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New 2018 HALS Challenge: *Memorialization, Commemorating the Great War*

The Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) was created in 2000 as a federal program to document historic landscapes in the United States and its territories. Documentation is critical to preserving these significant sites for the benefit of future generations. Like its companion programs, the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) and the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), HALS produces written and graphic records used by educators, land managers, and preservation planners as well as the general public. The National Park Service (NPS) administers the planning and operation of HALS, standardizes formats and develops guidelines for recording landscapes, and catalogs and/or publishes the information when appropriate (www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm). The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) provides professional guidance and technical advice for the program through its Historic Preservation Professional Practice Network. The Library of Congress (LOC) accepts and preserves HALS documents, furnishes reproductions of material, and makes records available to the public (www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/).

Results of the 8th annual HALS Challenge were announced at the HALS Meeting of the Los Angeles ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Congratulations to the winners! Sponsored by the National Park Service, cash prizes were awarded to the top 3 submissions. This challenge resulted in the donation of 27 impressive HALS short format historical reports and a few measured drawings and large format photographs to the HALS collection.

2017 HALS Challenge: *Documenting City and Town Parks, Sponsored by HALS-NPS*

1st Place: Lee Park HALS VA-78, Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia.
By Liz Sargent, Liz Sargent HLA, and Jennifer Trompetter, NBW.

2nd Place: McKinley Park HALS CA-133 Sacramento, Sacramento County, California.
By Douglas Nelson, ASLA, RHAA Landscape Architects

3rd Place: Enright Park HALS PA-31 Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.
By Angelique Bamberg

Honorable Mentions: Eisenhower Park HALS RI-2 Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island.
By Elena M. Pascarella, RLA, ASLA, HALS liaison RI Chapter ASLA, with collaboration from:
Tanya Kelley, Landscape Designer, Principal, PLACEstudio, LLC, and RI Historic Preservation
Commissioner; Acadia Cummings Stevens, BA, Classical Civilization, Wheaton College 2017;
Jonathan Dexter Stevens, MCP, urban planner and Rhode Island State Historic Preservation Officer
2013-15; Kate Dana, Associate PLACEstudio, LLC; and Mary Stuart Wiggins, Landscape Intern,
PLACEstudio, LLC
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Marshall Square Park HALS PA-32 West Chester, Chester County, Pennsylvania.
By Anne F. Walters, RLA, ASLA, Friends of Marshall Square Park; Jeffery C. Beitel, AIA, Friends of
Marshall Square Park; and Barry G. Stingel, RLA, ASLA
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Clemson University School of Architecture, Master of Science in Historic Preservation,
group effort to document the parks of Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina:
Cannon Park HALS SC-15 by Alix Barrett and Claire Bushemi; Colonial Lake HALS SC-16 by
Kristina Poston and Mary Fesak; Marion Square HALS SC-17 by Kate Gallotta and Katie Martin;
Washington Square Park HALS SC-18 by Diana Inthavong and Torie McCollu; and White Point
Gardens HALS SC-19 by Matt Amiss and Lauren Lindsey. Faculty Sponsor: Carter L. Hudgins,
Director, Clemson University & College of Charleston, Graduate Program in Historic Preservation,
Department of Planning, Development and Preservation

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2018 HALS Challenge: *Memorialization, Commemorating the Great War*

The HALS office is continuing the challenge again in 2018 with a new theme, *Memorialization, Commemorating the Great War* chosen to honor the centennial of the end of World War I, *the war to end all wars*. Not only were traditional monuments constructed across the country following the armistice, but “living memorials,” which honored the dead with schools, libraries, bridges, parks and other public infrastructure, were designed to be both useful and symbolic at the same time. You may browse The World War I Memorial Inventory Project website <http://ww1mproject.org/> and the National WWI Museum and Memorial Centennial Commemoration website <https://www.theworldwar.org/explore/centennial-commemoration> for subject ideas, or perhaps you know of another monument, park, or public institution that is unrecognized. These sites are in all areas of the country, often hidden in plain sight. We challenge you to find them and document them. Short format histories should be submitted to HALS at the NPS no later than July 31, 2018 (c/o Chris Stevens, 202-354-2146, Chris_Stevens@nps.gov). Sponsored by HALS, cash prizes will again be awarded to the top three submissions. Results will be announced at the Philadelphia 2018 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo during the HALS Meeting. Good luck and thank you for helping to preserve American landscapes!

2017 HALS Challenge: *Documenting City or Town Parks*

We received 27 very strong entries this year from 15 states from all over the country!!! The list is below.

Thank you to all entrants for expanding the HALS collection and raising awareness of the historic landscapes they documented. 2016-2017 was a big year for the National Park Service with the centennial and with the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. Thank you for helping us celebrate by recognizing your favorite historic City and Town Parks!!!

We will share the winners on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/HeritageDocumentationPrograms) and on our website (https://www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/HALS_Challenge.html) soon in late-October or early-November 2017.

The 27 Entries for the 2017 HALS Challenge: *Documenting City or Town Parks*:

Arizona - HIMMEL PARK HALS AZ-20	Pennsylvania - ENRIGHT PARK HALS PA-31
Arizona - VALLEY OF THE MOON HALS AZ-21	Pennsylvania - MARSHALL SQUARE PARK HALS PA-32
Arizona - WASHINGTON PARK HALS AZ-22	Rhode Island - EISENHOWER PARK HALS RI-2
California - MCKINLEY PARK HALS CA-133	South Carolina - CANNON PARK HALS SC-15
California - WILLIAM LAND PARK, WPA ROCK GARDEN HALS CA-134	South Carolina - COLONIAL LAKE HALS SC-16
Colorado - MARBLE MILL SITE PARK HALS CO-16	South Carolina - MARION SQUARE HALS SC-17
Florida - SARASOTA POINT HALS FL-26	South Carolina - WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK HALS SC-18
Hawaii - WILLIAM G. IRWIN MEMORIAL PARK HALS HI-28	South Carolina - WHITE POINT GARDENS HALS SC-19
Louisiana - SWEPCO PARK HALS LA-11	Vermont - BATTERY PARK EXTENSION HALS VT-8
Missouri - BENTON PARK HALS MO-7	Vermont - DANVILLE GREEN HALS VT-9
New York - LINCOLN PARK HALS NY-12	Vermont - FULLER PARK HALS VT-10
New York - SCHILLER PARK HALS NY-13	Virginia - LEE PARK HALS VA-78
New York - SUNNYCREST PARK HALS NY-14	Wisconsin - BADGER PARK HALS WI-16
Ohio - MEDINA PUBLIC SQUARE HALS OH-12	