

#### The Quarterly Newsletter of the Virginia Society of Landscape Designers

#### **Fall 2010**

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#### **Letter from the President**

Once again it is a change of season. It is time to evaluate how we have done so far this year with our businesses and VSLD. I am happy to report that we have 137 members. We are headed in a positive direction as a professional organization. But, we can always improve, so if you have any suggestions or concerns please let a board member know.

Monit continues to march on smartly with the web. Updates have been made with more than thirty new photos added to the site. So far we have represented 23

members. This is your opportunity to put your landscape projects out before the public. She will be emailing you for new pictures.

We have two new certified members: Meg French and Lesley Sewell. Welcome to our group!

We have a great winter meeting planned for you. Brian O'Neil, Horticultural Director of the Norfolk Botanical Gardens and long time VSLD member, has been working on it for you. He has contacted

Doug Aurand of Siska Aurand Landscape Architects. Doug and his company have been featured in numerous publications: Southern Living, Coastal Living Magazine, American Nurseryman and the periodical Landscape Architecture. Doug has also written a book on pools, Fountain and Pools. For more on the speaker visit the website: www.siskaaurand.com. Brian will also take interested people on a tram tour of the gardens in the morning and a walking tour in the afternoon. Norfolk Botanical Garden has taken great strides creating new garden rooms, i.e. the butterfly garden, the children's garden. If you haven't seen these you are in for a treat. For those people who would like to be on the beach, reserve a room at Best Western and you can stroll on the beach of Chesapeake Bay.

Don't forget to consider entering the Design Contest. This is another great way to present your work to the public.

Need CEUs? Come to our winter meeting February 12, 2011 at the Botanical Gardens, Norfolk, The Mid-Atlantic Horticultural Short Course will be in Virginia Beach in January 24-27, 2011 another opportunity for CEUs. For more information, check out their website: www.mahsc.org. They are offering a great program for landscape designers and landscape architects.

One of the reasons to belong to a professional organization is getting to know and work with people like Chris Coen. She saw an opportunity to educate a magazine and the public and took it. This benefits all of us. Thank you, Chris.

#### More to design than Landscape Architects!

The Fine Gardening e-newsletter I received on Nov. 1 notes that subscribers can get landscape design help without paying for a landscape architect by leaning on fellow subscribers.

While I'm all for self-help, I thought I would point out that there are such things as landscape designers. We are not landscape architects, and we charge substantially less to help solve clients' landscape and plant problems. (I like to tell clients that if they have a large project, especially one involving designed structures or redistribution of large quantities of dirt, they want a landscape architect, but for anything smaller us landscape designers can do it as well, if not better!)

If subscribers don't get the answer they need from their fellow gardeners, they can contact a professional landscape designer in Virginia, we can be found at <a href="http://vsld.org/">http://vsld.org/</a>, and in other places across the country there's http://www.apld.com/.

Chris Coen VSLD-certified landscape designer Nature's Palette Mineral VA

One of our members, Kathy Corker has had a baby girl whose name is Emily Ellen born on Oct 5th! Congratulations!

A fellow designer, Wayne Winterrowd passed away this fall.

I recently received a letter from Senator Jim Webb in regards to the letter I sent in August on behalf of VSLD. The board voted to endorse the Chesapeake Clean Water Act, S 1816. We requested that he and Senator Warner work with Senator Cardin to move S 1816 to passage. For more information on this issue, go to http://www.cbf.org. Senator Webb responded: "The Chesapeake Clean Water and Ecosystem Restoration Act (S.1816) would give the states of the Chesapeake Bay new tools to continue

the restoration of the Bay." If you would like the entire letter let me know and I will email it to you.

I would like to take this time to encourage you to become a certified horticulturist. VNLA has a good educational program headed up by Cheryl LaJoie. It is a personal opinion, but I think being a certified designer and a certified horticulturist gives an advantage with one more reason to use a professional designer.

Yulita Ellis is working on the Summer Tour 2011. She is also a photo winner for May/June VNLA newsletter, congratulations!

At the VNLA board meeting we listened to a presentation on the Chesapeake Bay Restoration-What Does It Mean for You. Helpful Website and Resources on this topic are:

EPA's Bay TMDL –

http://www.epa.gov/chesapeakebaytmdl/

Va. Bay TMDL Website -

http://www.deg.state.va.us/tmd/chesapeakebay.html

Va .Draft Bay TMDL Plan -

http://www.epa.gov/reg3wapd/pdf chesbay/VADraf tWIPI.pdf

Thanksgiving and Christmas are around the corner---- Happy Holidays,

Your President, Diane Roselius



**Lewis Ginter Upcoming Events--Kay Moore** 

The Winter Symposium and CVNLA Short Course will deal with the topic, Shades of Green. On Feb. 2nd speakers will include Pam Baggett on tropical flowers, Michael Bowers on global climate change, Rodney Robinson on sustainable beauty in the landscape, Elizabeth Heider and Rebecca Aaron-Sydnor on greener energy and environmental design, and Karen Firehock on the Richmond green infrastructure. On Thursday, Feb. 3rd, speakers will include Robert Lyons, Susan Barton, Katie Frazier, Kevin Heffernan, Mindy Ruby, and Rhonda Sherman. The topics on this second day deal with invasive plants, alternative designs, cleaning the bay, and composting. Specific topics are not yet available for this day. The third day will be the Pesticide Applicator Recertification day. Information should be available in November at www.lewisginter.org. Cost will be \$40.00/day.

On March 3rd London College of Garden Designers Andrew Wilson and Andrew Fisher Tomlin, will be discussing designing for the future. This is a professional workshop on practices for biodiversity. They will discuss technology and planting design strategies for practical, innovative, and imaginative solutions to designing for environmental sustainability.

Plans are underway to bring Julie Moir Messervy here to discuss her Toronto Music Garden.

Rosemary Alexander will be returning to talk about the design process.

Please check the website for other classes. I only try to highlight the ones that seem most directly related to landscape design.

Kay Moore, LGBG Liaison

#### **Clean Water Act Update**



The Virginia Green Industry Council (VGIC), of which VSLD is a member, is deeply involved in the current negotiations with the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of nutrients, the so-called "pollution diet" being established for rejuvenation of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and reduction of nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment reaching the Bay. The states involved have made their proposals to EPA. EPA has found Virginia's proposal "seriously deficient" in a number of ways and has established a comment period for the public and affected industry to react to the regulations EPA says it will impose if Virginia, and the other Bay watershed states, don't meet the TMDL.

Why does this all matter to you? Because TMDL means, at its base, a reduction (whether through state legislation or EPA regulation) of the nutrients reaching the Bay through ground water and runoff – a reduction that affects our industry primarily in the availability and formulation of fertilizers, in the potential for additional licensure and fees associated with fertilizer application, and in the changes TMDL will bring to storm water management. Eventually, (Clean Water Act continued)

the changes mandated by TMDL are going to be felt by the homeowner, your client, who will be looking to you for answers.

Virginia Agribusiness Council has assembled some talking points (here:

http://library.constantcontact.com/doc203/11022133 37443/doc/FpdXRZShLDEERG1t.pdf) and is calling on green industry members to comment on EPA's response to Virginia's proposal. (EPA's response, in case you want to read it in excruciatingly fine detail, is here:

http://www.epa.gov/reg3wapd/pdf/pdf chesbay/WI PEVALUATIONS/PortfolioOfDraftWIPs.pdf) The deadline for comment is November 8.

This is a highly politicized issue. As such, your board of directors leaves it to you to determine where you stand in balancing the health of your business and the environment we all live and work in. It's undeniable that things are going to change, however. We'll post future VGIC and Agribusiness Council news both in the newsletter and, as necessary, in email broadcasts to the membership. Stay tuned!

#### <u>CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT:</u> <u>MID-ATLANTIC HORTICULTURE SHORT</u> COURSE SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 24 – 28, 2011

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. – (August 2010) – The Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course will be held January 24 – 28, 2011 at the Founder's Inn and Spa in Virginia Beach. Known as one of the nation's most comprehensive horticulture educational programs, it features national speakers, educational sessions and hands-on workshops related to the horticulture and landscape management industries.

Highlighted speakers include Dan Heims, Terra Nova Nurseries; Nicholas Staddon, Monrovia Nursery; W. Gary Smith, ASLA & author of the soon-to-be-released, From Art to Landscape; Bernie Erven, Ohio State, Professor Emeritus; Jon Goldman, Brand Launcher. The four-day conference is divided into industry-specific tracks, and participants can mix and match subject areas. National and regional speakers present new techniques, university research and advances in Arboriculture, Business, Work Crew Management (introductory and advanced as a certification program), Horticulture Skills (introductory and experienced), Landscape Architecture & Design, Landscape Management, Pesticide Training & Renewal and Plants & Production. Hands-on workshop topics include Bonsai, Business Marketing, Landscape Design, Plant Propagation and Insect ID with microscopes for basic bugs, beneficial insects & exotic pests.

The 2011 Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course allows participants to qualify for all industry continuing education credits and certifications - all in one place - including ASLA, GCSAA, ISA, PLANET, NC BoLA, VSLD, Crew Manager, Advanced Crew Manager, Certified Horticulturist or Nurseryman, Pesticide Applicators in 10 states + DC, and VA DCR Nutrient Manager.

Programs and registration forms will be available in late fall. More information can be obtained from www.mahsc.org or at 757-523-4734.

The Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course is produced by The Virginia Horticultural Foundation, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that provides educational programs to assist and inform the general public and professionals in effective and efficient horticultural pursuits, landscaping, environmental concerns and general gardening activities.

Contact: Dawn Alleman 757-647-0110 program@mahsc.or

#### Landscape for Life Helps Homeowners Create Sustainable, **Beautiful Gardens**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—A new Web site developed by the United States Botanic Garden and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at The University of Texas at Austin brings homeowners comprehensive, accessible advice on creating nature-friendly, sustainable landscapes at home, no matter where they live.

The new site at http://www.landscapeforlife.org provides a layman's explanation and practical approaches to "greening" gardens and home landscape based on the principles outlined in the Sustainable Site Initiative (SITES<sup>TM</sup>). This national rating system for sustainable landscapes was developed over four years by technical experts on water, sustainable materials, human health and other topics. The Landscape for Life Web site provides homeowners a scaled-down version of the SITES voluntary guidelines and performance benchmarks that have, until now, been developed for landscape professionals.

Landscape for Life maintains the technical accuracy of the SITES Guidelines and Performance Benchmarks report, but has eliminated the rating system. It offers detailed descriptions of sustainable practices which can be put in place in any home landscape and explains the potential benefits these practices can provide.

"Conventional gardens often work against nature," said Holly Shimizu, executive director of the U.S. Botanic Garden. "We hope to enlist the power of all those home gardeners who want to give the benefits of nature a helping hand have a regenerative sustainable garden. What a difference that can make."

Conventional home landscapes very often consume large quantities of water and chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides. They often use plants illadapted to local conditions or plants that are invasive.

A sustainable landscape harnesses the power of nature to cleanse pollutants from air and water, to capture and hold rainwater and mitigate the urban heat island effect. Such landscapes also provide habitat for wildlife and pollinators and a healthy nurturing space for outdoor activities.

"We started Sustainable Sites<sup>TM</sup> because there was no system for encouraging and rating "green" landscapes similar to the system that now exists for buildings," said Susan Rieff, executive director of the Wildflower Center. "And the best thing about welldesigned landscapes is that they can actually improve the environment, while green buildings can only minimize their burden on the environment. With Landscape for Life, we have taken the expertise that went into SITES and made it more accessible to the homeowner."

The Web site compares conventional and sustainable landscape practices. Landscape for Life also contains extensive, step-by-step advice on the sustainable choices related to addressing a site's soil, water use, plants, landscape materials and the impact of landscapes on human health and well-being. For example, the section on creating a water-thrifty landscape contains explanations of how to select plants appropriate for your area based on local soil and climate conditions, how to mulch your planting beds and how to irrigate with alternatives to potable water. It also provides a guide to water-saving irrigation.

A downloadable workbook that covers the Web site content is available at

http://www.landscapeforlife.org/about/. A colorful, informative overview brochure about the Web site content, "Landscape for Life™, Your Guide to Harnessing Nature's Power for a Healthy, Beautiful Garden" is also available at:

http://www.landscapeforlife.org/publications/landsc apesbrochure.pdf.

The Web site and brochure were written in collaboration with celebrated author and consultant Janet Marinelli, an expert on sustainable landscape, public gardens, plant conservation and regenerative design.

Design work was provided by Elizabeth Ennis.

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#### VSLD WINTER MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2011 NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN NORFOLK, VA.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR TOURS OF THE GARDEN, ANNUAL MEETING, DESIGN AWARDS, LUNCH AND GUEST SPEAKER

GUEST SPEAKER: DOUG AURAND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, SISKA-AURAND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, NORFOLK, VA http://www.siskaaurand.com

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 9:30 AM LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IN THE MORNING AS WE VIEW OUR DESIGN CONTEST ENTRIES A TRAM TOUR WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 10:00 AM **OUR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 11:30 AM** FOLLOWED BY A LUNCH AND A LECTURE BY DOUG AURAND

A WALKING TOUR WILL BE LEAD BY BRIAN O'NEIL AFTER THE LECTURE More information is available at <a href="http://norfolkbotanicalgarden.com">http://norfolkbotanicalgarden.com</a>

Directions: From I-64: Take Norview Ave. Exit (NBG and airport), turn left onto Azalea Garden Road and go 1/4 mile to entrance of garden on the right





#### 2011 VSLD WINTER MEETING **REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME	
GUEST NAME	
VSLD MEMBER ADDRESS	
DAYTIME PHONE (s)	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS @ \$60.00 MEMBER/GUEST=\$	
MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO VSLD	
MAIL TO	
BRIAN O'NEIL	
c/o Norfolk Botanical Garden	
6700 Azalea Garden Road	
Norfolk, Virginia 23518-5337	

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY JANUARY 10, 2011 CALL BRIAN 0'NEIL @ 757-390-0000 cell (brian.oneil@nbgs.org) FOR MORE INFORMATION

Make hotel reservations at the Best Western Holiday Sands, 1-800-937-8376 1330 East Ocean View Ave., Norfolk, VA 23503 \$59.00 double occupancy, mention you are a member of VSLD for this rate, includes two Queen size beds, private beach, oceanfront suites, WiFi, weight room and hot breakfast www.holidaysands.com

#### **Editor's Notes:**

First a brief rundown of the fall board meeting by committee;

- We are currently 137 members strong, and please encourage any students you may know to join as student members. Information on student membership requirements is on the website.
- The website has recently been updated with 30 new photos representing 23 members.
- We have two new members. Welcome to Lesley Sewell and Meg French!
- Remember to submit designs for our design contest. The entry forms are in this issue of the VNLA newsletter!
- If you're interested in joining the Board, the 2011 slate for candidates has room for one more Director and the Vice-President position is available. If interested contact Scott Creery at; gardencree@aol.com

If you have anything to brag about, or if you've been quoted in the media, let us know. This is a great way for VSLD to get exposure, and the other members are always interested in what you're up to.

Eve Willis and Brian Bulman were both in the October issue of Virginia Gardener Magazine.

A Botanical Garden in the works for Charlottesville:

The Master Planning process for the east side of McIntire Park in Charlottesville is set to begin this spring and will incorporate a vision of a public botanical garden right in the heart of the City of Charlottesville. Your awareness and support of this project will help to make the McIntire Botanical Garden a reality. We encourage all to come out on the second Sunday of the month to walk around and enjoy the spectacular views this park has to offer. For more information please visit

www.mcintirebotanicalgarden.org

#### McIntire Botanical Garden

Wear your gardening gloves and bring a shovel to the first "plant-in" at McIntire Park to help plant spring bulbs and Dogwood trees.

Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., volunteers will get to help beautify the area around the tree sculpture and learn more about the artist and the Art-In-Place City program.

The McIntire Botanical Garden, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, is sponsoring this event to help plant 19 Dogwood trees donated from the Dogwood festival to the First Tee program and to plant Daffodils and Narcissus bulbs.

Parking is at the lot by the wading pool. The event is free and will be a fun and enjoyable time for the whole family!

For more information -www.mcintirebotanicalgarden.org orhelen@mcintirebotanicalgarden.org

434-960-6844

#### **Plastic Recycling Progam Flyer**

#### **GETTING STARTED**

Look for opportunities at these garden center and other collection sites for specific dropoff programs throughout the growing season. For this to work most efficiently please do the following with your waste nursery containers:

- Separate the plastics according to the type of plastic.
- Knock out all loose dirt.
- Remove all metal wire from hanging planters.
- Nest the pots or trays together as tightly as possible.
- At the garden center, stack your pots with those of the same resin code. (Someone at your local garden center will likely help you with this step.)

Group containers by the resin code on the bottom of the pot. The primary plastics used for garden and nursery containers bear the following symbols: #2 for high density polyethylene (HDPE), #5 for polypropylene (PP) and #6 for polystyrene (PS).







Note: This program can only collect nursery plastics. Take your consumer plastics to your local recycling center.

Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Virginia Green Industry Council, and the Virginia Master Gardener Association are working together to promote and implement this new program. You can also help by identifying other local independent garden centers and encouraging them to participate in this program in the future. Direct them to Dr. Joyce Latimer at 540-231 -5451.

You can also contact the Henrico Extension office at 804-501-5160 with further questions or needs for assistance.





### Virginia Cooperative Extension





#### PLASTIC NURSERY POT RECYCLING

Learn how you can recycle your plastic nursery pots and where you can recycle them!



Henrico Extension Office Virginia Cooperative Extension 8600 Dixon Powers Drive PO Box 90775 Henrico, VA 23273-0775 804-501-5160

#### (flyer continued)



Over 300 million pounds of plastics go into our nation's landfills each year! Help reduce that amount by recycling your plastic nursery pots.

Thank you for partnering with your local independent garden center to recycle plastic nursery pots and containers. We have surveyed most of the recycling centers in the greater Richmond area and have found none that collect garden pots. However, much of this plastic can be recycled into new garden and nursery containers or other plastic items. We just need to collect it! With your assistance we can start reducing the amount of garden and nursery pot plastics that goes to the landfill.

#### What will recycled pots become?

Bottles for non-food items such as shampoo, conditioner, plastic lumber for outdoor decking, pipe, floor tiles, automobile applications such as battery cases and signal lights, brooms and brushes, garden rakes, storage bins, thermal insulation, cameras, desk trays, egg shell cartons, plastic moldings, and more!

This Richmond pilot project is the beginning of a statewide initiative to redirect plastic garden and nursery containers and pots from landfills to recycling facilities. Furthermore, we will be sending these pots to a recycler that will be using them to create new nursery products. See the resin code on the bottom of the pot. All plastics with the same code can be grouped together, regardless of pot size, color or style. Miscellaneous nursery plastics that are not identifiable can be co-mingled and recycled separate from the numbered plastics. So, bring all your garden pots to the garden center.



#### **PARTICIPATING** GARDEN CENTERS



AT TWO LOCATIONS

12111 West Broad Street Richmond, VA Phone: 804-360-2800

3313 Mechanicsville Pike Richmond, VA Phone: 804-321-2200

www.strangesgardencenter.com



2100 Ruffin Mill Road Colonial Heights, VA Phone: 804-526-4000

www.boulevardflowergardens.com

For updated information on participating garden centers where you can recycle your gardening containers, visit http://www.bse.vt.edu/ green/Plastics/overview.htm

# 7th ANNUAL VSLD LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONTEST

## **Entry Categories**

- Landscape plan / Built
- Landscape plan / Unbuilt
- Vignette / Built
- Vignette /Unbuilt

Vignette may include any portion of a landscape design. Entries may be sub-divided into like categories prior to judging.

- Large scale plan /Built (Over \$75,000)
- Members Choice

(Entries to be voted on by members attending the Winter meeting. Entries will include designs brought to the meeting.)

#### **Judging Criteria**

- Problem solving / effectiveness
- Sustainability of plant material
- Environmental impact
- Creativity and ingenuity
- Functionality
- Maintenance considerations
- Presentation
- Overall impact

#### **Entry Requirements**

- 1. Landscape, Vignette, or Master Plan
- 2. Written summary of project scope/ requirements
- 3. Identification of entry category (see above)
- 4. Identification of sketches, computer enhanced photos/ software, multimedia etc. used

Due Date: Friday, January 21, 2011

Send entries to:

Terry Tosh VSLD Design Contest 9800 Mayland Drive Richmond VA 23233

Applicant acknowledges the work nominated is their own and no one else's. Materials will not be returned and may be used by VSLD for publicity purposes. It is the designer's responsibility to obtain a media release from their client. Please list the publications, newspapers, etc. where you would like a winning announcement to appear.

Awards will be presented at the Winter meeting.

# 7th Annual VSLD Landscape Design Contest

# **Application Form**

(VSLD Certified Designers Only)

	VSLD Certified Designer'	s Name		-		
	Designer's Business Name					
	Designer's Contact Inform	nation:				
	Address					
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	Business Phone (			200		
	Cell Phone (	)	-		1	
	Email				10	
	Client's Name				10	
	Client's City/County/State					
Entry	Category: (Check Box)	ш	Landscape plan/ Built Landscape plan/ Unbuilt		Large scale plan/ Built (Over \$75,000)	
10			Vignette/ Built Vignette/ Unbuilt	•	Members Choice	
Project Summary: (attach up to 2 additional pages, as necessary)						
Due Date: Applications must be postmarked on or before						
		Tree	January 21, 2011			
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