Western History Collection Adds Documents  
*From Cathie Mitchell*

After 20 years of sorting, boxing, labeling, planning, negotiating and anticipating, the Denver Public Library has added Jane Silverstein Ries's professional documents to the Manuscript Collection held by its Western History Department. These documents represent Jane's work throughout her 60-year Denver-based landscape architecture career. Thanks to the persistent and artful facilitation of Carolyn Etter, the move was made during October following the sale of Jane's home. An inventory of Jane's documents has been completed and with funding a "finding guide" will be produced so that the archives are accessible to all.


The Denver Historic Park Documents Collection, which contains the work of Reinhard Shuetze, has also recently been cataloged by Carolyn Etter for the Library.

The details and significance of this collection addition were announced at the annual JSR Foundation annual meeting and holiday gathering on November 29th. Jim Kroll and Joan Harms from the Western History/Genealogy Department attended for this purpose, and also talked about the Department's desire to add the records of the JSR Foundation and its Award Committee to the collection.

President's Letter:  
*From John M. Birky, ASLA*

Greetings and Happy New Year! This looks to be an exciting year for the Chapter as we move forward with goals discussed at our annual retreat in November.

I started my new position off with a great experience in Salt Lake City. What a beautiful place with many great works of Landscape Architecture - including the Chapel Square and Convention Center green roof by Laurie Olin. The keynote speakers, Terry Tempest Williams and Steve Uzell were inspiring and the courses enlightening. We even had the rare experience of hearing our Chapter's Past President Matt Spidell sing a song and play the guitar at the reception hosted by the Utah Chapter. Also while in Salt Lake, Matt and I had the pleasure of attending the Fellow Investiture Dinner at the close of the meeting. At this dinner, our Chapter's fellows-elect - Jerry Adamson, Todd Johnson and Patrick Shea - were officially placed on the ASLA Council of Fellows. I was honored to sit with Patrick Shea and his family. Fellows are landscape architects of at least ten years standing as full members of

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ASLA, elected to Fellowship in honor of their outstanding contributions to the profession. I am looking forward to attending a bit warmer annual meeting next October in Ft. Lauderdale and hope to see many of our members there!

We are planning to hold the Annual Meeting in 2006 in conjunction with the AIA Conference. This will allow us to strengthen our relationship with AIA and create opportunities for shared speakers of interest to both disciplines. This will be a major undertaking for the Chapter, but should result in a meaningful and rewarding experience for the attendees. Many volunteers are needed to help coordinate this effort.

The Colorado Chapter won an award from ASLA National for the highest percentage of growth for its large chapters during this past year. Many thanks to Janet, Matt and especially the new members for making that happen. Colorado is truly a great place to live and practice Landscape Architecture.

I am excited to be working closely with my former classmate and friend, Jane Kulik who is serving as President Elect this year. She will be a great asset to the Chapter in the years ahead and has contributed as Newsletter Editor in the past. Jane is leading an effort to update and improve the chapter website, which will receive a bit of a facelift this year.

There are many other new faces to the Executive Committee this year and I am grateful for all their efforts as well as those who have been involved for many years. One such individual is our Treasurer, Gail Barry whose long dedication and efforts have been and continue to be imperative to the operations of the Chapter.

The Garden Tour looks to hold great promise as we incorporate Art in the Garden this year, by showcasing the work of local sculptors in the gardens. I hope that many of you will be able to attend the presentation ‘Art Belongs in the Garden’ by James Van Sweden at this year’s Annual Conference on January 13-14. Art is an inspirational part of the profession for me, and hope that the integration of art and gardens will attract new visitors to the tour. Mark your calendar for June 26th.

Architecture month in April, we plan to have several volunteer project opportunities that I would encourage you as members to get involved in. The first phase of the Hudson Gardens Master Plan, designed by a group of volunteers from the Chapter last year, may be ready to begin. West High School, adjacent to Sunken Gardens will also have work to be done. We hope you can put on your gloves and come out to volunteer at one of these events to improve your community. The satisfaction in volunteering is always rewarding.

Put your party hat on as CCASLA will continue to hold mixers for the members this year. These will be informal and allow for fellowship and discussion among the members. We hope these events will help reach our membership and help it continue to grow in the coming year. Please let me know if you would like to become more involved in the chapter or if you have comments on how we can make your membership more rewarding, as we are here to represent. Enthusiasm is all it takes to achieve great things.

I am excited and honored to serve as your President this year and hope that this year is healthy and fulfilling for all of you.

All the best,
John M. Birkey, ASLA