A PIONEER ON THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL FRONTIER

Sam L. Huddleston, nationally noted landscape architect and regional planner, died at the age of 92 on January 5 at the Christian Assisted Living Center in Denver. Mr. Huddleston was a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, a founder of the Colorado ASLA chapter, and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Widely known to friends and acquaintances as “Sam,” Mr. Huddleston conducted a national practice for 35 years from his consulting firm, Sam L. Huddleston and Associates, located on South Josephine in Denver’s University Park. A determined advocate of water-saving landscape design, he was the co-author with Michael Hussey of the frequently reprinted 1975 book, Grow Native: Landscaping with Native and Api Plants of the Rocky Mountains. The book was prescient in that it was years ahead of the Xeriscape movement and the popularizing of water conservation. Mr. Huddleston believed that adopting native plants “is an expression by humans of their appreciation of nature and their desire to be in harmony with it,” and that “Man has no alternative but to work harder to adjust his lifestyle to the environment, rather than vice versa.”

Mr. Huddleston was born in Nelson, British Columbia in 1914 and was the last surviving member of a family of four boys. He grew up in Canada but received his B.A. degree in landscape architecture at the University of Illinois in 1937. Before joining the U.S. Army in 1942 as an Engineer in the European Theater of Operations, Mr. Huddleston spent several years with the U.S. National Park Service helping design the 481-mile Blue Ridge Parkway that winds through the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina and Virginia. He was among the top two percent of the 2,500 who took the first-ever U.S. Civil Service exam. During his Army service, he created three-dimensional maps and models of combat zones for use by battle planners. After World War II ended, Mr. Huddleston spent several months in Paris reconstructing war-damaged towns and then rejoined the National Park Service to continue work on the Blue Ridge Parkway and undertake design of the Natchez Trace Parkway in Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi.

After acquiring the McCrory landscape architecture and planning firm in 1948, Mr. Huddleston began building his reputation as a planner and designer who was sensitive to the environment while remaining practical and progressive. His early design and planning projects include: portions of the Valley Highway (I-25) in Denver; Franklin Mountain Wilderness Park near El Paso, Texas; a 100,000-acre regional park system plan for Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona; and the Colorado Big Thompson project. Colorado comprehensive plans include: Trinidad/Las Animas County; Walsenburg/Huerfano County; Breckenridge/Summit County; and Leadville/Lake County. Many of these planning documents were donated by Mr. Huddleston to the Western History Department of the Denver Public Library.
OUT OF THE WILDERNESS
from Mark Tabor

Despite having two outstanding state-supported professional landscape architecture programs (and some of the most talented practitioners in the country) Colorado remains one of only two states without a professional licensure law governing the title or practice of landscape architecture. Landscape architecture in this state was deregulated in 1976 and CCASLA has been at the forefront of the effort to reestablish licensure ever since. It’s certainly a relief that after over 30 long years “in the wilderness” of state neglect, this year we may regain the professional stature that we have worked so hard to achieve.

In January, Senate Bill 07-107 was introduced by State Senator Abel Tapia, a civil engineer from Pueblo, with an impressive bipartisan list of 14 co-sponsors. Odds look even brighter in the House with 18 co-sponsors for the bill. While passage looks likely, and approval by the new Governor equally positive, the need to raise the profile of the practice of landscape architecture is apparent. Our licensure push has confirmed that the public is still largely unaware of the wide impact of landscape architecture on the quality of life in Colorado. This period of legislative action gives us the opportunity to showcase our work and reinforce the importance of maintaining high standards of practice and public safety through professional licensure.

While our professional licensure has yet to be realized, the efforts to increase public awareness of our practice are moving forward. CCASLA is making a renewed commitment to reach out to the statewide community through garden tours, urban design events, advertisements, articles, press releases, and participation on advisory boards. As a CCASLA member or associate, you can play an important role in advancing our profession too. I encourage you to share your expertise by communicating with your political leaders, being an active volunteer in civic improvement projects, and participating in school career programs. Whatever you can do to present the value of your practice to the public can help. Our prospects for the profession in Colorado have never been brighter, but we need everyone’s contributions to emerge from the professional “wilderness” into higher public visibility. What can you do to help?

Regards,
Mark Tabor
President, CCASLA
before his death. The comprehensive Environmental Resources Inventory conducted for Maricopa County was one of the first such efforts in the nation.

As long-time residents of University Park near the University of Denver, Mr. Huddleston and his wife, Jo, are remembered fondly as friendly and always active neighbors. Mr. Huddleston was the driving force behind the community’s “block captain” network and worked feverishly on the Historic Buehler Boulevard Trail and Prairie Park, the University Park Elementary School Peace Garden, and other planning and beautification projects.

"Man has no alternative but to work harder to adjust his lifestyle to the environment, rather than vice versa."

Always the inveterate outdoorsman, Mr. Huddleston was a fly fisher extraordinaire. He loved to stalk the wily trout whether brown, rainbow, brook, or cutthroat. When he had a little free time, he could be found on one of his favorite streams in South, Middle, or North Parks using his stealth approach and quiet casting to hook and then release another trout.
Washington, December 21, 2006 – Homeowners will be adding firepits and fireplaces for outdoor entertaining in 2007. And they, along with commercial building owners, will be paying a lot more attention to environmentally-friendly landscape options, such as adding native plants and managing stormwater more effectively, according to a new survey of leading members of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).

The informal survey conducted in December identified the most popular requests from homeowners and commercial clients for 2007. For homeowners, firepits and outdoor fireplaces top the list. Also popular are requests for sustainable solutions, such as using native plants that require less watering and maintenance.

Homeowners are requesting landscape architects design complete outdoor rooms, such as kitchens and bars, for entertaining. Water features such as koi ponds, pools, and fountains continue to be popular. Incorporating rain gardens and green roofs in home landscapes will add a different – and more sustainable – flavor to 2007 homes.

Steve Martino, FASLA, of Phoenix – recipient of both the ASLA Design Medal and the ASLA Residential Design Award of Excellence in 2006 – cites private living spaces, outdoor rooms, and water features as top homeowner requests. He also says that clients are coming to him for “green solutions” for their homes.

Commercial clients are also concerned with “green solutions.” Members polled said they anticipate an increase in client requests for better stormwater management options, the use of recycled materials and energy-efficient lighting, green roofs, and native plantings.

Ann McGinnes, ASLA, of Garland, Texas, says that she expects to see more requests from commercial clients for “non-traditional” means of irrigating the landscape and a focus on better management of water resources. She also says green roofs are gaining in popularity for both their environmental qualities as well as their aesthetic appeal.

Other popular commercial client requests should include water features such as fountains and outdoor employee areas. Madeline Ann Sutter, ASLA, of Oriental, N.C., says that these employee areas will be designed for employee “connection with nature” – places where they can be outside easily for a respite from work.

Sustainable design is bigger than ever and homeowners and commercial building owners alike are looking to utilize outdoor spaces even more. The New Year will bring a number of exciting and creative design solutions from landscape architects.

About ASLA
Founded in 1899, ASLA is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing more than 17,000 members in 48 professional chapters and 68 student chapters. Landscape architecture is a comprehensive discipline of land analysis, planning, design, management, preservation, and rehabilitation. ASLA promotes the landscape architecture profession and advances the practice through advocacy, education, communication, and fellowship. Members of the Society use their “ASLA” suffix after their names to denote membership and their commitment to the highest ethical standards of the profession. Learn more about landscape architecture online at www.asla.org.
TREASURER'S REPORT
as of December 31, 2006

Plans for the past year came to fruition! The LARE class, golf tournament, mixers, and educational opportunities were all an enormous success. The push for licensure and lobbying made it through the house and senate; the veto by our former governor impeding our goal. With and even stronger sense of determination after having gotten so close, the 2007 push for Licensure is on! The webpage and newsletter are constantly improving. The CCASLA/AIA conference in Vail and the Design Awards program were both a tremendous success and plans are underway for another conference in 2007. Strategic planning is done and we look forward to new and positive directions in the future. If you want to help with planning or want to be involved in another way, contact Mark Tabor, Pat Mundus, or Jane Kulik.

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Respectfully submitted by Gail Barry, Treasurer

Comments, letters and articles are always welcomed by the Editor!
Please contact Steve Breitzka at:
steve.breitzka@rnl.com
with thoughts, concerns and ideas.
Native or noxious? Distinguishing native plants from noxious weeds is just one of the skills that participants learn in the Native Plant Master program, sponsored by Colorado State University Cooperative Extension. The field-based courses are held on local open space parks and other public and private lands. Courses focus on plant identification with an emphasis on scientific names and families, use of a botanical key, ecology, ethnobotany, landscaping and other human uses.

Registration is limited. Applications are due for all county programs by March 15, 2007. The cost is $90 per course and each course consists of three, four-hour sessions. The cost is reduced to $50 per course for participants who agree to teach at least 10 people per year per course in public programs about Colorado plants. Participants who pass three courses and satisfy the teaching requirement become certified Native Plant Masters.

For more information, visit http://jeffcoextension.org or contact the local Colorado State University Cooperative Extension office in the following counties directly: (970) 328-8630 (Eagle County); (303) 277-6646 (Jefferson and Gilpin counties); (970) 522-3200 (Logan, Morgan, and Washington counties); (970) 244-1836 (Mesa County); (970) 565-3123 (Montezuma and La Plata Counties); (719) 583-6579 (Pueblo County); and (970) 327-4393 (San Miguel and W. Montrose counties). Or contact:

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ONE MILLION TREES!

The City & County of Denver hosted a full day of meetings on December 4, 2006 to begin planning for Mayor John Hickenlooper’s One Million Trees project. The mission statement for this project is to:

“inspire the public, private and government sectors to nurture and plant one million trees in 20 years to promote long-term health and sustainability across the metro area.”

The present plan involves 32 metro area cities stretching from Longmont to Castle Rock and Boulder/Golden to Bennett.

Current planning efforts for an initial April 2007 tree planting event to kickoff this ambitious project are underway. CCASLA has expressed interest in sponsoring and participating in the 2007 tree planting effort. Stay tuned for further information.
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GreenCo Foundation Jail Makes Bail
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Forty “prisoners” were taken to jail during the ProGreen Expo, Jan. 24-26. Over $3000 was raised for the CSU Shrub Study as colleagues rang their friends, relatives and competitors to bail them out of jail (or paid to keep them in longer).

Everyone seemed to enjoy the fun and play along — folks got arrested for doing things like “eating lunch”, “sitting in a high chair”, “playing puzzles during the trade show hours”, “wearing a fish tie”, “standing on striped carpet”, and even “doing nothing.” The jail props included an antique bed, a real toilet, bread and water for each prisoner, handcuffs, striped jail clothes, a Keystone cop wearing sheriff uniforms who had deputies to keep you in jail and a blow horn that could be heard around the show floor when an arrest was made. Thanks to everyone who participated and donated to the cause. Additional donations can be made to GreenCo Foundation, 6450 S. Niagara Ct., Centennial, CO 80111.

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The application for landmark designation of the S.R. DeBoer Historic District in the City and County of Denver was reviewed by the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission at the November 22, 2006 meeting. The application was brought forward by two of the three landowners in the proposed district. The site was the former residence and office of noted Denver landscape architect S.R. DeBoer and contains a unique designed landscape and urban forest, an 1876 farmhouse, a 1930 Tudor style office, a 1930 cottage, and a studio designed for noted Colorado artist John Thompson.

As a city planner and landscape architect, S.R. DeBoer co-authored Denver’s first zoning code, and designed portions of many of Denver’s parks and parkways. DeBoer helped plan cities throughout Colorado and many other cities throughout the West. With hundreds of publications on everything from soil characteristics to aesthetic design, his work served to make cities green, beautiful, and livable. DeBoer was an important Colorado landscape architect.

The application was controversial. One of the three landowners in the proposed district opposed the application. The Landmark Preservation Commission recommended that only the DeBoer office building (owned by the opposed landowner), be sent forward to City Council as an individual landmark rather than the district application presented. This historic site, part of Denver’s landscape architectural heritage, faces an uphill battle and will most likely be lost without some sort of intervention.

CCASLA members played important roles in this application process; Edward Shalkey, ASLA is CCASLA’s representative appointed to the commission; Alice Jennison, ASLA is a landmark commission member appointed by the mayor; Don Godl, FASLA testified for opponents of the application; Tina Bishop, ASLA presented for the applicants.

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End Annual J&D Memorial Lecture & Banquet

April 20, 2007
5:30 reception, 6:00 dinner
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This year’s event promises to be even more exciting than last year’s! We have invited landscape architecture students from both Colorado State University and the University of Colorado in celebration of their student work and accomplishments throughout this academic year. A brief student awards program is planned at the conclusion of the lecture. Please look for future emails regarding further event details and confirmation of our invited guests!

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STEPHEN H. HART AWARD
HALS work at skyline park

The first Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) in the State of Colorado completed for Skyline Park in Denver, Colorado has been awarded a Stephen H. Hart Award from the Colorado Historical Society. This is the highest award for preservation work in Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Awards recognize outstanding projects and individual achievements in historic preservation throughout Colorado.

This important work documenting Lawrence Halprin’s early 1970’s linear park was completed by University of Colorado’s College of Architecture and Planning students lead by Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture Ann Komara. The work, completed in 2003 immediately prior to the park’s demolition, included: measured drawings, field records, photographs, a video, and historical documents. The research was submitted through the National Park Service to the Library of Congress. According to former Chair of Landscape Architecture Gene Bressler, “This work serves to sustain [Skyline Park’s] memory and its place in landscape architectural history.”

The project was funded from the Colorado State Historic Fund, Colorado Preservation Inc., the National Park Service; the UCDHSC College of Architecture and Planning; the Center for Preservation Research and private donors.
DONALD H. GODI & ASSOCIATES, INC.
donald h. godi, fasla, “registered consulting arborist”

Donald H. Godi, FASLA, has achieved registered status within the American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA) and is entitled to use the title “Registered Consulting Arborist” (RCA). This title is conferred to those successfully attending the ASCA Academy, completing vigorous report reviews and meeting long-term educational requirements. Registered Consulting Arborists provide an objective viewpoint for landscape appraisals and evaluations and all matters of tree issues including forensics, tree management, expert witness testimony, construction protection and pest control programs for natural and man-made tree environments.

The status as a Registered Consulting Arborist complements his accomplishments as a Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and an Honorary Member of the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado (ALCC).

Mr. Godi is President and Design Principal of Donald H. Godi & Associates, Inc. in Lakewood, Colorado and provides landscape evaluations, tree appraisals and expert witness services together with comprehensive landscape design, site planning and irrigation system design throughout the Rocky Mountain West. He is the only practicing landscape architect who is a Registered Consulting Arborist in Colorado and eighteen neighboring states.

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Denver, CO - Norris Design is pleased to announce the expansion of its management team and the addition of two new hires. These changes reflect the company's current momentum and continued growth.

Wendi Birchler, a four-year veteran of Norris Design, has been named principal of the firm. Birchler's experience practicing landscape architecture and land planning over the last ten years has provided her with a well-rounded background in both disciplines. Her success in coordinating the efforts of project teams with a variety of jurisdictions in the Front Range has led to her involvement in several complex projects including Colorado Bioscience Park Aurora at Fitzsimons (Aurora), The Orchard Town Center (Westminster), Wheatlands (Aurora) and The Meadows (Town of Castle Rock).

Josh Orth joined Norris Design in 1999 and has also been named principal in the firm. Orth's primary focus is in construction administration as it relates to landscape architecture projects. He brings to the company a background in landscape construction, excellent relationships in the industry and an understanding of the entire construction process. This experience contributes to finding value for owners in their projects and helping contractors realize their full potential during installation.

Brad Gustafson joined Norris Design in 2002 and has been promoted to associate. As a landscape architect and planner, Gustafson has a unique background in golf course design, resort design and community planning. He is currently involved with several community master plans and golf clubhouse planning and landscape design projects including Blackstone Country Club (Aurora) and Willow Bend (Thornton).

Elena Vossman has also been promoted to associate. With Norris Design since 2003, her focus is primarily in planning, with a concentration in master planning, urban infill and community design standards. She has been involved in the entitlement of several projects throughout Metro Denver requiring significant coordination efforts in processing and planning approvals. Vossman's recent work on the design of several TOD and infill projects has resulted in a thorough understanding of these project types and has contributed to her success and acute insight as a designer.

The following professionals have recently joined the Norris Design team:

Matt Small, landscape architect - Small joined Norris Design in December 2006 as Project Manager. He graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science in landscape architecture and is currently CLARB certified and a member of ASLA. With professional experience throughout the Arizona and Illinois markets, his strength is in multi-regional design with an interest in creating sustainable environs.

Bryanna Mitts, receptionist - Mitts, a Colorado native, joins Norris Design's administrative staff as receptionist. Founded in 1991, Norris Design is a leading planning and landscape architecture design firm with offices in Denver, Chicago, Frisco, Phoenix and Tucson. The company is experienced in amenity-based community planning, mixed-use master planning, urban design, environmental design, park and recreational design, and landscape architecture. Norris Design offers an innovative approach to preservation of natural resources, helping to shape successful living, working and recreational spaces for people and communities around the world. For more information visit www.norris-design.com.
The Archterra Group

The Archterra Group, with LOA Architects and Fentress Bradburn Architects Ltd., won the Stapleton High School Design Competition!

The new high school is programmed to be 230,000 square feet and is estimated to cost $29 million. The 20-acre site is part of a larger regional park and is located in the Northfield area of the Stapleton Redevelopment area. The school and park will share parking and athletic facilities. The site plan integrates separate buildings into a "prairie campus." The buildings incorporate indigenous materials and forms to make the campus unique to the Colorado landscape. Pending the outcome of a bond election in November 2007, design is expected to begin in early 2008 with the opening of the school in August of 2010.

Valerian, LLC

new office in downtown seattle

As the market of the Front Range has evolved, and will continue to do so, Valerian, llc. began studying the possibility of expanding its current portfolio of design services. As more cities, including Denver, begin to look to the urban cores, the expertise for urban design is becoming more and more desirable. The Pacific Northwest, particularly Seattle and Portland are quickly becoming the nation's leading cities in 'Green Design' and are re-investing in their downtown cores.

With the addition of Alan McWain to the Valerian Team, Valerian, llc. has officially opened its first satellite office in the heart of downtown Seattle. On the corner of 1st and Pike Street, the gateway to the Historic Pike Place Market, you will find Valerian, llc. nestled in the vibrant community of the 'Market.' Valerian, llc. is actively pursuing projects that re-invest in downtown urban cores and is vigorously encouraging that these projects become environmentally responsible.

Alan McWain, a Seattle native, was brought on to capitalize on his experience in urban design, mixed-use and commercial planning and design. As an Associate, Alan is responsible for the Marketing and lead design of Northwest projects in the Seattle office. Alan's expertise will also be utilized as Valerian, llc. pursues projects in the ever changing, revitalized downtown Denver area and surrounding markets as well.

If you have changed your job, address, phone, fax, or e-mail, please notify Donna Ralston at 303.630.8810 or mgmtplus@quest.net.
DTJ DESIGN
art & soul – zimbabwe artists find a home in colorado

Artists from Zimbabwe are finding a home in Loveland, Colorado. In a partnership between the Chapungu Sculpture Park of Harare, Zimbabwe, McWhinney Enterprises, the developer of Centerra, and the Loveland community, the Chapungu Sculpture Park is expected to become a destination for patrons of the arts.

The 26-acre park, located within Centerra, will contain indoor and outdoor exhibitions of some of the world’s most renowned stone sculptors. These remarkable works of art are inspired by the religion, mythology, and culture of Zimbabwe. The centerpiece of the park will be the dynamic Chapungu Cultural Arts Centre building.

“Chapungu,” the Shona name for the Bateleur eagle, symbolizes a protective spirit and good omen to the African people. The Cultural Arts Centre architecture was inspired by the eagle. Encompassing walls will embrace visitors within, while the roof soars over a great lawn. Sunlight will flow into the gallery’s rotunda, adding a warm glow to the space. The park will include a trail system with sculptures placed within a natural setting. Other attractions include an outdoor performance space and a replica of an African village.

The Centre’s design – both inside and outside – was the result of a competition, challenging DTJ designers to think outside of the “box.” Eight teams participated and the outcome was a display of diverse and innovative designs.

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DESIGN CONCEPTS
two landscape architects earn wyoming licenses

Lafayette-based Design Concepts, an 18-person community and landscape architecture firm that specializes in recreation master planning as well as design for parks, schools, and new communities, announces that two landscape architects have earned licenses to practice in the State of Wyoming.

Kerry White, ASLA, an associate-level landscape architect, and Rachel Brenna, a landscape architect, recently became registered landscape architects in Wyoming. Colorado is one of two states (the other is Vermont) that does not have licensure for landscape architects. The licensure process, which requires three years of professional practice and can entail a year or more of study and nine hours of examinations, tests landscape architects on information and skills required to meet the highest standards of the profession.

Kerry White joined the firm in 1996 and was appointed Associate in 2001. An adjunct professor of a landscape architecture design studio at the University of Colorado in Denver, she specializes in park and school campus design. Her projects include Sandstone Ranch Adventure Playground in Longmont, Northglenn Sensory Park in Northglenn, the Denver Public Schools’ Learning Landscapes, and design for school campuses in Douglas County, Jefferson County, and throughout Colorado. Earning the Wyoming license “was a great
professional accomplishment," she says. Rachel Brenna has worked for the firm for four years, and previously worked for The Big Muddy Workshop in Omaha, Nebraska, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Brenna focuses on parks and recreation master planning, primarily through the GRASP® (Geo-Referenced Amenities Standards Program) methodology for measuring service and evaluating needs for park and recreation facilities and programs. Design Concepts developed GRASP® with Greenplay LLC and Geowest, Inc. and has used the methodology to help plan parks and recreation systems from Oregon to Virginia and Utah to New Mexico. Brenna says she is pleased to have earned "a nationally recognized standard of professional achievement."

Both White and Brenna graduated from Iowa State University with degrees in landscape architecture.

Design Concepts staff members have earned licenses in landscape architecture from California, Texas, and New Mexico, as well as Wyoming.

Gold Hard Hat Award for Outstanding Landscape Project from Colorado Construction for Sandstone Ranch Adventure Playground. Design Concepts won the category's top honor as the landscape architect for the one-acre, $765,000 playground at Sandstone Ranch, the City of Longmont's premiere regional park, located on Highway 119. The playground is divided into three regions based on themes of the site's natural, cultural, and historic resources: the Spring Gulch Corral for young children, a sand-and-water play area, and a treehouse play structure for older children. The playground features custom play sculptures, water features, a climbing wall that resembles local sandstone bluffs, and a silo preserved from the site's historic farm. The playground opened in June 2006.

Merit Award from the Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects for Louisville Community Park. Design Concepts developed the master plan and construction documents for the 11-acre, $2 million central park, located at 955 Bella Vista Drive in Louisville. The firm designed the park's playground around the community's mining and railroad history, with a sculpted concrete climbing structure resembling a mine entrance. In a central plaza area, concrete was sandblasted and stained with two-dimensional patterns that depict the underground vaults and tunnels from the old Acme mine on the site. Recalling the community's history as a prairie crossroads, a large pavilion resembles a Victorian-era railroad station with a traditional garden of flowers with boxwood borders. The park was dedicated in April 2006.
Merit Award from the Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects for Denver Public Schools Learning Landscapes. Design Concepts in 2002 began partnering with the University of Colorado-Denver (UCD) and Denver Public Schools (DPS) on the design and construction of Learning Landscape playgrounds and has supervised the design and construction of 13 projects. The firm was selected for the CCASLA Merit Award for its work on Learning Landscape projects at ten elementary schools in the city, at a total construction cost of $3.9 million. Learning Landscape projects are providing much needed green space in urban neighborhoods through renovation of existing elementary school playgrounds. The new playgrounds reconnect communities with elements of public parks and community gathering spaces, encourage participatory learning, and increase recreational opportunities. The sites have design themes that are culturally and socially relevant to each school and neighborhood.

Silver Hard Hat Award for Outstanding Landscape Project from Colorado Construction for Loveland Youth Sports Park. Design Concepts, in collaboration with DHM Design, designed the $5.6 million sports complex for the City of Loveland to provide competitive and practice soccer/lacrosse fields and a community park for festivals and large gatherings. The firm created an agricultural design theme for the former farmstead that includes a cherry orchard, stone benches resembling hay bales, and red-roofed shelters. Construction of the park included conservation measures such as bioswales for storm drainage and the use of raw water for irrigation. Synthetic turf was used for playing fields to allow for year-round use and water conservation. Other features include a skate park and courts for basketball, volleyball, and in-line hockey, as well as a pond and open turf.

Winner of the 2006 Poligon™ Park Architecture Design Competition. Design Concepts designed an aquatic-theme shelter that was selected as the winner of the nationwide 2006 Poligon™ Park Architecture design competition. The 17-by-19-foot “Waves” shade structure, constructed by Poligon of tubular steel with fabricated “wave” panels, was unveiled recently in Milwaukee at the annual conference of the American Society of Landscape Architects. The firm designed the shelter pro-bono as a gift for the 57-acre Utah Park in Aurora. Design Concepts created a master plan to renovate Utah Park, which embraces natural creeks that flow into the site. Utah Park functions as a popular community park for the City of Aurora as well as a flood control facility. The project is due for completion next summer.

Design Concepts’ work has been featured in The Denver Post, The Rocky Mountain News, Landscape Architecture, Urban Land, and many other publications. The firm celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2006. For more information or for images: www.dcla.net.
Nuszer Kopatz wins 5th consecutive "community of the year" award

Denver, CO — Nuszer Kopatz and Village Homes recently received the ‘Community of the Year’ award from the Home Builders Association (HBA) of Metro Denver for Idylwild, a master-planned community in Parker. This marks the 5th consecutive ‘Community of the Year’ award for the team.

Nuszer Kopatz was recognized for their land planning, landscape architecture and community visioning work at Idylwild for the second year running. Honors included ‘Best Signage,’ ‘Best Landscape Design’ and the grand award for ‘Community of the Year.’ The firm’s work at Village at Five Parks, another Village Homes community, was recognized with the ‘Community of the Year’ award in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

“We are honored that our work has been recognized at such a high level for the past five years,” says Mark Kopatz, managing partner of Nuszer Kopatz. “We believe the awards are a real testament to our commitment to thoughtful design and the importance of the visioning process and to our clients desire to develop communities of distinction.”

The HBA is a trade association with more than 1,300 corporate members and is the leading voice for residential development, construction and remodeling in the eight-county Denver metro region.

Nuszer Kopatz is a Denver-based land planning, landscape architecture, community visioning and architecture firm partnering with builders and developers to create diverse, next-generation communities that achieve an ideal balance of beauty, livability and functionality.
Village Homes is a locally owned and operated home builder/developer with a long history and commitment to Colorado. Specializing in the design and construction of communities and homes, Village Homes operates in the Denver metropolitan area, Northern Colorado and the western slope. Village Homes has delivered approximately 8,000 homes since beginning business in 1984.

Nuszer Kopatz announces that it has added architecture to its list of services. The new studio will be led by Patrick Berrend, Associate AIA, principal. "Adding architecture as a compliment to our existing services will help us provide our clients with a more integrated approach to the community design process," says Mark Kopatz, managing partner for Nuszer Kopatz.

Berrend has more than 12 years of architecture and urban design experience in a diverse range of project types from recreation and residential to resort and commercial. His expertise with master-planned communities will compliment the firm's emphasis on community design.

Greg Lockridge, AIA, LEED, joins the firm's architecture studio as an associate. Lockridge brings 12 years of expertise to Nuszer Kopatz in the technical development and construction administration of resort, residential and commercial architecture projects. He is a registered architect with LEED accreditation.

Kelley Savage, RLA, ASLA, has been hired as a senior associate in the landscape architecture studio.

Savage is a registered landscape architect with over 12 years of experience in the design and planning of public parks, recreation and visitor facilities, trails and open spaces. Many of her projects have involved the coordination of public and private organizations with federal, state and local agencies. She holds a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Colorado State University.

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**Celebration of Landscape Architecture Month: Sculpture in the Landscape**

CCASLA announces an interactive social event for the Denver Area. In celebration of National Landscape Architecture Month, CCASLA will host a reception:

- **Date:** April 26, 2007
- **Time:** 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Chevo Studio
  3222 Tejon St.
  Denver, CO 80211

This will be an open house with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. There will be a brief update of CCASLA current events including status of licensure. Attendees will then receive an overview of the public sculptural process before they are encouraged to roll up their sleeves and help with a current commissioned piece. Please RSVP by April 19, 2007.

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Denver, CO – studioINSITE is pleased to announce Chris Geddes and Chris Sutterfield as Senior Associates.

Chris Geddes has been with studioINSITE since its inception in 2001 and has 9 years experience in planning and urban design. Geddes is leading several master planning projects with numerous urban design components in association with Auraria Higher Education Center, The Colorado College, Lakin Health Services Campus in Council Bluffs, and Creighton University in Omaha. In addition, Geddes is leading the master plan of the Denver Federal Center TOD with Vitr2, LLC.

Chris Sutterfield, having joined the firm shortly after its inception in 2001, is currently leading the design/landscape architecture for Semper Fidells Memorial Park at the National Museum of the US Marine Corps in Quantico, VA and Balfour Cosmopolitan Club in Denver. He is also leading the design of numerous projects at the University of Colorado at Denver & Health Science Center – Fitzsimons. Sutterfield’s other project successes with studioINSITE include Clayton Lane at Cherry Creek North, Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center, and Shanghai Medical University in Shanghai, China.

studioINSITE brings aboard two new INSITeRs – Scottie Murphy, as Studio Coordinator and Jessica Bagwell, as Landscape Architect.

Scottie Murphy, with 10 years of accounting and office management experience, will be handling bookkeeping and office management as well as assist with various marketing-related functions for studioINSITE.

Jessica Bagwell, with a master degree in landscape architecture from California State Polytechnic University and undergraduate degree in social ecology

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from Pitzer College, has developed a focus in sustainability and green building. Bringing this passion with her, Jessica will be assisting design teams on various new projects as a landscape architect.

**Dennis Rubba, ASLA** – Principal of studioNSITE, has been elected to a two-year term as **Professional Affiliate Director** to the A.I.A. Denver Board, and has been appointed to the Union Station Advisory Council and the Union Station Task Force.

**Projects on the board for studioNSITE include:**
- National Museum of the Marine Corps Master Plan and Phase 2 Semper Fi Memorial Park, Quantico, VA
- Denver Justice Center Campus
- Sanctuary of Bharat Resort, New Delhi, India
- Auraria Higher Education Center Master Plan / Public-Private Partnership, Denver, CO
- Sioux City Museum Master Plan, Sioux City, Iowa

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