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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TOM HAND, ASLA
VTASLA CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Can you feel it? Change is in the air! Summer fun has given way to the start of a new school year, the spectacular fall foliage show is transitioning to frosty (snowy?) winter mornings, and our Executive Board is on the cusp of starting the next Fiscal year with a new group of Board Members. As we start a new board calendar, it's a great time to look back at what we've done and what lays ahead. I'm proud of what we have accomplished over this past year and thankful to all of those who have made it possible including our board members, volunteers, partners, and especially our Sponsors.

In this issue of the ASLA Newsletter we'll look back at our Rocky Dale Nursery Tour, education opportunities, and the fantastic Doug Crowell Lecture with Keith Bowers of Biohabitats. Looking ahead we have our Holiday Gathering, another slate of Chapter Awards coming, and the annual Ski Night. And we always continue to work on important issues for our members including the advocacy and promotion of our profession, finalizing the next Chapter Strategic Plan, Chapter Budget, and member benefits.

The vibrancy of our Chapter depends on organizing and hosting events and activities that promote our profession, increase the knowledge of our members, and raise awareness of issues. What matters to you our members though? Is there a social or fellowship event you'd like to attend or a vendor educational webinar? Do you want to learn more about professional opportunities?

One thing I've noticed this year is the amount of job postings we have listed on our website. The profession continues to expand nationally and locally and the strength of the job market is bright given investments happening in residential and commercial development, green infrastructure, and in parks, recreation, and open space projects. This should lead to a strong group of new hires/emerging professionals moving to our state. (Understanding that the national market is extremely competitive at the moment.) Already we have several women who are recent transplants getting involved with the Chapter at a committee level and being strong members of ASLA. I would love to build on their passion and energy and use it as a springboard to motivate other young professionals to get involved. Social and educational opportunities are a critical way to gather our members together in our rural state and we will seek to expand these in the future.

As we head into the final quarter of the year, let's all remember to be thankful for the opportunities that lay ahead of us and optimistic for our future. It's time to renew and refresh after a busy year! Thank you to Ted Adams for his dedication to the Chapter as Member-at-Large over the past two years and welcome to David Raphael as the new Member-at-Large. Your commitment to volunteering as part of the Chapter Leadership is invaluable!

For those of you headed to Nashville for the ASLA National Conference in a couple of weeks- Enjoy! Until then- look forward to what lies ahead.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TH', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tom Hand

VTASLA CONTINUES SUPPORT OF A+D FILM SERIES

VTASLA is proud to be sponsoring the Architecture + Design Film Series for the third year in a row. The film series hosted by Burlington Community Arts is meant to engage, provoke, and inspire the community by exploring the impact and importance of design and beauty in our lives.

The films are released monthly on Wednesdays and run from September through April. The format has been changed to allow the films to be screened from home. See www.adfilmseries.org for more information, the full schedule and description of films, and to stream the current film.



Ailey
Sept. 29 – Oct. 1, 2021



**Richard Lepastrier:
Framing the View**
Oct. 27 – 29, 2021



**Beyond the Visual
Hilma af Klint**
Nov. 17 – 19, 2021



Running Fence
Dec. 8 – 10, 2021



2022 dates, at this time,
are expected to be in-person



**Making Space: 5 Women Changing
the Face of Architecture**
Jan. 19, 2022



**George Nakashima:
Woodworker**
Feb. 16, 2022



Alexander Calder
Mar. 16, 2022



Alumination
Apr. 13, 2022

DOUG CROWELL LECTURE SERIES | 2021

LECTURE GIVEN BY KEITH BOWERS, BIOHABITATS



DOUG CROWELL LECTURE SERIES | FALL 2021

LIVING ON THE EDGE, RESTORING AN UNKNOWN FUTURE

Keith Bowers, FASLA

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Keith Bowers gave the presentation for the 2021 Doug Crowell lecture series, hosted by VTASLA and sponsored by Read Custom Soils. The event was held live over zoom in October.

Keith Bowers is the Founder and President of Biohabitats, an ecological consulting firm he established in 1982. Biohabitats mission is to inspire communities to rediscover a sense of place through preserving indigenous ecosystems, restoring biological diversity, and embracing ecological stewardship. Through research, planning, design, and construction, the Biohabitats team seeks to restore ecosystems, conserve habitat, and regenerate the natural systems that surround us. The company was just recognized as "Best For The World" in July 2021 as a certified B Corp for its company governance promoting team responsibility and accountability. Keith is a Landscape Architecture Fellow and serves on various Boards including the Rewilding Institute.

The presentation slides will be available through VTASLA website.

VTASLA GARDEN TOUR

ROCKYDALE GARDENS

VTASLA organized a garden tour of Rocky Dale gardens in August 2021. The tour highlighted the unique delights of Rockydale Gardens and Nursery in Bristol, Vermont. Members and friends alike were able to appreciate the unique microclimates and gardens across the grounds, including the specimen evergreens and beeches, a pond in progress, sculptural rock gardens, and transition to stunning natural ledge and forest. A tour of the nursery illustrated what plants the nursery provides and tests for their form and resilience. The event was concluded with dinner and giveaways, hosted by Maglin Furniture.



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NATIONAL PRESERVATION AWARDS SHOWCASE THE LEADERS IN PRESERVATION

PATRICIA M. O'DONNELL, PRESERVATION LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND PLANNER, OF CHARLOTTE, VERMONT RECEIVES THE CROWNINSHIELD LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN PRESERVATION



Patricia M. O'Donnell
The Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award

image: Hitesh Mehta

Patricia M. O'Donnell, a Charlotte, Vermont landscape architect and planner was honored with the Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award for Lifetime Achievement during the National Preservation Awards Ceremony on the evening of Thursday, November 4. This pinnacle recognition from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, was presented to O'Donnell for her "indisputable evidence of superlative achievement in the preservation and interpretation of our heritage."

O'Donnell is a nationally and internationally recognized landscape architect and planner. As noted at the ceremony Thursday evening, her "pioneering work over the past 40 years helped to establish the field of cultural landscape preservation in the United States and has continued to expand it by combining scholarship with the holistic stewardship of public places. ... her current focus on climate change action, sustainability, accessibility, and inclusion demonstrate that she continues to be a powerful force for innovation in her cultural landscape practice." Patricia O'Donnell is the first professional landscape architect recognized with the Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award in its more than sixty-year history.

Paul Edmondson, president and CEO of the National Trust for Historic Preservation said "This year's PastForward theme is Lead the Change, and our

award recipients truly are doing just that for particular places and for the national preservation movement. It is an honor to present the Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award for Lifetime Achievement to Patricia M. O'Donnell for the important work she is doing both nationally and internationally." Her contribution to the National Park Service committees set national standards for how we steward the layered richness of our cultural landscapes, and she played key leadership roles in the creation of both the documentation-focused Historic American Landscape Survey and the advocacy-oriented Cultural Landscape Foundation.

In 1987, O'Donnell founded her pioneering firm, Heritage Landscapes, which has completed over 600 cultural landscape preservation planning and implementation projects. Her portfolio includes hundreds of places listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 40 National Historic Landmarks, and 8 World Heritage Sites. O'Donnell's current endeavors focused on climate change action, sustainability, accessibility, and inclusion demonstrate that she continues to be a powerful force for innovative in her cultural landscape practice.

The Crowninshield award video is viewable on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoQ2WNCzvjU>

This important accolade follows the American Society of Landscape Architects Firm Award presented to Heritage Landscapes in 2019, and recognized by the State of Vermont legislature in House Concurrent Resolution No. R-319 (H.C.R.262). Founder and Partner of Heritage Landscapes LLC, in Vermont O'Donnell had aided in preserving and revitalizing the character and uses of the landscapes at Shelburne Farms and the Joseph Smith Birthplace, two local National Historic Landmarks, among the company's 600 projects around the globe since 1987.

The awards event was part of PastForward Online 2021. The program can be viewed for free from [SavingPlaces.org/Conference](https://www.savingplaces.org/conference).

The 2021 National Preservation Award Winners:

- Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award for Lifetime Achievement: Patricia M. O'Donnell, PLA, FASLA, AICP, Fellow US/ICOMOS, Charlotte, Vermont
- American Express Aspire Award: Jordan Ryan, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Trustees' Award for Organizational Excellence: WeGOJA Foundation, Statewide, South Carolina
- The National Trust/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation: Black Officers Club, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
- The John H. Chafee Trustees Award for Outstanding Achievement in Public Policy: U.S. House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn (SC-06), South Carolina
- The Trustees Emeritus Award for Historic Site Stewardship: China Alley Preservation Society, Hanford, California

THE 2021 RICHARD H. DRIEHAUS FOUNDATION NATIONAL PRESERVATION AWARD WINNERS:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, Washington, DC
- Moynihan Train Hall, New York, New York
- Milwaukee Soldiers Home, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

About the National Trust



Finca Vigia, showing the National Trust and Cuba Culture Ministry team for Ernest Hemingway's 25 acre property, in Havana, Cuba.
image: Bill Dupont

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately funded nonprofit organization, works to save America's historic places to enrich our future. SavingPlaces.org

About PastForward

PastForward is the annual conference of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, November 2-5, attracting thousands of people passionate about saving places. Attendees include preservationists, advocates and architects, city planners and historic site directors, students and elected officials, commissioners, and main street directors. This year's theme is Lead the Change, focusing on the topics of promoting equity and justice through historic preservation, adapting to a changing climate, and sharpening essential practices of preservation. SavingPlaces.org/Conference

VERMONT PUBLIC PLACES AWARDS 2021

The Public Places Awards, cosponsored by the American Society of Landscape Architects Vermont Chapter, the American Institute of Architects Vermont, the Vermont Planners Association, and the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program recently awarded seven Honor Awards and four Merit Awards to Vermont public places or projects that enhance them. The Honor Awards went to:

HONOR AWARDS:

A NEW VISION FOR ALBURGH DUNES STATE PARK MASTER PLAN

created for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation by a design team led by LandWorks

BURLINGTON CITY HALL PARK RESTORATION

City of Burlington and based on a plan developed by a team led by Wagner Hodgson Landscape Architecture

CHARLOTTE WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL

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ELM STREET PARK, RANDLOPH

created and designed by the local residents, led and inspired by Rosalind Burgess

SAXTONS RIVER PARK

a new park on a brownfield in the middle of the Village of Saxtons River, created, constructed and maintained by the community, led by a team that included Julie Moir Messervy Design Studio and Terrigenous

SHELBURNE PIERSON LIBRARY AND HISTORIC TOWN HALL

owned by the Town of Shelburne and designed by a team led by Vermont Integrated Architecture, PC

UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND PROJECT

developed by the Montpelier Roxbury School District from plans developed by a team led by the SE Group, with help from the students, parents and faculty of the school



Elm Street Park, Randolph



Charlotte World War I Memorial



Saxtons River Park



Shelburne Pierson Library and Historic Town Hall



Union Elementary School Playground Project



Burlington City Hall Park Restoration

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MERIT AWARDS:

CITY CENTER PARK

City of South Burlington, team lead by LandWorks

THE DIY COMMUNITY COOKBOOK - a do-it-yourself guide to making your community a more livable place

Sponsored by AARP Vermont, and written by Community Workshop

DOG RIVER PARK

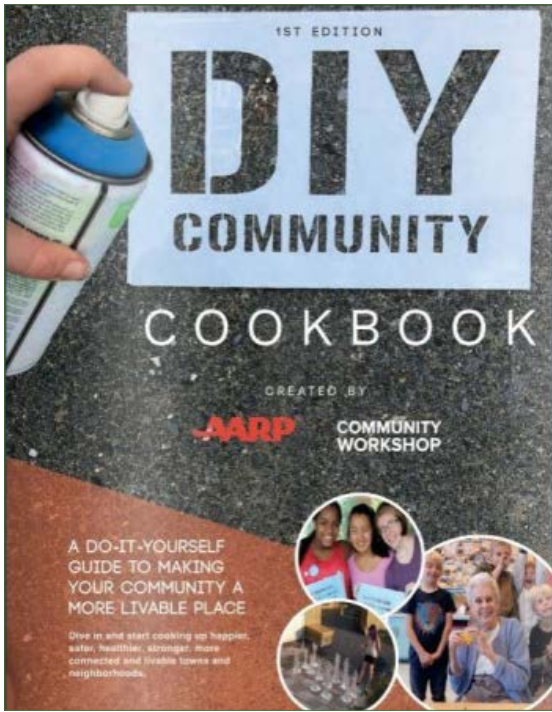
Owned by the Town of Northfield, based on design work and plans prepared by SLR in conjunction with GPI, and assistance from the Friends of the Winooski River, Norwich University Art & Architecture students, the Northfield High School Class of 1957, and the entire community

FAIRLEE VILLAGE CENTER ACTION PLAN

Developed for the Town of Fairlee by a team led by DuBois & King



City Center Park



The DIY Community Cookbook



Dog River Park



Farlee Village Center Action Plan

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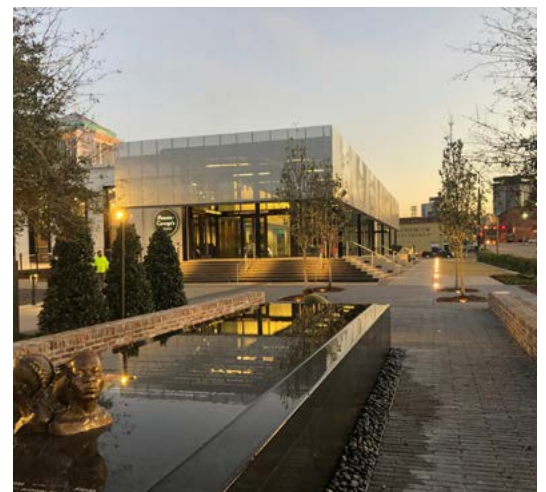
MORE AWARD NEWS!

Even though it seems like we just finished up the Public Places Awards and our 2020 Chapter Awards ceremony was just last spring, it's time to start thinking about your entries to the 2022 VTASLA Chapter Awards Program! Entries will most likely be due near the end of February, 2022. Be on the lookout for more information on the schedule in December.

Our award submissions are usually juried by another ASLA chapter and VTASLA typically reciprocates the service for that chapter. We try to partner with chapters of similar size but that is not always easy. The 2020 Chapter Awards Program entries were juried by the Alaska Chapter. In September, VTASLA returned the favor by assembling a jury to review their award submissions. Jim Donovan chaired an on-line jury with VTASLA members Keith Wagner, Elizabeth Cadwell, David Raphael, and Jeff Hodgson, as well as former VTASLA Chapter President David Jacobs, who joined from Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The jury met for about two hours and gave out two Awards of Excellence, five Honor Awards, and seven Merit Awards.

The 2022 VTASLA Chapter Awards will be juried by the Alabama Chapter. In this case, their awards program was scheduled before ours, so Jim once again chaired an on-line jury last month with the same group, with the exception of David Raphael, who had a scheduling conflict. After lively debate, they settled on bestowing six Honor Awards, and sixteen Merit Awards to projects out of a rather large group of submissions.

Serving on an awards jury is an interesting and enjoyable process. Not only do you get to see a wide range of projects types from other parts of the country, but you also get to participate in a lively discussion about design, the design process, and the work of landscape architects. If you get the chance to serve on one, you should jump at it! A few images from the award-winning projects from Alaska and Alabama are included here.



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NEW “ENERGY GOALS” REQUIREMENT

UPDATE FROM THE VERMONT OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS FOR LICENSURE

To: Affected Licensees
From: The Office of Professional Regulation
Date: June 26, 2021
Re: New “Energy Goals” Requirement



In 2020, the General Assembly passed Act 178, which requires certain professionals licensed by OPR to complete an education module related to the State’s energy goals as a condition of license renewal. See [Act 178 \(2020\), Sec. 33](#). This requirement takes effect on July 1, 2021.[1]

The law applies to: (1) architects, (2) landscape architects, (3) pollution abatement facility operators, (4) water system designers, (5) professional engineers, (6) property inspectors, (7) real estate appraisers, and (8) real estate brokers and salespersons. The law also applies to some Vermonters licensed by other State agencies, such as the Department of Public Safety.

What is Required?

To help you meet the new requirement, OPR has partnered with other agencies to produce a PowerPoint that offers a concise, general orientation to the State’s energy goals. These goals are derived from specific acts of the General Assembly.

You can view the orientation module [here](#). Doing so now will save you time when you renew.

At the first upcoming renewal, the application form will require that you affirm having completed the orientation module linked above. It cannot be counted toward continuing education or competency requirements.

At each biennial renewal after the next, the law will require that you affirm having completed an education module specific to your profession’s role in meeting the State’s energy goals. By that time, environmental groups, state agencies, professional associations, and purveyors of green-energy products and services, will very likely offer a menu of free or low-cost options that satisfy the new requirement. Many of these will be eligible for continuing education credit in fields that require CE.

Please [contact us](#) if you have questions regarding this requirement.

[1] Pollution abatement facility operators: Although your renewal period opened in June, the effective date of your renewed license will be after July 1, 2021. Consequently, the new requirement applies to your current renewal.

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