2005 Summer Garden Tour

Art in the Garden

The Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CCASLA) is pleased to announce the 14th Annual Summer Garden Tour, Sunday June 26, 2004. This year's tour represents a collaboration between CCASLA and Walker Fine Art. The tour showcases work of Colorado landscape architects and sculptors within nine residential retreats where art and garden have been blended together for the enjoyment of tour goers. Gardens on the 2005 tour are located in Denver's Village. The tour will begin at 656 Lafayette Street. Tickets are $14 per person and will be available at area King Soopers throughout June and on the day of the tour at the start garden. The tour is self-guided but landscape architects and sculptors may be on hand to answer questions.

The tour benefits CCASLA and the Jane Silverstein Ries Foundation (JSR). The foundation was created by CCASLA to promote and recognize responsible land stewardship by individuals, organizations and agencies that are not landscape architects. It also supports education and research that pursue responsible land management in the landscape. The foundation is named for Jane Silverstein Ries, Denver's first woman landscape architect, whose career spanned from the 1930s until the 1990s. Jane left a delightful mark on the gardens and landscape of Denver. Recently the foundation recognized the Trust for Public Land: Colorado Division; John Fielder, Colorado photographer, and the Conservation Division of Denver Water. Each year a scholarship is awarded to a landscape architecture student at UCD and CSU.

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Sustainable Technology

A River Runs Through It

By Steve Breitzka

One space per four hundred square feet, one space per two-fifty...when this ratio is applied to tens of thousand of square feet, parking lots become one of the largest functional voids that dot our modern landscape. With the growing proportions of the SUV, parking spaces have expanded, drive aisles have widened, and ironically, despite increasing vehicle sizes, few people carpool. Much like the parking space requirement, municipalities have standards in place to mitigate the asphalt with landscape islands and planting requirements. However, 171 square feet of xeric designed landscape gets lost in a line of twenty parking

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Message from the President-Elect

Greetings, fellow members!

As I type this message, the Blizzard of 2005 is swirling outside and we have a toasty fire burning in the woodstove. Living in the foothills, I'm grateful that we are getting our spring moisture, as it means less fire danger in the coming summer. I'm also grateful for days like this when time just seems to stop - or at least to slow way down.

My good friend John Birkey has asked me to introduce myself and talk a bit about some of the emerging initiatives within the Chapter. Many of you will remember me from my previous Chapter service as editor of Rocky Mountain Exposures, passing the torch to the very capable Brian Braa when I became a principal at Wenk Associates. John, my former classmate at the University of Colorado - Denver, and Gene Bressler, were able to talk me out of "retirement" to serve the Chapter once again.

In the meetings that I've attended over the past few months, there is a lot of energy in the air and a lot of new ideas flying! There is an overarching commitment on the part of Executive Committee members to raising the quality of services that the Chapter provides its membership. While the social and networking functions of the Chapter will always be important, there is an increasing desire to find ways to offer more professional development activities, lectures, continuing education, and community service opportunities, as well as activities that can start to draw younger members into the Chapter and into leadership positions.

To this end, initiatives that are currently in the planning stages:

1. Our 2006 conference, planned and sponsored jointly with the Colorado chapter of AIA. We hope that by joining forces, we can offer a broader range of content to members, that represents the diverse range of practice areas that we as landscape architects engage in.

2. A potentially new, paid executive position, to supplement the efforts of our all-volunteer Executive Committee, and charged with a broad range of duties from advocacy and public relations and membership participation. Though discussions are still in the very early stages, there is an acknowledgement that, as volunteer Executive Committee members with "day jobs," is only so much that we can accomplish on our own - and that to "raise the bar" we may need outside assistance.

3. Enhanced involvement of the Fellows in program offerings and mentorship programs. Phil Flores has been heading up the effort to better involve and leverage the Fellows in Chapter activities.

4. Expanded newsletter offerings, including regular design/planning and technology feature articles similar to LA Magazine, and a more lighthearted look at aspects of the profession. When I edited the newsletter, one of its most important functions was to provide a calendar of coming events; now that the website and email alerts provide a more "real time" way of doing this, it's probably a good time to rethink how we can better use the newsletter. A small group of us, including Brian and Josh, have been tossing around ideas - including ways to get more people to write for the newsletter, unequivocally the biggest challenge that we face.

5. An enhanced website. You've already seen the efforts of webmaster Dana Stillman and her work group: the site is much easier to navigate, the graphics are more contemporary, and the content is slowly being enhanced. If you haven't taken a look recently, check it out at www.ccasla.org.

With all of these initiatives taking shape, it is an exciting time to be a part of the Executive Committee once again! If you would be interested in helping to plan and shape our future course, feel free to email me at jkulik@wenkla.com or stop in at our next ExCom meeting - May 4, 5:30 pm at Design Studios West.

Till then, enjoy the snow!

Jane Kulik
In the times of drought and water restrictions it is important to consider your own landscape and your water conserving practices. The professionally designed landscapes on display employ water-wise gardening methods such as: reduced turf areas; turf replaced with beds of shrubs, trees, groundcovers and mulch; and non-irrigated areas such as decks, walks and patios.

This tour aims to increase public awareness of one aspect of the widely varied profession of landscape architecture. Tour goers may gather ideas for their own home or to just enjoy a Sunday out in the gardens. For more information, including route map and ticket information go to www.ccasla.org (events and programs) or call 303.830.6616. For information on the art that will be displayed on the tour, go to www.walkerfineart.com or call 303.355.8955. If you are interested in working on the Garden Tour Committee or would like to volunteer to work at the tour, please call Elena at 303.892.1166.

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spaces, especially amidst an expanse of asphalt that only fills to capacity during the holiday rush. Furthermore, landscape requirements frequently do little to address stormwater runoff quality.

Until gas prices become so astronomical that more people begin to use mass transit or drivers actually begin to use their backseats for something more than the groceries, super-sized parking lots will be a necessary part of many designs. While there are a number of ways to approach how these lots are laid out, one solution is to change the parking lot material itself. All parking lots have stormwater run-off, which in most cases must be accommodated onsite with a detention pond. The area of the pond may count toward open space requirements, but is frequently unusable. This is a great opportunity for designers to take advantage of this space and make the lot's environment better, overall.

Drainage is Good

The principal benefit of porous pavement is that water is allowed to move freely to the subsurface, infiltrate the soil, and not sheet drain over the top. The primary way this happens is through its approximate void factor of 18%. Six or eight inches of bound aggregate, another twelve inches of compacted gravel, and the water infiltrates the ground or moves to the sump. As a result, the detention pond gets considerably smaller or disappears entirely.

Using porous paving in a location with below-freezing temperatures is generally met with skepticism. The primary concern is damage from freeze-thaw action - which can take place several times a day here in Colorado.

However, because melting snow filters through the concrete and into the compacted gravel below, water does not pond on top of the concrete. If water does not pond there is nothing to expand and damage the concrete. The type of weather event that would freeze and crack this pavement would be something greater than the 100-year flood followed by a deep freeze. Although this is possible, it is very unlikely and if that sort of incident occurs, people would have greater things to worry about than whether or not the concrete is cracking.

Porous pavement is being successfully used in cold-weather climates. There is a three-year-old installation in Wisconsin, and while that state's climate is more that of a freeze and freeze-colder, it

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2005 Garden Tour

Date:
June 26, 2005 9am to 4pm (Rain or Shine)
Start Garden:
656 Lafayette St.
Price:
$14.00 per person
still has to accommodate freeze-thaw. Also, test case parking spaces have been installed at a design firm in Boston as a cold-weather experiment.

**Additional Benefits**

Other perceptions of potential issues are debris clogging the pores and inhibiting drainage, snowplows slowly chipping away at the top layer, and an installation expense similar to normal concrete. However, these can be addressed through maintenance and benefits are many. Material lodged in the pores could wash away naturally or be cleaned with regular pressure-washer maintenance or surface sweeping. The surface of porous concrete is no rougher than asphalt, and doesn’t pose a problem for snowplows. Its initial expense is a trade off for the design of an obtrusive detention pond, thus saving precious site space. LEED points may be available for reduced heat gain and stormwater management. Irrigation costs may be reduced due to the ground-water recharge and the associated preservation of water resources. It can also bring client satisfaction knowing he/she is on the cutting edge of green design.

In terms of construction, porous paving provides more aesthetic possibilities than asphalt because concrete additives can be included and colors are an option as well. Porous concrete is installed like normal concrete, though typically in one-third the time; however, installers must be specially trained in order to pour. Unfortunately, there are no certified-installers in the state of Colorado, primarily because there is no demand for the product.

**Opportunity for Colorado LA’s**

100% permeable pavement represents an exciting shift in surface parking. The technology is available and the supply companies are obviously eager to expand their clientele. What we need is a brave Colorado landscape architect to step forward and rebuild their driveway in the name of science and progress. When we can make parking lots start working for us and take advantage of this technology, it will become more of a site amenity than a burdensome necessity.

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**LOCAL AWARD**

**DRCOG honors Stapleton's 'Metro Vision'**

The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) has given the Stapleton neighborhood in Denver first place in its 2005 Metro Vision Awards. Stapleton was chosen from more than 60 entries for contributing to the region’s quality of life through well-planned infill redevelopment.

"DRCOG is pleased to honor Stapleton’s as a successful infill project," says Will Toor, chair of DRCOG. "This new community recycles abandoned urban land and features many 'green building' techniques, while creating a complete new urban neighborhood with schools, parks, shopping, transit, and homes in all price ranges. It has become a national and international example of urban redevelopment." "This suggests that Stapleton’s plans for smart growth are succeeding," says Hank Baker, senior vice president for Forest City Stapleton, Inc. "We are honored to add this regional award to Stapleton’s growing recognition."

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Completed bridge over Westerly Creek at Stapleton

Since groundbreaking in 2001, Stapleton has won numerous awards for smart growth. In 2001, the statewide Public Interest Research Group named the community to its "Smart Growth Hall of Fame." In 2002, the King of Sweden recognized the community with the Stockholm Partnerships for Sustainable Cities Award.

For more information, go to www.StapletonDenver.com.
States could fall drastically in the coming years because of our country’s continuing obesity epidemic. According to the study’s findings, within the next 50 years, the current average life span of 77.6 years could shorten by between two and five years. This would reverse the otherwise steady climb in American life expectancy that has occurred over the last two centuries and would dramatically alter the social and economic landscape of the country.

The study found that this trend is particularly acute among children. Obesity affects at least 15 percent of U.S. school-aged children, the researchers say, a fact that has shaved four to nine months off the average U.S. life span.

The Case for active design

Of course, some would argue that one way to address the problem is to design activity into our daily lives by creating communities that encourage walking and biking over driving and to have open spaces for exercise. According to research published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, those who advocate for mixed-use communities and embrace these principals may be able to add public health concerns to their arsenal when lobbying governments for change.

"What we presently lack is a clear, comprehensive national vision for addressing the obesity epidemic," says Dr. David Ludwig, of Children’s Hospital Boston, a study co-author.

"Given the emerging body of research demonstrating the importance of walking-friendly environments and the deference shown by the courts to the passage of zoning laws, the courts are likely to support policymakers as they move to change zoning systems," Joseph Shilling, JD, LLM, and Leslie S. Linton, JD, MPH, conclude in their article entitled "The Public Health Roots of Zoning."

The lawyers further conclude that the protection of public health has a long history in the legal justification of zoning laws. "Active living proponents can rely on zoning’s public health roots in making the case to reform state and local laws and promote more physically active environments," they write.
ASLA Members Receive Discount on New ULI Bookstore Publication

Developing Around Transit: Strategies and Solutions That Work

Written by a team of experts in development, planning, and transit, Developing Around Transit: Strategies and Solutions That Work breaks new ground by going beyond the typical formula of a master-planned mix of retail, offices, and housing to show a variety of ways to tap the vast prospects of undeveloped and underdeveloped areas around transit stations, whether large scale or small scale, downtown or suburban.

The book is packed with examples and case studies of successful projects and is vividly illustrated with full-color photographs and site plans. It demonstrates how to turn a transit district into a great place that incorporates a mix of uses, a pedestrian orientation, and open space. It also includes fresh, original research on how property values benefit from development around transit, and provides ten key principles for developing around transit.

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ASLA Licensure Summit IV

The 2005 ASLA Licensure Summit will be held June 10-12 in Denver, Colorado. The Summit will focus on advocacy strategy for all stages of the licensure continuum, bringing together those individuals working to protect, upgrade, and enact practice acts for landscape architects across the United States.

This year promises to build on the first three summits, while giving the first-time Summiteer plenty of information to get started in their role as ASLA advocate:

1. Advocacy: As always, advocacy is the main theme of the event. This year, we will hone our lobbying skills and discuss the many ways in which advocacy can be pursued for licensure and other issues that impact landscape architects.

2. Restraint of Practice: We will begin to look at some of the ways in which landscape architects are prevented from practicing to the full extent of their skills, beyond the licensure laws.

3. Licensure Case History Book: In 2004, many chapters provided a case history of legislative campaigns past and present prior to the summit. This year, we will ask each chapter to review, update, and add more details to their case histories. Those that have not completed the survey will be asked to help us complete in the few states yet without any information.
ASLA Releases 2005 Awards Call for Entries

New Residential Category Announced

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) has released its 2005 Awards Call for Entries. The program features five categories of professional and student awards:

* General Design;
* Residential Design, a new category in partnership with Garden Design magazine;
* Analysis and Planning;
* Research; and
* Communications.

The Call for Entries also includes the Community Service Award, recognizing landscape architects and landscape architecture students providing pro bono service to the community, and the Landmark Award, recognizing a project completed between 15 and 50 years ago, in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The deadline for receipt of the entry form is Friday, May 13, 2005, and submission materials must be received by Friday, May 27, 2005. Professional and student award recipients, their clients, and faculty advisors will be honored in a ceremony followed by a luncheon at the ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo, on Monday, October 10, 2005, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Local Landscape Architecture News

Mending Denver’s Heart

March 21, 2005 in The Rocky Mountain News (Denver, Colorado)

The city of Denver is remaking its Civic Center district to create a gateway to the downtown, according to The Rocky Mountain News. The city is already remaking the park at the center of the district to create an "outdoor living room" for the city. "We want the experience to be that of a festival garden," Helen Kuykendall, ASLA, who is heading up the project for the city’s parks department, told The News. "What it really needs is regular, smaller activities and events."

Welcome New Members!

Jennifer Carpenter, ASLA
Constance E. Perry, ASLA
Nancy Eastman, Affiliate ASLA
Jason Rodgers, Associate ASLA
Matt Weber, Associate ASLA

CALENDER

2nd Annual CCASLA Summer Mixer

Thursday, June 9th at 6:30 pm

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10th Annual CCASLA Golf Classic

Friday, August 26th

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Design Competition

Poligon Park Architecture Sponsors Second Annual Design Competition

Poligon Park Architecture, a leading provider of tubular steel shelters, announced today its second annual "Reflected Place" shelter design competition. The competition is being held to commemorate the 2005 ASLA Expo being held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The theme for the 2005 competition is "Southeastern Gardens."

The competition invites teams of all sizes with at least one active ASLA member to design a shelter, trellis, or pergola that both enhances and improves its natural surroundings. The winning shelter will be manufactured, featured at Poligon's ASLA Expo Show Booth, and donated to a city chosen by the winning design team.

Entry forms are available on request or can be downloaded at www.poligon.com. Interested ASLA members should register with POLIGON before May 16, 2005.

Green Roofs Symposium Coming to Denver this Summer

Hosted by Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, this all day seminar will focus on the benefits of green roofs and their potential to improve community health. Speakers will include local and national experts in green roof technology and will highlight North American case studies. Date and location are still to be determined, and will be announced in the July newsletter. For more information on Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, see http://www.greenroofs.org/. For more information on this event, e-mail Ian Anderson at ianderson@designstudioswest.com.

Tree Planting Class at the Denver Botanic Gardens

Hosted by the Front Range Urban Forestry Council, this free class will focus on species selection, planting details, irrigation, maintenance specifications, protection of existing trees and disease and insect problems in the Front Range. Location: Denver Botanic Gardens, Gates Hall. Date: early June. For more information on this event, e-mail Ian Anderson at ianderson@designstudioswest.com.

Shapins Associates

Mather Named Associate

Shapins Associates Inc., a Boulder based planning, urban design and landscape architecture firm, has named landscape architect Mimi Mather as an Associate. She will manage large-scale recreation and resource planning projects for federal, state and municipal agencies and non-profit entities. Ms. Mather has worked on a diversity of projects at Shapins including the General Management Plan for the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island, a tourism and recreation framework plan for a remote district of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in central Nevada, and a number of cultural landscape inventories for Yellowstone and Zion National Parks. She was recently selected by Idaho State Parks to lead the planning for the Thousand Springs Management Area in southern Idaho.
Nuszer Kopatz
Urban Design
Associates

Project Wins Award

Haskin Park, located in the award-winning Village of Five Parks community, was recently recognized by the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado for 'Excellence in Landscaping.' One of five parks throughout the Village Homes development in Arvada, Haskin Park was designed by Nuszer Kopatz and installed by principals of the firm. "These individuals have all made significant contributions to the firm and we are thrilled to have them join us as principals to help direct our future growth," says managing partner, Mark Kopatz.

Mike Ermisch currently directs the firm's overall business development efforts. Prior to his work with Nuszer Kopatz, he was a senior project manager for several well-known local firms. He is a registered landscape architect and has been involved with several projects throughout Colorado and the West. Karn has more than 25 years of experience in the industry.

Craig Karn has been with Nuszer Kopatz more than seven years. As principal, he will continue to oversee the firm's planning studio, managing a variety of high-profile community development and mixed-use

Keesen Enterprises. Located south of the main parkway in the Garden District residential area, Haskin Park includes perennial gardens, as well as a custom designed sitting area with a fountain and pool. Haskin Park also features an arboretum with more than two-dozen varieties of unique evergreen and deciduous trees.

Four New Principals

Nuszer Kopatz is pleased to announce that the following four senior associates have recently been promoted to significant master planned communities and commercial developments throughout his 23 years of professional practice. Ermisch sits on the executive committee for ULI Colorado.

Jamie Ramos and Rob Snelling jointly head the firm's landscape architecture studio. Ramos has extensive experience with the public process and all aspects of community design from early design phase through construction completion. He is currently responsible for a number of communities, including Eric Commons, Pradera, and Idyllwilde. Snelling joined the Nuszer Kopatz team from Australia where he gained over 11 years professional experience in both the private and public sectors in the urban design and landscape architecture disciplines. His current projects include the Southshore Community in Aurora.

Haskin Park in Village of Five Parks. Designed by Nuszer Kopatz

Craig Karn, Nuszer Kopatz

Mike Ermisch, Nuszer Kopatz

Jamie Ramos, Nuszer Kopatz

Rob Snelling, Nuszer Kopatz
DTJ DESIGN
Announces New Principal

The Board of Directors at DTJ DESIGN, Inc., elected Chris Moore as a Principal. Moore, with DTJ since 1998, is a senior planner and landscape architect with over 10-years of experience in the industry.

Moore has been instrumental in the growth of DTJ’s national design practice. He specializes in concept visioning and design-sensitive projects. With national and international experience, Moore is committed to designing quality residential, resort, and mixed-use places. He is an active member of the Design and Land Development committees of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and is the NAHB Best in American Living Awards (BALA) subcommittee chairman.

Chris Moore, DTJ Design
Act Local
A Volunteer Experience
By Brian Brusa

Some people say that Landscape Architects do not volunteer much time in the community. However, a recent community workshop held by the Friends of Union Station found many of our profession among the crowd. One of whom traveled to Denver from Trinidad, CO, just to take part in this event.

The purpose of the workshop was to brainstorm possibilities for the plaza that will be located in front of Union Station, once redeveloped for FastTracks. Held primarily for Denver citizens, people from all walks of life attended: residents from downtown and elsewhere, planners from interested agencies, students from both design and social sciences, and Landscape Architects interested in creating a quality public space. The workshop was facilitated by Project for Public Places, using their "Place Game," an organized 'tool' for initiating the place-making process.

What is interesting about this game is that it helps regular people think about the topics dealt with regularly by Landscape Architects. It asks them to think about a place's aesthetics of a design and ignores social elements. Or, a successful model from another geography is imposed. However, how local people want to use a place is paramount to creating valued locales. Our profession must help facilitate in a substantive way finding out what people want - because creating place is what we do.

Larimer Square is a great local example of placemaking, one in which PPS was involved. It has been a beacon of success for about 30 years now, and because it is managed well will continue to play that role.

Creating this through involving the community can be a lot of fun - which is what happened during the Union Station workshop. People connected, conversed, debated, affirmed, and argued, all within a friendly and safe environment. Mainly what happened is that the community became stronger, and participants came away with a good idea of what will make the Plaza a place and not just a design.
CCASLA 2005 Awards, Part II

CCASLA annually honors projects by Colorado firms that exemplify values of sound research, planning and design by sponsoring a statewide design competition evaluated by an independent jury. All of the award winners were recognized in the March/April, 2005 issue of Rocky Mountain Exposures, along with details on the President’s Award of Excellence, and the Honor Award winners. Descriptions of the remaining winners - Merit and Land Stewardship - are presented on the following pages. An awards competition by its very nature cannot represent every instance of design excellence. However, landscape architects across the state should be proud that these projects were chosen to represent the best. They embody qualities of beauty, of humanity, of sustainability, of innovation - to which each of us aspires.

Design - Merit Award

Stapleton Westerly Creek, Denver, CO
EDAW, Inc. (Denver, CO)

Westerly Creek, which flows through the 4,700 acre Stapleton Airport redevelopment, presented a significant opportunity to provide an amenity for its future surrounding neighborhoods. The primary goal was to create a greenway while making adjacent lands developable. Because its right of way was very wide, a sinuous channel configuration was created that functions as a natural drainageway. The trail system and bridges were designed to allow the two and ten year floods to pass with minimal disruption to trail users. Channel improvements included significant grading and shaping, outfall and grade control structures, water quality ponds, integration of utility mains through the corridor, regional trail system linkage and site re-vegetation. The use of the wetlands material has the multifaceted purpose of providing storm water filtration through water quality ponds, bank stabilization with the sod and biologs, wildlife habitat, and aesthetic enhancements to create a 'preserve.'

Design - Merit Award

Brighton Beach Club, Brighton, CO
DTJ Design (Boulder, CO)

Creating a place to get away on a vacation without leaving your neighborhood was the driving force behind creating the Brighton Beach Club. Its site was programmed to include spaces and activities suited for all ages - from 3 year olds to teenagers to adults. A variety of outdoor rooms were provided to include active and passive recreation. A sand volleyball

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court and basketball half court are geared for an older crowd and placed off to one corner. Hammocks and large grass areas are mixed throughout the site to offer a variety of places to hang out near the pool. A main walkway lined with wooden piers and thickened lines of rope connected a zero edge beach entry to the pool to the cabana and a sand interactive play area including a sculptural octopus for kids to climb on and under.

Design - Merit Award
Lena Meijer Children’s Garden, Grand Rapids, MI
EDAW, Inc. (Ft. Collins, CO)

This children’s garden, within the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, provides a place for kids and families to develop and enjoy an affection for plants, the natural environment and the arts. A series of playful, child-scaled landscapes are created with integrated artworks, allowing children and families to creatively explore educational, environmental and aesthetic factors. The garden combines nature and art education in a playful, child-oriented outdoor environment with the goal of helping children establish lifelong attitudes and knowledge related to appreciation and stewardship of the arts and landscape.

Design - Merit Award
Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Berthoud, CO
BHA Design (Ft. Collins, CO)

In 1999 the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (NCWCD) - which spans 1.5 million square miles of Northern Colorado - elected to build a new headquarters. Their new 35-acre site was to provide examples of water wise design, both for agriculture and domestic, with the ability educate the public about the mission of NCWCD. The Landscape Architect’s Master Plan incorporates agricultural irrigation test plots, an area for a domestic irrigation.
testing - all with drought tolerant landscaping. A 1-acre site that interprets their main water project - the Colorado Big Thompson (CBT) project contains a scale model constructed entirely of native sandstone. Mimicking the Colorado Rockies, the CBT plaza is oriented to focus on the 14,237 foot high Long's Peak located west of the site in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Design - Merit Award
Country Club Lane, Denver, CO
The Norris Dullea Company (Denver, CO)

Country Club Lane is a small infill development located in the upscale Cherry Creek neighborhood in Denver, Colorado. The focal point of the project is an elegantly designed park and a water feature. These carefully detailed features along with the architecture of the development's 21 homes create a very special sense of place for Country Club Lane. Custom sculpted stone and other high quality materials were used throughout the project. The landscape architect led the project team in the lot layout, and securing the planning and entitlements for the project. The landscape architect also created the brand and design themes for the project through the site design, design of the entry walls, sign, water feature, elaborate landscaping, and gates.

Planning and Urban Design - Merit Award
Lowry Redevelopment Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan, Denver, CO
Wenk Associates (Denver, CO)

Wenk Associates was responsible for the development of a 230 acre parks, recreation, and open space master plan within the 1,900 acre former

Lowry Redevelopment Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan, Wenk Associates
Lowry Air Force Base. The plan proposes four distinct park areas organized around Westerly Creek, a local waterway currently buried beneath former runways, which will be brought to the surface and restored as a centerpiece of the park system. As part of site demolition, recycled material including rubble from the runways and buildings will be incorporated, creating unique landscape forms while decreasing site development costs. Existing dams and detention that are part of regional stormwater infrastructure will be incorporated and a series of natural areas created that clean urban runoff. Additionally, the plan respects and extends Denver’s historic park system, meeting contemporary recreation needs while addressing challenging environmental issues. The park and open space network includes the Sports Complex, the Westerly Creek Dam, the Great Lawn, and the Wetlands.

Planning and Urban Design - Merit Award Santa Fe Community College District Plan and the Rancho Viejo Villages, Santa Fe, NM Design Workshop, Inc. (Denver, CO)

In recent decades, Santa Fe, New Mexico has come under increasing growth pressures and fallen prey to indifferent suburban development. While the compact, traditional pattern of old Santa Fe attracts “amenity migrants,” the area’s transplants often choose to live on two to ten-acre lots in large suburban subdivisions. The planners identified and achieved the following goals: creating a new development pattern as an alternative to sprawl; gaining government approvals for development of 11,000 acres to make a new community in an anti-development environment; capturing the culture and ambiance of the region in the community’s design; demonstrating an inclusive, holistic approach to community development; building the capacity to create quality development at an affordable price in a way that also achieves the other goals; and, producing a profit for the developer.

Planning and Urban Design - Merit Award University of Kentucky Arboretum Children’s Garden Master Plan, Lexington, KY EDAW, Inc. (Ft. Collins, CO)

The purpose of this project was to provide a place where children and their families can interact in a garden setting and develop a positive and nurturing attitude toward
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plants, the land and environment, while developing a sense of wonder for the natural and cultural world in Kentucky. The plan demonstrates a thorough and thoughtful planning approach that articulates how aspects of Kentucky's natural and cultural landscapes are to be incorporated into the garden. The thoroughness of this process will help the Children's Garden become a rich, playful and educational environment. Hundreds of visitors will experience the garden every day, and the project will establish life-long attitudes and a knowledge base that will encourage stewardship and appreciation for Kentucky's unique landscapes.

Planning and Urban Design - Merit Award
Village At Autumn Lake, Madison, WI
DTJ Design (Boulder, CO)
The notion of a "Village in the Country" emerged as a response in working with the public in creating a "smaller scale" 280 acre community alternative to sprawl development. The landscape architects and planners worked with the client to determine the best way to communicate this vision to the City officials of Madison and all future individuals tied to completing the project. The community planning was based on the evolution of small villages in southern Wisconsin. These included lake villages, rail villages and farm villages. It was determined that the characteristics of both the agrarian and lake village could be blended together to create a unique community that would be known as the Village at Autumn Lake.

Research and Communication - Merit Award
Rock Creek Ranch/Town of Superior Interpretive Signs, Superior, CO
The Norris Dullea Company (Denver, CO)
The Interpretive Sign Program utilizes 23 signs to serve a variety of educational and informational needs to the citizens of Superior, Colorado. Rock Creek Ranch is a recently completed planned community within the once small mining Town

Rocky Mountain Exposures

Children's Garden, UK, EDAW
A Plaza at Autumn Lake, DTJ Design
of Superior. The development of Rock Creek brought modern infrastructure and recreational facilities to the Town while maintain large areas of developed and natural landscape. The signage program provides information on history, the park system, trails, open space, water quality, natural processes, community infrastructure and developed and natural landscapes.

Residential Design - Merit Award
Cherry Hills Residence, Cherry Hills Village, CO DHM Design (Denver, CO)

The private estate is located in a park like setting of an upscale residential community. The main objective was to provide a strong physical connection between the architecture and the landscape, while visually blending into the seamless landscape of the neighborhood. Outdoor spaces were designed to serve as both entertainment

context - including the consideration of sun angles and aspect to enhance and frame views to the mountains. The project demonstrates that quality design can be achieved in inexpensive ways through creative use of materials.

Cherry Hills Residence, DHM Design

areas for large gatherings and intimate spaces for personal rest and retreat. A series of terraces meander off the rear living spaces of the home each with decorative paving, detailed stone work, plantings and lighting for evening use.

Residential Design - Merit Award
Indian Trails Residence, Jackson Hole, WY Hershberger Design (Jackson, WY)

This project involved planning and design of a standard residential lot in the town of Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The client requested environmentally conscious contemporary design with a limited budget. In response to this, the design team provided distinct functional spaces for all seasons, married the buildings and constructed landscape with the surrounding environment, found creative uses of inexpensive, found, or recycled materials, sought regional responses to design challenges, and connected the site with the larger landscape's

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