Licensure and Ethics: Whose Job is Enforcement?
by Rob Clapper, ASLA

This is a tough subject with a lot of overlap, but if it didn’t affect you, or our profession… I wouldn’t be writing the article. Rather than get preachy I’ll be pointing out if, and where, the Chapter, the Society and the State of Connecticut address these issues. We’ll deal with licensure and ethics separately and will break out the Chapter, the Society and the State of Connecticut. The relationship between a constitution and bylaws is similar to that between a state statute and regulations. The first is the established law and the latter are the rules for implementing the law. (You will note that a good deal of the following information is in your chapter handbook, so pull it off of the shelf and open it up.)

Licensure and CTASLA
The Chapter constitution and bylaws (pages 41-57, 2005-06 Handbook) do not address licensure. (Note, licensure has never been a requirement for membership.)

Licensure and ASLA
The Society, also, does not deal with licensure in the constitution or bylaws. They do, however, have a policy statement (started in 1964) supporting state enforced licensure and providing fact sheets covering: background on Landscape Architecture, benefits of a Practice Act, Title Act vs. Practice Act, and snapshots of different state licensure requirements. The Society’s “50 by 2010” Licensure Campaign (licensure in fifty states by the year 2010) has reached its halfway point.

Licensure and the State of Connecticut
Licensure, though supported by ASLA, is a state (continued on page 2)
function covered in Connecticut's Statutes and the regulations of the Department of Consumer Protection (pages 60-74, 2005-06 Handbook). In the Regulations, duties of the board Sec. 20-368-3a include, “(b) the establishment and enforcement of ethical and professional standards for the practice of landscape architecture.”

**Ethics and CTASLA**

The Chapter constitution and bylaws (pages 41-57, 2005-06 Handbook) do not address ethics.

**Ethics and ASLA**

There is no mention of ethics in the Society's constitution. In the bylaws (509. Loss of Membership Privileges), ethics is mentioned as grounds for termination of membership and the committee on Professional Ethics is listed as one of three standing committees. The Society has an extensive “Code of Professional Ethics” (pages 96-98, 2005-06 Handbook) comprised of six Ethical Standards

- Members should understand and honestly obey laws governing their practice and business affairs.
- Members should make full disclosure or relevant information to the clients, public, and others who rely on their advice and work product.
- Members should endeavor to protect the interests of their clients and the public through competent performance of their work, continuing education, research, and development and dissemination of technical information.
- Members should understand and uphold the Ethical Standards of the ASLA Code of Environmental Ethics.
- Members should work to ensure that they, and those they supervise, adhere to the Code of Professional Ethics and the Society Constitution and Bylaws.
- Members are encouraged to serve on elected or appointed boards, committees or commissions dealing with the arts and environmental and land-use issues.

It also has 24 Rules, the latter being grounds for charges in a complaint. Anyone directly aggrieved by the conduct of a Member may file a charge, citing which part of the Code has been violated, along with supporting documentation to:

- Ethics Committee Chair
- American Society of Landscape Architects
- 636 Eye Street, NW
- Washington, DC 20001-3736

Anonymous complaints will not be considered. The Ethics Committee shall examine and collect information on all sides of the issue. If the Ethics Committee determines that a violation has occurred then it may, in addition to appropriate negotiations efforts:

- Write a confidential letter of admonition.
- Refer the issue to the Executive Committee to write a letter of censure.
- Refer the issue to the Executive Committee for review for probationary suspension of membership.
- Refer the matter to the Executive Committee for review for possible permanent termination of membership.

**Ethics and the State of Connecticut**

The General Statues do not address ethics, per se; they're being covered under the ethical and professional standards (pages 70-72, 2005-06 Handbook) in the Regulations (Sec. 20-368-14a). Twenty-one rules are listed under five areas:

- Competence
- Conflict of interest
- Full disclosure
- Compliance with laws
- Professional conduct

Violation with supporting documentation should be mailed to:

- State of Connecticut
- Occupational & Professional Licensing Division
- Board of Landscape Architects
- 165 Capitol Avenue
- Hartford, CT 06106

The State does accept anonymous complaints.

**Summary**

Licensure and ethics overlap. Licensure, and its enforcement, is a state function. Ethics enforcement (honesty, truthfulness and disclosure) is enforced at both the Society and state levels and is everyone's responsibility. If you have information that leads to a reasonable belief that anyone has committed a violation of the Society's code, or Connecticut's licensure regulations, you have an obligation to report the violation. After all, a profession is only as good as the sum total of its members.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS! Serve on the CTASLA ExComm!

The CTASLA Executive Committee WANTS YOU to participate as a member of the Committee, or to nominate others to serve. Available positions for 2006-2007 include President-Elect, Vice President, Trustee, Secretary, and four Members-at-Large. Please note that Full Members are eligible for all positions while Associates are eligible for Secretary, Treasurer and Member-at-Large.

If you’ve served on the Executive Committee, please consider serving again. If you have never served, please consider a position as Member-at-Large. Remember, chapter involvement is your most tangible benefit of belonging to ASLA! The board meets once a month, typically in Connecticut AIA’s office in New Haven. Board members receive $25 per meeting attended, up to an annual maximum of $275 (an easy way to cover the cost of annual dues!). Committee composition, and available positions, are as follows:

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Please submit your 2006-2007 CTASLA ExComm nominations BY FRIDAY, August 4

- By fax: (860) 652-8227
- By mail: to Aris W. Stalis, BSC Group, 180 Glastonbury Blvd., Ste. 103, Glastonbury, CT 06033
- By email: astalis@bscgroup.com

President Elect (3 years: President-elect, President, Past President)

Nomination: ________________________________________________________________

Vice President (1 year)

Nomination: ________________________________________________________________

Secretary (2 years)

Nomination: ________________________________________________________________

Trustee (3 years)

Nomination: ________________________________________________________________

Member-at-Large (2 years)

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Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

■ January 9, 2006

President’s Report (AS):
• ASLA National Green Roof – National is asking chapters and members to kick in for overruns on the roof project.
• COHA — April 26th conference date

Treasurer’s Report (BC)
• Budget review, October 2004 through Sept 2005 — Identify areas where we can reduce expenses and generate income.

Trustee’s Report (TT)
• Slate of officers for National ASLA up for election.
• Green Roof at National headquarters- Trustees approved overage of roof budget ($315,000)
• Roof is a good PR move for the profession to show us off as an innovative profession in the lead.

Legislation
• LLC law — Chris Ferrero is researching the LLC law and how it pertains to LA firms.

■ February 28, 2006

President’s Report (TT for AS):
• Landscape Architecture month (April) — Theme; “Getting to know Landscape Architects”; Educate public about landscape architecture.
• ExComm to continue to strategize on how to control costs.

Treasurer’s Report (BC)
• Budgeting — Biggest expenses are the website, ED position, and legislative monitoring.
• Program Committee for assistance in formatting program budget.

Trustee’s Report (TT)
• Motion made and passed put all members on the website from all four categories of ASLA membership.
• Green roof at National is still under construction.)
• Everyone gearing up for mid-year meeting and lobby day.
• October 6th is Lyman Orchards golf outing. The cost is $140.00/golfer.

■ March 13, 2006

President’s Report (AS):
• Licensure summit in June; one rep from each chapter attends. Topics:
  - how we got to where we are.
  - after everyone is on board the purpose of these meetings may change.
• National LA month will have four themes for the four weeks of the month: 1) security design; 2) career discovery; 3) green building and sustainable design; 4) residential LA.

Trustee’s Report (TT)
• Green roof is proceeding.
• Attended AIA Committee on the Environment where the Green Building Institute presented Green Globes — their green building certification process.

Executive Director’s Report (JM)
• FG is looking into LOB exhibit space in order to reserve space for April 2007 during LA month. Exhibit all entries.
• Press release sent out on Dickson DeMarche as Fellow.
• Jane Didona is doing an article for CRPA magazine. Phil Barlow also doing an article.
• ED workload will be reduced by Ex. Comm. taking over website responsibilities.

■ April 11, 2006

President’s Report (AS)
• Spoke about Lobby Day — seeking info to distribute about work accomplished with Federal dollars.
• APA conference in Sept. — seeking requests for proposals, to be held in New Haven.
• Liability issues in construction — to be presented by women in construction. Need to contact the insurance company that’s always advertising in LA Magazine.
• AS going to Washington DC.
• RC requested TT attend the “Demystifying the Fellows” process. National may have notified the Chapters a bit late about the due date change.

Executive Director’s Report (JM)
• Maybe do LA exhibits this year at libraries around the state for the award winners.
May 8, 2006

President’s Report (AS)
- LA month: Received approval for two-week display of LA presentation boards in lower concourse corridors at LOB. Planning a story board for exhibit to include award boards, info about profession, etc.
- AS met Catherine Nagel of the National Association of Olmsted Parks and CTASLA is planning on working with them on COHA.
- AS made commitment with South Carolina to judge awards this year.

Trustee’s Report (TT)
- At the mid-year meeting, licensure, laws, and visibility were cited as high priorities.
- Professional practice network is still strong, but the feeling is networks need to be strengthened; some networks are more active than others.
- Membership Committee — leadership training, facilitating charettes, and community outreach are big topics. Possibly offer training jointly with NY, RI, MA chapters.
- CLARB may become the clearing house for CEUs.
- Katrina relief also discussed. Disaster relief bill that was passed will also benefit other coastal states.

June Minutes: no quorum

Programs (WT)
- COHA Budget & Conference Summary (N. Williams, R. Clapper)
- Connecticut College Program
  - 23 people attended program
  - Sponsorship from Chris Pine Associates and Bartlett Tree Service
  - Program featured topics on native plantings, deer and the pond.
  - Comment received from one sponsor: Would like to have more opportunity to interact with members during programs

Ex Dir Report (read by CH)
- Noted in report:
  - some dropouts in long-time prominent advertisers in Handbook.
  - Golf outing: Need to start marketing; conflict with ASLA annual meeting unless we change date.
  - Design awards — call for entries.
- Promote in awards package that winners will be shown in LOB exhibit.

CTASLA to fill 100 feet of display space in the L.O.B. next Spring. Help promote your firm’s work in our Capital!

CTASLA has a TREMENDOUS opportunity to promote the profession next spring by filling a large display area in the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. We will be promoting our Design Awards and the CT Olmsted heritage, but would also like to communicate the wide variety of works involving landscape architects and the various forms of expertise that we bring.

We will be seeking the participation of our members by asking each firm to submit a display board touting one of your projects. The displays will provide an opportunity to communicate the value and importance of landscape architecture in Connecticut. We will develop a unified approach for the presentation. Please look for details in the near future to learn about a great opportunity to display your firm’s work!!

IT’S TIME!

The DESIGN AWARDS are coming!
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NOW is the time to take photographs of your projects in preparation for our annual Design Awards competition. Look for the Call for Entries later in August. Submissions will be due in October.
**Upcoming Programs**

**Organic Lawn and Turf Course**  
**August 15:** New Haven, CT  
**August 17:** Hanover, MA

The NOFA Organic Lawn and Turf Course is a wonderful opportunity for landscapers, municipal employees and activists to learn from some of the nation’s leading organic land care practitioners.

Participants will be the first to receive a draft of the new, 100-page, NOFA Organic Lawn and Turf Handbook funded by the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven’s Quinnipiac River Fund.

This course should result in fewer excess nutrients and fewer pesticides applied to the region’s grass. It will also encourage recycling through the use of compost and greater respect for the soil ecosystem and for nature’s processes.

The demand for organic land care is rising throughout CT and the region. Towns turning toward organic include Greenwich, Cheshire, Granby, Milford, Essex, Redding, Fairfield and Plainville. Yale and Wesleyan Universities, Manchester Community College and thousands of businesses and homeowners are also using organic methods.

Current Connecticut law bans the use of pesticides at elementary schools and day care centers. The interest in and use of organic methods is growing all over the region, from New York’s Central Park to Marblehead, Massachusetts and in New York’s Westchester and Suffolk counties in between.

The NOFA Organic Lawn & Turf Course will be held Tuesday, August 15th at the Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven, CT and Thursday, August 17th at the South Shore Vocational Technical High School in Hanover, MA. For more info, please call (203) 888-5146 or visit www.organiclandcare.net.

**Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group Seminar**

The Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG) has scheduled a one-day symposium entitled “Working Together for the Landscape of Tomorrow,” to be held on Thursday, October 12, 2006 at the Mountainside Resort in Wallingford. The symposium will provide information on management of invasive plants found in Connecticut, guidelines for restoration and alternative plants to use during restoration projects. CTASLA will co-sponsor and exhibit.

Plenary speaker will be Peter White, Director of the North Carolina Botanical Garden, who will speak on “Linking Ecology and Horticulture to Prevent Plant Invasions.” Additional speakers include Gina McCarthy, Commissioner, Connecticut DEP, nursery professionals and experts in invasive plant management and restoration of invaded sites. The day will end with a panel discussion between all the stakeholders in the invasive plant issue.

For more info: http://www.hort.uconn.edu/CIPWG/.

**Mark Your Calendar (see our website calendar for helpful links to all events!)**

- **August 2:** CT Agricultural Experiment Station’s “Plant Science Day” at Lockwood Farm, Hamden
- **August 4:** Deadline for 2006-07 CTASLA Executive Committee Nominations
- **August 15/17:** Organic Lawn and Turf Course, New Haven/Hanover, MA (see above)
- **August 28:** Green Roofs Design 101 Introductory Course — full-day intensive course from Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, at Holiday Inn Express, Hartford (see page 7)
- **September 9-10:** L.A.R.E. Review Course, Manhattan (see page 7)
- **September 28-29:** New England Planning Conference, New Haven
- **October 6-10:** 2006 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo and 43rd IFLA World Congress, Minneapolis, MN
- **October 8:** Cornucopia Fest ‘06, UConn College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- **October 12:** “Working Together for the Landscape of Tomorrow,” one-day symposium by the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CTASLA co-sponsor) (see above)
- **October 13:** CTASLA’s 9th Annual Golf Outing at Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT
- **October 26:** CT Urban Forestry Council’s fall conference: “A Breath of Fresh Air”
- **November 4:** CACIWC Environmental Conference and Annual Meeting
- **November 13-15:** Brownfields 2006 Conference, Boston Convention and Exposition Center
**Upcoming Programs**

**LARE REVIEW COURSE TO BE HELD IN MANHATTAN**

NYASLA is sponsoring a review for the Landscape Architecture Registration Exam. The two-day course will be held from 9:00 to 5:00 on Saturday and Sunday, September 9-10, 2006 at the City College of New York at Convent Avenue & 138th Street in Manhattan. Saturday’s session will include an exam overview and exam sections A (Legal & Administrative Aspects of Practice), B (Analytical Aspects of Practice), and D (Structural Consideration and Materials and Methods of Construction). Sunday’s session will include sections C (Planning and Site Design) and E (Grading, Drainage, and Stormwater Management). The review course will be co-taught by recently licensed Landscape Architects and prospective LA’s who have taken the newly-revised LARE in 2006. The focus of the review session will be to reduce the mystery and stress of the exam. You will be given study tips on time management before and during the exam, including study materials, handouts, and other helpful hints. Agendas and other pertinent information will be sent out once registration is received.

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**LARE REVIEW COURSE REGISTRATION FORM**

**NAME:**

**STREET:**

**CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:**

**DAYTIME PHONE:** ___________ **FAX:** ___________

**EMAIL:**

**ASLA (FULL/ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MEMBER) NUMBER:** ___________

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- [ ] $175 SATURDAY & SUNDAY, ASLA MEMBER - $185 after August 25
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**EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** August 25

**LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** September 1

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**Green Roofs Design 101 Introductory Course** — Green Roofs for Healthy Cities is bringing Green Roof Design 101 to Hartford on Monday Aug 28, 2006. With the increasing use of the USGBC’s LEED Green Building Rating system as a procurement standard by many governments, green roof infrastructure promises to play an ever-increasing role in achieving LEED credits for high performance buildings. At this one-day intensive introductory course (7.5 CEUs), you will learn how to determine major functions and components of a green roof, identify the factors which influence costs, how to utilize an integrated design process in your project for maximum benefit, and much more. For more information: http://www.greenroofs.org/. As Hartford host organization, CTASLA members may take $50 off the tuition fee of $345 by entering “hartfordhost” in the discount code box in the shopping cart.
Membership Numbers
by Rob Clapper, ASLA

A while back I wrote an article comparing CTASLA’s chapter dues to the others in the society. Today I got an e-mail from our chapter president that had attached the agenda for the next Exec. Comm. Meeting and the ASLA Leaders E-Express, an electronic newsletter from the society. In the newsletter was a profile of the society’s membership, as of June 30th, and that got me thinking (yes, it is a slow morning). I put a call into Jeff Mills to get the chapter membership numbers. Following is a comparison between the society’s and CTASLA’s membership:

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Actually, the percentage membership profile of the chapter is pretty close to the society, with the probable exception of Affiliates. The big exceptions are students and international members. As discussed, in a past Bulletin article, students belong to the Society and are assigned to a student chapters, not state chapters. A state chapter can “sponsor” a student chapter (article 701.3 of our bylaws) but students, technically, are not state chapter members. International member, by definition, are out of the country. (Yes, Bradley is an “international” airport but that doesn’t count.) As a side note, the chapter can have honorary members, independent of the society (articles 405 in our chapter Constitution and 311 in our Bylaws). There had been talk by the Ex. Comm., in the past, about making all Olmsted Award winners honorary members, but there was no follow-up.

There — now you know a little more about how CTASLA stacks up, membership wise, to the Society.

2006 Golf Outing — Friday, October 13

The 2006 CTASLA Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, October 13 (NOTE THE NEW DATE!). This year the tournament will return to Lyman Orchards in Middlefield, CT. Look for more details on our website and in the mail soon! For now...please save the date!!
Architecture, Art and Landscape

by Nancy Helle, Silvermine Guild Arts Center

Intermittent showers failed to dampen the spirits of the 150 people who attended the June tour “Architecture, Art and Landscape” and the accompanying symposium, “Art in the Landscape; Landscaping as Art,” a benefit for the Silvermine Guild Arts Center of New Canaan, CT.

The tour focused on the symbiotic relationship between architecturally significant houses and their surrounding landscape. Homeowners graciously shared their beautiful landscapes at five sites in New Canaan and one in Wilton, Richard Foster’s legendary “Round House.” Sites included a 1951 modernist icon designed by Eliot Noyes, recently updated and expanded by Joeb Moore of Kaehler Moore Architects and landscaped by Douglas Reed of Reed Hilderbrand Associates; a 1960’s international style house designed by Hugh Smallen and landscaped by CTASLA member Peter Rolland; a European inspired “castle in the forest” cantilevered over a river, designed by Warren & Mai Arthur in 2003; a 1982 contemporary house at the edge of a pond designed, updated and landscaped by CTASLA member Richard Bergmann and an historic colonial farmhouse updated in 1991, also landscaped by Bergmann. A highlight of the tour was sculpture by Silvermine Guild artists, curated by gallery director Helen Klisser During at the various sites.

The tour was coordinated by Enid Munroe, artist, garden columnist and author of “An Artist in the Garden” (Henry Holt 1994). Richard Bergmann, FAIA, ASLA, organized the symposium in which he, Mr. Moore, Mr. Reed and Mr. Rolland discussed their projects on the tour. The event was sponsored by Prutting & Company Custom Builders, LLC, with additional support from Connecticut Cottages & Gardens, The Care of Trees, Young’s Nurseries and Kaehler Moore Architects LLC.

Above: An aerial view of a geometric landscape designed by Richard Bergmann for an 1802 colonial farmhouse, expanded in 1991. Bergmann created a series of terraced steps, bordered in granite, leading to a spectacular focal point; a circular stone walled sunken garden, planted with a variety of heather. Stone and gravel walkways link the new driveway to the house.

Above: A turtle sculpture by Richard Rothschild graces the edge of an infinity pool at the edge of a pond in this landscape designed by CTASLA member Richard Bergmann for a contemporary house in the woods.

Below: An allee of white birch trees complements the minimalist architecture of an 1960’s international house designed by Hugh Smallen in this contemporary landscape design by CTASLA member Peter Rolland.

At Right: A metal sculpture by Charles O. Perry frames a sunken garden of heather.
Cornucopia Fest ‘06

Come spend a fun and informative day at your College of Agriculture and Natural Resources! The twelfth annual Cornucopia Fest will be held Sunday, October 8, at the University of Connecticut, Route 195 and North Eagleville Road in Storrs. Exhibits and demonstrations from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., auction at 1:00.

Features:
• Laser-radar demonstration
• Gardening with nature: Creating low-maintenance sustainable landscapes
• Take a guided tour of the UConn horse barn and meet the famous UConn Morgans
• Learn about installing a geothermal well for your home
• Horizon Wings Raptor Rehabilitation
• And, Connecticut-grown chicken BBQ
• Talk to our scientists
• Watch the Cornucopia Cup polo match
• Take a guided hike in the UConn Forest
• Ask the Vet
• Bring your ailing plants to be diagnosed by the Plant Doctor
• Bring a half cup of soil for a FREE pH test
• See antique horse carriages
• Take a hayride
• Visit the Horticulture Show
• Bid at the auction
• Visit the farms o Have an ice cream cone at the Dairy Bar
…and much more!

Admission is FREE and EVERYONE is invited! Visit www.canr.uconn.edu or email sara.putnam@uconn.edu for more information.

Rod Cameron receives award for civic improvements in Litchfield

The annual meeting of the Litchfield Garden Club was held on July 20, 2006 in Litchfield, CT at a garden party at the home of Jan S. Ohms, president and owner of John Scheepers, Inc. and Van Engelen, Inc., one of the oldest and most prestigious flower bulb importers in the country.

Among the honored guests present at the meeting were Roderick E. Cameron, ASLA, past-president of the Connecticut Chapter of The American Society of Landscape Architects Connecticut, State Senator Andrew Roraback, and David A. J. Smith, retired Senior Horticulturist of White Flower Farm, Inc.

During the event, Rod Cameron was presented with an award from the Garden Club of America in recognition of his counsel to the Litchfield Garden Club and his significant contribution to civic improvement in the community.

Have You Won An Award?

Have you won an award from an organization outside of ASLA in the past couple years or received other accolades or commendation for service performed or a project undertaken? If so, let us know about it so we can promote your good works in the Connecticut Landscape Architect. The Fall issue of our magazine will feature AWARDS, and we want to promote the recognition that landscape architects have received from other groups. Please send any relevant information to CTLA editor Sarah Middeleer at smiddeleer@earthlink.net.

Is your company an MBE, WBE and/or SBE business certified in Connecticut?

We sometimes receive inquiries from firms of other disciplines seeking to build consultant teams to include a landscape architect. Because of the specifications of some bid packets, MBE/WBE/SBE certification is sometimes required.

Help us help you. If your company is MBE, WBE and/or SBE certified, please contact us at executivedirector@ctasla.org so that we can pass that information on to interested third parties.
It’s a Pool, It’s a Patio... It’s Superyard!

We commend to your attention an excellent article in the March/April 2006 issue of Wilton Magazine by Carolyn Rundle Field, about how landscape architects and contractors are transforming residential landscapes in Fairfield County. A teaser:

Once upon a time, the suburban yard was just grass, trees, and a patio or deck with a picnic table. Not anymore. Today, yards boast swimming pools designed to look like ponds, outdoor living rooms with stone fireplaces and upholstered love seats, man-made streams complete with waterfalls, and lighting that rivals a Broadway theater. Wilton’s pastoral landscape, replete with flowering trees and shrubs, woods, ponds, streams, and rolling hills, offers the perfect backdrop for these sophisticated outdoor amenities.

The article features quotations from a handful of our members and vendor supporters. For the full text, see: http://tinyurl.com/maeup

Help Wanted

SENIOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER

To direct professional LA services related to landscape design and planning; preparation of site plans; drafting of c’d’s. Requires MLA with thorough knowledge of landscape design principles, familiarity with northeast regional horticulture, proficiency in site engineering principles and Autocad. Excellent site design abilities. Resume and work samples to Towers | Golde LLC, 85 Willow Street, New Haven, CT 06511, attn: HR. No calls.

Raising The Visibility of Landscape Architects

by Rob Clapper, ASLA

I’ve heard it a thousand times, “Our profession needs more exposure,” or “We need to educate other professions that we exist,” or “Why doesn’t someone do something about getting our name out there?” Well, I’m here to tell you that your chapter is working hard on all of the above.

I’m looking at the printed program for ConstruCT2006 that was held at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, March 21-22. Not only did ASLA provide speakers (Phil Barlow, Rod Cameron, Whitney Talcott and Tom Tavella) for a session on “Sustainable Site Development,” but our chapter had a booth in the exhibit hall and handed out the new listing of licensed CTASLA members. Good show!

Office Space

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

Landscape Architecture / Civil Engineering firm has up to 600 SF of office space to sublet in a historic, architect designed, downtown New Britain building. Administrative/reception and phone service can be provided. This could be a great opportunity for a sole proprietor or small office. Contact Phil Barlow at wpbarlow@todesignllc.com.

Be sure to visit the EMPLOYMENT page of our website for more job ads!!

Note: Cost for placement of employment ads in either the Bulletin or online at www.ctasla.org (30 days) is $50 for members/$75 for non-members (students may post “Internships Wanted” for free). To submit an employment ad to CTASLA, please contact executivedirector@ctasla.org.
Continuing Education: Can You Get it From a Magazine?
by Rob Clapper, ASLA

Did you catch it on pages 92-93 of the May 2006 issue of Landscape Architecture? After reading the article “Research Design Connections” on page 84 and answering the test questions, filling out the form and mailing it, with a check for $15 (ASLA members) to ASLA Continuing Education, if I get a minimum score of 70%, they’ll send me a certificate worth one professional development hour, valid for credit through May 2008. Is it for real…in Connecticut?

I sent a copy of pages 92-93 to Bob Kuzmich at the state board and asked if the board would accept certificates from ASLA and if the certificate offered for the May 2006 article would be acceptable for the AUG 1, ’06-JUL 31,’08 reporting period (the magazine said the certificate would be valid for credit through May 2008), in addition to the current AUG 1’04-JUL 31’06 period. And the answers are…they don’t pre-approve, probably and no. Want me to clarify?

For starters if the board accepted certificates from ASLA that would be pre-approving, which they don’t do, except for “self-guided” individualized study. The only time a certificate would be used is if the board audited you, and you submitted same as proof for one CEU. Lastly, the continuing education must take place in the same time period as the reporting time period, i.e. the certificate for the May 2006 article on “Research Design Connections” would only be applicable for the AUG 1’04-JUL 31’06 reporting period. Clear now?

Forget about “who” claims “what”, get the facts on pages 75-79 in your chapter 2005-06 Handbook. Continuing education, in the final analysis, is your responsibility and can’t be delegated to what some column in a magazine may say.

Pope Park Dedication

Rain showers did not dampen the enthusiasm of approximately 100 participants at the dedication ceremony for the first phase of improvements in Hartford’s Pope Park on Saturday, June 17, 2006.

Part of a $13.6 million Master Plan of improvements to restore the century-old Olmsted-designed park, the $550,000 first phase consisted of a new entryway to the park, 2400 linear feet of new pedestrian pathways that also include handicapped access, benches and more than 200 shrubs and trees. Shadley Associates of Lexington, MA is the landscape architect.

The land for Pope Park was donated to the city of Hartford in 1895 by Colonel Albert Pope, owner of Pope Manufacturing Company, which manufactured bicycles and automobiles including the well-known Columbia bicycle. Shown in the photo below is a collection of old-fashioned bicycles courtesy of the Connecticut Wheelmen, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the restoration and riding of early cycles.

For more information about the Pope Park Master Plan, visit www.popepark.org.

CTASLA’s Web Schedule of Events… by Rob Clapper, ASLA

While some parts of CTASLA’s website may lag in timeliness, the Calendar page, which has the “Schedule of Events,” is laid out for the calendar year and is your best source for continuing education, chapter functions and related events. It is updated regularly as events of interest become known. Bookmark this page in your browser and check it regularly, so next time you won’t be lamenting, “Gee, I didn’t get the flyer until it was too late.”
Want to Get Involved?

Program Committee
The program committee is developing programs for the Fall and beyond. A number of vendors have expressed interest in putting on technical programs for our members. We continue to seek creative input on cost-effective, centrally located and interesting venues for chapter programs, as well as on topics that are of interest to the membership. In an effort to generate more opportunities for simple social events for our members, we are exploring a series of “happy hour” gatherings at restaurants/pubs across the state. Contact program chair Whitney Talcott at wtalcott@sbcglobal.net or (860) 678-0669 to offer your assistance.

Newsletter Committee
The Spring/Summer issue of the Connecticut Landscape Architect is on its way to the printer, and we’re seeking inputs for future issues. Want to write a short profile of a project you’re working on (or have completed)? Want to express an opinion on a matter affecting our profession? Want to share a technical tip with members? Just want to throw out a few ideas? Please contact our editor, Sarah Middeleer at smiddeleer@earthlink.net or (203) 256-8950.

PR Committee
Several upcoming events/conferences by key peer group organizations (planners, wetlands officials, invasive plants working group) present themselves as opportunities for CTASLA to exhibit and promote the profession’s expertise. We are seeking volunteers to help staff our booth at these events (even just a couple hours helps a great deal!). Also, many of our key audiences have their own newsletters. Interested in writing articles for these publications that promote YOUR expertise and (at the same time) help to promote our profession? Also, we have a tremendous opportunity to fill 100 feet of display space next spring in the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. Volunteers are needed to help plan and execute this display. Please contact Jeff Mills at executivedirector@ctasla.org or (860) 742-7234 for more information.

Golf Committee
The date of our Golf Outing for this year has been changed to Friday, October 13th to avoid a conflict with the annual meeting of ASLA. We are excited to be returning to Lyman Orchards in Middlefield this year, and hope that this central location will encourage greater participation by our members. Solicitations for vendor support have begun, and the brochure/registration packet is being developed and will be on the streets in early August. There are LOTS of opportunities to get involved in this event, both in the planning/preparations stages, and on the day of the event. Please contact Steve Geckeler at sgeckeler@aqualawn.com or (203) 395-7071 to get involved.

Website Committee
Our website is updated on a regular basis to keep the flow of information accurate and current, but we are always seeking input and content for the site. Contact website chair Whitney Talcott at wtalcott@sbcglobal.net or (860) 678-0669 to volunteer your efforts.

Awards Committee
Our Design Awards solicitations for 2006 will be on the streets soon. We are seeking creative input on display and promotional opportunities for our award winners. To get involved with our awards program, please contact Tom Tavella at ttavella@terrsphere.com or (860) 652-8227.

Find Vendors on our PRODUCTS & SERVICES Page!

The Products & Services page on our website (www.ctasla.org/products.htm) is YOUR PORTAL to the green trades supplying Connecticut landscape architects with materials and services. The listings here allow you to click through to participating vendors’ websites, send email, or quickly acquire phone, fax and other contact info. Listing are being added every month, so be sure to check back often. Make our Products & Services page your first stop when researching suppliers for your projects, and let our supporters know you saw their listing there!
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