Our past chapter president tells membership to stand-down, don’t get involved, don’t volunteer, and definitely do not participate in GA|ASLA unless you are ready for a life changing and career altering experience.

What did you achieve the last time you volunteered? Learn how GA|ASLA members and affiliated Industry Partners get things done when they rally around a common cause at Emory Village.

Let’s face it: the average annual LABash event is not successful and leaves many wondering where our profession is heading. 2013 LABash at UGA was no average event and there is no question about our profession’s future.

According to ASLA’s 2002 Policy Statement regarding a landscape architect’s professional registration, landscape architecture is defined as …

… any service where landscape architectural education, training, experience and the application of mathematical, physical and social science principles are applied in consultation, evaluation, planning, design and administration of contracts relative to projects principally directed at the functional and aesthetic use and preservation of land.

Nowhere in that definition does it state that our professionals should answer our neighbors weed questions, turf inquiries, or fertilization requirements. However, some do. Nowhere in that definition does it state that our professionals should adhere strictly to a native plant palette. However, some do. Nowhere in that definition does it state that our professionals are to recreate the 12th hole of Augusta National for our residential clients. However, some do.

For many of us, defining the profession becomes a daily public educational process. We help to define our profession on an hourly if not daily increment. But the spring season seems to be when our professional expertise is sought the most. Landscapes begin to emerge with colors, smells, and pollen. Property owners begin to assess the effects of our climates mild winter. And the Master’s Tournament makes homeowners look at their domain with disdain.

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Ray’s Creek at Augusta National Golf Course
The Board of Trustees and Chapter Presidents just completed a “Programs and Priorities” survey. The results will be presented at our mid-year meeting next month (April 26-27) in Washington DC. This is an annual survey that asks how effective ASLA programs are and how we should rank them.

ASLA Corporate Secretary Curt Millay has created a LinkedIn group for the Board of Trustees to facilitate discussion in preparation for the mid-year meeting.

The 2012 ASLA Annual Report message was sent to 13,338 members with valid emails. The annual message also included a member satisfaction survey. This message will also be sent to the 2012 lapsed members (2,803 with valid email addresses) with a modified survey.

The new Chapter Operations Workbook (COW) is now live. The simplified version — created to better guide chapter leaders — provides easier navigation to important information, including descriptions of chapter positions, how to operate a chapter, growing membership, leadership development, and improving chapter outreach. For any questions, contact Joshua Lamangan, Manager, Membership Marketing and Chapter Services at (202) 216-2323.

The ASLA 2012 membership recruitment campaign has closed. November, join/rejoin letters were mailed to 1,980 prospective and 6,356 lapsed Full, Fellow, and Associate members (minus those living in the Sandy recovery region) and follow-up calls were made in December and January. A total of 106 members (97 Full, 7 Associate and 2 Affiliate) and five subscribers were captured. Despite the campaign’s closure, let’s remember to call our assigned lapsed members in Georgia as Kevin suggested.

The Georgia Chapter nominated 3 members for consideration to the Council of Fellows: Doug Allen of Georgia Tech, Todd Hill of AECOM, and Gregg Hudspeth. Ray Strychalski of Kimley-Horn chose not to re-submit. Those selected will be notified in the middle of June.

Kevin Burke, Matt Wilder, and Gregg Hudspeth will be attending their respective mid-year meeting in Washington DC next month. Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill will be the day before (April 25). If you have any questions or concerns that we should bring up, please contact any one of us.

ASLA National’s own Julia Lent will be making her appearance on the game show Jeopardy in May! She has already competed, but is sworn to secrecy on how she did.

I will be attending the Board of Trustees Mid-Year meeting in Washington DC (April 26-27). As we have done for many years, we use the day before (April 25) as Advocacy Day and go to Capitol Hill to speak to as many of our Georgia representatives and senators as we can. Chapter President Kevin Burke will be joining me again this year.

Trustee: Gregg Hudspeth

CEU: Buyer Beware and Prepared

Late, with a new season of seminars being offered, a question about CEU’s (continuing education units) has been brought to my attention. I have been asked if the ASLA and/or the Georgia Board of Landscape Architects can pre-approve anything.

In the case of ASLA, we have a formal process (LA CES) by which seminars and conferences can achieve a “seal of approval”, but it must go through National and providers must allow enough time for the review of their course(s). The Georgia Chapter is not involved in this process. LA CES is really reserved for major events too…i.e. someone speaking for an hour at the local botanical garden is generally not going to bother with it.

Ever since continuing education has been a requirement in Georgia, the State Board has had a policy of not pre-approving CEU’s. They simply do not have the time or the resources to check on every single request that would come their way. As such, the Board has a very lenient policy on what they will accept should someone be audited. In short, pretty much anything that has to do with landscape architecture will suffice. Other states are different. Florida and North Carolina, for instance, do pre-approve CEU’s and their process can take months. So for those of you with multiple licenses, your credits may work for one state, but not the other.

In the case of Georgia, we simply advise providers that that they can “offer” x-amount of contact hours, but it is left up to the individual (you) to know where it can be applied for any continuing education requirements.

Make sure you ask for and keep any certificates or receipts for the continuing education you participated in. If you do get audited, it will serve as proof that you attended the session and received the proper credits.

Trustee: Gregg Hudspeth
While the 113th Congress is busy working on budget, immigration, and gun control legislation, the federal agencies have been addressing some issues critical to landscape architects and ASLA wants to keep you informed about these regulatory and administrative efforts. ASLA will continue to work with our partners in congress and in the federal agencies to advance issues important to landscape architects.

Landscape Architects’ Comments Needed on Shared-use Paths

The Access Board has released for public comment proposed requirements for accessible shared-use paths used by pedestrians, bicyclists, and others for transportation or recreation. These requirements would supplement guidelines the board is developing for public rights-of-way that were previously made available for comment. The proposed supplemental provisions on shared-use paths are further described in a published notice that includes instructions for submitting comment. The deadline for comments is May 14, 2013. Read more.

DOT Secretary LaHood Announces Bike Safety Summits in Tampa and Minneapolis – Landscape Architects Should Sign up Today!

Recently, DOT Secretary Ray LaHood announced the Department’s latest steps in an effort to help protect bicyclists from harm on our roadways: two bike safety summits—one in Tampa on April 11 and one in Minneapolis on April 29. LaHood wants to bring together Federal, state and local officials, planners, designers, engineers, law enforcement, educators, health and safety experts, and others throughout the bicycle community. All with a single task: identify innovative ideas for improving bicycle safety. Read more.

Tell the Surgeon General that Designing Healthy Communities is Critical

During the window of April 1-30, 2013, landscape architects have a unique opportunity to provide comments to the Federal Register on the proposed call to action on walking. Landscape architects can tell the Surgeon General that how we plan and design our communities is critical to promoting healthy lifestyles. After watching the short films, visit everybodywalk.org/takeaction where you will be able to access the Federal Register Notice, and submit detailed comments on the proposed call to action on walking. All input will be considered by the Office of the Surgeon General and Center for Disease Control. Don’t miss the chance to make your voice heard.

President Obama Names Five National Monuments

Recently, President Barack Obama, using executive power, unveiled the establishment of five National Monuments. The sites include: a monument for Harriet Tubman on Maryland’s Eastern Shore; the establishment of a monument for Col. Charles Young, the highest ranking African American Soldier in the US Army from 1894-1922; the establishment of the San Juan Islands National Monument in Washington State, which will preserve 970 acres of wildlife habitat; the establishment of the Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument in New Mexico; and the establishment of the First State National Monument in Delaware/Pennsylvania which will commemorate the role that Delaware played in the establishment of the Nation. Unlike a National Park, which requires an act of Congress to create, a national monument only requires a presidential proclamation. Read more.

U.S. DOT Announces $12.5 Million to Improve Access to America’s National Parks and Protected Areas

The U.S. Department of Transportation has announced $12.5 million in grants for 29 projects across the country to improve access to America’s national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges. Funding for these projects is provided through the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program, which was established to address motorized traffic congestion in national parks, wildlife refuges, and national forests within the United States. Unfortunately, this successful program was not reauthorized under the new surface transportation law, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). Read more.

For more information on ASLA Federal Government Affairs www.asla.org/advocacy
The ASLA Student Honor and Merit Awards have been a long-standing tradition at accredited schools of landscape architecture. Over the years, UGA’s College for Environment and Design has recognized many outstanding students that have gone on to successful careers in our industry. This year, the college has identified the top graduating students and will award them ASLA Certificates of Honor or Merit.

The school’s program has over 190 students; therefore, programs of this size may grant up to 6 awards (with a maximum of 3 Honor Awards and 3 Merit Awards as mandated by ASLA guidelines). The key to making the awards significant is that they are not selected by the faculty, but rather by a jury of professional landscape architects and ASLA leaders. On March 28th, five selected jurors convened in UGA CE+D’s JSB Conference Room to witness the presentations of the college’s top Landscape Architecture students.

Five aspiring Landscape Architects (that represents the top 5% of this year’s graduating class) presented their work (Thomas “TJ” Eliason, Reid Ferraro, Juan Jose Guzman-Palacios, Kailin Pilgrim and Sydney Thompson) to the jury of 5 professional Landscape Architects and ASLA Leaders (Dexter Adams, Gregg Hudspeth, Andrew Kohr, Clay Mooney, and Jonathan Young). The jury was overwhelmed with the quality of the work, professional presentation skills, thoroughness of research, and general commitment to the profession of Landscape Architecture.

TJ impressed the jury with his “Detroit Riverfront Revitalization Plan” and his Costa Rica experiences. Reid knowledgeably displayed his Biomimicry research in his ongoing research entitled “Synthetic Rivulet.” Juan Jose drew from his multi-cultural roots and presented the ecological urbanism of his “Vortex” design and his “Biloxi-Podscape” projects. Kaitlin expressed her analytical patient / landscape interactions in a carefully crafted design for the “Center for Specialty Medicine” that diagrammatically wove her research findings with artful landscape solution. Sydney presented her research on development density and shared her passion for art, which led to her Australian experiences and Water Color May-mester studies.

Kudos to the program, faculty and dozens of folks behind the scenes at CE+D. They have worked tirelessly at preparing young minds to be successful in our profession and it shows. ASLA National will provide awards certificates and UGA CE+D will recognize the students at the Annual Awards luncheon during Alumni Weekend (April 5-6th).

MAL-Communications: Jonathan Young
“I HAD NO IDEA” AND “DO NOT BECOME INVOLVED”

I would first like to thank everyone for the honor and privilege to serve you and the Georgia Chapter last year. I had no idea how rewarding it would be to represent the Georgia Chapter at the annual ASLA National Chapter President’s Council (CPC) meeting where I learned how valuable and effective our organization is at promoting and guiding our profession. I truly wish you all could participate in the CPC and become plugged in to see the benefits we receive from National. I had no idea how much National does for us.

...the past year has been one of the most rewarding and valuable experiences of my life.

Unlike past-presidents, I am NOT going to ask you to become active in ASLA-GA. But the message I leave you with is the past year has been one of the most rewarding and valuable experiences of my life. I had no idea that there are many good things happen at the Georgia Chapter. So when you think about your life, busy schedule, work, family and profession, think about the volunteer Executive Committee group devoting their time to a major part of your life: the Georgia Chapter. I guarantee you’d be inspired by the Executive Committee members that make a difference in the profession you love.

I was consistently amazed at the level of dedication and service the members of the Executive Committee provided

So please think about your Chapter and how it represents you. Speak up if it doesn’t do enough, or better yet come to the Executive Committee meeting and sound off. We want to hear from you.

I’ve stayed on as the Industry Partner (aka Sponsorship) Member-at-Large for 2013 and look forward to helping the Chapter in future years. Please contact me to discuss any Executive Committee position and responsibilities if you like. My contact information is sjones@sitesolutionsla.com. So, do NOT become involved unless you want to grow professionally and personally. You make the call.

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2013 ORGANIC LAND CARE SYMPOSIUM

March 11th marked the 3rd Annual Organic Land Care Symposium. Neil Diboll of Prairie Nursery was the keynote speaker and discussed the evolution of the utilization and selling of native plants. The 98 attendees were a drop from last year but is attributable to the lack of UGA and Gwinnett Tech students who joined us in ‘12 but were on spring break this year. However, we are extending our reach as we had people travel from TN, NC, and AL. Everyone had tough choices on which session to attend with speakers such as Michael Dirr, Allan Streiff, James Sotillo, Dr. Clint Waltz, and others speaking about native plants, compost and compost teas, soil microbiology, and other topics that go directly to how we maintain our public spaces.

We talked about taking soil tests during design in order to understand the structure and biology of the your site. We talked about doing the same with our contractors. We talked about writing maintenance specs that include the same post construction. We talked about no longer nuking our sites with chemicals and not understanding that we are in effect sterilizing the soil to the point that we have to apply water soluble fertilizers over and over again to keep our landscapes green. We talked about protecting our waterways by not adding unnecessary potassium and phosphorous since our soils mostly have sufficient levels as they are.

The speakers and attendees had a great time discussing a plethora of concepts and ideas and hope that you will join us on March 3rd, 2014’
A Note from the Chapter President

Well, it appears we may be finally out of a weather cycle that had me thinking we moved to Portland-ia. NOAA has February as the 2nd wettest since '96 (http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ffc/?n=rainfall_scorecard) …great for the reservoirs but not so much for low spots in the landscape. I have a park superintendent convinced that someone turned on the irrigation system and that there are multiple leaks v. the ground is slopes and is saturated and water will fill voids such as valve boxes. I hope you are all seeing an uptick in private work as housing data improves and people start to feel more confident. I’ve been to some great conferences lately including Park Pride, a native grasses workshop with folks from the LBJ Wildflower Center that Trees Atlanta organized, and the 3rd annual organic land care symposium. Am looking forward to the FLO luncheon, especially since we thought our speaker, Alan Banks of the Olmsted Center in Brookline, MA and a NPS employee might not be able to attend due to sequestration. However, common sense prevailed for once in DC and he will be able to join us. (http://gaasla.org/event/frederick-law-olmsted-annual-luncheon/) I’m really looking forward to Steve Benz’s green infrastructure workshop in early June (http://gaasla.org/event/trends-in-sustainable-stormwater-management/) I have known Steve for almost 20 years. He is a great presenter and knows his “stuff”. 6 CEUs will be available for GA members. Lastly, you should all check out the competition for ACAC (http://gaasla.org/event/competition/). We hope that Matt Wilder’s efforts with the museum become an annual competition that helps showcase the abilities of landscape architects.

Feel free to email me at president@gaasla.org with any thoughts or comments.

Native Grasses Workshop

This two-part workshop series organized and put on by Trees Atlanta with classroom and outdoor components focused on specific techniques with the intent to provide an understanding of the principles, and specific practices, design and implementation of projects featuring sustainable landscapes, particularly urban prairies. The goal of this series was to help train contractors and design professionals for efficient and successful projects that incorporate sustainable features, such as ecological restoration, native plants, low-maintenance and water conservation landscapes.

The weather was not all that accommodating, as it was windy and cold but about 40 people attended this wonderful workshop. Day One focused on soil-plant relationships, soil testing and results, and testing for soil compaction and infiltration, soil preparation and protection strategies, mineral soils, compaction testing and BMPs soil protection and site hygiene. On Day Two, Participants were introduced to maintenance strategies to maintain establishment and vigor of desired landscape plant material. Techniques considered included irrigation and mowing frequency, prescribed fire use, plant succession, over-seeding and monitoring of plant health.

All this and five CEUs!
This is a design competition to inspire creativity and innovation in the field of landscape architecture and to create a temporary outdoor installation at the region’s most prominent contemporary art institution. Now in its 40th year, ACAC will undergo renovations of several interior spaces during the summer of 2013 and will focus on outdoor programming and unique collaborations.

Submitted designs should address the following objectives:

- Respond to the dimensions and physical properties of the Pavilion area designated for this project (see image below and on GAASLA website)
- Consider how a focused landscape design will contribute to ACAC’s outdoor space and identity as an arts presenter
- Consider how ACAC’s physical environment is contextualized by the Westside area, and within the industrial edge setting
- Contribute to the connections between the site, design, and visitor experiences
- Consider how issues of re-use, recycling, and the readymade can be used productively
- Build a creative partnership between ASLA and ACAC
- Consider possible reactions to the interior renovations of ACAC
- Use the natural environment to alter the urban reality of the site
- Design should not require maintenance
- Understand this design will not have security and will be publicly accessible

How the Competition Works
The site is a 22’ x 21’ area that is part of a larger pavilion structure that is used for ACAC events and programs. This space is a focal point of the campus when approaching from adjacent streets and parking lots. Submissions may be 2 or 3 dimensional and will be submitted electronically to competition@gaasla.org by Friday, May 31, 2013 at 11:59p. Each submission should include a one page project narrative, budget, and up to 6 images. Submissions will be accepted in MS Word, PDF and/or JPG format and total file size should be less than 5MB. All design submissions will be reviewed by a jury of 5 professionals from the landscape architecture and contemporary art fields. The winning individual or team will be announced on June 3 and awarded a $3,000 stipend that will be applied to cover production costs and materials. In addition, a one year ASLA membership (or $400 scholarship if the winner is a student) and a one year ACAC Enthusiast level membership (worth $250) will be awarded.

The winning design will be produced as a temporary installation on public view from July 11 to September 26, 2013. ACAC and ASLA will host a reception to celebrate the winning design on Wednesday, July 10, 2013. The top 3 designs will be posted on the GAASLA website and presented on display boards during the winning design reception.

A site visit and Q/A session will be held at ACAC on Saturday, May 4, at 2pm. The competition is open to the landscape architecture community of Georgia. This is defined as students currently enrolled in an accredited landscape architecture program, recent graduates and professionals who graduated from an accredited landscape architecture program, and registered/licensed landscape architects (PLA).

For further information, contact Lane Conville-Canney at Atlanta Contemporary Art Center at 404-688-1970 x211 or lconville-canney@thecontemporary.org.

Complete information and updates can be found at: http://gaasla.org/event/competition/
The Alliance to Improve Emory Village (AIEV) is well on its way to finishing progress on the Emory Village Park. Located in front of Falafel King, the park is one aspect of AIEV’s $2.1 million Roundabout and Streetscape Construction project.

The last addition to the park will be a circular bench that will circumscribe the center tree, according to AIEV chair Todd Hill. To mark the park’s near completion, the AIEV held a dedication ceremony on Nov. 8. More than 200 supporters came out to celebrate. The creation of the park, designed by Hill, is the latest endeavor of the AIEV’s 12-year-long effort. Other aspects of the project to enhance Emory Village include creating the roundabout to ease traffic flow, planting more than 40 trees in the area and creating sidewalks to accommodate walkers, cyclists and wheelchairs.

The road to completion of the park was impeded when much of the park’s budget was used by DeKalb County, who partnered with AIEV in this project, to deal with unexpected problems with road construction in Emory Village, Hill explained. “Our budget was [decreasing],” he said. “The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing, which to me is the park … Let’s get this thing built.”

To combat their dwindling budget, AIEV began looking for other sources of income to support the park’s construction. They started a fundraising campaign, which included coupon books, letter writing to those in the surrounding community and gatherings hosted at various friends’ houses in which a presentation was given about the park. Attendees were asked to donate. Hill explained the latter two avenues brought in the most revenue. The University also donated to the cause, Hill said.

According to AIEV’s September 2012 Financial Report, a total of 144 donations were received that amounted to approximately $61,000. Hill said the final count was $70,000. Those who donated more than $500 will have their names appear on a plaque in the park. The plaque will be an aluminum cast, Hill explained, so there will be no new additions after it is made. Many additions to the park were donated by locals who wish to support AIEV’s commitment to Emory Village. Ted Kelly, owner of Architectural Fountains and Pools, donated the fountain, which sits in the middle of the park and is named the Mary Kelly Fountain in honor of his wife and mother, both of whom are named Mary. Designed and donated by Charles Calhoun, the 2,000-pound sculpture directly behind the fountain was created from an old Emory trolley unearthed during construction of N. Oxford Road. The original plan for the park did not include this sculpture, but after it was discovered, Hill decided to find some way to display it. “We [had] to do something with this to recognize the history.
During my presidency I was consistently amazed at the level of dedication and service the members of the Executive Committee provided. In fact there were several tense times when I pushed hard and worried that there was no way we would pull something off. But time and again we did it and your volunteers exceeded my expectation and delivered with aplomb.

There have been many highlights for the past year;

- Did you know we have a great Industry Partner sponsorship program which actually grew since 2011? And having been to several CPC meetings with Chapter Presidents from throughout the United States I can tell you we are very fortunate. Without our IP’s most events would not be possible. Special thanks to Belgard for being out Gold Level Industry Partner. And thank you John Deere Landscapes and Pavestone our Silver Level Industry Partners. And thank you Ruppert Landscape, Clark Irrigation Design, ADS (Landscape Forms), Visionscapes Landscape, and Sesco Lighting for being our Bronze Level Industry Partners. Please support your IPs!

- The Awards Banquet at the Atlanta Botanical Garden was a total success with over 30 entries. For the first time we combined an all-day CEU event which was well attended by over 80 members.

- The FLO (Fredrick Law Olmsted) annual luncheon included a tour of the historic Olmsted Linear Park (CEU event) and was a tremendous success. Special thanks to Mr. Stan Skalka President of Victor- Stanley for Sponsoring the event. In fact, at my request Stan agreed to be the guest speaker and he graciously handed out an inspirational book. Thank you John Wagener our local Victor-Stanley representative too for helping make the event special.

- Audra Lofton our UGA CED “go-to” person cooked and served a delicious meal and hosted the tailgate party. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and football day.

- Speaking of UGA CED, did you know that our chapter donated another $5,000 and $1,000 towards the Student Scholarship Fund? We came within a few thousand dollars of meeting our five year goal of reaching $25,000. The Chapter was able to meet the final funding obligation this year and we are very proud of this accomplishment.

- The golf tournament was a smashing hit with one of the biggest crowds ever. The date was changed to a spring time event that got us into a “Masters mood”. We especially enjoyed having the UGA CED students forecaddie for us to raise funds towards the UGA student chapter.

- A fresh new web site with periodic articles and calendar, and improved monthly 411 & quarterly Newsletter to keep our members updated.

- And finally as always the open Holiday Party at FADO’s in Buckhead on the rooftop with fireplaces, great food and libation was a great way to see old friends and make new friends along the way. I had no idea how much it would mean to me!

So once again, I say; “please don’t get involved” with the Executive Committee unless you want to know what’s going on and make new friends along the way. Take care,

Scott

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Winner of the PEDS Golden Show Award for the Emory Village roundabout and “road diet” project, the AIEV is a nonprofit community organization run by volunteers from the Atlanta community.

—By Arianna Skibell
The Emory Wheel
Whether you are a golfer or not; whether you agree with the concept of golf as a viable land use or not; whether you agree with golf course management principles or not – one thing is certain. The world watches the Master’s Tournament.

The event provides a global stage for a discussion about our profession and an educational opportunity for our clients. Here is a quick list of topics that the general public may not be aware of and we as professionals should be willing and prepared to discuss:

• Chilling requirements for timing azalea and other blooms
• Subterranean heating and cooling pipes to control soil temperatures
• Controlling carbon footprints for golf course management
• Integrated Pest Management for ornamental landscapes
• The creative shot genius of Bubba Watson’s winning approach from the pine straw
• Managing soil pH levels in an environmentally sustainable way
• Arboriculture in our environment
• Irrigation source alternatives
• Should the PGA allow “belly-putters”
• Current methods in reducing negative effects of stormwater

If any of these topics sound foreign to you, then I suggest we spend some quality time flipping through our old textbooks, perusing the inter-web for related topics, or having a professional discussion over adult beverages.

Spring is here folks and the Master’s Tournament is this week – let’s get our game faces on and be prepared to discuss our profession, because it’s on display!

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**GA|ASLA 2013 Charity Golf Tournament**

We had a great turnout in Athens, GA this year for the 2013 ASLA|GA Annual Charity Golf Tournament benefitting the University of Georgia’s College of the Environment and Design. Sixty-three golfers braved the cool morning start to join their co-workers, industry partners, students and fellow ASLA members for a round of eighteen holes at the University of Georgia Golf Course on Thursday March, 21st.

The Golf Tournament was planned to coincide with the LABASH2013 Student Conference which was hosted by UGA|CED and the students of GSLA.

ASLA|GA partnered with the students of GSLA to continue the Student Caddie program that began last year. Under the guidance of Professors Brian LaHaie and Donnie Longnecker, participants in this year’s tournament could purchase a Student Caddie to assist them throughout the round. This afforded our student volunteers the opportunity to interact with our membership and industry partners throughout the duration of the event.

Fostering this interaction between our CED students and chapter membership was one of the top priorities for this event. The 2012 ASLA|GA Golf Tournament Committee made the decision to only allow our membership to register for the tournament as twosomes rather than a complete foursome. This created the opportunity to integrate our participating CED students, as well as our loyal industry partners, into each foursome.

Many thanks to all of our Annual and Tournament Partners who committed to sponsor this event. Belgard Hardscapes, our Annual Gold and Double Eagle Partner provided each golfer participating with a Tervis Tumbler sporting the Belgard and ASLA|GA logos as our tournament gift. Ruppert Landscape, represented by Paul Brooks, stepped up as an Eagle Partner to sponsor Longest Drive Contest while Athens Prestige...
Drawing for a Cause is a new architectural rendering class series, designed to give young professionals a competitive edge while inspiring amateurs who want to hone their talents.

The class, held six nights in April, is an ideal way to celebrate Earth Day on April 22 and honor the April 26 birthday of the father of landscape architecture, Frederick Law Olmstead.

Joan Piccalo, principal and founder of JP Design Studio LLC, an internationally recognized landscape architecture firm based in Atlanta, will share her almost 20 years of experience in the field with personalized lessons. Participants will learn to create professional-grade renderings of landscapes and structures, using pen, pencil and marker.

“With this kind of individualized attention, I can boost their confidence and increase their skill.”

Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 9-25, in two locations: Cooper Carry Architects in downtown Atlanta and Perkins + Will in Midtown.

All proceeds from the class fee go to local non-profits like EarthShare of Georgia, which raises funds for more than 60 groups dedicated to affordable housing and protections for wildlife and natural resources.

Piccalo is a graduate of the prestigious University of Georgia landscape architecture program, a LEED accredited professional and a registered landscape architect. Her many high profile projects include over 20 Caribbean resorts, 10 developments in China, and multi-million-dollar estates in the celebrity-studded enclave of Lyford Cay, Bahamas.

Homes, owned by John Johnson a UGA|CED graduate, partnered with us to stock the beverage cart. Our Birdie Tee-box Sponsors for this year’s event were Forms+Surfaces, Maglin Site Furniture, Bold Springs Nursery and ARC|Southern who provided all of this year’s print collateral.

Thanks to all of our participants and tournament partners for making the tournament such a success. Through your commitment, ASLA|GA was able to donate over $2,500 towards the University of Georgia’s College of Environment and Design.

Event Chair: Charlie Sears
Section Chair: Joni Young

The Atlanta Section once again celebrated the Holiday Season at Fado Irish Pub in Buckhead on December 5th. Members and guests enjoyed a festive evening of socializing, drinks and fare. The Section also participated again in the Marines Toys for Tots Campaign. The Optimist was the site of the Winter Social on February 21st, where guests enjoyed drinks and seafood appetizers in this beachy atmosphere for an alternative to land-locked Winter in Atlanta.

- April 16th - ULI Atlanta Sustainability Luncheon, 11:30-2:00, Magnolia Hall, Piedmont Park, Creating Real Estate Value Around Green Space. www.atlanta.uli.org/events
- April 17th-19th - UGA CE+D Georgia Stormwater Management Workshop, Griffin, Georgia. www.ced.uga.edu
- April 19th - Frederick Law Olmsted Annual Luncheon, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., The Atlanta History Center, featuring Alan Banks, Supervisory Park Ranger, Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, Brookline, Massachusetts. www.gaasla.org
- May 22nd Spring Social, 6:30 p.m. Universal Joint, 906 Oakview Road, Decatur, 30033 (Historic Oakhurst Village Neighborhood). Come enjoy the large patio in this casual and friendly neighborhood. www.ujointbar.com or www.gaasla.org
- June 5th - Trends in Stormwater Management with Steve Benz, PE, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Georgia Tech Conference Center, 800 Spring Street NW. www.gaasla.org

Savannah Section will be participating in Earth Day Savannah again this year, held in Forsyth Park. Last year Earth Day Savannah 2011 was named the best public education event in the state by the Georgia Association of Water Professionals, so we’re hoping for some more good exposure again this year.

Last year’s theme focused on public awareness and information of the proposed statewide transportation initiative, in particular the projects that would benefit the Savannah metropolitan region.

This year we are going back to the basics with the theme “Landscape Architects: Experts in Green Since 1899.” With every profession (both old & new) laying claim to “green” credentials, we want to emphasize Landscape Architect’s have been employing green design principles for over 115 years. To reinforce the theme we will be offering “green expert since 1899” tattoos to all who dare to wear the message...until it rubs off.

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**Upcoming Section Events Q1**

4.16.13  ULI Atlanta Sustainability Luncheon
4.17.13  UGA CE+D GA Stormwater Management Workshop
4.19.13  Frederick Law Olmsted Annual Luncheon at the Atlanta History Center
5.22.13  Spring Social at the Universal Joint in Decatur
6.05.13  Trends in Stormwater Management

4.10.13  ExComm Video Conference
5.18.13  ExComm “F2F” in Savannah

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4.19.13  Frederick Law Olmsted Annual Luncheon at the Atlanta History Center
5.22.13  Spring Social at the Universal Joint in Decatur
6.05.13  Trends in Stormwater Management

4.10.13  ExComm Video Conference
5.18.13  ExComm “F2F” in Savannah
Section Chair: Brian LaHaie

Nothing submitted at time of publication - let’s be honest - the rigors of being on faculty at one of the leading institutions in the country for Landscape Architecture undergrad and graduate schools leaves very little time for organizing a social schedule with professionals. That does not deter Brian from reaching out and including local and regional professionals in the schools activities.

Way to go Brian - Keep shaping and molding phenomenal young landscape architects.

Section Chair: Vacant

Does this photo look vaguely familiar to you? If you know who this is please contact us and let us know so we can include their photo and contact information in our records. Our Central Section does not currently have an elected chairperson. If you would like to nominate someone for this position please let us know. The section is our largest geographic section and needs leadership. As the home section for Columbus, Macon, Augusta and many other developed areas, GA|ASLA is actively seeking members for representatives to this section. This section boasts three of the seven most populated cities in Georgia (Census 2010): 1.) Atlanta: 420,003, 2.) Augusta: 195,844, 3.) Columbus: 189,885, 4.) Savannah: 136,286, 5.) Athens: 115,452, 6.) Sandy Springs: 93,853, 7.) Macon: 91,351.

Surely you can nominate someone, surely there is a GA|ASLA member out there wondering how to get involved. Contact your president via email; president@gaasla.org
News From the Ivory Tower

LABASH 2013

“It's been a hard day's night, and I've been working like a dog.....”

And with that line, Abbey Road LIVE! took the stage at the Georgia Theatre in Athens on Saturday night’s finale to the 2013 LABash conference. It was the perfect song to describe the two years worth of planning by UGA Landscape Architecture students and their faculty and staff advisors. UGA won the bid to host LABash, the national conference of Landscape Architecture students, in 2011. It was the first time in almost 30 years that UGA has played host to LABash, and from the onset, the LABash committee was determined to make a memory that would last another 30 years into the future.

Working on average of 10+hours a week in addition to a full load of classes (and part time jobs in many cases) the committee progressed toward the conference deadline. Aaron Hursey, Stephanie Rattanong and Juan Guzman tracked down speakers, panelists and professionals who were interested in offering workshops. Grace Miller worked on developing a unique graphic brand for the conference. MLA candidate Tum Suppak made sure that Weaver D’s catering and UGA Campus Catering had plenty of good ole southern cooking. Seniors Ann Nguyen and Meredith Wynn got a taste of project management as they were responsible for coordinating the first ever design-build charrette in the 40 year history of the conference. Meg Robie was our cruise director...helping to arrange various tours on and off campus and coordinated social events at Terrapin Brewery and The Georgia Theatre. Quynh Pham had to work with everyone to make sure that all of the conference’s logistical needs were met. Nathan Aaron’s job was to handle the day to day needs of the LABash Expo. Alex Tidwell had to figure out how to park all the cars and get 500 people on the bus for tours and events. Sydney Thompson spent many days on Facebook, email and Twitter trying to drum up as many registrants as possible. And, in her spare time, Sydney also worked with the committee to assemble the conference gift bags. Sarah Boyer had to raise most of the money for the conference (which was kick-started by a $2500 contribution by GAASLA) and Robert Arrington made sure that all the money Sarah brought in wasn’t going to waste. Jessie West, student chapter president, served as the “gopher” during the conference while Audra Lofton, staff advisor, and Donnie Longenecker, faculty advisor, ran interference and kept the team on task while also trying to look for challenges over the horizon.

On March 21, the GAASLA golf tournament signaled the opening of the conference. From the time registration opened at noon on the 21st until it closed on Saturday March 23, a total of over 380 students from 30 different landscape architecture programs descended on Athens. With the addition of over 70 faculty, speakers, professionals, panelists and 31 exhibitors, total registration for the conference was almost 500 people. Thursday night’s festivities included the opening ceremonies (sponsored by EDSA, with remarks from Tom Tavella, ASLA President) which concluded with...
a dinner in the Jackson Street Building (home of the College of Environment and design) catered by Weaver D’s fine foods of Athens. If you’re wondering how folks liked the food, the answer to that is found in Weaver D’s favorite phrase... “Automatic.”

Friday, the conference began in earnest. The day was filled with panels, workshops, education sessions, tours and portfolio reviews. GAASLA president Kevin Burke gave a lecture on the Atlanta Beltline while several Atlanta area professionals engaged in a panel discussion on working in private practice. Friday’s lunchtime speaker was Dorinda Dallmeyer, head of the UGA Environmental Ethics program. More education sessions followed after lunch. Meanwhile, students were furiously working on designs for the charrette (sponsored by Permaloc and Vectorworks) - a project that involved the repurposing of some green space (owned by Athens Habitat for Humanity) into a community park and playground. Friday’s dinner saw Kona Grey of EDSA speak on “Living in a Creative Environment.” After dinner, the winners of the charrette design project were announced. In a separate location, plans were made and materials were gathered for building the project on Saturday. The group then boarded UGA Buses for the Treats at Terrapin Social, sponsored by Bartlett Tree Experts. At Terrapin Brewery, LABashers were served dessert while sampling different Terrapin products. UGA student Zach Richardson had his “chew crew” of goats present to entertain the crowd and educate LABashers on the use of goats to help keep invasive species out of the landscape.

Saturday brought morning rains to the conference, and postponed charrette construction until the afternoon. Due to wet conditions, charrette construction crews traveled to Chris McDowell’s material re-use laboratory and began building furnishings and other objects for the site from repurposed materials. At Jackson Street, education sessions, tours portfolio reviews and panels continued until Lunch. Susan Hatchell, FASLA, ASLA past-president, gave a rousing speech on the challenges landscape architects face in the 21st century. LABashers returned to Jackson Street to attend workshops on GIS, Infrastructure and education sessions on a variety of topics. Dinner on Saturday night culminated in a keynote speech by Lawrie Jordan and Bruce Rado, pioneers in GIS technology, on the merger of GIS and landscape architecture. Then, it was off to the Georgia Theatre for Saturday night’s final LABash, sponsored by Land 8 Lounge.

After the crowd filed in, LABash M.C. Stephen Salvatierra presented awards for the school with the highest number of attendees (Wisconsin,) the first person to register for the conference (a student from Florida) and the school who traveled the farthest (Cal Poly SLO.) Bids for hosting LABash 2015 were then presented by the University of Guelph (Ontario, Canada), Cal Poly SLO, Rutgers, and Ohio State. After a rousing crowd vote, Guelph was chosen as the hosts for LABash 2015. (I’m sure the announced Canadian drinking age of 19 had absolutely NO influence on the crowd.) Finally, UGA passed the Permaloc cup (held by the hosts of LABash) to Wisconsin, the site of next year’s conference. Afterwards, Abbey Road LIVE! took the stage and proceeded to bring down the house with their repertoire of Beatles tunes. Students, CED Faculty and Professionals all could be seen “getting down” to their favorite Fab Five tunes.

It had been a “hard day’s night,” and these Georgia DAWGS were satisfied with the fruits of their hard work. Since the conference’s close, LABash2013 organizers have been flooded with positive comments. “Best LABash ever,” “A LABash for the ages,” were among many of the complements. As one student recently posted on Facebook, “My first LABash...and UGA hit it out of the park. Wisconsin and Guelph, you better be prepared to bring it.”

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