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President's Message

by Nick Tufaro, ASLA

"CHANGE IS GOOD. CHANGE IS GOOD. CHANGE IS GOOD."

I'm sure that all of us have found the internal repetition of this mantra a calming technique in the face of the constant changes that seem to impact the best land plans of mice and Landscape Architects. The NJASLA is not immune to this phenomenon as I found out this month.

What if we gave a legislative breakfast and no legislators came?

In preparation for our March ExCom meeting, I learned that the feature event of our celebration of National Landscape Architecture Week (NLAWeek), a carefully-planned legislative breakfast and 2002 NJASLA design awards exhibit, must be postponed until later in the year. This is due to a sudden change of the Statehouse schedule that will leave the State Capitol bereft of legislators for the entire month of April. **This can be a good thing if you get involved now by calling Headquarters at (609) 393-7500 and commit to attend and bring guests to the fall legislative breakfast and 2002 NJASLA design awards exhibit.** It would be far worse if we gave a legislative breakfast and a large number of voters did not attend. When you call to be confirmed you will be asked to pledge a donation to the Rutgers University September 11th Fund for higher education scholarships for the children of New Jersey victims of the terrorists acts of that fateful day. Please help us show some voting clout and contribute to a good cause by making this a priority in your future schedules.

NLAW EVENTS

- Only minutes before the ExCom meeting, an excellent opportunity arose to showcase a work of F.L. Olmsted and offer an outing for interested members and their families. With the invaluable assistance of Elaine Mills, a student chapter member, plans are quickly taking shape for a **Proclamation of National Landscape Architecture Week and Tour of the work of FLO** in the Olmsted Circle at the Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, NJ, at 2:00PM, on Sunday April 21. The afternoon will include a display of reprints of FLO's original plans and records of the groundbreaking and construction. Coffee and desserts will be served. Rain or shine provisions for the event are in place. This event is free to members but the numbers we can accommodate will be limited so **call headquarters by April 5th to reserve your spot at the NLAWeek Olmsted Tour.**
- The FLO Tour now joins our co-sponsorship of a Rutgers University Lecture and Reception: **"The Life of Water at the University of Virginia"** Kathy Poole, ASLA at 7:00 PM, April 22nd at the Cook Campus Center, Biel Road, New Brunswick.
- **"Healing Gardens: The Power of Nature in Health Care Settings and Adult Communities"**, conference will be held on the subject of therapeutic horticulture during the day of April 23rd at Medford Leas CCRC in Medford, NJ. Send your inquiries to Jack Carman at jpcarman@waterw.com
- The Grand Opening of the Monmouth County Environmental Center, will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2002. For more information, contact Joe Sardonia at jsardoni@shore.co.monmouth.nj.us
- We are looking for athletic volunteers in the northwest area of the State to sponsor in the Warren County March of Dimes WalkAmerica to be held at Walter's Park in Phillipsburg as our NLA Week finale. Again, call Headquarters to volunteer for WalkAmerica or to add your event to the calendar of National Landscape Architecture Week in New Jersey.

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**President's Message
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**AND, A FOND FAREWELL /
A HEARTY ROLL ON**

The final shock of the week was at the ExCom meeting itself when we learned of the resignation of Mary Beth Carter, President Elect. Due a family decision to relocate to California for career opportunities, we will lose an excellent volunteer to the West Coast.

Luckily, a stalwart member of the ExCom, Joseph Perello, our 2nd Vice President, graciously accepted the appointment by the ExCom to complete Mary Beth's term. And so we manage to retain a valuable asset to the Chapter even in the face of this loss.
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**NJASLA Executive
Committee Meeting**

The next NJASLA Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11, at 6:00 p.m., in Blake Hall Jury Room, Cook Douglas Campus, Rutgers University, New Brunswick. To RSVP your attendance, please e-mail elainewalker@mind-spring.com.

ALSA 2002 Spring Lecture Series in NYC

March 25: "Native Plants and Wetlands" to be held at the Van Alen Institute. Speakers: Ellen Talmage of Talmage Farms and Jim Grimes of Fort Pond Native Plants.

April 8: "Perennials and Mycorrhiza" at CUNY, 138th Street. Speakers: Joseph Broyles of Plant Health Care and Pierre Bennerupe of Sunny Border Nurseries.

April 22: "Wetland Restoration and Spring Flowering Shrubs" at the Van Alen Institute. Speakers: Ken Twombly of Twombly Nursery and Carl Alderson of NYC Parks.

All talks are held from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. and are free. For more information, and to r.s.v.p. contact Alex Kurnicki at alexkurnicki@canada.com or 917-339-3300.

The Van Alen Institute is located at 30 West 22nd Avenue, 6th floor, south side of street. Ring the door bell if the door is locked. The lecture at City College will take place on the third floor of Shepard Hall (a large neo-gothic undergoing renovation) in Room 304 at the end of the hallway. If you enter from the doors closest to St. Nicholas and Convent, just go up to the third floor.

National Olmstead Conference

The National Association for Olmstead Parks is hosting their spring conference May 17-19, 2002. The conference, sponsored by Weequahic Park Association (WPA), will be held in Newark commencing with a reception on Thursday evening, May 16 from 7-9 p.m. For Conference information, call Kevin Moore at 973-643-7850.

Native Plant Society Annual Meeting

The Native Plant Society of New Jersey will hold their Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 4, 2002, from 10:00 a.m. at the Holly House, Ryders Land, Cook College. The featured speaker will be Mark Demitroff, author of "A Natural and Economic History of NJ Pinelands Plants". For more information and directions see web page www.npsnj.org.



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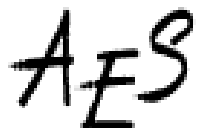
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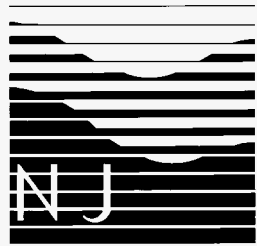
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In January we began this regular feature and received several responses, for which we are very grateful! Please review our current list of volunteers needed and make a call today to see how you can play a crucial role in helping NJASLA be all it can be!

National LA Week

For the first time, we will be celebrating the accomplishments of landscape architects nationwide during the week of April 20-27. Your ideas can make this week notable on a local level as well. **Contact: Nick Tufaro (609) 924-1818, ntufaro@earthlink.com.**

Chapter Liaison

Involved with the concerns of other state organizations such as the NJ League of Municipalities, NJ Home Builders Association, NJ Federation of Planning Officials, Sierra Club, NJ Clean Water Council? You can provide a crucial link between these sister organizations and NJASLA. **Contact: Vicky Drew, (609) 393-7500, vdrew@hsbgnet.com.**

Golf Outing

Looking for a legitimate excuse to golf during business hours? Volunteer to assist the NJASLA Annual Golf Outing held in the fall. We need individuals to contact sponsors and vendors for participation and donations, as well as for attendees. **Contact: Joe Perello (732) 577-9000, jperello@schoordepalma.com**

Newsletter Correction

We would like to thank **Mid Atlantic Products, Inc.**, who was inadvertently missing from our list of advertisers of the NJASLA Annual Meeting program journal, in last month's newsletter.

Congratulations!

NJASLA would like to extend a hearty congratulations to the following LARE graduates:

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NJASLA LARE Review Session Registration Form

Date & Time

Saturday, April 20, 2002, 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Location

Blake Hall, Cook College Campus (Parking is free on weekends)
For a campus map go to: <http://www.rutgers.edu/kiosk/findplaces.shtml>

Cost

\$120 (ASLA Members and Non-members).
Cost includes refreshments for the day and Xerox information regarding each section of the exam. There is a student center nearby for lunch, however it is advised to bring a lunch.

Materials

Bring materials for working out test vignettes and a couple of calculations. (Trace, pencils, scales templates, calculator, etc.)

Course Objective

To provide reference information and test scenarios for all five portions of the exam including the New Jersey section.

Registration Deadline

RSVP by April 5, 2002. This is important to know how much reference material we will need. Please use form below to register. Include check payable to NJASLA. Or fax with credit card information.

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