

ASLA Community Service Award 2006
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March 2, 2006

To the Awards Committee:

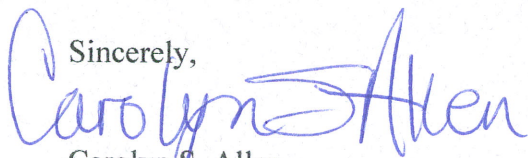
One of the rewards of serving in public office is coming to know persons who give their time, skills and expertise to benefit others. During my years as a City Council member and Mayor of Greensboro, I had the great pleasure of working with Randal Romie on several projects. I have also shared volunteer time with him in some of the organizations to which he gives his services. Visitors are always impressed by the tree-lined streets, trails, parks and gardens of Greensboro. Persons who help maintain and enhance the "green in Greensboro" are immensely important to our City's future.

For the City of Greensboro, Randal chaired the Task Force on Tree Preservation which determined practices for tree management on public property. Because of citizen concern at the loss of tree cover, Randal was named to the Tree Preservation Study Group which included a mix of environmentalists and developers. From these conversations came the recommendation that the City hire an urban forester to review construction plans with regard to tree preservation. The Council accepted the recommendation. An Advisory Committee on Trees was established. Randal was one of the first co-chairs of this body which administers and hears appeals to the Tree Preservation Ordinance.

Greensboro Beautiful, dedicated to enhancing the beauty and ecology of the City through public – private partnerships, has been an organization to which Randal Romie has given hundreds of hours. It has benefited from his leadership as Board President and fund raiser. Several major projects reflect his design. Roadway entry and median plantings along the Elm/South Eugene and the first leg of Bryan Boulevard are among these. He was part of the design team for the Bicentennial Garden Master Plan, and his design of special features of the Garden such as stone steps and a stone bridge add great appeal. This is a frequent destination for visitors and a favorite walking place for Greensboro residents. Randal designed and helped carry out two major reforestation projects at Caldwell and Price Parks. In both cases dozens of volunteers, young people and adults, learned about proper tree planting, dug holes, and now have a continuing interest in watching "their trees" grow.

For these reasons and many others I believe that Randal Romie is an outstanding nominee for the ASLA Community Service Award!

Sincerely,



Carolyn S. Allen
Former Greensboro Mayor, 1993-1999



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March 1, 2006

ASLA Community Service Award Nominations
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my privilege to recommend to you, Randal Scott Romie, for the 2006 ASLA Community Service Award.

I have known Randal personally and professionally for nearly 15 years, in my capacity as City Beautiful Director for the Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department. I have worked with Randal extensively as he has provided pro bono services for planning and developing landscape installations on public property throughout Greensboro, including:

- ◆ Highway beautification sites at I-85 and Elm-Eugene and Randleman Road; and Bryan Boulevard at Benjamin Parkway;
- ◆ Bicentennial Garden/Caldwell Park Master Plan development and garden renovations including a new stone bridge, stone steps, and Old Mill site;
- ◆ Enhancement projects at the Greensboro Arboretum including design & site planning for a new Wedding Gazebo;
- ◆ Conceptual Master Planning for a new botanical garden in southeast Greensboro;
- ◆ Planting Plans and coordination of the highly successful Caldwell Park Reforestation (2001) and New Garden Road Community Planting Day (2003) to name just a few.

I worked even more closely with Randal in recent years as he held the volunteer position of Chair of Greensboro Beautiful, Inc. Greensboro Beautiful is a private, non-profit, volunteer organization which works in partnership with the City and citizens of Greensboro to "conserve and enhance the beauty and ecology of our community through public and private cooperation." He well served the organization in this leadership position; and regularly conducted presentations on behalf of Greensboro Beautiful to civic organizations; City Council, Parks & Recreation Commission, and other groups. Randal currently serves as GBI's Speakers Bureau Chair and Co-Chair of the Marketing Committee. For his vision and leadership to Greensboro Beautiful for over a decade, he was awarded the highly prestigious Robert L. Garrard Award of Distinction in 2004. In addition, Randal is a member of the "Prudent Planters Society," which recognizes Greensboro Beautiful volunteers who have donated over 500 hours to the organization's work. Randal current has accumulated nearly 2,000 volunteer hours with GBI!!! (Almost one year of work)

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Randal's horticultural and landscape design expertise has been invaluable as the City developed and adopted a new Tree Preservation Ordinance; and he has served as Vice-Chair of the City's Advisory Commission on Trees (ACT) since its inception in 2000. Randal has served as a member of Guilford County's Advisory Board on Environmental Quality; and he has been a member of the Downtown Center City Park Steering Committee. Randal was the recipient of the 2001 Merit Award from the North Carolina Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects for his design work on a 12-step Meditation Trail at Fellowship Hall.

Randal brings several strengths to landscape design projects. He is sensitive to cultural and aesthetic conditions, in that his designs feature the types of plants that suit specific situations. He listens intently to input from participants about their desires in a landscape or garden project, realizing that people experience gardens and landscaped sites in many different ways. He has a vision for a total concept as well as special focus areas. In addition, Randal has a keen sense of the practical nature of developing designs that are realistic in terms of maintenance and upkeep, so that his plantings thrive rather than merely survive.

It is a compliment to Greensboro that Randal has chosen to work here, and he has been nationally recognized for his designs and installations. He is a man of integrity, has provided a prominent role in our community on numerous volunteer boards and task forces; and his ability to communicate and work with others is outstanding.

I am pleased to offer these comments on behalf of Randal Scott Romie. I highly recommend him as a most worthy recipient of the 2006 ASLA Community Service Award.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Vinson Cates
City Beautiful Director
Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department

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March 8, 2006

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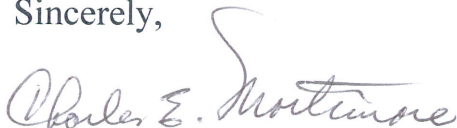
It is my honor and privilege to recommend to you Randal Romie for the ASLA Community Service Award for 2006.

I have known Randal professionally and personally for nearly 20 years in my capacity as Director of Planning and Community Development (now retired) for the City of Greensboro, NC. I worked with Randal extensively during development and adoption of the first Tree Preservation Ordinance for the Greensboro community. He was an active and informed member of the Tree Preservation Committee, which brought together a diverse group of professionals and citizens to craft a very good and workable ordinance. Randal's horticultural and landscape design expertise was invaluable as the City staff developed, and the City Council adopted, this new ordinance.

Randal is a man of high integrity and knowledge in his chosen field and has served our community in numerous capacities.

I am happy to endorse Randal's nomination for this award and hope you find him to be a most worthy nominee. I also endorse the more extensive letter submitted by Kathryn V. Cates, City Beautiful Director.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Mortimore
Retired Greensboro, NC Planning Director