

## **2013 PINK FLAMINGO AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AWARDS**

Set with the backdrop of a gorgeous golf course and located inside the beautiful and historic Las Vegas Country Club, this year's Pink Flamingo and Annual Landscape Architecture Awards really stood out. Our attendance increased over last year and we had the largest number of students attend. Participation for donating raffle items was by far, the best we've seen in years! Brad Theurer, Chapter President, ran the event like a pro!

This event would not have happened without the continued support of our sponsors. Hunter Industries and Victor Stanley served as our Awards Sponsors; IronSmith, GPH Irrigation Products, Gothic Landscape, and Vortex were Friend of the Flock sponsors; and Nevada Sales Agency was our Beverage Sponsor. Be sure to thank these generous sponsors!

This year marked the first ever presentation of the Silver Award. The Silver Award is the highest honor the Nevada Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects can bestow upon an individual. It is given in recognition of the most distinguished service to the profession of landscape architecture and/or a significant body of work having lasting influence on the theory, practice, and advancement of the profession in Nevada.

Jack Zunino, FASLA presented the award to Ellis Antunez. Although Ellis could not attend, those that did were treated to a moving presentation on the many accomplishments Ellis has provided from single-handedly starting the Truckee Meadows Community College Landscape Architecture and Architecture degree programs and being responsible for hiring all of the instructors and staff, to sitting as past president of the Landscape Architecture Licensing Board on which he served for years, as well as representing our Nevada Chapter by being elected to the prestigious position of National ASLA President. Many congratulations (and thank you's) are in order to Ellis!

Barb Santner presented the Chapter's second annual Award of Honor to the Tahoe Region Planning Agency for the recently adopted Lake Tahoe Regional Plan updates. The Award recognizes those that have made significant contributions to the management, conservation, and preservation of environmental resources and/or public landscapes in Nevada. The 2012 Lake Tahoe Regional Plan is a blueprint for Lake Tahoe's sustainable future that aims to accelerate environmental gains while supporting the health of our communities. The plan updates were developed through an unprecedented public participation process. John Hester represented the TRPA and accepted the award.

Our 2013 Nevada ASLA Landscape Architecture Awards submissions this year highlighting many talented entrants and their Nevada projects. The Project of the Year Award was given to Charlie Frias Park by Southwick Landscape Architects. The Viewer's Choice Award also went to Charlie Frias Park. Four Honor Awards and three Merit Awards were also awarded. The Idaho/Montana ASLA Chapter served as judges.

The Honor Awards winners were: (Professional Planning & Analysis Category) State Route 28 Corridor Management Plan by Design Workshop & the Tahoe Transportation District, (Parks Category) Charlie

Frias Park by Southwick Landscape Architects, (Single Family Residential Category) New American Home by Sage Design Studios, Inc., and (Student Design Category) Center Street Community Garden by Diego Alvarez

The Merit Award winners were: (Planning & Analysis Category) Douglas County Valley Vision by Design Workshop, (Roadways Category) I-580/Meadowood Complex Project by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., and (Un-built Category) Convention Center Drive by JW Zunino Landscape Architecture.

Each year the NVALA President and Trustee present awards to two individuals who have made significant contributions dedicated countless hours to the Chapter. This year the Trustee's Award went to Amie Wojtech and the President's Award to Caryl Davies.

Hunter Industries provided generous scholarships again this year. The recipients for 2013 were Mirella Garcia, Cameron Arizmendez, and Jamie Mitchell from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The recipients from Truckee Meadows Community College were Melinda Gustine, Justin Gardnier, and Aaron Dibble. This is the sixth year Hunter has provided the scholarship. Hunter representative Nate Gould presented the scholarships.

This year we brought back the "stuff-the-box" raffle as well as added a "pot-o-gold" and an ASLA members only raffle. We had amazing donations that kept the raffle lively throughout the evening. Many thanks to our very generous raffle donors: Heather Theurer, Hunter Industries, JW Zunino Landscape Architecture, LAGE Design, Margison Insurance Agency, Perennial Land Care, Pink Flamingo Book Club, Richard McCreedy, Southwick Landscape Architects, and Victor Stanley.

Thank you also to the many volunteers that made the event happen: Cecilia Schafler, Lindzay Green, Cassi Dawes-Ballard, Johanna Murphy, Jason Loverude, Shavawn Coleman, Eric Kelly, Kevin Davies, and Caryl Davies.

Another successful banquet to put in our Chapter's history!





