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Presidents' Message:

I trust that everyone had a good and productive Landscape Architecture Month!

As Ben writes this, and I engage in my 'Presidential' duties in D.C., I think to myself - "self, why doesn't Ben write the presidents' message every month?"

Well, the answer is simple:

He isn't the president of the St. Louis Chapter of ASLA, I am. Which, of course, is why I am in D.C. right now and he is in St. Louis, sitting in front of a computer, putting this newsletter together in a hurry because he has been unable to thus far this month.

Whew. Anyone confused? Didn't think so.

Make sure you peruse the upcoming events section, as there are lots of things going on and plenty to get involved in this month - and upcoming months as well.

Me, party all week, nah. From D.C., this is Hunter Beckham, signing off.

Have a good month!

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 directly to update the posted information. You may also contact me directly if your address has changed.

Bonnie C. McFarland
bonniem@spaid-swt.com

EXCOM Updates:

Upcoming EXCOM Meetings:

May 11 thru 15, 2005 - Chapter Presidents' Council/Lobby Day - Washington, DC
May 18, 2005 - Location: SWT Associates

Governance and Administration

- Design of the ASLA Headquarters green roof by landscape architecture firms Michael Van Valkenburgh and Conservation Design Forum is progressing on schedule. A presentation on the final design will take place in late May. Construction of the roof access improvements is scheduled for this summer; installation of the green roof is planned for the fall.

Public Relations and Resource Development

- The professional and student awards call for entries brochure to date has drawn 153 student entries and 175 professional entries and quite a few nonmember entrants have joined in the process. The deadline for receipt of entry forms is Friday, May 13, and for receipt of submissions is Friday, May 27.

- Architectural Record magazine will be featuring a special section on design associations in an upcoming issue and will include an article on ASLA as well as an ad promoting ASLA membership and LAM subscriptions. The editor writing the article interviewed landscape architecture newsmakers Michael Van Valkenburgh, FASLA, and Peter Walker, FASLA, on their ASLA membership experiences and reported back that both were very positive and engaging.

- The Dirt readership continues to grow, with 350 subscribers now receiving the Dirt Alert emails and many readers forwarding articles via the new "email to a friend" option

Member and Chapter Services:

Membership totals as of February 2, 2005 (no updated info.)

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

Total 15,003

Sponsor Recognition for May:

Supporter Level:
Suburbia Gardens

Friend Level:
APCO Signs

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EXCOM Updates cont'd:

- An advertisement promoting the 2005 Annual Meeting & EXPO will appear in the July/August issue of Garden Design (circulation 300,000+) in order to reach out to residential practitioners, particularly nonmembers. In exchange, all ASLA annual meeting attendees will receive a special complimentary one-year subscription to Garden Design, which is trying to increase its professional readership. The annual meeting ad will continue to run in Landscape Architecture as well.

Information, Communication and Professional Practice

- ASLA is now formally a supporting member organization of the Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition, whose mission is to advance a unified urban forest agenda for the nation's communities

- In the works, also by popular demand, is production of a print-on-demand ASLA member directory. A few pricing and production details remain to be worked out.

Upcoming Events:

2005 ASLA Call For Entries - Professional and Student Awards

This Friday, May 13, is the deadline for entries for the ASLA 2005 Professional and Student Awards, so don't delay—enter today!

For more information visit: 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. 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.

Quote of the Month:

"It is something to be able to paint a particular picture, or to carve a statue, and so to make a few objects beautiful; but it is far more glorious to carve and paint the very atmosphere and medium through which we look, which morally we can do. To affect the quality of the day, that is the highest of arts."

- Henry David Thoreau

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Upcoming Events cont'd:

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: \$13; \$15 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.

BOX LUNCH OPTIONS:

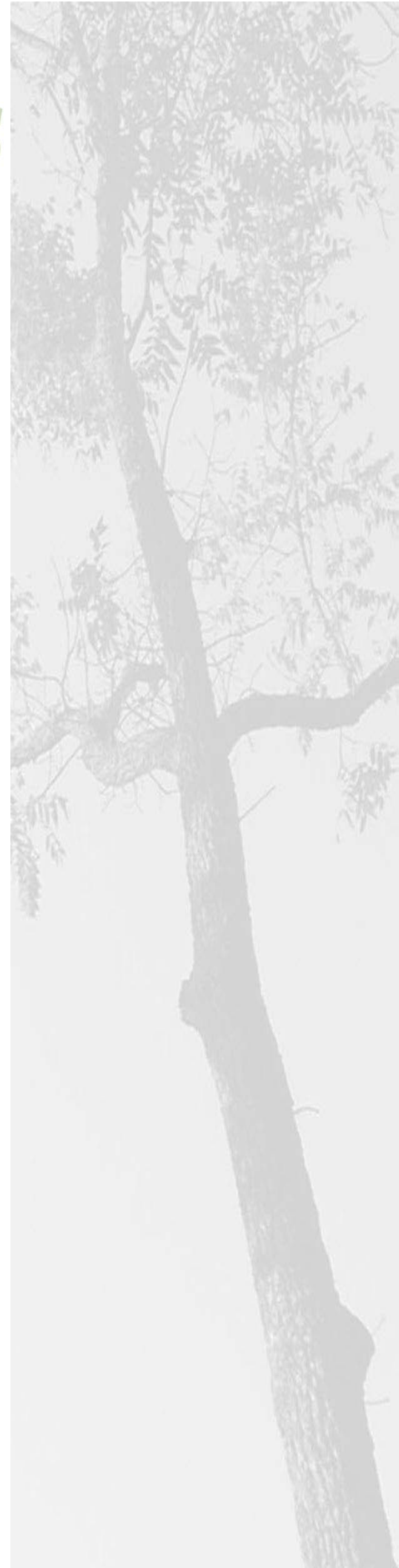
- 1) Applegate's Famous Chicken Salad, With crisp celery & secret spices on croissant
 - 2) Classic Roast Beef and Swiss, Extra lean beef and Swiss on croissant
 - 3) Veggie Sandwich, Fresh veggies on croissant
- Each Box Lunch comes with garden slaw/potato salad, fresh grapes, gourmet cookie, mint stick, condiment toppings and utensils.

Please RSVP: Patrick Vaile, PVaile@JEFFCOMO.ORG, or 636-797-5580, with your luncheon choice. Register early, space for this program is limited!!

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

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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

The upcoming Spring 2005 St. Louis Garden Symposium :
Visit the web site 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 - check your email from Bonnie
Please call 636/928-1250 if you have any questions.

2nd Annual St. Louis Regional Green Building Showcase

Springtime in St. Louis...Buildings are sprouting up GREEN all over.
Come hear from local building owners and design teams about incorporating
LEED? into local projects.

- Bick Group Corporate Headquarters
- CORTEX Research Facility
- HOK Office Space Renovation
- St. Louis Community College West County Campus
- St. Louis Zoo Animal Nutrition Center
- University City City Hall Renovation

Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2005
Time: 5:30 pm - Networking; 6:15 pm - Program
Place: Missouri Botanical Garden's Monsanto Center
4500 Shaw Blvd at Vandeventer
Cost: Free to USGBC-STL members and Students \$20 for non-members
RSVP: Send e-mail to usgbc-stl@mobot.org or call 314/577-0854

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Upcoming Events con'td:

Flowers For Downtown

Charlie Brennan, of KMOX radio, is forging forward to make flower plantings happen in downtown St. Louis this year. Learn more about his fundraising efforts by visiting:

<http://www.kmox.com/promotions/promoarticle.php?id=16180>

OR, simply go to www.kmox.com and select the "FLOWERS FOR DOWNTOWN!" link in the upper right portion of the KMOX opening page

LEED-CI Technical Review Workshop

Tuesday, May 24th, 2005 • 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Alberici Corporation - Room: Energy Zones 1, 2, and 3
Alberici Headquarters
8800 Page Ave
Overland, MO 63114

REGISTRATION

Please visit our website: www.usgbc.org.

There are no prerequisites for this course. Anyone in the building industry is invited to attend. Please note that late registration rates take effect on May 17th, 2005.

FEES	REGULAR	LATE
USGBC Members	\$325	\$355
Non-Members	\$425	\$475

Longshadow Farms Event

Date: September 24, 2005 - mark your calendars

Info: We'll keep you posted

Those attending just might get to bring home a planter!!!

Special Note:

Watch your mailboxes for this year's Design Award's Brochure!





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Job Openings:

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

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

Larry Nordmann, Principal

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Email: larrynordmann@christnerinc.com

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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 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.

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

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or
hunterb@spaid-swt.com
or
bonniem@spaid-swt.com

The choice is yours - don't screw it up!

Thank you.

CALL FOR PROFILES...

As you may or may not notice - this is the LAST page of the May Newsletter - we did not have a response for a "Firm Profile."

Take a second to promote your firm and the great work that you're doing in the JUNE issue of Confluence News.

Send a written description of the firm, noteworthy projects and photographs to one of the above email addresses to be included in the June issue.

Thanks.