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On Saturday June 9, 2007 the World War II Memorial at the State Capitol was dedicated. For those of you who were there on that day, you weren't able to walk through the memorial and look carefully at the details of the design or construction. Other than a small sign over to the side, the designers (Ben Sporer, ASLA; Bryan Carlson, FASLA; designers from URS; and artists Mykelbust and Sears) weren't mentioned, or credited. And really, that was the way it should have been. Because on that day, you were able to experience the power of the memorial and those to whom it was dedicated.

I overheard snippets of incredibly rich stories walking through the 22,000 people, many veterans, grey haired with canes, walkers or in wheelchairs. Stories that are unfathomable to me. Lighthearted recollections, "...and who was standing there talking to me, but Bing Crosby. I have never met a more stand up gent" to stories of experiences of war "...and then the bomb went off and I never saw him again".

These veterans were brought together on this day to celebrate their efforts and to reconnect with others who shared their experiences and memories. Most were decorated with pins and medallions, ribbons and bars. My favorite scene was two men in adjacent wheelchairs, waiting for the ceremony to begin. One had his military uniform on with the proper cap, pins adorning it. He had his arm around the other who was decorated similarly, except he had a cap on that read "# 1 Grandpa". I wish I would have had a camera, but I will not forget the day and the pride I felt recognizing that all of this was occurring within a significant piece of landscape architecture.

That is what landscape architecture is. We set the stage for personal, human experiences. Our work, when done well, creates place while honoring context and meaning.

And although design is very personal, in the end, it really is not about the designer. Sometimes we forget.

For pictures from the dedication and information on the memorial, go to:

[WWII Memorial.htm](#)

Ellen C. Stewart, ASLA
President, Minnesota Chapter

MASLA Related News and Events

Several Items for Review

Register Now for the Annual Golf Event on Tuesday, August 7th!

Registration for the Golf Tournament has begun! Visit the MASLA website at www.masla.org to download the registration form. Plan for a 1:00 pm shotgun start on August 7th, at Fox Hollow Golf Club, and help make this year's event the most successful yet.

The Tournament is an opportunity to get to know the sponsors and vendors who support MASLA and to learn from their accumulated knowledge and experience about many aspects of a project. It is also a chance to spend time networking over a meal or a golf game with other landscape architects.

Please contact kate.lamers@bonestroo.com with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

_SCAPE Magazine Articles Available Online at MASLA.org

Topics from the Spring issue of _SCAPE magazine, including Whips, Nature, Law, Art and Business, are available for download at MASLA.org.

Follow this link: [_SCAPE](#)

New Solutions for Stormwater Management Using Trees

This workshop will help professionals recognize the possibilities, identify the techniques and understand the economics of integrating trees into storm water management and meeting federal, state and local water quality regulations and ordinances.

8:00 am - 2:30 PM

Where: Anoka County Parks & Recreation
Bunker Hills Activity Center

550 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW
Andover, MN 55304

This workshop is sponsored by the MPCA, Tree Trust and Bonestroo.

For engineers, city planners, public works staff, city foresters, architects, storm water regulators, and landscape architects.

\$35

For more information, contact:

<http://www.treetrust.org/pdfs/stormwater-workshop.pdf>

Region: Twin Cities

Topics: Ecosystems, Water

Audience: Business, Government

Water Sustainability: Managing Competing Needs for a Limited Resource

Wednesday, June 20
8:00am - 12:00 pm
University Club
340 Cedar Street
Downtown Saint Paul

Sponsored by Minnesota Environmental Initiative.

Minnesota is blessed with an abundant supply of water. We have deep underground aquifers that provide us with clean drinking water, and water for agriculture and industry. We have more miles of rivers and streams than we do miles of road, and water-related recreational activities like fishing, boating, and going to the cabin are time-honored traditions for many Minnesotans.

Yet each year there are increasing demands on our ground and surface water as Minnesota cities and towns continue to grow, and as water-intensive industries like ethanol production expand. Water levels in Lake Superior and other bodies of water continue to drop, and we are experiencing an increasing number of city watering bans.

Join us as we examine the growing tension between the increasing demand for water and the constraints of limited ground and surface water supply. The forum will focus on what we currently know about Minnesota's ground and surface water resources and identify areas where information is lacking. We will also explore the factors that are placing greater demand on water resources, such as population growth, agriculture, and large manufacturing,

and how these factors are creating a collision course between multiple needs.

For more information, contact:

<http://www.mn-ei.org/policy/events.html> OR
[Next Step](#)

Sustainability and the Natural Step

June 25th, Monday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

A Win-Win-Win for Business, Our Community and the Earth.

This Seminar provides an innovative, successful, and cost-effective approach for becoming environmentally and socially responsible based on consensus and systems thinking. Its purpose is to present a common framework comprised of easily-understood, scientifically-based principles that can serve as a compass to guide society toward a just and sustainable future.

8 am Registration and Food Available at Intelligent Nutrients, 983 East Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis (Just off I-35W going North at East Hennepin Ave. Exit or Bus 61, 25 and 4)

For more information, contact: Alliance for Sustainability, 612-331-1099, info@afors.org; www.afors.org
<<http://www.afors.org/>>

RSVP Requested and Advanced Registration Discount: \$95 (\$75 for contributing members of Alliance and other sponsors) if payment received by Monday June 18. \$10 additional after and \$20 additional at the door if space is available. A limited number of scholarships are available. Fee includes all resource materials.

Choosing Our Future: Conservation-Based Development in Minnesota

Come hear Randall Arendt at Saint John's University in Collegeville on Thursday, June 28th.

If you agree that people need places to live and that land is a precious commodity; If you agree that the natural assets of the land are important to people and essential to the health of our environment; Then you will enjoy learning how we can protect significant portions of our environment, create well-designed home sites and commercial sites, and provide profits for the landowners and developers.

Examples will include urban areas, undeveloped wooded and agricultural lands, and lake/river areas. The discussion

will be led by Randall Arendt, nationally recognized expert on conservation-based developments.

This conference will be very helpful if you are a:

- land seller, realtor, developer, builder,
- County or Township or City official or planning board member,
- Environmentalist,
- Conservation professional
- Interested citizen.

Please prepare yourself to help choose the future of your community.

The cost is only \$40 for a whole day including materials and meals. Discounts of 20% available to any group of 5 or more.

For more information, contact:

[Conservation Design Conference](#)

Information from our Affiliated Organizations

[See MASLA.org for News, Calendar of Events, and Other Resources](#)

Gertens Wholesale Hosts an Open House, June 26th

Gertens is opening their doors as part of the Garden Centers of America Tour. See how they can help your firm. RSVP by June 18th, Noon to 3PM. [View the Gertens Flyer \(pdf\)](#)

Mentors Wanted at the University of Minnesota's College of Design

The College of Design (CDes), University of Minnesota is now recruiting mentors for fall 2007. CDes facilitates an annual program that helps motivated students grow professionally by matching them with a mentor in their field of study. Within an informal, nonacademic relationship, the mentor and student create individualized action plans that foster career exploration, experiential learning, networking, and skill building to support strategic career planning and professional development for the student. Time commitment is approximately two hours per month or more, as determined by the mentor and student. The orientation kick off event will be on Monday, October 29th beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The first step to becoming a mentor includes a short online application.

Go to www.cdes.u.mn.edu/mentor and click on Mentor

Application.

Alumni Expertise for Building Bridges

Building Bridges provides the opportunity to advise and educate undergraduate and graduate students about career-related issues through the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus Career Center. Building Bridges provides alumni and friends opportunities to advise and educate undergraduate and graduate students about career-related issues. Whether you're able to commit more or less time, travel to campus or not, or prefer to work with individuals or student groups, there's an opportunity for you to help students reach their career goals. Thank you for sharing your time and expertise in any of the following ways:

- Informational Interview - Answer student questions about your career area, either on the phone, via e-mail or in person.
- Classroom Speaking - Share your professional perspective with a class.
- Panel Discussions - Sit on a panel with other professionals to share your perspective on topics related to career planning or your professional field.
- Industry Tours - Host a student group within your work place to provide a realistic picture of what daily work in your environment entails.
- Mock Interviews / Portfolio Review - Conduct practice interviews or portfolio reviews on campus for small groups of students.
- Collegiate Mentor Program - Mentor a student interested in your profession- November to April.

Please note that to volunteer for the Mentor Program ONLY (and no other career-related activities), you will be best served by leaving this site and going to <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/mentorconnection> (just click on "Mentor Programs by College")

<http://www.stpaulcareers.umn.edu/alumni/volunteering.html>

Art to A-Maze Exhibit Opens

The The Maze Garden - They twist and they turn, they zig and they zag. They're equal parts amazing and amusing. They're mazes and they've been delighting and perplexing people all over the world for centuries.

Art to A-Maze Walk - Embark on the adventure! Explore the relationship between people and the natural world on the Art to A-Maze, featuring a juried collection of 15 installations of environmental art, sculpture and interactive

exhibits. The walk leads visitors from the Oswald Visitor Center to the new Maze Garden and turns the experience of getting to the new garden as engaging as the Maze itself.

<http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/calendar/june.htm>

[MASLA.org Your Resource](http://www.masla.org)

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.

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