longue Vue House & Gardens Landscape Renewal Plan for Katrina Recovery – Heritage Landscapes LLC, Preservation Landscape Architects and Planners (Charlotte)

Honor Award: Neshobe Farm, Planned Community Development – T.J. Boyle Associates, LLC (Burlington)

Honor Award: Camp Hill Cultural Landscape Report for Harpers Ferry National Historic Park – Heritage Landscapes LLC, Preservation Landscape Architects and Planners (Charlotte)

Honor Award: A Vision Plan for Bourne's Downtown: The Village of Buzzards Bay – Stantec (Springfield)

Merit Award: Mellon Square Preservation, Interpretation & Management Plan – Heritage Landscapes LLC, Preservation Landscape Architects and Planners (Charlotte)



HOLIDAY PARTY

VTASLA HOLIDAY PARTY

December 3, 2009

6 to 10 pm

Farm Barn @ Shelburne Farms

Come Join the Fun,
Holiday Festivities!

Food, Drink and Door Prizes Provided!
Car Pooling Available



Please RSVP
By November 26

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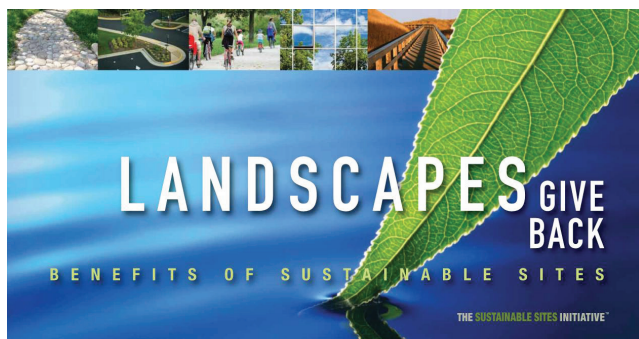
Come join the Chapter and friends as we celebrate the holiday season with our Annual Holiday Party. Food, drink, and FABULOUS DOOR PRIZES will be provided. If you are interested in car pooling, please contact an EB member to coordinate travel.

The event will be held at Shelburne Farms, Farm Barn - from 6 - 10 pm on Thursday, December 3rd, 2009. We look forward to seeing you!





THE SUSTAINABLE SITES INITIATIVE



The Sustainable Sites Initiative was created to promote sustainable land development and management practices that can apply to sites with and without buildings including, but not limited to the following:

- Open spaces such as local, state and national parks, conservation easements and buffer zones and transportation rights-of-way.
- Sites with buildings including industrial, retail and office parks, military complexes, airports, botanical gardens, streetscapes and plazas, residential and commercial developments and public and private campuses.

The Sustainable Sites Initiative will provide tools for those who influence land development and management practices and can address increasingly urgent global concerns such as climate change, loss of biodiversity, and resource depletion. They can be used by those who design, construct, operate and maintain landscapes, including but not limited to planners, landscape architects, engineers, developers, builders, maintenance crews, horticulturists, governments, land stewards and organizations offering building standards.

This effort began as separate projects of the Sustainable Design and Development Professional Practice Network of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. In 2005, the two groups joined forces to hold a Sustainable Sites Summit in Austin, Texas.

In 2006, the United States Botanical Garden (USBG) joined as a major partner in the Initiative. A Steering Committee representing 11 stakeholder groups was selected to guide the Initiative. More than 30 experts are now on Technical Subcommittees developing sustainable benchmarks for soils,

hydrology, vegetation, human health and well-being and materials selection. These subcommittees are developing the technical foundation for the Guidelines and Performance Benchmarks. The first interim report - the "Preliminary Report" - was released in November 2007.

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a stakeholder in the Initiative, anticipates incorporating these guidelines and performance benchmarks into future iterations of the LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System™.

For more information, please visit:

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VTASLA ASKING FOR DIGITAL CHAPTER FILES

VTASLA is in search of old chapter files to start a digital chapter archive. If you have digital files from previous years of volunteering or serving on the Executive Board, please consider giving them to the chapter. Note we are only asking for digital files at this time! Digital files should be burned to CD or other media and sent to Doug Crowell at H. Keith Wagner Partnership, 7 Marble Avenue, Burlington, VT. or at dcrowell@hkw-p.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 18

Michael Kilkelly lecture, 5pm at Chaplin Hall, Norwich University

Dec 3

EB Meeting, Shelburne Farms, 4-5 pm

Dec 3

VT ASLA Holiday Party, Shelburne Farms, 6 - 10 pm

Dec 10

2009 aiaVT Annual Meeting and Design Awards Presentations, Yestermorrow School, Warren. 6:00pm

Jan 13

EB Meeting, 5:30 pm
Place TBD

Feb 5

Vermont Chapter Annual Ski Day
Sugarbush, Vermont

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