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Attention: ASLA Medal Nomination Committee

Dear Mr. Spidell:

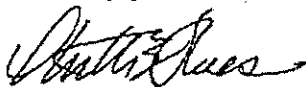
This letter is to wholeheartedly support the Colorado Chapter's nomination of Jane Silverstein Ries, FASLA for the 2004 ASLA Medal. In my forty-three years (as a practicing landscape architect) I have long since come to the conclusion that Jane Silverstein Ries is one of the few *Grand Dame's of Landscape Architecture*. She is truly one of our states true pioneers in the physical planning, design and stewardship of both man made and natural landscape environments.

For those of us young bucks and buckaroos who found ourselves in Colorado at the close of the 1960's era, Jane quickly became our friend, supporter, inspirational guide and mentor. At that time there were only a few landscape architects here in Colorado who formed the Colorado Section of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the ASLA. Even with the sparse population of landscape architects back in the 50's and 60's Jane, her few Colorado cohorts and the Utah Section hosted the 1960 annual ASLA meetings in Boulder.

Jane Silverstein Ries, FASLA has, over the years, lead the profession of landscape architecture by example with her professional work and her personal demeanor in the Colorado community. Her often heard motto "I GIVE NOT UP" has been the inspiration of many of us who have had the extreme good fortune to know and work with Jane over the years. As one of my most significant mentors, Jane honored me as my escort as I was invested as a Fellow in the ASLA at the annual meetings in San Francisco in 1986.

I highly recommend Jane Silverstein Ries, FASLA to the Nomination Committee as the 2004 recipient of the American Society of Landscape Architects Medal. Thanks to the ASLA Medal Nomination Committee for its consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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