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ASLA Advocacy

Dear Members and Subscribers,

ASLA has made it one of their key initiatives to grow the profession of landscape architecture, to meet the projected future need. One way for you to contribute to this effort is to be a mentor to a student at the University of Minnesota, College of Design (CDes). Mentors are matched with students with similar career interests and are asked to:

- Help student establish realistic and obtainable goals and identify ways to achieve them.
- Offer constructive suggestions and feedback (projects, resumes, cover letters).
- Help student meet with other professionals in his/her desired field. Mentors don't have to have all the answers.
- Ask good questions that help student explore his/her own values and needs, or make informed decisions.
- Help student increase awareness and gain access to professional resources and organizations.
- Encourage student to explore new areas.
- Be willing to adjust your goals as student changes interests during or as a result of this opportunity for career exploration.

I am sure that many professionals are hesitant to add another commitment to their already hectic schedule. After learning more about the mentoring program, I was surprised to discover there are many ways to mentor a student that do not require a large time commitment, such as:

- Bringing your student with you to meetings or events you were already planning on attending.
- Reaching out to your own network to help the student get answers to his/her questions.
- Getting together with other people in your office or

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colleagues at different firms/organizations who are mentoring College of Design students and make it a group activity.

As evidence of the University's commitment to the mentoring program, they have hired a full time staff person to assist both the mentors and students in achieving a worthwhile experience. Please consider being a mentor this year. Whether you have two years of experience or twenty, you have a unique perspective and skill set that will greatly benefit a student. You may also get something in return as reflected in this comment from a previous mentor, "I love design students. They refresh my creativity and positive attitude."

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To learn more about the mentoring program or sign up, please go to the CDes website at - cdes.umn

As a final note, MASLA is helping to sponsor a reception for new CDes graduate students on September 3, 5:30 - 7:30, at the Weismann Museum. This is a very nice event with complementary appetizers and beverages. All MASLA members are invited to the reception. Please consider attending as the students are eager to meet the landscape architecture professional community.

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Cold Spring Granite

Sincerely,
Joni Giese, ASLA
President, Minnesota Chapter of the ASLA

MASLA Related News and Events

Programs, Advocacy, etc....

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MASLA Elections

Elections for open seats on the MN Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects Executive Committee continues, please vote!

Thank you to all of those that have cast your votes. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Here is your link to vote:

[Vote MASLA](#)

MASLA Member Directory Information

_SCAPE Magazine is about to publish its annual membership directory. It is time to make sure that all your membership information is up to date. **MASLA gets its member rolls from national ASLA, so that is the only place you can change your information.** To make sure everything is up to date, please take a moment to visit your profile at [ASLA.org/manage account](http://ASLA.org/manage_account). If you have any questions about your membership, profile, or other

matters, please contact national ASLA directly. MASLA will be getting its final version of your information on September 8, so make your changes before that date. Thank you for your cooperation.

_SCAPE Membership Directory Issue

Greetings Minnesota Landscape Architecture Firms: _SCAPE Magazine is about to publish its annual membership directory and firm listing. The Fall 08 issue is due out October 1, just before the national ASLA convention, and will include several articles about landscape architecture in Minnesota and a **full-color listing** of Minnesota landscape architecture firms. Since last year, we have increased circulation to 450 non-members. That means 450 organizations, cities, architects, and allied professionals will see your firm's information.

MASLA offers two options for firm listings:

Standard- includes contact information, a personnel listing, a listing of work areas, and a list of up to six representative projects; and

Premium - includes all of the Standard features plus a *full color logo*.

Premium listings also appear first in the directory. The fee for a Standard listing is \$150; for a Premium listing, \$250.

In order to be sure your firm is included, please complete the following steps:

- If you were listed in last year's Fall issue of _SCAPE, make a copy of your listing and redline it with any changes, then e-mail or FAX to _SCAPE's editor (address below).
- If you were NOT listed last year but would like to be this year, please contact _SCAPE's editor by e-mail to request a firm listing form.
- Send a check, payable to MASLA, to _SCAPE's editor, in the appropriate amount.
- If this is your first Premium listing, please also send a 300 dpi digital logo to _SCAPE's editor.

All firm listing information must be **submitted by September 8, 2008**. If you have any questions, please contact _SCAPE's editor. Thanks for participating!

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Thank you to all MASLA sponsors, golfers and volunteers!

The annual golf tournament was once again a great success. We had approximately 100 golfers. Members who had not been at the tournament lately commented on what a quality and enjoyable event it has turned into. If you haven't golfed in the tournament recently, you are encouraged to come next year.

The following volunteers did an outstanding job organizing and running the event:

Terry Minarik, Damon Farber Associates
Chuck Evens, Damon Farber Associates
Kate Lamers, Bonestroo
Elizabeth Peeters, Landform
Casey Harris, Ryan Companies
Joni Giese, SRF Consulting

MASLA owes a tremendous amount to the sponsors who supported the golf event and helped make it into a successful fundraiser. Please thank the companies who help promote our organization and our profession. In particular we would like to credit the following sponsors:

Hole in One Sponsors:

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Additional Prize Sponsors not previously thanked:

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In addition MASLA would like to recognize the following people for helping to recruit sponsors and golfers to attend the event. Please help make this even bigger and better next year by building teams and inviting people to join us:

Ellen Stewart, St. Paul Parks and Recreation

Troy Wanless, Damon Farber Associates

Nathan Ekhoﬀ, Bonestroo

Mike Konieczny, Bonestroo

Ben Sporer, Landform

**MNLA Event: New Plants and Best Performers at
Bachmans on October 9, 5:00-8:00**

MNLA is offering a special member discount to MASLA members for a fall education event covering a variety of plant related topics.

John Daniels from Bachman's Nursery Wholesale and Hardscapes will introduce new trees, shrubs, evergreens and roses, review the plants that have stood the test of time, and offer information on stem girdling roots and other technical subjects.

Debbie Lonnee of Bailey Nurseries will discuss new perennials and annuals, best performing old standbys and information on effective landscape varieties.

Social hour registration is at 5:00-5:30, followed by dinner until 6:30 and the classes from 6:30 - 8:00.

Register online at mnl.biz or call 651-633-4987.

Information from our Affiliated Organizations

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American Public Gardens Association (APGA) Design and Planning Symposium - "Digging In: Design Process Essentials"

Reiman Gardens
Ames, Iowa
September 25-26, 2008



THE EARLY BIRD DEADLINE IS AUGUST 24.

As you will see in the link, we have gathered an incredible line up of expert presenters for this symposium. Space is limited to 100 participants. Register today to guarantee your spot!

To register today, [CLICK HERE](#).

To view the registration brochure, [CLICK HERE](#).

[APGA website](#)

Brownfield Workshops

The Metropolitan Council and MN Dept. of Employment & Economic Development presents Brownfield Workshops, August 25-28th.

You are invited to attend an information session to learn about programs that assist with the cost of cleaning up contaminated land. Grant funds and loans are available to investigate or clean up contaminants. Over \$8M in state and local funds are available for investigation and cleanup activities at sites with: agricultural chemicals, asbestos and hazardous materials, dry cleaner chemicals, petroleum contamination, groundwater contamination and soil contamination.

Agency representative will discuss programs and funds available from: MN Department of Employment and Economic Development, Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County, Ramsey County, MN Pollution Control Agency, MN Department of Commerce, MN Department of Agriculture and MN Department of Health.

Applications are due November 1st. Materials will be provided.

Date & Time:

Monday, August 25, 2008

8:00 AM - Noon

Brooklyn Park

Tuesday, August 26, 2008

10:00 AM - Noon

New Ulm

Thursday, August 28, 2008
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Bemidji

For more information, visit [MNAPA/Brownfield](#)
Questions? Contact DEED at 651-259-7449

The Sustainable Living Roadshow

Be the Change at Loring Park, Minneapolis
10am - 8pm, Sep 3-4, 2008

The Sustainable Living Roadshow (SLR) is a caravan of educators and entertainers who tour the country in a fleet of renewable fuel vehicles to empower communities and individuals to utilize sustainable living strategies for a healthier planet.

Visiting K-12 schools, university campuses and community festivals across the United States, the caravan sets up off-the-grid eco-carnivals with experiential learning villages, featuring workshops, speakers and entertainment. We are putting the party back into politics and un-paving the road to sustainability!

The goal of the Sustainable Living Roadshow is to empower individuals and communities with the bioregional solutions for sustainability, including: local power generation, community based food production, natural building, conscious consumer choices, progressive public health policies, and alternative transportation.

For more information, contact:
SustainableLivingRoadshow.org

Architecture for Humanity Fundraiser - Twin Cities Locker Project

Architecture for Humanity [Minnesota], a design based non-profit organization, is hosting a Fundraiser for the Twin Cities Locker Project **September 12th**. AFH invites you to come listen to some great music, see our projects, and enjoy conversation and cocktails.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with AFH, we are a group of design professionals that provide innovative design solutions to areas across the globe to communities in need where resources and expertise are minimal. We help communities rebuild after a disaster by donating our design services. We also partner with many communities that are simply in need of a basic quality of living.

At architecture for humanity, we have a saying "Design Like You Give a Damn."

We look forward to seeing you at the event. Thank you.

Erin Stream
afh-mn.org/

Minnesota Design Team - Upcoming Visits

Be a volunteer and exercise your skills; preservation,

economic development, water quality, trail planning, parks, "Main Street" revitalization, urban design, and more!

MDT has two opportunities in September-

Gaylord: September 4-6, 2008

Gaylord (pop. 2,300) is a gem on the prairie. The city is complete with a nice downtown, a mix of well-kept housing, a growing Hispanic population, and everything within walking distance. The locals are resourceful, well-organized, and enthusiastic about the upcoming visit.

La Crescent: September 11-13, 2008

Join the MDT in La Crescent, the "Apple Capital of Minnesota," a small town located near I-90 and across the river from La Crosse, Wisconsin. Our effort will be part of La Crescent's month-long preparation for their famous Apple Festival the following weekend, and we're likely to bask in gorgeous fall colors as we help them build a vision for a safe, friendly, river town connected to the water, their neighborhoods, and the bluffs that play host to orchards and to Apple Blossom Scenic Drive.

Visit MDT for registration information:

minnesotadesignteam.org

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Clean Water, Land, & Legacy Amendment

Clean Water, Land, & Legacy Amendment On November 4th, 2008 the following question will appear on your ballot:



"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to dedicate funding to protect our drinking water sources; to protect, enhance, and restore our wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; to preserve our arts and cultural heritage; to support our parks and trails; and to protect, enhance, and restore our lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater by increasing the sales tax and use tax rate beginning July 1, 2009, by three-eighths of one percent on taxable sales until the year 2034?"

Read more at: [Embrace Open Space](#)

Fourth Annual Bike Minnesota with Parks & Trails

August 29, 2008 7:00pm

September 1, 2008

4:00pm

This unique adventure organized by Prairie Visions will immerse you in Southeastern Minnesota landscapes while you explore significant natural, historic and cultural sites in the region. Local experts will narrate your journey as you tour the communities and landmarks along the way. Based out of Lake Louise State Park 12385 766th Avenue, LeRoy, MN 55951
Read more at [Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota](#)

Volunteers-In-Parks Update August 2008

Crosby Park Prairie Tending

Tuesday, August 19, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Crosby Farm Regional Park, Saint Paul

Join the Friends of the Mississippi River in tending to a three acre demonstration prairie recently planted by volunteers at Crosby Farm Regional Park! Volunteers will help remove weeds and otherwise care for the planting and surrounding areas. Staff will provide all guidance, tools, and gloves needed for a healthy planting and fun event. Children accompanied by a parent or guardian are encouraged to attend.

Habitat Restoration Program

Come learn about the special natural areas along the Mississippi River while protecting them for future generations. Volunteers remove non-native plants from a variety of habitats along the river and plant native plants in their place. These sites are part of our ongoing partnership with the City of St. Paul.

Volunteers can sign up for whichever dates work with their schedule and receive a confirmation email the week before the event with directions and instructions.

Saturday, September 6: 9:00-Noon

Indian Mounds Savanna: Remove woody vegetation from savanna remnant to prepare for fall or spring burn.

To volunteer for any volunteer position or for more information about the VIP Program: e-mail miss_volunteer@nps.gov or phone (651) 290-3030 ext. 233!

Open Seat - Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

Appointing: Metropolitan Council

Compensation: Parking & Mileage

Vacancies: One (1) MPOSC District G representative (Metropolitan Council districts 13 and 14).

The commission assists the Metropolitan Council in planning the regional recreation open space system, advises the council on grants for the acquisition and development of facilities, and reviews the master plan for facilities.

More information can be found at Minnesota Secretary of State website:

sos.state.mn.us/

Mysteries of the Great Lakes Film

Opening September 12 at the Science Museum of Minnesota - St. Paul

"It takes a drop of water nearly 400 years to travel from the headwaters of Lake Superior to the edge of Lake Ontario. Along the way, the water passes by towering cliffs dotted with early Native American pictographs, caribou and moose grazing on the shores, surrounds giant prehistoric sturgeon lurking among thousands of shipwrecks, and past 40 million people who live along the more than 10,000 miles of coastline."

Visit the Science Museum website: [Great Lakes](#)

Treeology Exhibition

Explore the *Treeology* Exhibition along a specially-marked 1.5 mile loop through the Arboretum grounds.

Trees shelter and shade us, they outlive and outgrow us - and from May 24 through October 12, they're taking center stage at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. The Arboretum's *Treeology* exhibition is designed to help visitors better appreciate our foliated friends by featuring their benefits and beauty all summer long.

Features of the exhibit can be read at:

arboretum.umn.edu/treeology

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MASLA is the local Minnesota chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, a professional organization that represents landscape architects nationwide. MASLA has over 300 members working in the private, public, and educational sectors. We are growing in numbers and in programs, and are currently planning and offering a variety of service projects, social events, networking opportunities, and continuing education sessions.

MASLA's executive board meets monthly on the first Thursday from 4-6 pm, to discuss, organize, and facilitate chapter activities.

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