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Asla’s Recommendation for Infrastructure Improvements:

Our nation’s deteriorating drinking water and wastewater systems require extensive maintenance and repairs—more than $655 billion in investments, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Less costly green infrastructure solutions designed by landscape architects naturally absorb stormwater runoff—the major contributor to water pollution and unsafe drinking water. ASLA urges policy makers to support a comprehensive infrastructure package that:

- Increases funding for the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds. These funds provide critical resources to states, localities, and water systems to improve water treatment infrastructure and help implement green infrastructure projects.

- Reinforces EPA’s green infrastructure and low-impact development programs and policies, such as the Green Infrastructure Collaborative, Soak Up the Rain, Campus Rainworks, G3, and others, which provide communities with tangible, cost-effective solutions to address water management needs.

- Invests in our nation’s public lands, including providing for construction, maintenance, and restoration projects at the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service.

- Increases funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which provides critical assistance to urban, suburban, and rural communities for local park projects. Community parks are essential infrastructure that address stormwater, air quality, heat island effect, and public health issues.

- Bolsters USDA’s Urban and Community Forestry program, which focuses on the stewardship of communities’ natural infrastructure and resources.

America’s natural infrastructure should be protected, preserved, and enhanced. Our public lands are also economic drivers and support critical jobs, tourism, and other economic development, yet there is a $12 billion deferred maintenance backlog of projects. Landscape architects design parks, trails, urban forests, and other open spaces that enhance communities and augment the value of other types of infrastructure. ASLA urges policy makers to support an infrastructure plan that:

- Supports active transportation programs, like the Transportation Alternatives Program, Safe Routes to School, and Recreational Trails programs. Together, these programs are providing much-needed, low-cost transportation options for individuals, families, and communities across the country.

- Enhances the Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants program, which, with increased funding, will successfully assist more states and local communities with building multimodal projects that address congestion, improve safety, and expand economic opportunity.

- Invests in transit and transit oriented development to meet the growing demand for expanded public transportation and intercity passenger rail systems across the country. Transit-oriented development is also critical to jumpstarting local economic development.
Communities are increasingly faced with addressing hurricanes, tornadoes, severe flooding, wildfires, and other natural disasters. Landscape architects have the education, training, and tools to help these places rebuild homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure in a more resilient manner. ASLA urges policy makers to support an infrastructure plan that:

- Employs a sound planning and design process that incorporates disaster planning, which could greatly enhance a community's resilience to extreme weather, sealevel rise, and other natural events.

- Provides adequate funding to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to continue efforts that help communities adapt to and mitigate coastal hazards.

- Expands the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Rebuild by Design competition for additional regions affected by natural disasters. The Rebuild by Design competition is a multistage planning and design competition that uses the expertise of multidisciplinary design teams to promote resilience in the Hurricane Sandy-affected region.

Don’t forget to register for the ASLA Annual Meeting & Expo!

You have the opportunity to attend 122 education sessions, 16 field sessions, 5 workshops, and 2 general sessions, explore hundreds of new products, services, technology applications, design solutions, and meet some incredible people! Click the image above for the home page!
ASLA Statement on White House FY18 Budget Proposal

American Society of Landscape Architects’ (ASLA) Executive Vice President and CEO Nancy Somerville, Hon. ASLA, released this statement in response to the Trump administration’s release May 23 of its fiscal year 2018 budget recommendations.

"ASLA is extremely concerned with President Trump’s proposed federal budget, which makes draconian cuts at a time when our country should be making increased investments in the resilience and health of our communities.

"The President’s recommendation to slash the Land and Water Conservation Fund [LWCF] by nearly 85 percent from current funding levels—from $400 million to $90 million—is devastating. Such a reduction decimates the nation’s most important conservation and outdoor recreation program that landscape architects access to plan and design community parks.

“We are extremely concerned about the proposed 31 percent cut to the Environmental Protection Agency’s [EPA] budget. It is the most dramatic rollback in the agency’s 47-year history. The proposal purports to allocate $2.3 billion to the Clean Water and Drinking Water state revolving fund programs, a $4 million increase. However, the budget also eliminates $498 million from the Department of Agriculture’s Water and Wastewater loan and grant program and instead recommends that rural communities access EPA’s State Revolving Funds, with a $494 million reduction in funding.

“The Trump administration’s budget proposal includes significant cuts to key climate change programs and activities across all agencies, including ceasing all payments to the United Nations’ Green Climate Fund and eliminating the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Flood Hazard Mapping and Risk Analysis Program.

“ASLA and its members call on Congress to reject this budget proposal and protect programs and resources that protect our nation’s infrastructure and environment. As the long legislative process continues, we will continue to advocate on behalf of our members and their stewardship of the natural environment.

“Our recent actions include the May 15 submittal of a letter signed by nearly 2,000 landscape architects and other supporters urging EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to change course and work to continue federal carbon reduction programs and regulations, fund scientific research and make it accessible to the American people, and honor the United States’ commitment to the Paris Agreement.”

Diversity SuperSummit Works to Set Action Plan and Future Summit Agendas

Landscape architecture is currently facing a crisis of diversity. African Americans and Latinx together account for less than 10 percent of graduating landscape architecture students. These demographics fail to reflect those of the wider U.S. population. Census data project that minorities, now 37 percent of the population, will constitute 57 percent by 2060. To remain relevant and useful to the country’s increasingly diverse communities, landscape architecture must become a more ethnically and culturally diverse profession.

Five years ago, the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) inaugurated the annual Diversity Summit to better understand and address the profession’s lack of minority members. The focus has been primarily on African American and Latinx landscape architecture professionals with three to five years’ experience, and each diversity summit has built upon the progress of previous years.

This year, ASLA hosted the Diversity SuperSummit at the ASLA Center for Landscape Architecture in Washington, D.C. All past summit participants were invited back along with six new emerging professionals. Discussions focused on creating action items for ASLA’s work plan set for Career Discovery and Diversity Manager Shawn Balon, ASLA, including K-12 chapter toolkits, summer camp and after school programs, university recruitment, and diversity initiatives on ASLA.org. Participants also focused on creating a vision for future Diversity Summits and benchmarks to focus initiatives leading up to those summits.

Participants created an action plan including specific milestones for the next six, nine, and 12 months including a five-year outlook. In the coming weeks, participants will prioritize these items to give ASLA direction on which items will be developed and considered over the next 12 months; including the development and planning of next year’s Diversity Summit. To wrap up the summit, participants wrote down ways they would commit to becoming a mentor or activist in their communities and ways ASLA can support their efforts.

Discussion and action items from the weekend’s breakout sessions are being compiled into a report and will be made available widely in the coming weeks, including in a future LAND story.

The three-day summit was facilitated by Juanita Shearer-Swink, FASLA, and Shawn Balon, ASLA, Career Discovery and Diversity manager.
Kelly Chosen as 2017-2018 President-Elect

Shawn T. Kelly, FASLA, has been elected 2017-2018 president-elect by ASLA Full/Fellow, Associate, and International members. He will be sworn in as president-elect at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Los Angeles this fall and as president at the 2018 meeting in Philadelphia.

Kelly is the principal of Kelly Design Group, LLC, a landscape architecture firm located in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. KDG produces full service concept to construction drawings for a variety of project scales and scopes. All projects include stormwater management, with an edge toward water harvesting, water quality improvement, and place-based design.

Kelly is also a full-time member of the faculty at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in the Department of Landscape Architecture, where he has taught the core courses in the accredited bachelors program for 21 years. At the university, he is also the director of the Center for Sustainable Design, which he created and manages. Kelly has been recognized by the students as a valued educator and lifelong mentor.

“I am humbled and pleased to serve our Society in this capacity. It is with great respect for those who have done well at this job that I embark on these next steps,” says Kelly.

Also on the ballot were Board of Trustees-sponsored amendments to the ASLA Constitution. The amendments passed.

A total of 3,362 votes were received from eligible members—1,069 paper ballots and 2,293 electronic ballots. This represents 26.6 percent of eligible votes.

Concept and Aims Statement

Now is not the time for being timid or for worry. This is the time to connect with our strengths as a profession that are unique in the design world. We are the facilitators of hope for our planet.

We need to connect to succeed as a profession. First, we must reach out to allied professions as a partner, with the intention of meaningful collaborations among professionals, without apologies. Our voices should be strong and steady as we speak for the profession and the environment.

We are the advocates for the environment, and therefore our profession, to government. The intent is to continue the excellent advocacy that has been established and to become the logical contact for all things related to environment and design. This must be done with precision and careful choice of tactics to succeed.

We also need to continue to reach out to our students and young professional members, with the simple intent of nurturing our professional future. Part of this outreach is to help establish our profession as a logical choice to new students, career counselors, and parents. This will include being recognized as a STEM profession. The curricula are already in place thanks to CLARB and the LAAB. This will provide our researchers with more opportunity, our profession with more recognition, and enhance our opportunities for success. We will recognize the efforts and demands placed on our young professionals, and continue to search for ways to ease their transition into the leadership of our profession.

We need to find the language to position our profession for success as changes become manifest. These changes include those in the environment, climate (environmental, cultural, and political), and economy. Our influence is profound and imperative in all of these areas to move into a favorable future.

In many cases this all translates into being an advocate for us, the participants in our profession. If we intend to grow our numbers, to reach minority students, and to talk with leaders in allied professions and government, we need to find our unified voice and speak our truths with confidence.

Biography

Shawn T. Kelly, FASLA is married with three grown children. He was born in Colorado, grew up in Arizona, and was originally licensed as a Landscape Architect in California. He is currently licensed in Wisconsin.

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Shawn has been honored to be a prolific speaker at a host of education opportunities for professional development hours, at multiple states’ ASLA meetings, and at related profession’s annual meetings. The topics of his talks range from sustainable practice, resilient landscapes, stormwater harvesting, to cultural specificity, transdisciplinary action research, transformational learning theory in design, and the ethical practice of Landscape Architecture.

Shawn’s service to the profession includes: October of 2016, representing ASLA at the United Nation’s Habitat III meeting in Quito, Ecuador; current representative to IFLA for ASLA; ASLA representative to the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation at the Congress on Western Water in 2015; invited by the White House to speak with the President’s Commission on Environmental Resilience; ASLA Vice President of Membership; two term Trustee from Wisconsin; author of the Wisconsin Practice Act for Landscape Architects; Wisconsin Chapter President; and Secretary to the Wisconsin Chapter of ASLA.
Flying High, But Where To?

The introduction of new technologies in a landscape architecture firm is undoubtedly daunting, no matter what the size of the company - who knows what is going to prove to be useful in the field over time? Why branch out and incorporate new tools when your investment can become outdated, unused, and frivolous?

This is the crossroads that drones now meet – one road being the eagerness to try new things to enhance our understanding of a site for the betterment of a project, the other road being an application that is simply a gimmick that does not bring any deeper meaning to a project.

One of the biggest questions heard about drones from landscape architects is, “when do I use this?”. We are uniquely positioned to use of drones, in that they improve a project at every phase. In SD (schematic design) I have seen companies go to a site’s location and take high resolution photography for use as a hyper-up-to-date and accurate base map. In DD (design development) I have seen firms generate 3D models of a site using a drone in order to manipulate topography, structures, and future developments; these generated 3D models work especially well for slope analysis and proposed grading. In CD (construction documentation) I have seen offices use measurements taken from aerial imagery in order to more finely dimension proposed structures. In CA (construction administration) I have seen drones used as a powerful tool to monitor progress and improve quality control of an active construction site.

Finally, once the project is complete the use of a drone to produce high quality imagery for marketing material is invaluable. In addition, simply seeing your completed work from plan view in the real world is just so inspiring.

Cost of entry is low for the value it brings to the table, ~$1200 will buy a suitable drone and getting licensed under the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) is only a $150 multiple choice test. Compared to taking on new technologies in a firm like adopting a new BIM program can costs multiple of thousands of dollars not to mention the man hours of training, drones come out as a relatively cheap investment.
Currently drones are going through a series of regulation shifts, airspace is already heavily regulated for manned flights, and getting approval to fly in controlled airspace can be quite time consuming. But as sUAS (Small Unmanned Aircraft System) become more common place in the field the FAA should respond with a more streamlined approval process and clearly defined rules. It will get better.

Utilizing a drone is unique in that it is a versatile tool; it has been thrilling to see how different firms use this piece of hardware creatively for their own specific use across the timeline of a project. As drones become more wide spread and affordable I am sure we will actively think, “Wow, I never thought that I could use a drone to do that”.

In the next few years we will see drones used in a wide degree of differing industries, from commercial services all the way to historic preservation. Finding a drone’s creative and valuable use in landscape architecture is a question that will be answered by those who harness this technology now and experiment. We should use every tool necessary to improve our work and drones are quickly becoming one that will bring new and refined dimensions to a project.

Click the image below to see a drone video made by UGA CED alumni, Kevin Pfeiffer!

Speaking of Gardening: A Symposium for Horticultural Professionals and Garden Enthusiasts
August 11 @ 9:00 am - August 12 @ 3:45 pm

Join us, in our new location, for our 19th year of inspiring lectures by renowned plantmen on creative design, innovative horticulture and great plants. This two-day symposium includes book signings, plant auctions, sponsor displays and lunch. Network with professionals & enthusiasts, earn CEU’s, purchase plants and products from our sponsors. Register soon for this annual sell-out event!

To register online and pay by check, fill out the form and mail your $155.00 registration fee to:
Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382
Asheville, NC 28805

Speakers

THOMAS RAINER Landscape Architect, Author, Washington, DC
ROY DIBLIK Co-owner, Northwind Perennial Farm, Burlington, WI
LARRY MELLICHAMP Director Emeritus of the UNCC Botanical Gardens, Charlotte, NC
JARED BARNES Assistant Professor of Horticulture, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX
PATRICK McMillan Director of the South Carolina Botanical Garden, Clemson, SC
DAN LONG Owner, Brushwood Nursery, Athens, GA
Call for Potential National Officer Candidates

The ASLA Nominating Committee will convene during the upcoming annual meeting in Los Angeles to prepare the 2018 national officer slate. The committee requests your help now in identifying potential candidates for the following offices:

- **2019 President-Elect**
- **2019-20 Vice President, Finance**
- **2019-20 Vice President, Membership**
- **2019-20 Vice President, Professional Practice**

Your participation in the process is extremely important and very much appreciated. Please review the information below on eligibility and officer roles/responsibilities and forward your suggestions to Corporate Secretary Curt Millay by Friday, August 11, 2017. Putting your own hat in the ring is perfectly fine. All individuals whose names are put forward will be contacted once the call closes to determine their willingness to run and will be asked for a brief summary of their interests and experience.

**Eligibility**
Candidates for president-elect must be Full Members of the Society and must have completed at least one full term as a chapter trustee or national vice president prior to installation as president-elect. Candidates for vice president must be Full Members.

**Officers are members of the Board of Trustees and serve on the Executive Committee (ExCom). The ExCom:**

Serves as the administrative committee of the Board of Trustees

Reviews and recommends annual operating plans and budgets to the Board of Trustees

Selects the executive vice president/CEO and annually reviews the incumbent’s performance.

The Executive Committee meets quarterly, twice in conjunction with meetings of the Board of Trustees (at midyear and just prior to the annual meeting) and twice on its own (mid-winter and mid-summer), and holds monthly conference calls.

**Vice presidents for communications, education, and government affairs also serve on the ExCom and were recently elected to serve the 2018 through 2019 terms. You can read the descriptions of all the positions here.**

Georgia Chapter Nominations and Elections

A small but dedicated group of your peers work very hard on behalf of all members of Georgia ASLA day-in and day-out, all year long. Have you ever considered volunteering with GA ASLA?

It’s nomination and election season again and since our group can’t do it all alone, and some of us can’t do it forever, now is the time to raise your hand and take the opportunity to participate with GA ASLA. Elected positions are open and Committees will welcome, with open arms anyone dedicated to being involved.

Being involved with GA ASLA is a great opportunity to make and strengthen connections and friendships among the Georgia landscape architecture community and throughout the U.S. As the local chapter of ASLA National, it is our charge to keep our members abreast of all things important to landscape architects, both locally and nationally. We want to keep improving the local chapter to offer members the types of services and benefits you need. One of the best ways we can do this is through greater active participation of our membership. Please consider running for an elected office or volunteering for a committee; your participation will help improve the quality of resources our chapter has to offer. If you have just started your career or have been working hard for 30+ years, but never gotten involved, there is never a bad time to begin. Without us, Georgia ASLA does not exist.

**Elected Positions this ballot:**

- **Secretary** (2 year)
- **Treasurer** (2 year)
- **Member at Large - Membership Chair** (2 year)
- **Member at Large - Communications** (2 year)
- **Trustee** (3 year)

Feel free to contact me, I am more than happy to discuss the opportunities and benefits of participating in GA ASLA. We look forward to having you join us in bettering ASLA in Georgia for all our members.

Matthew Wilder, PLA, ASLA
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Please join GA|ASLA for our Annual Charity Golf Tournament! This year the tournament will be benefiting the GA|ASLA Scholarship Endowment at the University of Georgia’s College of Environment and Design. We look forward to supporting the future of our profession and we hope to see you out there!

The tournament will once again be held at Stone Mountain Golf Club on Friday, September 22nd.

Included in your registration fee will be a round of golf, lunch, dinner, drinks, and a tournament gift bags.

GA|ASLA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

STONE MOUNTAIN GOLF CLUB

*ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS GA|ASLA’S SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT AT UGA’S COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENT & DESIGN!

2017 GA|ASLA Golf Tournament
REGISTRATION SPACE IS LIMITED!

September 22 @ 10:45 am - 6:00 pm

We Love BuHi presents

Living Rooms
PARKing Day on Buford Highway

September 15th - 17th, 2017

In conjunction with the 2017 Living Walls Conference on Buford Highway, We Love BuHi invites Atlanta’s Design Community to celebrate Atlanta’s diverse, multicultural community, transforming parking spaces into temporary public places.

www.welovebahi.com/livingrooms for more details and to sign up.
September 15th - 17th, 2017
Make plans to attend our Kickoff Meeting August 10, 2017
In what is becoming an annual event, the Northeast Georgia Section of GAASLA held a social on Friday evening, June 9th on the Rooftop of The Georgia Theater in downtown Athens. The gathering was co-hosted by GAASLA, College of Environment and Design Alumni Association (CEDAA) and also CED’s LARE (Landscape Architect Registration Exam) Review Course. Blessed with a location under the Rooftop’s shade canopy, attendees enjoyed a cool, breezy evening of drink, appetizers, and fellowship.

GAASLA, CEDAA, and NE GA Section Social in Athens

Attendees pictured L to R:
Erik Saunders, Ron Sawhill, Jason Justice, Leigh Justice, Donnie Longenecker, Michael Hubert, Dale Jaeger, Chris Sawhill, Alicia Coon, Cody Zanni, Andrew Maller, Caroline Broder, John Campbell, Vivian Lee, Lisa Sawhill, Brent Davis, Jennie Lynn Ruder, J.J. Mendez, Cody Kilch, Brett Ganas, Kaitlyn Woolard, Quynh Pham, John Beal (not pictured Reid Ferro and Amitabh Verma)  Photo Credit: Melissa Hasmuk, The Georgia Theater

Please join GAASLA for our Summer Networking Event!

Architectural Design Specialties (ADS) will be hosting our event at their showroom with plenty of drinks and food provided.

PRICE
$10

DATE
Thursday July 27th @ 5:30PM

LOCATION
1122 Old Chattahoochee Avenue, Suite E, Atlanta, GA 30318.
For the third year in a row, we will spend time talking together about trees as green stormwater infrastructure at our summer program. This year’s program will be held August 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Norcross Community Center, 10 College Street. Karen Firehock, Executive Director of the Green Infrastructure Center in Charlottesville, Virginia, will lead us in talks about the valuable role of trees in stormwater management. The Green Infrastructure Center, Inc. (GIC) was formed in 2006 to help local governments, communities, and regional planning organizations, land trusts and developers evaluate their green infrastructure assets and make plans to conserve them. We’ll also hear from Jeremy Bailey, Senior Consultant at GreenBlue Urban, an Ontario, Canada company that helps cities with integrating stormwater management into urban tree planting design. Christine McKay, Water Protection Division, US EPA Region 4, will facilitate a panel discussion of community leaders, arborists, landscape architects, and planners on challenges and successes in their communities regarding trees and stormwater management. Lunch included. 3.25 CEUs available for ISA-certified arborists. SAF Continuing Forestry Education hours applied for. A certificate of professional development will be available for landscape architects and others.

PRICE
$40 – $55
http://www.gufc.org/

DATE AND TIME
Thu, August 10, 2017
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM EDT
Add to Calendar

LOCATION
10 College Street
Norcross, Georgia 30071

Preserving beauty while conserving water.
That’s intelligent.

From water-saving nozzles to sprays with pressure-regulating stems to leading-edge Smart Control Technology, Rain Bird products deliver superior results with less water.
GSLA wrapped up the spring semester with two great events!

Athens Sketch Crawl – April 14th. Anova sponsored Thomas Baker to come into town from D.C. and give a short sketching workshop, and then head out of the studio to sketch some of Athens. We started in the Founder’s Garden, sketching some more abstract and organic objects. Then we headed downtown, first stopping at Walker’s Pub to grab a drink (to make it a legitimate crawl), and then on to sketching some urban views. We finished the night at Little Kings with some more drinks and appetivo, sponsored by both Anova and GSLA. I’ve included some pictures of the event!

Landie Prom – April 28th. GSLA members across the years gathered together at Magnolia’s to celebrate the end of a semester, and for some the end of their time as a Landie student. We had a raffle giveaway including High Country Outfitter’s t-shirts, hats, stickers, and a fancy waterbottle. It was a great event for the students!

New Officers for 2017-18 Year:

President – Megan Perry
Vice President – Ben Gladstone
Treasurer – Nick Parker
Secretary – Luke Gregory
Social Media Chair – Katie Boucek
Event Chair – Mia Bomar
College Liaison – Seth Bollinger

Looking forward: Athens PARK(ing) Day – September 15, 2017. This is currently in the works, but we are planning on shutting down College Avenue downtown and transforming it for the day! Other groups, outside of the CED have been getting involved and showing lots of interest. Anyone is welcome to join in and any help is much appreciated!!
CED Students chosen for awards for the Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects

Every other year the Georgia chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects selects students for Honor and Merit awards. This year’s jury was comprised of Stephanie Wolfgang, Simantha Spitale, Corryn Freeney, Keyes Williamson, and Curtis Alter. Students made their presentations to the jury on April 6th at CED. The winners are:

**MLA**
- Melanie Bowerman  Honor Award
- Chencheng He    Merit Award
- Lauren Holmer   Merit Award

**BLA**
- Carl Runge    Honor Award
- Katie Sewell  Honor Award
- Davin Dawson  Merit Award
- Juliet Swanson Merit Award
- Chole Weigle  Merit Award

### ADAPT: MARSH PARK

- Marsh Park + Eco-Hotel
- Series of Overlooks and Outdoor Dining
- Kayak Rental and Launch Points
- Flexible Floating Boardwalk
- Eco-Education and Wildlife Viewing

### CED SEMESTER EVENTS

- **August 14, 2017:**
  Classes Begin.

- **August 23, 2017:**
  Warren Manning: Landscape Architect and Environmental Planner - Circle Gallery Exhibit Opens (up until October 6th). TBD

- **September 4, 2017:**
  Labor Day Holiday - No Classes.

- **September 13, 2017:**
  Vincent Eleanor Ferguson Lecture - Stephanie Stuckey Benfield. TBD

- **October 11, 2017:**
  HGOR Lecture - Warren Byrd + Thomas L. Woltz. TBD

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**HONOR AND MERIT AWARD WINNERS**

Article from Melissa Tufts

Featured images from Katie Sewell
Daniel J. Nadenicek, dean of the College of Environment and Design has been named an honorary member of The Garden Club of America (GCA), one of its highest accolades. Nadenicek was recognized during a presentation at the GCA’s annual meeting in Baltimore in May.

Honorary members of the GCA are men and women of distinction in fields such as horticulture and conservation who are not, nor ever have been, members of a GCA club. Honorary membership is limited, and a maximum of four are awarded each year. Named along with Nadenicek were Bruce Crawford, director of Rutgers Gardens; Susan Rademacher, parks curator of the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy; and Orley ‘Chip’ Taylor, founder and director of Monarch Watch.

Peachtree Garden Club of Atlanta, member of the GCA, nominated Nadenicek for honorary membership.

Nadenicek and UGA have a unique relationship with garden clubs and the garden club movement, in that the first ladies’ garden club in America was founded in Athens, Georgia. Its historic home and garden are part of the facilities administered by CED. In addition, Peachtree Garden Club has provided CED students with scholarships for more than 70 years, and a number of GCA club members serve on the CED Dean’s Advisory Council.

“Dean Nadenicek is driven to know and understand the work of garden designers from the past and how the people of different cultures have interacted with their environments,” stated the GCA. “He is passionately concerned about incorporating these factors toward ensuring that projects today reflect the best of design while protecting the landscape for succeeding generations.”

Nadenicek’s 26-year career of research, editing and publishing on the subjects of garden history and the origins of the profession has resulted in more than 60 peer-reviewed and invited paper presentations worldwide. He has published some 50 peer-reviewed articles and scholarly book chapters.

As a member of the editorial board of the UGA Press, Nadenicek assisted in developing a new landscape design book series. He presently serves as president of the Library of American Landscape History and co-editor of Landscape Journal, the flagship scholarly journal in landscape architecture. He was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects in 2016.

The GCA is a nonprofit national organization composed of 200 clubs with some 18,000 members who devote energy and expertise to projects in their communities and across the United States. Founded in 1913, the GCA is a leader in horticulture, conservation and civic improvement. (www.gcamerica.org)