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**Presidents' Message:**

Landscape Architecture month is upon us. There are a handful of opportunities that have been scheduled for Landscape Architects to get together and celebrate our profession, our city and each other's contribution to both. I hope you can make it to the Earth day festivities April 22nd and 23rd, the ASLA walk/run/bike/blade event at the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge on April 30th, and the traditional chapter social event (watch for a separate email for time and location).

As mentioned last month, spouses, kids and pets are all welcome to the Bridge event. You can even bring those neighbor kids who can't decide what to study in college. There will be plenty of people to talk them out of...um, I mean into studying Landscape Architecture.

It would be appreciated if anyone that participates in an activity that was not mentioned above could send Bonnie or myself a brief, did you read that right? Brief (no big obligation), description of what they did relating to the profession. We can compile a list and share it, anonymously if need be, in the next newsletter. Also watch your mail slot for this year's awards brochure that should be coming out within the month.

Please remember that everyone's attendance is welcome at a dedication to Stuart M. Mertz on May 23rd at 12:30 pm.

Enjoy the month and live actively!

Hunter Beckham, ASLA

**A Message From Your Secretary:**

Know Someone Who Should be Receiving This and Isn't?

We have important notices, events, and information that needs to get to each and every one of you. Please be sure that all of your ASLA friends and colleagues are on the contact list.

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**A Message From Your Secretary : cont'd.**

Just a reminder for all members to double check their addresses and contact information via the St. Louis Chapter ASLA website. <http://www.stlouisasla.org/membership.html>

Please make sure the information listed is current. Contact [webmaster@stlouisasla.org](mailto:webmaster@stlouisasla.org) directly to update the posted information. You may also contact me directly if your address has changed.

Happy Landscape Architecture Month!

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Also, there is New Contact Information for Hunter Beckham, St. Louis Chapter ASLA President :

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**EXCOM Updates:**

**Upcoming EXCOM Meetings:**

April 13, 2005 - Spaid Associates  
May 11 thru 15, 2005 - Chapter Presidents' Council/Lobby Day - Washington, DC  
May 18, 2005 - Location TBA

**Member and Chapter Services:**

Membership totals as of February 2, 2005

Associate	1,404
Full	9,516
Fellows	538
International	138
Student	2,545
Affiliate	675
Corporate	132
Honorary	89

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Total 15,003

**Sponsor Recognition for April:**

Supporter Level:  
Kirchner Block and Brick

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## Plants Of Merit



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### About Plants of Merit

Selecting strong and reliable material for the landscape can be challenging, especially when faced with the difficult growing conditions in the Midwest. The industry deals every day with these issues. Plants that have been received high ratings performance trials in national programs may not grow as well as they did in California, Oregon or Michigan. Its no surprise we don't have more growers located here.

The Plants of Merit program has regional professionals that monitor plants throughout the area. They look for plants that perform well year after year. They evaluate a plant's growth characteristics, maintenance requirements, pest and disease tolerance and adaptive usefulness.

Through the Plants of Merit program you can benefit from this selection process and find excellent trees shrubs perennials and annuals that are unique and will personalize your designs.

The plants in the Plants of Merit program have all been time tested in locations in the Midwest (USDA Zones 5 and 6). Nominations have come from professionals at the Missouri Botanical Garden, University of Missouri Botanical Garden, Powell Gardens and sponsors involved in the program throughout the region. Each year plants that have proven themselves in the designated area to have merit are considered for the program. In August of 2004, Powell Gardens became the first botanical garden to join the Plants of Merit partnership. The addition of both the plants on display at Powell Gardens and University of Missouri 's Botanic Garden on the university's campus broadens the scope and geographic range of the Plants of Merit program to include all of Missouri, southeastern Illinois and the Kansas City metropolitan area. Signs are posted throughout the grounds at each location; Missouri Botanical Garden, Powell Gardens and Missou Campus identifying the Plants of Merit. Area nurseries, garden centers and growers that are participating in the program will have signs and information too!

Brochures, educational opportunities, walking tours, posters and programs are wonderful but I need your help to make this program the best it can be. How are you using these plants? Which ones have worked well for you? Do you have a nice specimen in a clients design that displays well? Would you like to support the program? (15,000 brochures will go out this year WITH the sponsors listed. Would you like your company's name seen 15,000 times? Would you like to show your clients that Missouri Botanical Garden supports your plant recommendations? For entry sponsorship of \$150.00 you will be able to nominate plants for the program- sound interesting? Call me 314-577-9443!

MaryAnn Fink / Plants of Merit  
Missouri Botanical Garden

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### Quote of the Month:

"...There clearly is a desperate need for professionals who are conservationists by instinct, but who care not only to preserve but to create and manage. These persons cannot be impeccable scientists for such purity would immobilize them. They must be workmen who are instinctively interested in the physical and biological sciences, and who seek this information so that they may obtain the license to interpose their creative skills upon the land. The landscape architect meets these requirements. He has the precedents of the 18th century to give him courage..."

- Ian McHarg  
"Design with Nature"





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## Upcoming Events:

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### April is National Landscape Architecture Month!



Celebrate  
NATIONAL LANDSCAPE  
ARCHITECTURE MONTH

visit <http://www.asla.org/lamonth/index.html> for news, information and events. Also watch your mailboxes for emails concerning local events and activities.

### 2005 ASLA Call For Entries - Professional and Student Awards

For more information visit: [http://www.asla.org/awards/2005/rules\\_entries/index.html](http://www.asla.org/awards/2005/rules_entries/index.html)

### 2005 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo

Online registration for the 2005 ASLA Annual Meeting & EXPO is now open.

Register today and save \$100!

<http://www.asla.org/meetings/am2005/index.html>

October 7 - 10, 2005

Broward County Convention Center

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Make plans today to attend the 2005 ASLA Annual Meeting & EXPO. And it's not too early to make your hotel reservations. By staying at an official ASLA hotel you will help ASLA negotiate better rates at top hotels for future Annual Meetings. Visit our web site for more information.

### Legislative Conference Scheduled

On Thursday, May 12, 2005, during the APA-ASLA Legislative & Policy Conference, APA will conduct Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill. This annual program allows participants to easily and effectively make their voice heard with Congress on issues of vital importance to communities and good planning. For more information visit

<http://www.planning.org/legislation/2005policyconf.htm>

### MAY LUNCHEON

WHEN: Wednesday, May 18

TIME: 11:30 a.m. – Noon Social

Noon-12:30 p.m. Lunch

2:30-1:15 p.m. Program

COST: \$15; \$18 nonmember

LOCATION: The HOK Planning Group

211 North Broadway, Suite 600

PROGRAM: Tour of their new "green" office building followed by a presentation on the Grand Basin in Forest Park as well as information on the regional greenway network.

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## Upcoming Events cont'd.:

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### Grow Native! Know-How: The Wild Side of Forest Park

**THEME:** Practical Application Workshop for Professionals Featuring Design, Installation and Management Methods for Utilizing Native Plants in the Landscape

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 23, 2005, 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

**WHERE:** St. Louis Forest Park/Event starts at the Dennis & Judith Jones Visitor and Education Center, 5595 Grand Drive in Forest Park

**AUDIENCE:** Landscape professionals

**COST:** \$45.00 (Pre-registration ON OR PRIOR TO June 10, 2005 – pre-registration includes an invitation to the evening-prior/June 22nd reception and assures a reserved lunch for June 23rd)

**PRODUCED BY:** Grow Native! (a joint program of the Missouri Department of Conservation and Missouri Department of Agriculture), Missouri Botanical Garden/Shaw Nature Reserve, Horticulture Co-op of Metro St. Louis, American Society of Landscape Architects and Alberici Constructors in association with Forest Park Forever, Flora Conservancy of Forest Park, City of St. Louis Parks, Recreation and Forestry and St. Louis Zoo

### Landscape and Nurserymen's Assn. and Hort Co-op of Metro St. Louis Events

Tree Grower Tour/Evening Program: What's New in Woody Plants for 2006 :  
Thursday, October 13th 2005  
Contact Bill Ruppert for more information @ [billr@rupehort.com](mailto:billr@rupehort.com)

The upcoming Spring 2005 St. Louis Garden Symposium :  
Visit the web site [www.hortco-op.org](http://www.hortco-op.org) for more information.

Nursery Day at the Kemper Center :  
Thursday, August 18th  
This event offers information for all professionals in the landscape industry. Contact Steve Cline, Manager, Missouri Botanical Garden/Kemper Center for Home Gardening or Bill Ruppert for more information.

### Stuart M. Mertz Tree Dedication

May 23, 2005 @ 12:30 pm. Location near Forest Park - TBD

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## Job Openings:

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### **Landscape Architect – Entry Level, St. Louis, MO 1/28/05**

Award Winning Landscape Architecture firm looking to hire a recent graduate of Landscape Architecture curriculum.

You will experience all phases of project design and management. Good grades, good attitude, and CAD experience desirable.

Please call for a visit or send a resume.

Moynihan & Associates, Inc.

6651 Dale Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63139

email@moynihanassociates.com

ph: 314-645-5200 fax: 314-645-616

### **Landscape Architecture Summer Internship - St. Louis, MO 3/9/05**

Christner Inc. has an immediate opening for a Landscape Architect Summer Intern. Christner is an award winning, 100 person firm offering architectural, planning, landscape architectural, interior, and graphic design services. We serve healthcare, education, and corporate clients.

Our unique office environment fosters a collaborative design process between Landscape Architects, Architects and Planners. Successful applicants will have knowledge of AutoCAD, Photoshop and have strong hand graphics. Please contact Laurel Harrington for additional information about the position.

Education Requirements:

Student of a Bachelor/Masters degree program in Landscape Architecture

Email: laurel.harrington@christnerinc.com or call 314.725.2927

[www.christnerinc.com](http://www.christnerinc.com)

Please email or send a resume and examples of your work to:

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## Job Openings cont'd:

### Landscape Architect/Urban Designer -- 03/29/05 -- St. Louis, MO

Experience Required: 5 years minimum

Christner Inc. has an immediate opening for a Landscape Architect/Urban Designer. Christner is an award winning, 100 person firm offering architectural, planning, landscape architectural, interior, and graphic design services. We serve healthcare, higher education, corporate clients as well as a special market that includes The Great Rivers Greenway, Missouri Botanical Garden, MetroLink and other public clients. Our office environment fosters a collaborative design process among Landscape Architects, Architects and Planners. Successful applicants must at least 5 years of experience producing and directing project work in the areas of campus planning, urban design, site design and landscape design. Knowledge of AutoCAD/ADT, production of strong manual graphics and the ability to direct projects from concepts to construction documents are required.

We offer an excellent benefits package, including paid overtime and generous bonuses in a fun and creative environment. Visit our website: [www.christnerinc.com](http://www.christnerinc.com) and call Laurel Harrington with any questions about the position (314) 725-2927 ext. 245.

Education Requirements: Bachelor's or Master's degree in Landscape Architecture. Professional registration preferred.

[www.christnerinc.com](http://www.christnerinc.com)

Please email or mail a resume and examples of your work to:

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Thank you.

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Firm Profile:

April Firm Profile: HOK

The HOK Planning Group began in 1965, planning / landscape architecture discipline within Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK). The founding vision of HOK was to develop a multidisciplinary firm concerned with the natural environment as well as the built environment, with a clear focus on improving the quality of people's lives through design. HOK has since grown to become one of the largest architecture/design firms in the world. In the early years, the planning / landscape architecture services gained recognition creating large scale plans as well as design excellence for site development of significant architectural projects. As an integral part of HOK's design team, The HOK Planning Group began steadily amassing an impressive portfolio of design work on some of HOK's most renowned projects. Our success led to the formation in August 2000, The HOK Planning Group, a dedicated business unit focused on planning, landscape architecture, and urban design. This milestone event signaled the beginning of a new era for us. The time had come for us to establish ourselves as an independent business unit, leveraging our collective knowledge and pooling our resources from across the globe. Our 40 year history has allowed us the opportunity of providing landscape architecture, planning and urban design on some of the most innovating projects in the world. Our Mission is to deliver exceptional planning and design solutions through the creative blending of human need, environmental stewardship, science and art.

The HOK Planning Group currently has over 75 professional planners, landscape architects, urban designers and architects in 12 of HOK's 22 locations worldwide. The St. Louis office is the group's headquarters and currently has 24 professionals. Local and recent St. Louis area projects include:

Confluence Greenway, Robert J. Baer Plaza, Chouteau Lake District and Chouteau Greenway, Emerson Grand Basin at Post-Dispatch Lake, St. Louis Police & Firemen's Memorial Park, Compton Hill Landscape Master Plan, St. Louis Cardinals Ballpark & Ballpark Village, Missouri River Greenway, Chesterfield Village and SW Quadrant, Richland / New Belleville Master Plan, St. Louis Downtown CBD Streetscape, Creve Coeur Land Use Master Plan, Madison County I-55 Growth Management Plan, Sylvan Springs Park Master Plan, Laumeier Sculpture Park Master Plan and Cupples Station Streetscape

The HOK Planning Group is committed to delivering the highest quality work, to recruiting and retaining the best and brightest people, to exceeding our clients' expectations, "raising the bar" in our profession and to furthering the success of HOK. We believe the essence of planning is to provide a connection. Good planning creates an environment that enhances and relates to the world around it: to a region or community's people, culture, social consciousness, image, aesthetics, economy and natural environment.

The HOK Planning Group www.hokplanninggroup.com

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ben.jennings@christnerinc.com

All submitted profiles need to keep to one page (as shown here). All submitted profiles will be considered.

Thank you.

