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## President's Message

by Nicholas Tufaro, ASLA

A few months ago, I was reminded of one unfortunate issue we have in common with other outdoor workers, including wetland and environmental investigators and land surveyors: Lyme disease and other tick-related illnesses. The deer tick season is again upon us, and this year's mild winter portends a bumper crop of the little devils.

Prevention through the judicious use of protective clothing and repellents is the best strategy. It also pays to conduct a full-body check after field activities since tick removal within the first few hours may significantly reduce risk of exposure. These ticks are extremely small, sometimes smaller than a pinhead, and so not as obvious as the common tick that dogs often get. Good identification information is available through local agricultural extension agencies, health departments and environmental centers as well as through family physicians. If you find a tick on your person, try to bring it intact for analysis, since conclusive human testing for the disease is erratic, at best. Known as the "great Imposter" because Lyme earliest symptoms can mimic so many minor ailments, recent medical procedures include screening for a range of ills carried by ticks.

The good news is that a major percentage of ticks do not carry the disease. The issue is of high scientific interest in the medical community and websites and 800 helplines are accessible if you have concerns or need second opinions.

One of our Chapter's senior statesmen, Roy DeBoer, had a severe case of this disease and we are all encouraged by his progress and efforts toward a full recovery. Roy, soon you'll only need that cane to chastise recalcitrant LA students!!!!

## AHTA Annual Conference

by Jack Carman, ASLA

The American Horticultural Therapy Association (AHTA) brings their Annual Conference to Norfolk, Virginia, September 19-21, 2002. This year's conference theme, Healing Together, brings together a broad array of national and international horticultural therapy professionals and organizations to share best practices in the field, innovative programs, current research and exciting Keynote Speakers. The conference is being co-sponsored by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and will highlight collaborative interests between Landscape Architects and Horticultural Therapists that will lay the groundwork for further collaborative opportunities for both Associations members. The conference will be headquartered at the Norfolk Botanical Garden and will include informative concurrent presentations on September 20 and 21, 2002.

To receive a brochure, register, or get additional information, call 1-757-625-3670 or email [ahtareg@egglestonservices.org](mailto:ahtareg@egglestonservices.org). To see an up-to-date schedule of events, you may also visit the AHTA web site for more details at [www.ahta.org](http://www.ahta.org).

## NJASLA Calendar of Events

### July

6 NJASLA Executive committee Meeting at Medford Leas CCRC in Medford. 6:00 p.m. tour of the facility and 7:00 p.m. meeting. RSVP  
jpcarman@waterw.com.

19 Deadline for Gainesville Eco-History Trail Competition. For more information:  
www.ccc.ufl.edu

23-25 Penn Allied Nursery Trade Show, Fort Washington, PA.

### August

No NJASLA Executive Committee Meeting

### September

12 NJASLA Executive Committee Meeting at Mapleton Nursery in Kingston. 6:00 p.m. tour of the Nursery by Bill Flemer. 7:00 p.m. EXCOM Meeting.

### October

10 Afternoon presentation by Lee Gilmer of Bartlett Tree. Details to be announced.

10 NJASLA Executive Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Blake Hall Jury Room, Cook Douglas Campus, Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

## Your Washington Correspondent

by Henry Arnold, ASLA

On June 12 I attended an environmental day in Washington D.C. sponsored by Senators Corzine and Torricelli. Senator Jim Jeffords (VT) and Representative Frank Pallone (NJ-6th Dist.) also spoke to us about their concerns with major environmental neglect and damage that has occurred over the past year. The most critical items discussed were:

**Superfund Legislation** Working to restore tax on polluting industries.

**Clean Power Act** In progress; most comprehensive new clean air legislation in a decade.

**Limiting Sprawl** New legislation is being proposed to limit new highways, fund public transportation, preserve farmland, acquire threatened resources, save forests, and acquire, protect and better manage park land.

**Beware!** Next year the Federal Transportation Bill is to be re-authorized.

Much of this legislation is in committee being written and revised. As bills are introduced, the Chapter will keep you informed, and encourage you to support the environmental legislation and its champions who are working to overcome the retreat on environmental issues that have occurred in the past year. We are fortunate in having two Senators, Robert Torricelli and Jon Corzine, from our state who are passionately committed to environmental causes. We can help them help us.

## Mark Your Calendar...

...for an upcoming seminar on tree protection, tree specifications and tree maintenance issues. Lee Gilmer of Bartlett Tree will sponsor this seminar on October 10 at Princeton University. Timing and seminar details will be forthcoming.

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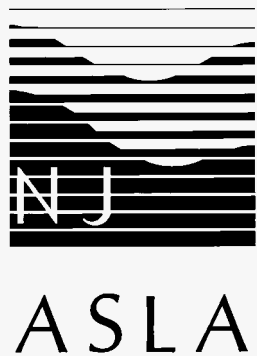
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## ASLA Executive Committee Meeting

by Elaine Walker, ASLA

The next NJASLA Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 16 at Medford Leas CCRC in Medford. A tour of the Medford Leas facility by Jan McFarlan will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the EXCOM meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP your attendance and get directions from Jack Carman at [jpcarman@waterw.com](mailto:jpcarman@waterw.com).

## National ASLA Meeting Update

by Jack Carman, ASLA

ASLA's insurance claim for the cancelled Montreal annual meeting has been settled and the settlement check has been received and deposited. In January, with the uncertainty of the insurance settlement, the National Executive Committee had directed its staff to identify reductions in order to eliminate the FY 2002 approved budget deficit of \$286,182. Given that the insurance settlement has been received, the reductions will not be necessary. However, in order to better the financial health of the Society and to increase the reserves, the staff has proposed, and the Executive Committee has concurred, that the reductions will remain in place. The only exceptions are the expenses for the July Executive Committee and the restoration of some of the funds for the Chapter Initiatives Program.

## Gainesville ECO-History Trail Competition

The Center for Construction and Environment invites entries to the Gainesville Eco-History Trail landscape design competition. The competition is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts New Public Works Program and the City of Gainesville, and is open to any architecture, landscape architecture, and/or planning firm. The site is a two-mile long rail trail through the historic urban core of Gainesville, Florida. The competition and rail trail project will be the subject of a video documentary. The winning designer receives the right to negotiate a contract for implementation. Prize money will be awarded to first, second and third entries. Top five designs will be featured in a month-long exhibit and hardcopy catalogue. Jury includes Carol Franklin, Richard Haag, Grant Jones, and James Wines. Competition opens on June 3, 2002. Deadline for entries will be July 19, 2002. See [www.cce.ufl.edu](http://www.cce.ufl.edu) for details.

**Regional Stormwater Management Planning**

July 15, 2002  
401 E. State Street  
9:00-4:00  
Public Hearing Room

**Topics include**

- what is a Regional Stormwater Management Plan?
- what are Regional Stormwater Quantity and Quality Issues?
- How can I get funding?
- Showcase of Developing RSWMPs
- Panel Discussion

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## National Landscape Architecture Week Reception

The New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects held a reception on April 21 at Lawrenceville School. The gathering was held to celebrate the beginning of National Landscape Architecture Week. The event also marked the 102nd anniversary of Frederick Law Olmsted, considered the father of landscape architecture.

Those attending included Senator Shirley Turner, 15th Legislative District, who read a proclamation signed by her fellow senators of the district, Reed Gusciora and Bonnie Watson Coleman. Mayor Doris Weisberg of Lawrence Township welcomed the group to the Township.

Governor James McGreevey issued a proclamation honoring the landscape architects, and the celebration of the National Landscape Architects Week. While the governor was not able to attend, the proclamation was read by immediate Past President of the NJ Chapter, Carl Hintz. Nick Tufaro, current President, offered some comments on the importance of the profession.

The Lawrenceville Preparatory School was originally designed by Olmsted in 1886. His design efforts still can be experienced today on the campus. Elaine Mills, a student of LA, has prepared an inventory of all of the trees originally planted under Olmsted's direction.



*Clockwise, from top, left: Senator Shirley Turner, 15th Legislative District; Mayor Doris Weisberg of Lawrence Township and Carl Hintz, NJASLA Past President; Elaine Mills, Rutgers student, Presenting the "Trees of Lawrenceville"; Nick Tufaro, NJASLA President*