

Sustainability: Redefining Design, Reinforcing Nature

American Society of Landscape Architects Central States Chapters Regional Meeting
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 22-24, 2010

The **Skirvin Hilton Hotel** hosts all Central States ASLA conference activities. Constructed in 1911, the Skirvin re-opened in 2007 following a lavish restoration. The hotel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, APRIL 22nd

- 8:30 AM – 6:00PM** **Registration – Skirvin Hilton Hotel, second floor**
- 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM** **Tour of Historic Route 66 and Deep Fork Tree Farm (lunch provided)**
2 PDH
Deep Fork Tree Farm (www.dftrees.com) is situated in the fertile valley of the Deep Fork River in Arcadia, Oklahoma. Their operation produces some of the region's finest large caliper specimen trees. The tour includes a visit to the growing fields, a presentation about the processes and benefits of their production practices, and information about the attributes and uses of the many species Deep Fork grows. Lunch provided. Travel to and from the farm will trace historic Route 66, with quick stops at several iconic structures including POPS (www.pops66.com) and the Round Barn.
- 1:30-2:30 PM** **Urban Rivers - Bill Wenk, FASLA**
1 PDH
Bill was the Principal Urban Designer for the Menomonee River Valley Redevelopment, an award-winning "green infrastructure" redevelopment in Milwaukee. Bill was responsible for integrating a network of parks and open spaces through stormwater infrastructure, regional and local trails, and a restored river corridor into a proposed 140-acre mixed-use and light industrial development. Bill also served as the Principal River Planner for the restoration of the 32-mile Los Angeles River corridor as well as the restoration for Bubbly Creek, a branch of the Chicago River in Chicago.
- 3:00-3:45 PM** **Oklahoma City National Memorial presentations and tour**
Prof. Hans E. Butzer, Assoc. AIA, LEED AP and Torrey Butzer, B. ARCH
1 PDH
The inspiration and theory for the award winning Oklahoma City National Memorial design will be presented. Guided by an innovative, and now often copied community-oriented process, the sources and development of the design will be explained using photos, sketches, drawings and models.
- 4:00-4:45 PM** **Ensuring the Viability of the Emblamatic 'Survivor Tree'**
Mark Bays, Oklahoma Urban Forestry Coordinator
1 PDH
The tree that survived the bombing has become the Oklahoma City National Memorial's best-know icon. The tree represents the determination of the community, and its ongoing health is of utmost importance. Mark Bays will outline the measures employed to ensure the tree's viability.

- 5:00-6:00 PM** **Walking Tour – Oklahoma City National Memorial**
 Enjoy a short walk through downtown Oklahoma City to experience the Memorial, Oklahoma’s most visited site. After touring the Memorial at your own pace, join us at the nearby Red Prime restaurant.
- 6:00-8:00 PM** **Opening Reception and Presentation of the first annual Central States Community Leadership Award, honoring former Oklahoma City Mayor Ron Norick for his transformative leadership.**
Red Prime Steakhouse
 Red Prime Steakhouse is located in the historic Buick Building, built in 1911. The Opening Reception and award presentation will take place in the second story Showroom. After the cocktail and appetizer reception, walk four blocks east to Bricktown for dinner, four blocks south to return to the Skirvin, or stay and enjoy dinner on your own.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010

- 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM** **Exhibitor set-up**
- 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM** **Registration and Continental Breakfast - Exhibit Hall**
- 8:30 AM – 8:45 AM** **Welcome to Oklahoma City**
Autumn Radle, Director of Sustainability
 Autumn leads Oklahoma City’s newly created Office of Sustainability. She will introduce local efforts to reduce energy consumption and embark on more sustainable practices and welcome attendees to Oklahoma City.
- 8:45 AM – 10:00 AM** **The Sustainable Sites Initiative: An Overview**
Heather Venhaus
Steven Windhager
 1.5 PDH
 The critical role of sites and landscapes in supporting, enhancing, and regenerating ecosystem services has changed design and management best practices. Pressing global environmental concerns, including unprecedented water and community health challenges within a new carbon economy, provide opportunities for landscape architects and other professionals to play a pivotal role in developing solutions. This session presents an overview of the Sustainable Sites Initiative and succinctly summarizes SSI’s Case for Sustainable Landscapes.
- 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM** **Break / Exhibit Hall**
- 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM** **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 1. Sustainable Sites Initiative – Key Elements – Main Ballroom**
Heather Venhaus
Steven Windhager
1.5 PDH
 Present a cross section of issues common to the Great Plains and practices relating to the Sustainable Sites system.

2. Regional Projects – Crystal Room

1.5 PDH

10:15 – 10:50: Oklahoma City: Myriad Gardens and Project 180

Nathan Elliott, The Office of James Burnett

Oklahoma City has funded \$140 million in improvements to the downtown, known collectively as Project 180. The Office of James Burnett has a key design role and will present their work.

10:55 – 11:30: Defining Success in two St. Louis-area Projects

Keith Culbertson, FASLA, Chairman, Design Workshop Inc.

Drawing on two examples from the St. Louis metropolitan region, this presentation will explore how designers can include both environmental issues and a more comprehensive view that considers performance metrics for community, economic, and aesthetic objectives.

11:30 - 11:45 AM

Break / Exhibit Hall

11:45 AM – 1:15 PM

Awards Luncheon

Keynote Address from Gary Scott, FASLA, President, ASLA

Presentation of Central States Professional Awards

1:15 PM – 1:30 PM

Break / Exhibit Hall

1:30 PM – 3:15 PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

1. Sustainable Sites: Quantifying Ecosystem Services – Main Ballroom

2 PDH

This session will provide insight into promoting the value of the SSI to clients and communities: the basis of the Initiative is in demonstrating the quantifiable benefits of environmentally friendly design. The November 2009 Guidelines and Performance Benchmarks Report will be reviewed.

2. Emerging Professionals (intended for students and recent graduates) – Crystal Room

2 PDH

Principal and Emerging Professional Forum:

The Principal and Emerging Professional Forum will provide an open and intimate setting in which questions and ideas will be exchanged. Subjects to be discussed range from essential skills and portfolio tips to the state of the job market and current industry trends. A session moderator will guide and steer the conversation.

Emerging Professional Roundtable

The dialogue of this session is meant to bridge the information gap between the University and the workplace. Within the confines of a secure setting, Associate and Student ASLA members will engage in a closed door, candid discussion about the realities of the workplace. A session moderator will guide and steer the conversation.

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Break / Exhibit Hall – Refreshments

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Roundtable Discussion – Urban Rivers, Sustainability, and Oklahoma City

Bill Wenk, FASLA, Mary Margaret Jones, FASLA, Michael J. Knopp, Brian Dougherty, FASLA

1 PDH

The aesthetic, functional, and tourism value of an urban river – how to enhance and protect the Oklahoma River as a community resource.

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

University of Oklahoma Reception – Skirvin Red Piano Bar

Alumni, faculty, friends and students of the University of Oklahoma College of Architecture are invited to a social hour at the Red Piano Bar, located on the first floor of the Skirvin Hotel.

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Sunset on the River – Reception at Chesapeake Boathouse Mary Margaret Jones, FASLA, Hargreaves Associates Urban Parks and Work in Oklahoma City 1PDH

Enjoy an opportunity to visit the Chesapeake Boathouse, the first structure to grace the banks of the newly revitalized Oklahoma River in downtown Oklahoma City. Hailed by many as a landmark presence along the river, the design is the vision of Oklahoma City architect Rand Elliott with primary funding for the project provided by Chesapeake Energy Corporation. Following appetizers and cocktails, Mary Margaret Jones will present three projects designed by Hargreaves Associates for Oklahoma City, including the American Indian Cultural Center, a waterfront park along the Oklahoma River, and a new major downtown park.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24th:

Celebrate Earth Day and Landscape Architecture Month by participating in Saturday's Open House activities:

- Farmer's Market
- Educational Sessions
- Display of Award-winning Central States Landscape Architecture Projects
- College Fair promoting all Central States Programs in Landscape Architecture
- Tree give away (Oklahoma City residents only; prior registration required)

All Saturday events are **free and open to the public** to help educate the community about Landscape Architecture. All events will take place at the **OSU-OKC**, the Oklahoma City campus of Oklahoma State University. OSU-OKC is located at I-44 and Northwest 10th Street, approximately five miles west of downtown.

Education Sessions:

3 PDHs AVAILABLE

9:00 – 9:50 AM Dave Edwards will present Trees and Shrubs for the Urban Landscape
10:00 – 10:50 AM Julia Laughlin will present Urban Agriculture
11:00 – 11:50 AM Sam Minick will present Rainwater Harvesting Techniques using the Horticulture Center as a case study.

Note: Sessions attended by professionals to earn PDH credits WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED FOR THE CENTRAL STATES CONFERENCE will incur a \$15 per PDH charge for registration and processing.

An LARE REVIEW SESSION will also take place Saturday at OSU-OKC. There is an additional charge for participants of this event. Registration is available on-line.

7:30 AM – 5:30 PM – More information coming soon

Through the weekend:

- Tour the City with a self-guided tour to destinations including Myriad Gardens, the Cowboy Hall of Fame, Bricktown, Stockyards City, or the Midtown / Automobile Alley District.
- Visit the Oklahoma City Festival of the Arts in downtown OKC
- Participate in the Tenth Annual Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon or 5K and honor those lost in the Murrah Building tragedy.
- Enjoy the spectacle of the Conference USA Rowing Championship on the Oklahoma River