RME INTERVIEWS HEIDI VANGENDEREN
senior advisor on climate change & energy, office of the governor

On June 1st Rocky Mountain Exposures had the opportunity to ask Heidi VanGenderen to explain the new role she will be playing in developing Colorado’s response to Climate Change and Energy Strategy. We thank her for taking the time to share her views and for future collaboration.

Q: What is the role that Governor Ritter has defined for the State Climate Advisor?

A: Due to the imperative of climate change the Ritter campaign committed to create a high level position to act as a climate and energy advisor, with the role of coordinating the creation of a Climate Action Plan for Colorado. This will entail an enormous stakeholder process, and I will be working very closely with a number of key cabinet directors to build this plan, recognizing that an effective climate action plan is really an effective energy plan.

Q: What areas do you expect your scope of influence to focus on?

A: We are organizing a lot of good brains to come together to form a multi-pronged approach for developing policy, economic opportunity, the greening of state government and a broad education program. In the area of Policy, the Governor and the legislature did yeoman work this session, passing a remarkable amount of legislation. They passed bills that double the renewable energy standard, expand energy efficiency programs at a utility scale, enable the transmission studies and bonding authorities required to build transmission lines out to wind farms, and mandate that every town in the state have a good energy code. In planning for the next session we are in the midst of doing a thorough research study to see what other states have done to create climate action policy. Colorado is not in the vanguard in this regard, but Colorado is in the eye of the storm for transforming the energy economy. We have access to a full spectrum of extractive and renewable energy resources, so if we can’t do it then nobody can.

Q: Has the Governor established priorities that will guide your initial activity?

A: I think about this as a giant puzzle. How are we effectively connecting land use, development decisions and transportation as population growth adds 1.5 million people by 2030, and still preserve the natural ecology of our lands? We need to take responsibility for the stewardship of so many natural and man-made systems that are impacted by the human reliance on natural resources and we need to act swiftly.

Q: You have a long history of being concerned with environmental and community development issues; what keeps you up at night when you consider the impacts of global warming in Colorado?

A: Thinking about the world my children are inheriting keeps me up at night. Living as I do in the arena in which I have been lucky enough to work all of my professional career, it has been a difficult balance not to bring home the reality of what we have done to the environment we pass on to them.

GOVERNOR RITTER SIGNS SB07-107
The Landscape Architects Professional Licensing Bill
Why is it important? Why did it take so long? What does it mean? What happens next?
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GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS & NEW CHALLENGES
from Mark Tabor

The old adage of persistence paying off couldn’t be more fitting. After 30 years of haunting the halls of Colorado state government, it’s exhilarating to be affirmed with a state landscape architecture licensure law signed by Governor Ritter. What an important step this will be in the stature of our profession, not to mention an assurance of greater public safety and utility in our built environment. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the hundreds of colleagues that have contributed so much time and money over many years to make this possible.

While the new licensure law is a great achievement, we recognize both the challenges of establishing a new State Board as well as the importance of representing the interest of practicing LA’s in the process. If there was an impression that our work ended with the passage of the legislation, it really has just begun.

We’re committed to making this transition to state licensure a clear and fair process for all landscape architects in Colorado. Scarcely a week after approval of the bill, representatives of CCASLA were meeting with the State Department of Regulatory Affairs (DORA) to begin providing support and guidance to the agency on the selection of State Board members and assisting with the specific rule making process guiding the operation of the Board. Specific provisions on eligibility, testing, administration, and disciplinary actions are just a few of the rules that need to be established by the time the board issues its first licenses this coming January. CCASLA will be working closely with state regulators every step of the way to ensure that these provisions are reasonable and fair to our state practitioners.

We are also aware of the challenge that acquiring a state registration presents to many of our fellow colleagues. Our objective will be to support these practitioners with reliable and current information of emerging requirements and key compliance dates. We’ll also gauge interest in re-running our popular Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) preparation course prior to the first statewide examination. Please refer to our chapter website (www.ccasla.org) for current updates and feel free to contact me directly about how we can better address your needs.

......BUT FIRST, come help us celebrate this momentous event! We’re throwing a free party “A License to Celebrate” at the Chop House in downtown Denver on July 12th and you’re all invited. Hope to see you there!

Best always,
Mark Tabor
President, CCASLA
Q: While there are many sources of information on climate change and global warming, there are few resources that provide research that integrates both the impacts and potential responses at a regional level. What information resources will be developed to assist design professionals in Colorado to participate in state planning goals?

A: There are many great resources in Colorado already, from world renowned climate scientists to regional research and advocacy groups. This would lead me to collaborate, and not attempt to make government the sole responsible entity. The Rocky Mountain Climate Organization has done great work on integrating much of this information as it relates to the West in their impact reports (www.coloradoclim ate.org). I think 99.9% of this is about education. Everyone has common stoke, so if you empower people with actions they will take them.

Q: The design profession has promoted many strategies for sustainable development, but it is still difficult to find metrics on the benefits that these practices provide, particularly on their mitigation of global warming. How will state government fund research which helps to quantify the best practices that provide the most benefit?

A: The state has established a Clean Energy Fund that may be able to help fund some research. Most of the research dollars, truthfully, are not found at the state level. Having noted that, there is a lot going on at the state level, including research on carbon capture and storage.

Carbon capture and sequestration is something nature does. We have initiated the process of mapping the state to understand the potential of its lands to sequester carbon, such as farmland that is tilled vs. not tilled and forest canopy. The Colorado Geological Survey just completed a report on the CO2 Sequestration Potential of Colorado including geological, terrestrial and mineral land use. A Bill passed this session will fund CSU to actually do that mapping of the state as the lands currently exist and their natural potential for carbon sequestration.

To request a copy of the CO2 Sequestration Potential of Colorado go to http://dnr.state.co.us/geostore/Search.aspx?Keyword=sequestration.

Q: The Consortium for Integrated Climate Research in Western Mountains has outlined 5 areas of concern for Climate Change Impacts: Water Supply, Forest Dieback, Urban Wildland Issues, Wildfire, and Biodiversity. How do these areas of concern align with state environmental goals for mitigating climate change in Colorado?

A: The effects of climate change are likely to be most visible in our water supply, but it is and will be increasingly evident in all of the areas you outlined. Scientists are predicting reduced snow pack, a higher percentage of our precipitation as rain or monsoons which can cause flooding, and more extreme weather events. I worry about the health and well being of people suffering through extreme heat. I worry about adaptation and about how well some will be able to do it and others will not. It will require profound political will and economic investment, but I believe we still have time to steer the giant tanker of our energy economy in a sufficiently different direction in time.

Q: Land stewardship is an underlying priority for all Landscape Architects. It would be helpful to develop a formal collaboration between Federal, State and local agencies to share mandates, programs and policies. How can Landscape Architects work with you to achieve these goals?

A: Connecting the dots in government and the broader community will be a key component of a climate action plan. This includes a range of departments, non-profits, and businesses ranging from the Dept. of Natural Resources, the Dept. of Local Affairs, the Federal Public Lands Strategy, Colorado Conservation Trust and many others. Colorado is a collection of communities, marvelous communities -- from the plains to the mountains. Many of these communities already have good energy and climate plans in place. We will tap these towns and cities to work in partnership with the State, and make sure Colorado reflects their values. We are going to build a sustainable future a landscape at a
time, a house at a time and a building at a time. There are no spectators on this bus. We are all able to do our part, and we need to believe that, and to know it and to act on it. We welcome hearing any and all suggestions that Landscape Architects have regarding policy, approaches, individual actions, and community actions.

Q: Will we see discernable changes in the built environment (buildings, development and growth patterns) that will emerge from the Ritter Administration policies on CO2 emissions and global warming?

A: Colorado Senate Bill 51, passed in the last session, mandates that any building that receives 25% or more of state funding will need to have a high performance building standard that is approximately equivalent to LEED Gold, and Colorado House Bill 1146 require cities and counties with building codes to adopt energy efficiency building codes at least as good as the 2003 International Code for Commercial and Residential Buildings. We are seeing a rapid shift that shows how quickly changes in the built environment can occur. I am betting that within ten years a high performance building standard will have become status quo.

We will definitely be exploring the link to good land use in the climate action plan.

Q: Mayor Bloomberg in New York City has recently announced a plan to convert their Taxi fleet to all hybrid vehicles. How aggressive is State Government on pursuing these types of transportation planning goals?

A: Transportation is another critical system in this puzzle. We need to recognize what we mean by public transportation vs. private transportation; and provide a good mix of alternatives. FasTracks will have been the single most important thing we have done in the early 21st century for the metro Denver area and determining its development patterns. Metro Taxi in Denver just bought its first 5 hybrid Prius vehicles and plan to become 100% hybrid by 2010. Greenprint Denver envisions establishing kiosks at the airport where travelers can pay for carbon offsets that are transferred to environmental advocacy organizations. There is tremendous opportunity to pursue entrepreneurial solutions in the transportation industry, and we need to aggressively promote initiatives that allow people to rely on a mode of transportation besides the single occupancy vehicle.

Q: Solutions to problems which are as complex as global warming require the collaboration of many industries, individual businesses and designers. How will State Government promote partnerships that encourage this type of collaboration?

A: The Governor has already demonstrated his approach, I believe, to collaborative problem-solving through the first session of the legislature and through several key commissions he has underway on health care, education, and transportation. He will continue this approach.
Additionally, the Governor issued the Executive Order for the Greening of State Government to demonstrate what his energy policy is advocating by making the $17.6B enterprise that is the state of Colorado as efficient and resource respectful as possible. There is a very ambitious 20% energy reduction by 2010, a 10% water reduction, 10% paper reduction, a broad education and outreach program, as well as a procurement policy based on environmentally preferable products. When the state of Colorado demonstrates that it can actually flatten and then reduce its own emissions, then we are going to be in a lot stronger position to reach out to businesses and industry to say if we did it, then you can, too. It also goes back to getting the price right; the consumer price needs to reflect energy and environmental cost, and part of the opportunity of public policy is to question how to get a better balance.

Q: What roles should Colorado Landscape Architect's assume to participate in state efforts to control CO2 emissions and global warming threats, and how can Landscape Architects sustain a dialog which provides valuable feedback to your goals and initiatives?

A: Again, we welcome hearing from any and all with specific ideas about policy approaches, barriers in place that may need to be removed, educational resources, and individual, community and business actions that can be encouraged. The Governor’s Energy Office is in the process of redesigning its website so it becomes the best resource it can be. Until that is built, I welcome ideas at heidi.vangenderen@state.co.us.

Thank you for this opportunity and for your concern.

Interview by Christine Condit, ASLA

Many thanks to Kurt Culbertson, CEO of Design Workshop and Mark Tabor, President, Colorado Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects for sharing their questions and suggestions for Heidi VanGenderen.
THE INSIDE STORY ON LICENSING
from craig coronato

Colorado has recently become the 49th State to license Landscape Architects!

Why did it take so long?
It has been more than thirty years and at least four failed legislative efforts before we could convince the representatives of the people of Colorado that landscape architecture is a legitimate and recognized Profession as it is throughout the rest of the country and most of the civilized world. And as the allied design professions (architecture and engineering) have been established.

Why is it important?
The regulation itself is primarily established to protect the health safety and welfare of the Colorado citizen, and that is a very serious responsibility that we all take on as practitioners in Colorado. There is a larger purpose as well. And that is association with — on the same level of status — as the larger body of design professionals. This is significant in the perception of the profession by peers, governments, clients and the general public. It is also a milestone in the professional development of the individual. Allowing one to “hang out a shingle” which has some meaning.

What does it mean?
Starting in January, 2008 landscape architects practicing in Colorado will need to have a license issued by the state, as is the case in most other states.

What happens next?
What does it mean for me? How do I go about getting a license? These have been recurring questions that we have been asked since the licensure bill was signed into law by Governor Ritter on May 30th. The answer: “We don’t really know yet” is probably not good enough, right? We do not fully know how this will all play out but can now provide a general outline of the process. See the FAQ section for more on this.

Comments, letters and articles are always welcomed by the Editor! Please contact Chris Condit at c_condit@comcast.net with thoughts, concerns and ideas.
U.S. Landscape Architecture Licensure Laws
FAQ's on licensure

Is there a grandfathering clause?
Yes. It provides for those who have been practicing landscape architecture in Colorado for a longer period of time to apply to the Board for licensure. Although the statute provides general parameters for grandfathering, the Board will determine the criteria for evaluation of credentials.

When does the law go into effect?
January 1, 2008. At that time landscape architects practicing in Colorado will need to have a license to practice. We are not aware of any grace period at this time but given the number of potential applicants and the short time frame, it is likely there will be some provision for a relaxation of enforcement for a certain period of time.

This is up to the Board to establish. As of this date a Board has not been appointed by the Governor. The statute specifies a maximum of three years for a graduate of an accredited landscape architecture program.

The practice of landscape architecture is defined in the statute as:
• Applying landscape architectural higher education, training, and experience as well as required mathematical, physical, and social science skills to consult, evaluate, and plan and design projects and improvements principally directed at the functional and aesthetic uses of land;
• Collaborating with architects and engineers during the design of public infrastructure projects such as roads, bridges, buildings, and other structures and concerning the functional and aesthetic requirements of the area and project site; or;
• Assisting in the preparation and administration of construction documents, contracts and contract offers related to site and landscape improvements.

What are other parameters for examination?
The examination required is the LARE – a national exam given for licensure in all states. There is no specific Colorado section of testing at this time. The LARE taken and passed in other states would be recognized for reciprocity with Colorado.

What is the process for those already licensed to get a CO license?
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Fellows Invitational Dinner

On May 23, a small, yet enthusiastic group of CCASLA Fellows and guests, met to congratulate CCASLA Fellows-Elect Bill Vitak and Gene Bressler. This get-together provided an opportunity to celebrate with CCASLA’s newest Fellows; reflect on the opportunities and challenges of the at-the-time-unsigned LA licensure legislation; and initiate discussions for increased Fellows participation in CCASLA activities.

The evening outcomes included recommendations for CCASLA Fellows to lead in chapter, interdisciplinary, and mentor activities. CCASLA Executive Committee Fellows Representative, J. Patrick Shea, Jr., FASLA will be contacting CCASLA Fellows for input and participation in activities ranging from Fellows Nomination Processes, National Fellows Selection Jury, Speakers Bureau, Educational and Mentoring Activities. The Fellows Invitational Dinner provided

CCASLA Assistance in 2008 ASLA Fellows Nomination Call

Each year, the ASLA Council of Fellows inducts a new Class of Fellows. The call for nominations for the 2008 Class of Fellows closes on February 15, 2008 and to assist in these efforts, CCASLA has posted a nomination form, a schedule to assist in preparation of the nomination packet and helpful hints for successful nominations on the CCASLA website. The nomination form is intended to assist both nominators, nominees, and CCASLA prepare for successful nominations. The nomination form should be submitted to J. Patrick Shea, Jr., FASLA, CCASLA Executive Committee, Fellows Representative, by way of email at: Patrick_Shea@nps.gov. The schedule is helpful to both nominee and the Chapter in preparation of the nomination packet, with special emphasis towards allowing sufficient time for the 20 digital image preparations. The Fellows Nomination Committee-Patrick Shea, FASLA, Don Godi, FASLA, Phil Flores, FASLA and Jerry Adamson, FASLA will assist nominees during the packet preparation and final submission.

CCASLA is fortunate to include a diverse and extremely talented membership and looks forward to recognizing the outstanding contributions made to the Landscape Architectural profession through the Council of Fellows nominations. Any questions, please email or call Patrick Shea.
GLACIER CLUB GOLF COURSE
The American Society of Landscape Architects has awarded its General Design Honor Award to Design Workshop for its design of the Glacier Club golf course in Durango, Colorado. This national distinction follows a 2006 Honor Award for the Glacier Club from the Colorado Chapter of ASLA.

The Honor Award recognizes Glacier Club for its green design and engaging golfer experience that is balanced within the terrain of its mountain setting. Innovative storm water management, use of native plants and existing rock formations, and the approach of natural topography as an asset rather than a drawback are among the features that helped establish Glacier Club golfing among the best in the nation.

WOODY CREEK GARDEN
The American Society of Landscape Architects has awarded its Residential Design Honor Award to Design Workshop for its design of the Woody Creek Garden in Pitkin County, Colorado.

The Honor Award recognizes the Woody Creek Garden as an exceptional outdoor residential space that integrates the natural topography and landscape around the site into the garden itself. Through the use of reflection pools, rough-hewn stone walls, and a functional green roof, Woody Creek Garden offers compelling aesthetics, residential function, and conservation of water and soil resources.

Design Workshop principal Richard Shaw, the project’s landscape architect, has created a garden setting that is sustainable within its landscape and a place of lasting enjoyment and value for the homeowner. Woody Creek Garden strengthens Design Workshop’s ongoing commitment to the creation of spaces with ecological, economic, communal, and artistic purpose.
ASLA NAMES 13 HONORARY MEMBERS
Public Officials, Educators, Eco-Philanthropist Among Honorees

The Board of Trustees of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) has selected thirteen individuals who have performed notable service to the profession of landscape architecture to receive honorary membership in the organization. Honorary membership is among the highest honors ASLA may bestow upon non-landscape architects and since its founding in 1899, the Society has conferred honorary membership upon only 111 individuals.

- Gerald W. Adelmann, Executive Director, Openlands Project
- The Honorable Ross C. Anderson, Mayor of Salt Lake City
- Gary Hack PhD, Dean and Paley Professor, University of Pennsylvania School of Design
- Mike Houck, Executive Director of the Urban Greenspaces Institute, Portland State University
- Jo Luck, President and CEO of Heifer International
- Meg Maguire, Community Conservation Consultant
- Bill Marken, Editor in Chief, Garden Design magazine
- Roger Millikan, Founder, Millikan & Company
- Steven Peck, Founder and President, Green Roofs for Healthy Cities
- Witold Rybczynski, Author and Design Critic
- Susan S. Szenasy, Editor-in-Chief, Metropolis magazine
- Doug Tompkins, Eco-philanthropist and Founder, Foundation for Deep Ecology: Conservation Land Trust
- Roger Ulrich PhD, Fellow and Director, Center for Health Systems and Design, Texas A&M University

For more details on the new honorary members check the ASLA newsroom.

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This year’s theme is Toward 2025: Advancing Our Communities, and will feature speakers who innovate and adapt to meet the future head-on. By 2025, Colorado is projected to add 2 million people and the overall U.S. will add about 100 million people. Along with other demographic, technological and environmental changes, this will create exciting opportunities and exceptional challenges for landscape architects.

Keynotes will include Astrid Haryati, ASLA, Assistant to the Mayor of Chicago and Auden Schendler, Executive Director of Community and Environmental Responsibility for Aspen Skiing Company. Haryati will talk about greening Chicago with Mayor Daley, and Schendler will focus on measures of sustainability and ways of introducing people to ideas that are not business as usual. Other highlights of this year’s exciting lineup include:

- Expert speakers who will discuss a variety of topics centered around planning for healthy communities, as well as design of quality urban places
- Courses will qualify for continuing education units
- What licensure means for you
- Walking tours of the Estes Park Riverwalk
- Awards banquet honoring Colorado’s best
- Product EXPO with outstanding vendors
- Chapter annual meeting, followed by a licensure celebration

Online registration will be available at www.ccasla.org, and early registration is encouraged—especially for the Riverwalk tour and the Awards Banquet because these events have a limited capacity. The hotel will also have rooms available at a special rate for our members who register early.

A preliminary program and registration materials will be also mailed to members mid-summer. Design awards entry forms will be available on our website and in hard copy form in late June. Submit soon, because awards submittals are due August 14.

Don’t miss this special opportunity to connect with fellow landscape architects, and other planning and design professionals from around the state!
SPRINGS RESCUE MISSION CHARETTE

The Southern Region of CCASLA has been working with Springs Rescue Mission in Colorado Springs to develop a concept plan for the recent expansion of their campus. The Springs Rescue Mission is a non-profit organization with efforts focused on the poor and needy in the Pikes Peak Region.

The design charette took place on April 28th and with the help of members and employees of the Springs Rescue Mission we were able to develop a plan for a ‘life skills facility.’ Among other things the facility will include; and outdoor kitchen and eating facility, a hands-on maintenance and expression center, an area for public gardens, a conventional recreation area, and an area for reflection complete with an honorary fountain dedicated to the founders of the Springs Rescue Mission.

The concept plan is only the beginning step in this venture. Springs Rescue Mission would like to begin construction as early as this fall. Donations and volunteer opportunities are welcome. If interested please contact the Springs Rescue Mission 719.632.1822 or visit their website www.springsrescuemission.org.
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Colorado State University ASLA Student Awards Announced

Six Colorado State University landscape architecture students recently received awards from the American Society of Landscape Architects. On May 4, the students made presentations to a jury of Colorado Landscape Architecture professionals of their work, process and design philosophies. Two students, Sara Parkin and Scott Streeb received certificates of honor, the highest available designation. Bill Dawe, Tonya Glassmeyer, Mary Marjorie McMillan and Ashley Stiles each received certificates of merit.

Jurors included Ryan Holdorf (DHM Design), Angela Milewski (BHA Design), Kelly Savage (Nusser Kopatz Urban Design Associates), and Scott Sinn (EDAW).

Send in your updates for the residential referral list.

The CCASLA Association Manager receives periodic calls from the public for referrals of qualified Landscape Architects for residential projects. Based on location and the specific requirements of the project a list will be sent to the prospective client. The required information is outlined below; call Donna if you have questions. Please fax or email this information to:

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The Colorado Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) will hold its 2007 Annual Conference in Colorado Springs, October 3-6. The conference theme is “Reaching New Peaks Through Planning.” Many interesting speakers and breakout sessions are planned. Susan Szenasy, Editor-in-Chief of Metropolis magazine will open the conference. Also, Governor Bill Ritter has been invited to address the attendees. Breakout sessions will cover a wide range of topics including public art, green development, infill development, urban thoroughfares, political planning in the rural west and the Delhi Master Plan saga. Mobile tours are planned for Downtown Manitou Springs, the Air Force Academy and Gold Hill Mesa, a new TND development. For a complete list of sessions and mobile workshops go to the Colorado Chapter of the APA website, www.apacolorado.org.

The conference will also include breakfast meetings for Women in Planning, Planning Directors, Consultants and Commissioners, and a CU Denver Planning Alumni reception. Many fun social events are also being planned starting with the opening night reception at the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, housed in the original 1905 El Paso County Courthouse. Other events will include a Fun Run, a silent auction and wine tasting, State Awards Banquet, Friday night BBQ, and Saturday night Air Force football game. Check the conference website to find many other great activities while in the Colorado Springs area.
Design Workshop has promoted two staff as principals and 13 as associates. Todd Wenskoski and Peter Adams of the Denver office were promoted to principal. New associates include: David Amalong, Chad Murphy, Doug Parker, Nino Pero, and Tina Stenquist of the Denver office; Diedra Case of the Asheville office; Joseph Charles and Kenneth Francis of the Santa Fe office; Benjamin Fish of the Tahoe office; and Kathy Fry, Dori Johnson, Kristoffer Johnson, and Carolina Segura of the Aspen office. The May announcement of the new positions was a result of peer and management recognition of ongoing achievement and leadership capability among the selected candidates.

Adams, Design Workshop’s Director of Technology, oversees the determination and development of design, planning, and business IT tools and has been with the firm since 1996. Wenskoski is a landscape architect who helped develop such projects as Denver’s Riverfront Commons and the 16th Street Mall extension and began his career with Design Workshop in 1997. Amalong is a landscape architect and the recipient of numerous ASLA and AIA awards, with 19 years of experience ranging from large-scale land use and master planning to detailed design and construction. His project work includes The Gates Redevelopment and the Stapleton Central Park, both located in Denver, Colorado, and The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He has been with the firm since the spring of 2006. Murphy is a landscape architect who joined the firm in 2004, specializing in golf course design, including helping to develop the 2007 ASLA Honor Award-winning Glacier Club at Tamarron in Durango, Colorado. Parker is Design Workshop’s Chief Operations Officer, joining the firm in 2006, and currently is focused on strengthening the firm’s knowledge environment, operational effectiveness, and leadership capacity. Pero is a graphic designer who has played a critical role in the development of the Design Workshop web site along with multiple internal projects, applications, and design and planning projects, joining the firm in 2001. Stenquist, an economic analyst, joined the firm in 2004 and consults on real estate and strategic services with a special interest in mountain resort development, community revitalization, and economic development. Case is a landscape architect and project manager who joined the firm in 2003, has worked on new community projects in western North Carolina and in the Turks Caicos. Charles, a landscape architect, is involved in managing and assisting master planning and site developments, open space planning and design, and institutional planning and design, joining the firm in 2003. Francis, a landscape architect who joined the firm in 2005, has a special interest in sustainable water practices in the Southwest, with work on projects that include the Santa Fe River Trail Masterplan and the St. Francis Corridor Study in Santa Fe. Fish joined the firm as a landscape architect in 2003 and applies his experience in master planning, conceptual design, and construction documentation on projects such as public parks, ski resorts, and streetscapes. Fry joined the firm in 2004 with a focus on university recruiting, student internship, and staff orientation efforts, including the development and implementation of an online applicant database, management tools for student internships, and a re-design of the staff orientation.
program. Dori Johnson joined the firm in 2004 and is the executive assistant to principal Richard Shaw, dividing her time between projects, facilitating Shaw's endeavors, and providing administrative office leadership. Kristofer Johnson, a landscape architect, joined the practice in 2003 and serves as project manager to many complex projects including the Nevada Department of Transportation Landscape and Aesthetics Corridor Plan, winner of the 2006 and 2007 Nevada Chapter of ASLA Project of the Year award. Segura is a landscape architect who first joined the firm in 2002 and focuses on residential design, site planning, and construction management, including the management of the design, construction documentation, and observation of one of the largest high-end residential ranch projects in the Aspen area.

Design Workshop is an award-winning, international firm practicing landscape architecture, land planning, urban design, and tourism planning. Design Workshop combines principles of smart growth, sustainable design, and environmentally-sound planning to reconcile economic needs with the preservation of scenic, cultural, and community values. Design Workshop’s pioneering efforts have been recognized with more than 125 awards from such organizations as the American Society of Landscape Architects, the American Planning Association, and the Urban Land Institute. For more information, please visit www.designworkshop.com.
VALERIAN, LLC. EXPANDS TEAM
by nicole hadley, senior project manager

Denver, Colorado - Valerian llc. is pleased to announce the addition of three new colleagues to the already diverse and experienced team.

Meghan Mohler, Landscape Architect - Meghan joined the Valerian team in May as a landscape architect. Originally from Chicago, Illinois Meghan graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor’s Degree in Landscape Architecture in 2005. She has a year and a half of experience in the design/build industry and is looking forward to getting involved in larger scale master planning and design projects.

Christie Murman, Intern – Christie joined the Valerian team in May as a summer intern. Originally from Hasting, Nebraska, Christie will be entering her third year at Kansas State, ultimately working towards a Masters in Landscape Architecture. She expects to graduate in the year 2010. Valerian will get Christie involved in a variety of tasks in a wide range of project types to expose her to different aspects of “real-life” landscape architecture projects.

Nichole Perry, Manager of Lasting Impressions - Nichole joined the Valerian team in June as our Manager of Lasting Impressions. Originally from Marksville, Louisiana, Nichole graduated from Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with a degree in political science. Nichole has seven years of experience in the marketing and market feasibility field. She will be assuming responsibilities such as human resource management, office management and marketing.

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AQUATICS ENHANCE THE ARCHITECTURAL EXPERIENCE

by aldo coronado
director of aquatic design, ohlson lavoie collaborative

Good architecture appeals to more than just the eyes. It floods the senses like a 17-story plume of water.

A list of the nation’s most impressive architectural projects almost invariably includes an aquatic feature at every site, in positions of prominence, allowing visitors to hear, feel and even smell the water. Spray gardens, pools and water sculptures create a sense of drama, whimsy, serenity and even melancholy, frequently generating returns on a developer’s investment that he likely never imagined.

One of the nation’s first developments to benefit from a stunning aquatic feature is the Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone Park, designed by Robert Reamer and constructed in 1904 for $140,000. It is situated conveniently on the grounds of a water attraction that today would cost tens of millions of dollars to reproduce. And it really wasn’t the mirrored ceilings that made those honeymoon hotels in upstate New York so popular over the years. A natural phenomenon called Niagara Falls creates a sense of bliss guaranteed to endure at least through the weekend, if not wedded eternity.

Where Mother Nature hasn’t been quite so generous, architects have intervened, creating such noteworthy projects as the waterfall at Millennium Park in Chicago and the world-famous fountain at Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas. The latter, a $40 million project, set the standard for aquatic features in architecture, with sprays of water set precisely to the rhythm of computerized music.

Behind the scenes is a sophisticated labyrinth of pipes (five miles), valves, nozzles, wires (350 miles) and conduit, hooked to pumps of up to 100 horsepower in strength, all designed to appeal to the visitor’s most primitive awareness that this art, at its core, represents one of life’s most basic elements of sustenance. At any one time, as much as 17,000 gallons of water may be suspended in air, equaling the height of a 17-story building during the five-minute show.

Many cold-weather sites are turning increasingly to indoor water features. Resort clients in the Rocky Mountains wanted summer activities in the winter, supplementing their staple fare of skiing. We have designed indoor/outdoor pools, allowing swimmers to connect from the warm indoors to the frigid outdoors, where the water is heated and steam creates the effect of a natural hot spring. The swim-through feature creates energy conservation challenges that make these design projects especially rewarding.

It is no secret to architects and developers that water is more than an accessory – it represents life through its movement and fluidity, in contrast to the unmoving building that towers above or beside it. Adding water to architecture or landscape design lends energy, dimension and even emotion to a facility, park or a work of art.

Mr. Coronado is director of the aquatic division for OLC (Olshon Lavoie Collaborative), which specializes in working with architects, landscape architects and developers to design aquatic parks, water features, and pools for many different projects. OLC is a full-service architecture firm headquartered in Denver. For information, go to www.olcdesigns.com.
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recent landscape architecture graduate joins sca

As the newest addition to SCA, Amy Peterson brings fresh ideas to the design process as Staff Landscape Architect. Graduating from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, she has obtained a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture and a second Bachelor of Science in Art. Amy’s education and practice in the two fields allows her to show her passion for art and appreciation for nature through her drawings and paintings, which extends into her professional life. Amy is a member of Sigma Lambda Alpha Honor Society and the American Society of Landscape Architects.

sca relocates to new studio quarters

At the beginning of June, SCA relocated to new and expanded offices at 412 N. Mill Street in Aspen. A former architect’s studio, this space will provide expansion potential for staff additions. Even more important, it will allow us to work in an open plan studio setting, instead of the warren of offices we had occupied. For us, it’s a perfect fit to our interactive approach to the integration of planning and design services. Plus, we are directly overlooking the Roaring Fork River and John Denver Memorial Park, which we expect to be sources of very positive energy.

sca selected as consultants for inn at aspen redevelopment

The Inn at Aspen, which occupies the base of the Buttermilk Mountain Ski Area, has selected SCA as Owner’s Representatives and Planning Consultants for a full redevelopment of the property. Working with the Aspen Skiing Company and Design Workshop, SCA is developing a plan for the integrated redevelopment of the entire base area. This project builds on SCA experience in the lodging sector, including planning and site design for the Chart House lodge, now under construction in Aspen, and design and project management for several other lodges in the Aspen area.

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studioINSITE Moves Office to Taxi² Development

studioINSITE has moved its office to Taxi², a Zeppelin Development located in a new urban redevelopment area called River North (RiNo). This is an exciting time for studioINSITE, not only as unit owners but also as the master planners of the development!

As of May 14th, studioINSITE began operating from their new location. Please make necessary changes to your records:

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TAXI is designed as a vibrant urban environment where businesses can be part of a creative community. Just north of downtown, this development area sits within the River North Art District – reflective of the arts scene that is found there. studioINSITE is thrilled about being a part of this inspiring work environment and will host an open house once settled into their new space.

studioINSITE Unveils New Website

studioINSITE unveils a newly redesigned website. Please check out our changes by visiting us on the web at www.studio-insite.com.

The changes to our website were inspired by our firm’s Mission Statement, which states “In every landscape lives a story - a story that can be unraveled and woven in many ways. Our mission is to embrace the soul of the landscape by poetically and artistically revealing this story. We endeavor to interpret these stories through our built work with creative energy and unwavering passion.”

As the focal point of our website, a series of Case Studies found within the What We Create section were designed to reveal - image by image with associated text - the thought and process that was employed from the initial vision and planning phases through the design details and construction implementation.

The intention of this ‘storybook’ layout is to take the visitor through the experience of the spaces, providing insight into the planning of campuses or developments and providing an understanding of the design intent and messages held within the site details.

Each Case Study tells a unique and different story, not merely because each project is different, but because each space and client requires a different approach.

We strove to differentiate our website by allowing the visitor to engage the space and at the same time, learn our approach and the ideas that help inform the spaces within the landscapes we touch. It is intended to provide a clearer, more intimate look at a sampling of our projects – offering a range of projects from each industry and a range of imagery from the various phases of our exhaustive process.
Construction begins on the studioINSITE-designed Healing Quadrangle at the University of Colorado at Denver & Health Sciences Center at the Anschutz Medical Campus

The Healing Quadrangle is one of the primary outdoor spaces on the University of Colorado at Denver & Health Sciences Center at the Anschutz Medical campus. studioINSITE, LLC has truly designed this space for comfort, discovery and beauty. The Quadrangle incorporates informal strolling paths, quiet areas for study, gently undulating landforms and a lacey veiled tree canopy. This space will be shared by the community, staff, students, and visitors to Fitzsimons.

The Healing Quadrangle is positioned between the Lazzara Center for Oral-Facial Health and the Academic Office Facility. studioINSITE developed the Micro-Master Plan for the Education Commons and associated site designs for each building fronting the Commons.

As an extension to this space, due north lies the Educational Commons, which is wrapped by Education 1B, the Center for Bioethics & Humanities and the Education 2 facilities. studioINSITE was also responsible for the Micro-Master Plan and associated site designs for each building fronting the Educational Commons.

The Quadrangle and Commons areas are innovative and flexible exterior spaces that facilitate learning in the health sciences disciplines and support experiential learning environments and educational laboratory settings.

This entire designed space accounts for roughly 90,000 sf. Construction of the buildings and exterior spaces is scheduled to be completed by fall 2007.

studioINSITE has planned and designed a number of projects including the Research Complex 1 & 2, Academic Office Facility (West and East), Education 1B, Education 2, Lazzara Center for Oral-Facial Health, Center for Bioethics & Humanities, Environmental Health & Safety Building, Facility Support Building and Parking Structure H.
Courtney McRickard (left), CCASLA rep, working on the DBG newly renovated garden with Mark Tabor (right), President CCASLA, meet Mayor Hickenlooper (center) as he dedicated the new garden on the street side of DBG.

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