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Thanks to the support of a growing national constituency, and visibility in strategically important media outlets, this year has seen the Cultural Landscape Foundation (TCLF) reach several important milestones. Thanks to the financial support of individuals, Federal and State agencies and local foundations, TCLF continues to reach a broader, more diverse national audience. In 2006, our resources in hard and new purpose $1 million, while we advanced our formalized partnerships with the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and Garden Design, which brought over $620,000 in-kind resources to TCLF.

In addition, TCLF sponsored a record number of educational seminars such as Landscape + Partnership (fall) with support from Microsoft and Cranbrook Educational Community and The Twin Cities Parks Conservancy Summit at the new Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis. Responding to the success of these initiatives, TCLF is now replicating both of these conferences for venues in 2007 and beyond. Our message is resonating and our audience is growing. We can measure our reach through continued increases in web activity at www.tclf.org which had over 3 million hits in a 12 month period, and website visitation now surpasses over 24,000 unique visitors per month. This past year we also evidenced the urgency of these initiatives. With ASLA’s support we conducted an oral history interview with M. Paul Friedberg, and with support from the Beverly Willis Architectural Foundation, we videotaped Carol Johnson over a two day period.

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The Modern Garden Icons (MGI) CLC has significantly advanced over the past year. This work has included a return trip to Columbus, IN, during which time TCLF videotaped Will and Margaret Miller, the family gardener, and landscape architect Meg Storrow. Thanks to Meg’s introduction, TCLF also videotaped architect Kevin Roche in July at his office in New Haven, Connecticut.

With this module, TCLF introduced a newly designed interface, more consistent with our website. The interface, designed by Oviatt Media, utilizes recent technological advances that allow for significantly longer segments to be produced and displayed at a larger scale.

Thanks to generous support from the National Endowment for the Arts, the module will be completed by early 2007.

UPDATE

Landscape architect Walter Guthrie was videotaped by Tom Fox in 2004 as part of our Modern Garden Icons CLC module. Walt passed away this year. At that time, the San Francisco Chronicle noted: “In the darkness before dawn, an avalanche of mud courses down a steep slope behind a Mill Valley house and buries a 73-year-old landscape architect. When the rains started falling last month and didn’t stop, Walter Guthrie’s concern grew for the hillside he cherished behind his Mill Valley home. After cracks formed in the soil, he hired a contractor to install a piping system to handle runoff from the saturated canyon. Then, on Wednesday, in the predawn darkness while he was checking to see if a back yard culvert was clogged, an avalanche of mud coursed down the steep slope and buried the 73-year-old landscape architect. “He was kind of a yeoman farmer—it was his hill, his land, he was the steward,” mourned longtime friend Margaret Mori, a former trustee of the American Society of Landscape Architects. “He loved it for all those years, he took care of it, and it killed him.” Fortunately, TCLF was able to capture the voice of this pioneering landscape architect.
The official Landslide unveiling was announced in the June issue of Garden Design, in concert with the Luxury Outdoor Living Show at the Pacific Design Center. TCLF received a total of 24 Landslide nominations, which was narrowed to a final list of 14 individual/thematic listings representing 18 properties. The final list includes gardens located throughout the country, with many designed by some of the nation’s most significant landscape architects including the Olmsted Brothers, Jens Jensen, Marian Coffin, Beatrix Farrand, and Ellen Shipman. In addition, several vernacular landscapes from Florida, Iowa, Virginia, and Washington State are also included.

The Landslide: Spotlight on the Garden launch took place at the Luxury Outdoor Living Show at the Pacific Design Center on May 18 in Los Angeles. The event was underwritten by Monrovia. The event also included the presentation of Stewardship Excellence Awards to the Los Angeles Conservancy, Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation, and The Center for Law in the Public Interest. The day prior to the event, The New York Times featured Landslide on the front page of the Home Section. Nine of the Landslide winners from across the country attended the event.


In the October 2006 issue of Garden Design magazine, TCLF also announced their partnership with the magazine for Landslide 2007: Heroes of Horticulture.

Landslide 2006: Spotlight on the Garden

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Stewardship Excellence awards
May 2006 | Wilmington, DE and Los Angeles, CA

In Wilmington, Stewardship Excellence Awards were given on Friday, May 12, to the duPont Family and George (Frolic) Weymouth.

At the Luxury Outdoor Living Show at the Pacific Design Center on Friday, May 19, three organizations were honored because of their commitment to the research, planning and management of the cultural landscape of Los Angeles:
- Center for Law in the Public Interest, Robert Garcia, Executive Director & Counsel
- Los Angeles Conservancy, Linda Dishman, Executive Director
- Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation, Pamela Seager, Executive Director

Twin City Parks Conservancy Summit
September 18-19, 2006 | Dowling Studio of the Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis, MN

More than 150 guests attended the conference and speakers included Tupper Thomas (Brooklyn); Meg Cheever (Pittsburgh); Susan Rademacher (Louisville); Karen Gouldert (Seattle) and Drew Becher and Christian d’Palermo (New York). The conference was produced in concert with the Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects along with other partners. Participation included the Mayor’s office of both Minneapolis and St. Paul and, on the second day, St. Paul Mayor Coleman was in attendance. The conference yielded three articles in the Star Tribune, a one hour radio spot for on Minnesota Public Radio, and a joint proclamation from both Mayors declaring October 9 as “Save our Open Spaces and Parks” day. The proclamations were announced at the TCLF reception on that date at the ASLA Annual Meeting the following week.
Silent Auction
October 6-9, 2006 | Minneapolis, MN

Following the tremendous success of the first Silent Auction at last year’s ASLA Meeting, and thanks to ads in Garden Design and Landscape Architecture magazines, 52 pieces were included in this year’s auction. The collection included a range of offerings from two Roberto Burle Marx lithographs, to a table designed by Mark Rios. The diverse offerings included sketches, watercolors, photographs, and other ephemera executed by notable landscape architects, architects, photographers and other artists including Auction contributors included Keiji Asakura, ASLA; Gregg Biom, ASLA; Warren T. Byrd, Jr., FASLA; Dennis Carrinich, FASLA; Patrick Chassé, ASLA; Richard Cheek; Rick Darke; Tom Fox; Eric Foltyn, FASLA; Luis Garza; Stephen Harby; Gary R. Hildebrand, FASLA; PAM; Carol R. Johnson, FASLA; Dunn, AA; AR; Joseph J. Lalli, FASLA; Alex MacLaen, FASLA; Thomas R. Oslund, FASLA; FASL; Ted Osmundson, FASLA; Alex Ragsdale, FASLA; William Roberts, FASLA; Robert Sabatini, AICP, ASLA; Peter Lindsey Staudt, ASLA; FASL; Kari Stute, FASLA; Laurinda Spear, FASLA; AIA; ASLA; Edward D. Stone, Jr.; FASLA; James van Sweden, FASLA; AICP; Michael Van Valkenburgh, FASLA; Alan Ward, FASLA; Bill Weir, FASLA; and, Donald Richardson, FASLA.

The auction earned nearly $46,000; thanks to the superb positioning in the central spine of the convention center at this year’s annual meeting, the auction saw significantly more traffic than last year. In addition, the final proceeds represent a 33% increase in revenue over last year. TCLF was also approached by a number of landscape architects to contribute work for next year’s auction in San Francisco.

Auction contributions from (top) Diane Love and (bottom) Jason Kauffman

Landscape and Patronage Symposium
November 10-11, 2006 | Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Thanks to the tremendous support of Presenting Sponsor, Nxtospace, and Media Partner, Landscape Architecture magazine, more than 120 attendees from across the country met at Cranbrook this past fall. The event, which was co-hosted with the Cranbrook Educational Community, opened with a keynote address by Sunny Fischer, Executive Director of The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, and included speakers Charles Birnbaum, Meg Starrow, Laurie Olin, Arleny Levee, and Robert Grese. Following the one-day conference, Grese and Coir, Curator of Cranbrook, led tours of the Cranbrook campus and Jens Jensen’s work for the Ford family in Dearborn, Michigan.

Other Outreach

In addition to those lectures associated with the aforementioned events, there has been a surge in the number of lectures/events TCLF has delivered/participated in, as well as a growth in diversity of audiences and venues. TCLF President, Charles Birnbaum, gave the keynote address for the several meetings including the State Preservation conference in Oklahoma and Minnesota and the Preservation Dallas Conference. University lectures were also conducted at University of Georgia, Colorado State, University of Colorado, Rhode Island University, and George Washington University. Other lecture venues include Chautauqua (with over 3,000 in attendance), the National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference in Pittsburgh, The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, The Franciscan Lecture for the Southeastern Flower Show in Atlanta, Grammar Arts & Antique Show, and Centennial Park Conservancy in Nashville.

TCLF also served as co-sponsor for the DC Modern Conference in Washington, DC and the National Preservation Institute workshop at San Simeon, California.
This past year has continued to illustrate significant web activity for TCLF.

Website (tclf.org)

This growth can be attributed to the press coverage, online conference registrations, bi-monthly e-letters, and generous partnerships. In particular, our site has generated increased traffic from the print materials distributed at Garden Design and House + Garden events, Birnbaum’s lectures, and other events.

For this year, the TCLF website attracted 2,492,918 hits over the past nine months. This is a significant increase over the 2 million hits in 2005 and 1.2 million hits the previous year.

Early this year, TCLF installed the ability to subscribe to the e-letter via our homepage. In tandem with our event at the Pacific Design Center (PDC), TCLF also installed the ability to make online donations.

Financial Reporting

This summary financial comparison has been prepared by Raffa, Inc, our consulting accountants.

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