2016 - 2017 RI ASLA Professional Design Award Winners

This year's Design Award winners provide innovative ideas that expand the public's perception of what landscape architecture can do for and within our cities. Thank you to the St. Louis Chapter ASLA for acting as jury. More info at RhodeIslandASLA.org.

**Honor Award**

*Verbena*

“Verbena” is a 3-acre project inspired by the client’s love of Asian art and culture. Created as a family summer retreat, this design includes waterfalls, woodland walks, and opens lawns. The hilly location and varying ground levels served as a challenge. Custom design elements include bronze shell light covers, fire pit, railings and gates. The high level of detail from concept to finished product, with the designer’s artistic vision, created a complete customized landscape transformation.

*From the Judges…*

“What an oasis! Beautiful, contextual, sensitive and lush.”

“Very nicely detailed project that fits [...] the rustic/modern context of the historic New England cottage neighborhood.”

Beautiful project. Nice integration of natural and built elements.

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**Merit Award**

*Bushnell Park North*

Bushnell Park, America’s first municipal park to be conceived, built and paid for by citizens through a popular vote is significantly expanded. Bushnell Park North and its surrounding areas are a leading example of complete street design. The project expanded the park and the pedestrian experience by removing unnecessary road lanes and medians. This road reduction project developed multimodal connections, re-energizing the streetscape in Downtown. The design team, headed by landscape architects, led the project from design to construction.

*From the Judges…*

“Very sensitive and thorough expression of historic, traditional, and contemporary park design.

“This project surpasses most in that it is a judicious deployment of resources that caused all visitors to interact with the land in a new and meaningful way.”

BETA Group Inc Nathan Socha, ASLA

KFA
Kate Field and Associates, Inc

Category: Large Scale Built Projects
Location: Hartford, CT

Category: Small Scale Built Projects
Location: Newport RI

**Awards continued on page 2...**
Merit Award
The Driverless City Project

The Driverless City Project investigates the landscape architecture and urban design implications of driverless and autonomous vehicles. The project is a university-based funded collaboration among landscape architects, urban designers, transportation engineers, public policy, lawyers, design researchers, and social scientists.

From the Judges...
"Chicago as a model is an interesting case-study due to the street grid."  
"Very well done research project."

L+A Landscape Architects
Ron Henderson, FASLA

Student Award
Under the Surface: Hidden Dimensions of Drainage Landscapes

This research project investigates wastewater processes through an exploration of the historical and theoretical constructs in which the cultural landscape of drainage practice has evolved into an engineered system of pipes and drains. The project is noteworthy for its extensive historical foundation in local issues, a multi-media approach to data collection that can be easily implemented for the benefit of a watershed drainage area and communication techniques that speak to the layman.

Harvard Graduate School of Design
Rebecca Nolan, ASLA

From the Judges...
"A thorough analysis of an important social and natural systems issue. Final graphics are compelling and rich."

Under the Surface: Hidden Dimensions of Drainage Landscapes
Location: Pawcatuck River Watershed, Westerly, RI

Special Recognition
10,000 Suns: Highway to Park Project

10,000 Suns is an annual summer-long botanical performance, in which over 10,000 sunflower seeds are planted and nurtured over the summer months on a brownfield site that until recently was occupied by the now removed I-195 Highway which bisected the city of Providence. Using only a few bags of seeds, the help of local volunteers, and hard work, this once vacant land is transformed each Summer into a bio-diverse and artfully constructed public space.

Design Under Sky
Adam Anderson, ASLA

From the Judges...
"What an inventive use of ‘Landscape Architecture’!"

"Innovative Installation’ that brings to light the annotated, underutilized, and forgotten parcels of land within the urban world."

From the Judges...
"Lush & thorough examination of an important touch point for every city. The graphics are clear and concise, but the final sectional study is very illustrative of the contributors to water issues - would be an effective element for outreach and communication to the community.”

10,000 Suns: Highway to Park Project
Category: Small Scale Built Projects
Location: Providence, RI

Congratulations 2017 RI ASLA Design Award Winners

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A Special Note on Future Newsletters

And survey says... RI ASLA members are looking for some changes in how and where you read the latest on landscape architecture in Lil Rhody. The RI ASLA Executive Committee heard you loud and clear and are working on shifting the organization’s communications strategy. Nicole Vance, Communications Chair, Andrew Pichette, Emerging Professionals Chair, and Emily Humphrey, Public Awareness Chair are leading the effort. There are a lot of ideas in the works for social media, the website and newsletters.

With the data collected via member surveys this fall and further exploration of the historical and theoretical constructs in which the cultural landscape of drainage practice has evolved into an engineered system of pipes and drains. The project is noteworthy for its extensive historical foundation in local issues, a multi-media approach to data collection that can be easily implemented for the benefit of a watershed drainage area and communication techniques that speak to the layman.

And a big thank you to all the teams and individuals who submitted projects this year.

We will see you again for the next biannual RI ASLA Design Awards set for 2019!

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Contribute to support other programs important to members at every level of their practice.

In fact, you may have already noticed a small gap since the last newsletter. Pardon our dust as we prepare the way for what comes next! After this edition, the print newsletter will be on a temporary hiatus, as we develop an e-newsletter and a more transparent process with which members engage with the organization.

And a big thank you to all the hard work by current and previous RI ASLA executive committee members who have paved the way. Because of your hard work and diligence in developing a communication framework, the organization is now poised to take some great next steps. Onward into 2018!
President’s Letter

It has been an honor to serve as the Chapter President. I have met some great people along the way and they have been the highlight of the year! Whether landscape architects from around the country, product vendors or senators there was so much to learn, experience and bring back to our state and chapter to share and implement. The chapter presidents council meetings twice a year are a great source of hands on information and free resources. Tapping into these readily available services at the national ASLA became a priority for you. We will be seeing these in action in the upcoming year. RIASLA will be hosting its first strategic planning session in 10 years with Julia Lent from the ASLA after the event. The surveys you took late summer will be the basis for this planning to ensure your voices are heard. Our constitution and bylaws will be reviewed, as well as our priorities for the chapter activities based on member feedback. Future events, planning and communication will be centered on priorities you help identify. I want to thank you for your participation and response to these surveys.

Here’s a quick look at the highlights of the year behind us …..

• November 2016 - We kicked started the year with the airing of the 10 Parks Documentary and panel discussion with National Park service director Meghan Kish, and Wendy Nilsson, Providence Parks Superintendent, RI, facilitated by Tabor Caton, Seagle Design Group.

• February - March 2017 - We hosted the three part SITEs training event with Steve Benz, of Site Green solutions LLC. Participants became the first group of test takers from RI, CT and MA.

• March 2017-R ASLA table display at the NE Hardscape show 2017 with posters created by RISD students.

• April 2017 - Jenn and I attended the Midyear meeting in Washington DC. It was empowering to meet in person Senator Reed, Senator Whitehouse, and Congressmen Cicilline and Lawgine. While in D.C we joined the climate march with a large group of landscape architects!

• May 2017 - Green RI event at the Roger Williams Botanical Centre was our first green product showcase event cohosted with the AIA and IIDA. Product review and CEU opportunities were offered across all three disciplines along with opportunities to network and strengthen our ties with allied professionals. Thanks to URI students and other member volunteers who made this a success. Also in May was a Victor Stanley factory tour in Maryland. Thanks to Charlene Vera for inviting RIASLA committee members to visit and learn about their products first hand and see their amazing company culture in action.

• June 2017 - The Blue garden tour early summer drew members outdoors on a beautiful afternoon in June followed by our monthly committee meeting. Sara Vance, a landscape architect led the tour of the restoration process and ongoing changes.

• September 2017 - RI ASLA was selected to participate in the Advocacy Summit in Milwaukee. Tours with Wisconsin legislators was a great way to experience advocacy in action. We applied for our first Advocacy Grant this year to boost advocacy efforts at the state level. Also in September, RIASLA hosted a sketch event as part of Design week. Don Leighton led a sketch tour of downtown, Providence, RI. Then Judge again hosted Parking Day during Design week.

• October 2017 - Governor signed the amendments to the Green buildings act making Rhode Island the first state to require Sustainable SITES on all state and federal projects in RI. These efforts were led by USGBC. In a new and important development The Cultural Landscape Foundation based in Washington, DC, with its purpose to make our shared landscape heritage more visible, identify its value, and empower its stewards with their ‘Landscape’, a collection of important landscapes and landscape features that are threatened and at risk has included the Rhode Island State House Lawn to the list of important development The Cultural Landscape Foundation based in Washington, DC, with its purpose to make our shared landscape heritage more visible, identify its value, and empower its stewards with their ‘Landscape’, a collection of important landscapes and landscape features that are threatened and at risk has included the Rhode Island State House Lawn to the list of threatened landscapes.

• November 2017 - Congratulations to Elena Pascarella and Jonathan on receiving an honorable mention for the 2017 HALS Challenge with your report: Eisenhower Park HALS RI-2 Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island!

All this would not be possible without your support and the support of our executive committee who worked hard on your behalf. A big thank you to members and students who stepped up to volunteer just for one event. It made a big difference and I hope you enjoyed the experience. Consider helping for just one event in 2018 and continue to make a difference. It helps us grow in strength.

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President’s Letter Continued...

All landscapes are important landscapes and landscape features that are threatened and at risk has included the Rhode Island State House Lawn to the list of threatened landscapes.

Among our allies such as engineers and architects spreading the word on what we do and why it matters.

A big thank you to sponsors who continue to support us and make our events possible. A special thanks to Victor Stanley for hosting a tour of their factory in Maryland. My deepest gratitude and thanks to each one of our executive committee members.

A special shout out to Nathan Socha, who designed, maintained and published our newsletter and website for many years! Thanks to Jenn Judge and Kelly Car for your trust, support and friendship. Andrew, thank you for taking the lead on developing our mentoring program for emerging professionals. I look forward to seeing your plans come to fruition this coming year. Thanks to Elena Pascarella and Richard Sheridan for supporting the HALS program and once again bringing back an award this year! Thanks to Van Kast and Karen Beck for the years of experience you brought to guide the chapter. Melissa thank you for your enthusiasm and initiatives on the digital communications for our chapter. With many new members joining the committee we have the largest number of active volunteers at RI ASLA this year giving the chapter a head start! Join me in welcoming our new President, Melissa Bagga. I look forward to your year of change and wish you the very best!

Best regards,
Anjali Joshi
New ExComm Members

Lindsey Langenburg, ASLA
President Elect
Lindsey holds a Bachelors of Landscape Architecture and a Bachelors of Urban & Regional Studies from Cornell University. Before moving to Rhode Island, she was an urban designer with NYC DOT, where she helped launch Ciclovia and a citywide wayfinding system. She has also worked as a landscape designer for design-build firm Harrison Green, as well as Cape Cod based Horshuc Solien Landscape Architects. She is currently a Principal Planner with the Rhode Island Department of Statewide Planning, and the project lead for the first Statewide Bicycle Mobility Plan. Lindsey looks forward to helping RIASLA grow its membership and create meaningful connections with allied professionals.

Tim Brown, ASLA
Secretary
Tim is an associate principal and partner with Birchwood Design Group, LLC and has over twenty years of construction and design experience in the landscape industry. In a world which is becoming increasingly more complex to comprehend and navigate, Tim believes landscape architecture has the power to be a grounding force and put us in closer touch with our essential humaneness, namely our capacity for wonder and awe about the world around us. Tim works to conceive thoughtful and meaningful projects where the synthesis of plan and detail, material and form result in a unified and legible composition in service of project goals. Tim recognizes the important role the ASLA plays in advocating for the profession and raising awareness about many issues surrounding natural and designed landscapes. He’s excited to get involved by joining the RI Chapter of the ASLA as Secretary for the coming term of the executive committee.

Nicole Vance, ASLA
Communications Chair
Nicole focuses her work on connecting people to nature in cities through urban landscapes, community engagement and placemaking. Since graduation from the University of Texas at Austin, she has moved across public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Currently, Nicole works with the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC) as Greenway Program Director, bringing her experience in landscape design, program and project management. Before moving to Rhode Island and joining WRWC, she worked with Resource Design Group, Studio Balcones, Austin Outdoor Design, & the Waller Creek Conservancy. She looks forward to helping RI ASLA continue to improve telling the story of landscape architecture in Rhode Island!

Emily Humphrey, ASLA
Public Awareness Chair
Emily is a Landscape Designer at Birchwood Design Group. She received her Bachelors in Landscape Architecture from URI in 2015, where she served as the Student Chapter President. She hopes to use the Public Awareness position to improve the chapters’ engagement with the community and interaction with allied professions. She will be increasing the RIASLA’s social media presence to reach a larger audience, and will be planning new outreach tools and events for 2018. Emily will also be representing the RIASLA at this year’s Public Awareness Summit.
Tis the season for awards! Join us in congratulating several member firms for receiving local awards from RI Monthly and RINLA (Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association). More on each project can be found at the RI ASLA website, RhodeIslandASLA.org.

Landscape Elements LLC was part of the project team that earned a Gold award from RI Monthly magazine in the category of New Construction/Commercial Renovation for the new beachfront facilities at Lincoln Woods State Park. The new facilities included three new buildings, renovated parking lots and an expanded beachfront plaza that provided ADA access to the pond via two new composite wood ramps. Landscaping utilized rain gardens to manage storm water. Our firm appreciated the opportunity to work with the project team headed by Brewster Thornton Group Architects of Providence, RI.

Gravelly Hill Design Group, LLC (GHDG) provided a Master Plan for this Charlestown residence who underwent a complete renovation inside and out. Key points of interest that GHDG assisted with were a new custom cedar fence, custom iron fence, a new front walk including a water feature, new terrace and pool deck, and a custom fire pit with scenic extended views to the Pond. The client’s robust interest in art was the inspiration for Jenn to collaborate with a mosaic artist, Deb Aldo of Pietre Dure Design, to not only extend the views from the living space but to provide strong visual points of interest while outdoors enjoying the pool area. Three (3) 3'x5' mosaic panels were integrated into the cedar fence. Plant choices were reflective of the seasonal use of the space and as such, emphasis on color was during the spring and summer months. In addition to the opportunity of working with Deb, Jenn enjoyed the team effort provided by Dave Vanderlaan of Vanderscapes as well as Edgar Castillo of Castillo Iron Works.

O&G’s Masonry Division is a Proud Supporter of the RI ASLA and Committed to the Landscape Architect Profession

Member Recognition

UPCOMING EVENTS

See updates and details for all events on the RI ASLA calendar at RhodeIslandASLA.org.

Jan 3rd, 2018 (Wed)
6-8pm Executive Committee Meeting
All members are welcome. Join the ExComm for a monthly meeting on a call-in. Learn about what is going on in the organization. Call-in

Feb 7, 2018 (Wed)
6-8pm Executive Committee Meeting
All members are welcome. Join the ExComm for a monthly meeting in person. Learn about what is going on in the organization.
University of Rhode Island, 45 Upper College Rd, Kingston, RI 02881

Mar 7th, 2018 (Wed)
6-8pm Executive Committee Meeting
All members are welcome. Join the ExCom for a monthly meeting on a call-in. Learn about what is going on in the organization. Call-in

Mar 8, 2018 (Thur)
7-9p URI LECTURE SERIES
Peter Trowbridge, Principal, TWM, Ithaca, NY
Title: Affordable Housing and the Consequences of Public Engagement
Richard E. Beaupre Center for Chemical & Forensic Sciences
Room 105A, 140 Flagg Road, Kingston, RI 02881
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Mar 10, 2018 (Sat)
Rhode Island Land & Water Summit
URI Memorial Union, South Kingstown, RI 02881

Mar 14-15, 2018 (Wed & Thur)
Northeast Hardscape Expo
More info: www.nehexpo.com
Rhode Island Convention Center, 1 Sabin St, Providence, RI 02903

Apr 4th, 2018 (Wed)
6-7pm Executive Committee Meeting
All members are welcome. Join the ExCom for a monthly meeting on a call-in. Learn about what is going on in the organization. Call-in

Apr 5, 2018 (Thur)
7-9p URI LECTURE SERIES
Signe Nielsen, Principal, Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects, NYC
Title: Waterproofing New York
Richard E. Beaupre Center for Chemical & Forensic Sciences
Room 105A, 140 Flagg Road, Kingston, RI 02881

Apr 6, 2018 (Fri)
Call for Executive Committee Members!
Interested in serving along with this small yet robust group of volunteers? Keep an eye out for your chance to step up and lend a hand!

Apr 10, 2018 (Tues)
ASLA Advocacy Day
More to come as we work out how we will advocate on behalf of landscape architecture in Rhode Island. Stay tuned!

Apr 19, 2018 (Thur)
7-9p URI LECTURE SERIES
Jamie Maelyn Larson, Principal, Wagner Hodgson, Burlington/Hudson NY
Title: Transitions
Richard E. Beaupre Center for Chemical & Forensic Sciences
Room 105A, 140 Flagg Road, Kingston, RI 02881

Apr 25-28, 2018 (Wed - Sat)
CPC/BOT Mid-year Spring Meeting

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April 2018 Events
More updates will be coming for the 2018 events. Stay tuned!

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