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Subject: Nomination of Steve Martino, FASLA, for the 2005 Design Medal

Dear Ms. Mitchell, Members of the Executive Committee, and Board of Trustees:

On behalf of the Arizona Chapter of the ASLA, it gives me great pleasure to nominate Mr. Steve Martino, FASLA, for the 2005 ASLA Design Medal. The contributions that Steve has made to Landscape Architecture in the state of Arizona are immeasurable and well known to us. On a larger scale, and more importantly for this prestigious national award, his exceptional design work has influenced the practice of Landscape Architecture on a national and international level.

Steve has produced a body of exceptional design work at a sustained level for thirty years. His work has raised the awareness of the unique qualities of the southwestern United States, and in doing so, has elevated the global dialogue of regional landscape identity, sense of place, and reconnection with sustainable vernacular landscapes. These concepts transcend local, state and national boundaries and are cornerstones of the meaningful and valuable role of Landscape Architects can play in designing our future world.

The aesthetics of Steve Martino's design style have universal appeal for their color, form, texture, simplicity and contrast. His projects are known for introducing new technical innovations in design and horticultural practices—they demonstrate an ethical and spiritual respect for the nature of the site. The juxtaposition of man-made elements with natural ecological processes is a recurring theme. Steve has truly been a pioneering influence on the use of native and low water plants, bold forms and conservative use of water to achieve dramatic, lush, livable landscapes.



Thank you for giving our nomination of Steve Martino for the 2006 Design Medal your full consideration, and join us in honoring his long-term contributions to our profession.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Woods".

Arizona Chapter of ASLA
Lori Jones Woods, President