Who is training the next generation of Landscape Architects? ...Maybe you? | Kerry White and Kurt Munding, Design Concepts

Want to have fun teaching elementary school kids about what Landscape Architects do? Then you need to try this out. It is easy and you will probably have more fun with it than the kids. Join landscape architecture firms throughout the state in mentoring elementary students this coming April for Landscape Architecture month. The program developed by Lafayette-base Design Concepts, introduces fifth graders both to the profession of landscape architecture as well as to people and businesses within their community. Design Concepts has mentored students for the past four years each spring. Three to four students join staff in the office for a two-hour apprenticeship once a week for three weeks. The office runs two sessions each April to allow more students to participate.

Firms in Colorado are encouraged to participate by contacting their local elementary school. Design Concepts will provide a curriculum outline to follow and other tips for running a successful program. Firms should also customize the program to reflect their own expertise in the field and to better meet the needs of the students within their communities. For example, Design Concepts specializes in recreation and education campus design so their mentorship program includes the following sessions:

1. Office tour, slide presentation on “What is a Landscape Architect”, lesson on using a scale and reading a plan, creating a full-scale 4-square court and playing a round of the game.
2. Site analysis of their schoolyard, charrette to create a theme and select imagery for new play and learning components for the redesign of the playground.
3. Design the playground with plan and detail drawings, presentation of their design to the staff, presentation of Junior LA certificates for completion of program.

Help spread the word about our great profession and inspire students to become landscape architects. Contact Kurt Munding at (303)664-5301 or kurt@dcla.net for more information. Kurt has all the information you will need to make this easy and fun for you and the students.
How can you participate in NLAM? | Patrick Mundus

As many of our members know April is National Landscape Architecture Month (NLAM). Each year at this time we work to bring the profession even more into the public eye. This is our time to step up in our communities and in our schools. This year with the theme “Discover Careers in Landscape Architecture”, chapters across the country will celebrate with public outreach activities to help school-aged children, educators and the general public, learn about our profession. Chapters are busy planning public events, working with students in the schools and participating in community programs.

Our profession is growing quickly, with the demand for skilled landscape architects out pacing the number of new landscape architects entering the field. Perry Howard, ASLA President has launched a campaign for NLAM 2008 called “Each One, Reach One” and has the goal of each ASLA member taking personal responsibility to reach out to one K-12 student, ultimately reaching more than 18,000 potential landscape architects during the month of April. As landscape architects we often see ourselves as the misunderstood profession. We all groan when our cousin from out of town asks “but, what do you do in the winter?” Here is another chance to let people know what it is exactly that we do - starting with the younger generation, not our lost cousin. Let’s use this opportunity to reach out to young adults and introduce them landscape architecture.

In Colorado we have a good head start. ASLA - Colorado’s career day program is blossoming. The ACE mentor program is well established in Colorado with chapter members participating on a year round basis. Many of our firms have long been working on their own with students and classes on individual projects or as mentors. We are lucky to have two landscape architecture programs in our state that introduce young adults to landscape architecture and train them for professional practice. Still, we can do more and I would like to challenge our membership to reach out to young adults this April and reach 650 young adults in any way we can. There are many ways:

• Bring a high school student into your firm to work and learn
• Look for mentoring opportunities for each new project
• Participate in career day at your local school (or through ASLA - Colorado)
• Lead a playground workshop with elementary students
• Sponsor a student affiliate membership for a high school student
• Work with our universities in their mentor programs

This year let us celebrate NLAM, get out in our communities, have fun and introduce some young adults to our profession. Please send me your tally, pat@mundubishop.com, we’ll keep track and see how we do!
Volunteers Wanted
Lesanne Weller, ASLA Colorado Student Education Coordinator, is recruiting volunteers to participate in Career Days at local middle and high schools. Career Days typically take place in April, and only require half a day of your time. Presenters usually give between 2-5 presentations to interested students during one of these events. Please contact Lesanne Weller at lweller@architerra-group.com for more information. This is a great way to participate during Landscape Architecture month.

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ASLA COLORADO E-BULLETIN

Active members of ASLA Colorado are automatically placed on the semi-monthly e-bulletin list which goes out on the first and third Friday of every month. If you haven’t been receiving this by email it could be for several reasons. Perhaps your spam filter is intercepting it, perhaps your ASLA membership has lapsed, or perhaps we have an old email on file for you. Please let our association manager, Greg Williams, know if you aren’t receiving the e-bulletin and we will check our records. You can email him at info@ccaslao.org or call him at 303-830-6616. Be sure to leave detailed information.

The purpose of the e-bulletin is to keep members informed of opportunities, events, and deadlines on an ongoing basis and it replaces ad hoc emails that occurred (sometimes quite frequently) in the past. It is our main communication vehicle to you in between the newsletters. Submittals for the e-bulletin are due by email on the Monday preceding each issue. Please provide the text exactly as you would like to see it appear with a maximum of 7 lines.

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UCD Studio completes Design-build project in New Orleans Lower Ninth Ward

The University of Colorado Denver Department of Landscape Architecture faculty and master’s students have been involved in the study of New Orleans since hurricane Katrina. Most recently students led by professors Lori Cockerham and Joern Langhorst completed a design-build project in the Lower Ninth Ward. The stair case and platform shown in the pictures restore the historic link between the community and the adjacent Bayou Bienvenue, which was severed by the sheet piling and levee erected after hurricane Betsy in 1965. The stair and platform will primarily provide access for scientists to study the possibilities of restoring the bayou into a cypress swamp. In the future, it will also provide the residents with the sole opportunity to view and experience a critical part of their native landscape.

The ongoing work and lessons learned from UCD studio involvement in New Orleans over the past two years, and their implications for education and practice will be discussed in a feature article the next issue of Rocky Mountain Exposures.

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CSU Studio prepares students for Careers in the Profession | Matt Leigh, CSU 5th Year student, SCASLA Co-President

My years at CSU are quickly approaching their end, and looking back on the past four and a half years in the landscape architecture program, it’s amazing to be able to see the vast improvement in talent, professionalism, and creativity amongst my fellow colleagues. There have been dozens of projects and studio experiences that have been amongst my favorites, however for me, the most interesting studio class has been spending the past fall in exploring the concepts and ideas of urban design with professor Brad Goetz. This class came at a very appropriate time, having just spent an amazing summer of traveling throughout most of the states neighboring Colorado, discovering new contemporary design ideas, working on projects, and visiting historic places of our profession like, Frank Lloyd Wright’s Taliesin West Studio in Phoenix, Arizona.

The focus of the class was to develop schemes that dealt with the built environment in its entirety, the overall experience, the analysis of images and materials of the urban landscape, buildings (their size, shape, texture, and color) as well as streets, plazas, and pedestrian furniture. These components were all analyzed in relation to each other and how they play a role in the eventual organization of urban spaces. We were then asked to analyze the city at three different levels: the city or region, the neighborhood, and finally the public the square or garden.

The final phase of the class was to work as a team to develop a master plan for the surrounding neighborhood of the Evan’s Light Rail stop in Denver. Using the techniques listed previously, we were asked to develop detailed master plans, sections/elevations, and a series of perspective drawings capturing the essence of our public space.

The images to the right are a sampling of the various areas of the project that our group developed further.

It has been a great year thus far at CSU, and the 5th year class is looking forward to ending our time here in the LA program producing our finest work and ideas, and taking that momentum out into the industry!
The Institute for Environmental Solutions – The Tree Project | Carol E. Lyons, Executive Director, Institute for Environmental Solutions

The Institute for Environmental Solutions (IES) is a Denver-based, independent non-profit organization delivering proactive, technically sound solutions to complex environmental and natural resource problems – without unwanted side effects. Through our projects, we advance objective, integrated solutions to our region’s most pressing environmental concerns, such as air and water quality, global climate change, and pollution control. By involving a broad spectrum of stakeholders and addressing these issues with a multi-disciplinary, science-based approach, we optimize environmental improvements in a cost-effective and sustainable way. We are currently working on The Tree Project: Integrated Urban Environmental Improvement through Tree Selection and Management. ASLA Colorado member, Brian Braa, has been serving on the project Steering Committee, providing valuable insights and advice. Ian Anderson served on the Stakeholder Development Committee in 2006.

The goal of The Tree Project is to identify how trees can be used to optimize energy and water conservation, carbon sequestration and air quality. City trees in the Front Range possess an enormous, yet unrealized potential to contribute to environmental improvement. Trees help to improve air and water quality, reduce temperatures in the summer, and help mitigate the effects of global warming. However, there are also environmental tradeoffs associated with the planting and maintenance of urban trees, some of which are well understood, others which require investigation. The Tree Project is expanding knowledge in these critical areas.

In 2007, IES completed the scientific analysis of the cost and benefits of trees. The analysis involved the collection of tree data on dozens of plots in the City of Golden, our pilot city. The energy analysis entailed gathering building specifications and characteristics of the trees that shade them to simulate energy needs and optimal shading strategies. The water analysis involved data collection at irrigated turf grass plots, both with trees and without trees, to determine how the presence of trees influences water conservation. We also conducted a survey analysis to examine people’s beliefs and behaviors regarding tree planting and maintenance and the environmental benefits of trees.

IES is integrating the results, adding up the costs and benefits of trees, to better understand the tradeoffs associated with tree planting and management. The results from the analyses will be incorporated into tangible products for people, businesses and communities along the Front Range to use. IES is working on an online, interactive web tool that enables the user to optimize their property with the appropriate “treescape” according environmental improvement goals, and a tree-science database – like Wikipedia – that serves as a central cache for tree-related research, programs and projects. IES hopes to expand the scientific study outlined above in other Front Range communities. Future work will provide tools to achieve additional carbon credits through tree planting, reduce water consumption, and protect air quality. We welcome interested partners in Colorado. IES is looking forward to continued collaboration with members of ASLA Colorado. For more information on the project, please visit our website at www.i4es.org or contact us at Solutions@i4es.org.
Government Affairs Update | Vice President of Government Affairs, Dennis Brookie, ASLA

ASLA Colorado’s Government Affairs Committee has started the year with a meeting to address current issues and identifying upcoming interests to Colorado Landscape Architects. This year we are focusing on three key areas:

- Licensure and providing feedback to the Colorado State Board of Landscape Architects
- Legislation proposed for the 66th of the Colorado General Assembly
- Special Interest Projects

The Committee members include: Dennis Brookie, Pat Mundus, Mark Tabor, John Spencer, Jeff Shea, Austin Allen, Michael Catalano, Craig Coronato, Phil Flores and Bill Wenk. We are always looking for additional committee members. If you are interested please contact Dennis Brookie.

Update on the Colorado History Museum Relocation

ASLA Colorado has actively participated with the City of Denver and the Colorado Historical Society’s special task force to evaluate the relocation of the Colorado History Museum to the Denver Civic Center. This study included many volunteer hours by members of the community, state, City of Denver and ASLA Colorado. After considering several alternatives the Colorado Historical Society’s Board of Directors determined that none of the proposals considered met the requirements of the Society. Therefore, the process considers and ASLA Colorado will continue to be an active participant.

ASLA In-District Lobby Day

On February 20, 2008 members of ASLA Colorado met with state representatives and their staff from the senate and congress as part of the annual ASLA In-District Lobby Day. Members discussed critical programs, budgets and legislation acting today’s Colorado Landscape Architects and our vital role going forward. ASLA Colorado wants to thank everyone that participated in the In-District Lobby Day. If you would like to participate next year please let Dennis Brookie know of your interest.
Public Relations Committee Update

The PR committee has started '08 with a new look as we have recently redesigned our rack card and brochure. The new print pieces feature updated information about licensure as well as beautiful graphics illustrating the latest designs featuring Colorado landscape architecture. The rack cards will be used for handouts at conferences, meetings and events to display stunning photos and information about ASLA Colorado. The brochure is a trifold promotional piece with in depth information about the profession, services and the society that supports our profession.

Our next task is to create a general advertisement that will be used for events, magazines and business journals.

April is National Landscape Architecture Month which features events highlighting our profession. If you would like to help plan events, have ideas, need more information about NLAM, or would like copies of our print pieces, please feel free to contact Courtney McRickard, courtney@cmrdesigninc.com

Interesting events of note:
Every month people who work in, or are interested in the green design industry meet for drinks at informal sessions called Green Drinks. We invite you to come learn and share more about the green design movement. Denver has a Green Drinks established every last Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm.

For more information on upcoming events and other happenings around town visit: www.greendrinks-denver.com
Events are located at Double Daughters, www.doubledaughters.com,
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Fellows Corner

Representative, Patrick Shea, FASLA

ASLA Colorado Council of Fellows nominees - In February, ASLA Colorado nominated three candidates for the 2008 Class of Fellows. Even with mentoring assistance during nomination material preparations, all three candidates can attest to how much effort it takes to compile, organize and finalize nomination requirements and supporting materials. Particular attention is required to describe major accomplishments, highlight public service and provide supporting digital images. All nominating categories require digital images that contribute to the quality of the submission. ASLA Colorado members are encouraged to consider nominating outstanding individuals that demonstrate exceptional accomplishments over a sustained period of time. While the 2009 Class Call is nearly a year away, ASLA Colorado members are encouraged to consider eligible candidates. The Chapter Fellows Committee members Patrick Shea, FASLA, Don Godi, FASLA, Phil Flores, FASLA and Jerry Adamson, FASLA are available for assistance and to answer questions.

For the 2009 Class of Fellows, the four nomination categories will be updated to reflect evolving professional responsibilities. The categories and nomination requirements include:

- Works of Landscape Architecture: Nomination materials should document mastery of design in significant works of landscape planning or design which has advanced the art, stewardship, and social responsibility of landscape architecture. Works may include small or large, public or private, or local, regional, or national landscapes; and range from conception represented by reports, plans or other illustrations, to built works.

- Leadership/Management: Nomination materials should document exemplary leadership, administrative and managerial ability of people, projects, policy, and programs that have had a significant effect on advancing the practice of landscape architecture or a significant effect on public recognition of issues that are significant to the design, planning or management of the land. Leadership abilities may occur in public, private, and academic practice settings.

- Knowledge: Nomination materials should document creation of significant new knowledge that advances landscape architecture of the communication of knowledge to others with the exceptional effect. Creation of new knowledge may be in the form of research or scholarly inquiry that has been recognized by peers as worthy of publication. Communication of knowledge may be in the form of teaching or mentoring in either the university or the workspace that has been as outstanding by students, graduates and peers. Communication of knowledge may also be in the form of published works or other media (film, software, CD's etc.) that conveyed important ideas about landscape architecture with appropriate critical acclaim. This category is not specifically designated for educators, but includes the broader vision of knowledge within the profession.

- Service: Nomination materials should document service activities sustained over an extended period of time that have significantly advanced the profession and landscape architecture in the eyes of the public, and serves as an example for the other local, regional or national efforts.

Upcoming in May 2008, a ASLA Colorado Fellows Investiture Dinner, which recognizes selected ASLA Colorado Fellows nominees, will be an opportunity for Fellows to invite young professionals to meet the diverse Fellows and increase their awareness of the Chapter and Fellows activities. More details on the Fellows Nomination Guidelines got to www.asla.org/Members/FASLA.htm

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XTREME LA: A Charrette for Future Leaders of the Landscape Architecture Profession
Gail Greet Hannah

In September 2007 Landscape Forms hosted an unusual event that brought together twenty-four landscape architects and three luminaries of the profession for an intense two-and-a-half day charrette in Kalamazoo, MI.

Landscape Forms created and funded the event as part of its ongoing support for the landscape architecture community. The goal was to immerse best-in-class peers to produce tangible master plan recommendations for a city in transition, over a very short time frame, under the guidance of mentors at the pinnacle of their profession.

The participants, nominated by their firms, came from sixteen states and Canada. The guest team leaders were Thomas Balsley, principal of Thomas Balsley Associates; Chip Crawford, Director of the Planning Group at HOK; and Frederick Steiner, Dean of the School of Architecture, University of Texas.

The Program & Process
The three teams were charged with developing a concept plan for the city of Kalamazoo designed to foster a vibrant city center by integrating existing focal points, identifying new opportunities, and interfacing downtown with activity hubs adjacent to the city core. Teams were asked to propose themes and initiatives to leverage under-used and poorly connected resources to create an urban experience that would make Kalamazoo a better place to live, work, learn and play.

Participants were taken on a bus tour of the city. Tour hosts from the Kalamazoo Department of Planning and Development, the Downtown Development Authority, Western Michigan University, and Bronson Healthcare provided a running commentary and answered questions. The teams returned to studio spaces equipped with a computer, flip charts, maps, a digital camera, printer and screen.

Extreme LA teams explore Kalamazoo

With few exceptions, participants were strangers to each other when they arrived. They worked late into the night and right up to the noon presentation deadline on the following day.

The Outcomes
At the close of the event, each team gave a 30-minute powerpoint presentation of its overall themes and specific recommendations.

Highlights of the final presentations included:

Team I, led by Tom Balsley, proposed installing large sculptural icons at six gateways to the city to reinforce identity and sense of arrival and place. It advocated replacing a cement and stone monument at the center of Bronson Park, the city’s major outdoor public space, with a green expanse that could become a great “civic lawn” and to include interactive water features in the summer and ice skating in the winter. And it proposed transforming Arcadia Creek, the waterway that wends thorough the downtown, from a railed sluiceway into a walkway covered with translucent material and illuminated from below to create a “River of Light”.

Team II, led by Chip Crawford, took a leaf from the “Kalamazoo Promise” a privately funded initiative that provides paid tuition to in-state colleges to resident graduates of city high schools. It proposed the “Kalamazoo Pledge” a forward-looking commitment to environmental sustainability that could make the city a regional model for responsible development and provide what it called a “green dividend.” It proposed making downtown a “wireless hotspot” to bring people outdoors in parks and public spaces and enable an exciting LED digital streetscape. And it recommended building a Skytram - a new “fun and efficient” magnet-powered transport system for moving people from key hubs to and within the urban core.
Team III, led by Fritz Steiner, looked at ways to capitalize on Kalamazoo's history of innovation. (The Gibson guitar, the dissolvable pill, and Shakespeare fishing rods were all invented here.) They identified "Geeks and Freaks:" techies, scientists, and artists, as the key movers for the city's future. To encourage innovation and entrepreneurial activity and discourage brain drain, the team proposed initiatives for a "live/work" community: low cost housing for artists and start-ups; tax breaks and incentives for new business; collaborative projects among the medical center, the university and industry; and an annual Geek and Freak Festival to help brand Kalamazoo as a city where creativity and innovation are prized.

Fritz Steiner summed up the event, "I'm so impressed with the ability of these young people to come together without egos, without an agenda and work very hard."

Xtreme LA Participants:
Brian Bacon, Towers Golde LLC
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North Area Summer Mixer

Save the Date – Thursday June 5th

Let us kick off the summer with a fun-filled ASLA Colorado mixer hosted by the North Area. Join us for a picnic at the award winning Louisville Community Park in the heart of Old Town Louisville.

Bring the whole family including your children and dogs. There is a great playground and dog park with a pond (the dogs love it). Monolithic Sculpture will be there to do a demonstration on their custom climbing feature “The Mine Shaft” and show you what they can do to add immense value to your projects. It will be Thursday June 5th from 5pm to 9pm. There will be plenty of food and drink and maybe even some music. Bring a soccer ball or a Frisbee or try out the championship bocce ball courts and the horseshoe pits.

Any questions please give Kurt Munding a call at 303-664-5301 or email him at kurt@dcla.net

ASLA Colorado's 13th Annual Golf Classic

We have a brand new venue and lots of surprises this year with our 13th Annual Golf Tournament! We will be playing at the beautiful Legacy Ridge Golf Course in Westminster on Friday, August 22, 2008. We always have a great turn-out and if you have played in one of our tournaments you know the unique style and unbelievable prizes! So pencil us in and we'll see you there. For any questions or sponsorship opportunities call Jim Pokorny at 303-278-8100.
CHAPTER TO TEAM WITH APA ON '08 STATE CONFERENCE

ASLA Colorado is excited to announce that we will partner with the Colorado American Planning Association to present the 2008 Planning and Design Conference, September 10th-12th at the Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge. Committees are being organized and plans are underway to produce an outstanding conference experience for our joint organization members and affiliates. The conference theme will explore the challenges faced by resort towns in fostering sustainable and livable communities for residents amid the focus on tourism and skyrocketing land values. The Conference Steering Committee is Co-Chaired by Mark Tabor, and additional chapter volunteers are welcome in return for conference attendance. Please contact Mark or ASLA Association Manager Greg Williams about volunteer opportunities and get in on the ground floor of a great event.

LARE Review Sessions

The LARE review sessions are scheduled as follows:
* Multiple Choice Review: Monday Feb. 25 at 5:30 - 8:30 pm
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* Multiple Choice Review: Saturday August 23 at 9:00 am
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* Graphic Review: Saturday May 3 at 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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Location for all sessions is the UCD Building, 1250 14th Street, Denver (14th and Larimer), Room 470 (this could change for the May and/or August sessions, so people should be encouraged to check the ASLA Colorado website for any changes as the dates get closer). Method of accepted payment is check only, payable to ASLA Colorado, and mailed to either Dennis or me. Registration for classes prior to the sessions is required. The form is available at www.ccasla.org.

Please contact Lesanne Weller (lweller@architerra.com) or Dennis Nagao (dennis_nagao@nps.gov) for more information.

Landscape Architects Bring “Doors Open Denver” Outdoors | Scott Anderson, ASLA

DOORS OPEN DENVER

On April 12th and 13th, buildings around Denver will open their doors to the public, celebrating 150 years of architecture. Patrons young and old will be able to tour over 75 new and historic buildings around the city. Also included on the docket are many of the parks, open spaces, plazas and gardens that make Denver a complete urban environment. The Colorado Chapter of ASLA has taken an important role in making sure that some of Denver's most historically significant works of landscape architecture, including City Park, Cheesman Park, Washington Park, Civic Center Park and the Denver Mountain...
parks have a prominent position in the Doors Open Denver program. More contemporary designs, such as Confluence Park and Commons Park will also be tour options.

ASLA Colorado has partnered with Doors Open Denver (DOD) this year to also provide a handful or wonderful opportunities never before offered by DOD. We have organized four expert guided tours of a few of the most popular parks in Denver: Cheesman Park, Washington Park, City Park and Confluence Park. We have also organized a self-guided bicycle tour of Denver, hitting many significant landscape architecture sites around the city, and a self-guided automobile tour of the Denver Mountain Parks. All of the tours specifically offered by ASLA Colorado for this year’s event are listed below.

1. Historic Cheesman Park: Located in the heart of Capitol Hill, Cheesman Park was originally the site of the city cemetery and was transformed into an 80 acre park from an original design by Reinhard Schuetze, Denver’s first landscape architect. The park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been noted as one the best designed urban public spaces in the country. The neoclassical Cheesman Pavilion (1910), designed by Marean and Norton is the architectural focus of the park and boasts one of the best views in the City – don’t miss it!

2. Historic Washington Park: Arguably Denver’s most popular park, this park has a rich history and anchors the southern portion of the park and parkway system. The initial park design is the work of Denver landscape architect Reinhard Schuetze in the early American traditional park style found in the early 1900’s. This park includes many architectural treasures, gardens, tranquil public spaces and small lakes. Noted architectural features include the Boathouse, designed by J. J. B. Benedict and the Bathhouse, both located on Smith Lake which predates the park itself.

3. Historic City Park: One of Denver’s earliest parks City Park was first developed in the 1880s under the watch of Richard Sopris, Denver’s park commissioner. The 320 acre park is home to the Museum of Nature and Science and the Denver Botanical Gardens. Architectural highlights include the Pagoda and Band Shell on Ferril Lake, the Thatcher Fountain and several monumental gateways marking entrances to the park. This park has been touched by many architects and artists and is the home of Denver’s Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. monument.

4. Confluence Park: Confluence Park is located at the confluence of Cherry Creek and the South Platte River, the historic birthplace of Denver. The park became the center of the South Platte River Greenway in the late 1970s. This work pioneered the redevelopment of the riverfront in Denver. Later additions included a kayak course and the development of the east side, completing the site. Confluence Park is a popular location for kayaking, wading, picnicking, and concerts. This tour will explain design concepts behind the current form of the park, as well as the historical development of this area.

Self Guided Bicycle Tour: This self-guided tour around central Denver links a few of the City’s most historic parks and parkways with a wonderful bicycle route. The route is easy to follow, fun and relaxing, and provides a great new way to experience travel around Denver. The route is roughly 14 miles long, takes approximately 2 hours for the full loop, and is easily customizable for every individual’s time schedule.
Denver Mountain Parks Auto Tour: This self-guided, automobile tour of The Denver Mountain Parks system begins at Red Rocks Park at the Civilian Conservation Corps camp. The route leads participants through many historical parks which include, Evergreen Lake at Dediise Park, Bergen Peak Park, Fillius Park, Chief Hosa Shelter, Genesee Park, and the Lookout Mountain Overlook. The tour concludes back at Red Rocks Park, so carpooling is encouraged. The entire route takes 3-4 hours, with many potential stops for hiking, photography, and picnicking.

Doors Open Denver (DOD) is a FREE and fun event that offers residents and visitors the opportunity to learn about Denver’s diverse architecture and design. Event Headquarters are at Union Station, where event information booths and participating organization booth will be located. Doors open at Union Station at 8:30am. Expert tours are free, but have limited capacity so registration is on a first-come first-served basis. Registration for the expert tours begins at Union Station promptly at 8:30am when the headquarters open. The sites themselves are open from 10:00am to 4:00pm each day.

ASLA Colorado is looking for anyone interested in volunteering for this event, both at the ASLA Colorado Booth at Union Station or on site at one of the tours. Contact me, scott.anderson@rnldesign.com, to volunteer or get more information about volunteering.

Please visit the Doors Open Denver website for more information on the event and a complete list of tours, sites, and updated announcements, www.denvergov.org/doorsopendenerver.

DTJ Design Landscape Architects launch Survey | Robb Williamson

As a way of understanding fair market trends, landscape architects at DTJ Design in Boulder, Colorado have put together a public database survey to look at current salaries and benefits for practicing landscape architects, landscape designers, and planners. The survey can be taken by landscape architects across the country but is being used to focus on the Colorado market. The purpose of the survey is to get understanding of pay and benefit ranges based on experience and location. The survey has been designed to be completely anonymous and participants will be able to see the results and use this tool to gauge where they and their companies stand in the current market. Employers can also use the information to gauge what factors are most and least important to designers when considering where they would like to work and how this should be considered in establishing compensation.

This survey also breaks down additional benefits and compensation not covered in the ASLA and AIA surveys. The ASLA salary survey combines broad regions and does not take into consideration someone’s cost of living. With this survey, you can see the area where someone is working and apply their cost of living to get a more apples to apples comparison. Please pass the survey link to all of your peers so that we can get this out to the greatest number of landscape architects, landscape designers and planners. This detailed information should benefit individuals and employers alike in our profession. www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=epE69NJa3bsx' Ck82DrtEXw_3d_3d This survey in not officially sponsored by ASLA Colorado, but is included in this Newsletter as a service to members.
studioINISTE Brings Aboard New INSITErs

Two new professionals – Mike Siniscalchi & Michael Halliburton – have recently joined the staff at studioINISTE.

Mike Siniscalchi is studioINISTE’s new graduate student intern while awaiting his Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Colorado Denver, which he will receive in May 2008. Prior to joining INSITE, Mike spent a year as student intern for a Boulder-based landscape architecture firm. Siniscalchi received a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Elmhurst College in 2000 and worked at an independent record label for five years before deciding to study landscape architecture. He and his wife are expecting their first child, “Bubba,” at the end of July.

Michael Halliburton was brought on board in December as marketing/administrative assistant for studioINISTE, handling various marketing and office management functions. With a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Boston College, he has experience in professional writing, photography and graphic design. Halliburton recently returned from Santiago, Chile, where he helped launch the small bilingual travel magazine, Cachai Chile? As Assistant Director of the publication, he wrote lead articles, shot and edited photos, and co-designed the magazine’s layout in addition to managing the production staff.

News from Valerian

Lauren Eckel is a 2004 graduate of the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelors of Science degree in Landscape Architecture. Soon after finishing school, her love of the outdoors drew her out to Colorado. Before joining the Valerian team, she has been working for the past four years as a planner at a landscape architecture and planning firm that specializes in master-planned communities. After gaining valuable work experience and a knowledge of the planning and design process in Colorado, Lauren joined Valerian to continue working to create unique environments. Lauren’s expertise and experience is in large scale design such as town comprehensive plans to master design guidelines.

Ryan Ayers began his seven month internship with Valerian at the beginning of January ’08. He is a fourth year student at Iowa State University where he is pursuing a major in Landscape Architecture and a minor in Digital Media. During the extent of the internship, Ryan expects to gain valuable knowledge and skills for his design career following graduation.

Jessie de la Cruz is a 2007 graduate of Metropolitan State College Denver with a personally designed Bachelors of Art in Museum Exhibit Design. The development of a personally designed curriculum was fueled by her fervent interest in the world of art and design and a desire to obtain a degree that would prepare her for future studies. Additionally, Jessie has invested many hours in the field of archives and records management, thus with the hope of working as a visual librarian. She has recently applied for the Masters in Library Science program at University of Denver with concentration in archives and records. Jessie joined the staff at Valerian to continue her design studies in the marketing department as well as providing reception, clerical and administrative assistant services. In her free time Jessie enjoys playing records and creating mixed media artworks.
Breaking into 2008 with a new identity and sleek, new website, Valerian is reflecting its approach to planning and design as a professional collaboration. The new website provides users with exciting additions including detailed information on the company’s experience in landscape architecture, master planning, and urban design. Please visit www.valerianllc.com for more information.

Bluegreen hires new Business Development, Marketing and Operations Manager

Bluegreen is very excited to welcome Mandy Norton to their studio, as well as to the Roaring Fork Valley. Mandy is a graduate with distinction from Boston College, earning her degree in Communication from the College of Arts & Sciences. The firm’s only non-architect, she brings marketing, business development and public relations expertise to Bluegreen. Mandy’s previous work experience in advertising includes promotions, events, client relations and strategic vision. She excels in state-of-the-art technology and uses these tools to creatively present fresh thinking to clients and prospects. In her spare time, she enjoys music, travel, golf and a variety of mountain activities.

At Bluegreen, Mandy directs the studio’s growth into new clients and markets. She builds awareness of Bluegreen’s work in numerous publications such as current geographic and upcoming articles in Aspen Magazine, Aspen Peak, Western Interiors, and Metropolitan Home as well as through nationally recognized awards programs. Most recently the firm is the recipient of five Colorado Chapter American Society of Landscape Architecture awards for their outstanding work. Mandy is also involved in one of the firm’s newest projects, a Facility Needs Assessment and Master Plan for the Aspen Skiing Company. Mandy also assists with the graphics and consultant team management for Cattle Creek Crossing, a sustainable planned neighborhood in the Lower Roaring Fork Valley.


Design Concepts Promotes Rachel Brenna to Associate

Design Concepts, an award-winning community and landscape architecture firm in Lafayette, Colorado, announces the promotion of Rachel Brenna to Associate.

Rachel Brenna worked for Design Concepts from 2000-2002 and rejoined the firm in 2004. As a registered landscape architect, Rachel has 10 years of experience helping communities provide places for recreation through park and public space design. Since 2004, she has focused on parks and recreation master planning as a leader and project manager for the GRASP team (Geo-Referenced Amenities Standards Process) on projects for cities and towns across the United States.

Rachel earned a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from Iowa State. Before rejoining Design Concepts, she worked at The Big Muddy Workshop in Omaha, Nebraska, and for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. She is a licensed landscape architect in State of Wyoming and has applied for a license in Colorado.

Landscape Architect Promoted at DHM

DHM announces that Tomina Townsend has been promoted to Associate Landscape Architect in their Denver office. Ms. Townsend, a University of Kentucky graduate, has worked at DHM since January of 2001 and developed a wide range of experience as a project designer and project manager for small and large-scale parks, trails, community and recreation projects. Tomina became LEED accredited in 2007 and continues to apply sustainable practices to balance the aesthetic and practical characteristics of each project site.

“Tomina has a passion for sustainable design and projects that benefit the community,” said DHM Principal Bill Neumann. “Her extensive project management and design experience has been a tremendous asset to our firm and we are proud that she takes initiative in so many areas.”
Allyson Mendenhall Named Manager of DW Legacy DesignSM Content at Design Workshop

Denver, CO – Allyson Mendenhall, an associate with Design Workshop, has been promoted to Manager of DW Legacy DesignSM Content. Mendenhall will work under the leadership of Design Workshop’s Chief Design Officer to develop strategies and lead initiatives that promote and teach Legacy Design across the firm. She will direct the four Legacy Design spheres of knowledge (Environment, Art, Community, and Economics), and on the development and teaching of tools, techniques, and practice models. Mendenhall will represent a synthesis of efforts in order to elevate design across the firm.

Legacy Design is one of the defining characteristics of Design Workshop’s practice; it is a commitment to more than land planning and landscape architecture in the traditional sense. It suggests a level of inquiry that is elevated and a design agenda that tackles bigger issues than the project and its mapped boundaries. Legacy Design insists that the designs reflect the critical issues facing the planning and landscape architecture professions and society.

Mendenhall came to Design Workshop in 2003 and is distinguished for her project management of the redevelopment of the 1,866-acre former Lowry Air Force Base in Denver; the Monarch Mills/Art Houses site landscape; the Denargo jet preliminary redevelopment plan; and RidgeGate development. Allyson graduated with distinction from Harvard Design School, with a Master of Landscape Architecture and also holds a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard College. Allyson is a member of The Architectural League, American Society of Landscape Architects, and the Phillips Exeter Academy Alumni Association.

Design Workshop’s Legacy Design method combines principles of smart growth, sustainable design, and environmentally-sound planning to reconcile economic needs with the preservation of scenic, cultural, and community values. For more information, please visit www.designworkshop.com.
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