

# Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS)

**2013 Annual Meeting  
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Room 260  
5:15-6:15 PM  
Saturday, November 16, 2013**

## Meeting Notes

### I. Introductions (Chris Stevens)

Chris Stevens welcomed everyone to the annual ASLA Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) meeting on behalf of David Driapsa, HALS Coordinator, who was unable to attend the conference this year.

Seventeen people were in attendance and introductions were given:

Susan Cahill, Debbie Steinberg, Ali Hay, Annette Wilkus, Jonathan Ceci, Andrew Kohr, Gina Chorover, Helen Erickson, Christa Wollenzien, Graham Sones, Barbara Wyatt, Ann Mullins, Marion Pressley, Sue Wyndham, Karen Cowperthwaite, Adrian Hightower, Deborah Schwab, Chris Stevens

### II. ASLA Update (Ali Hay)

HALS Presentation at the CPC Meeting

- Chris Pattillo gave a presentation about HALS at the Chapter Presidents Council Meeting on November 15 in Boston. To promote HALS, we plan to either send a version of this presentation out to the HALS Subcommittee and Chapter Liaisons and/or post the presentation on the ASLA HALS webpage.
- Chris Pattillo delivered this HALS message previously, and this was the second presentation to the Council of Presidents. Presentations are to be repeated on alternating years to help establish HALS in the chapters.

HALS in ASLA

- According to the HALS Guidelines, HALS activities should be mentioned in Chapter Annual Reports—going forward, Chapter Annual Reports will now include HALS activities.
- Ali Hay will also work to coordinate between Chapter Presidents and their HALS Liaisons with the aim of further integrating HALS into the chapter leadership structure.

ASLA HALS Webpage Updates

- The state fact sheets are to be removed from the ASLA HALS webpage and archived. In place of the fact sheets, we plan to add a list of projects with links to their HALS documentation on the Library of Congress website.
- Helen Erickson suggested that links to individual ASLA chapters' HALS webpages be added to the ASLA HALS webpage. The Arizona and Northern California Chapters, for example, have active HALS webpages that would serve as excellent resources.

**III. HALS Coordinator Annual Report** (Andrew Kohr for David Driapsa)**Accolades**

- We thank Managing Director Susan Cahill, Hon. ASLA; Professional Practice Manager Debbie Steinberg; and Professional Practice Coordinator Alexandra Hay and recognize their strong support and untiring guidance in helping to establish the HALS program.
- We thank HALS Subcommittee members Jonathan Ceci, Paul Dolinsky, David Driapsa (chair), Charles Leider, Chris Pattillo, Chris Stevens, Carol Yetken, and Thaisa Way and recognize their leadership in the HALS Subcommittee.
- We also thank Marion Pressley for her interaction with the HALS subcommittee, and particularly recognize her work in setting up historic landscape preservation education events for the annual conference.
- We thank Jonathan Ceci for his year of leadership as HP-PPN Chair and recognize his support of the HALS Program. We hope that he will continue serving as a member of the HALS Subcommittee.
- We thank Andrew Kohr of the Georgia Chapter for stepping up to serve as the incoming HP-PPN Chair and welcome him as an Ex Officio member of the HALS Subcommittee.
- We thank Chris Pattillo for stepping up to address the ASLA Council of Presidents and asking to establish a HALS program in each ASLA state chapter.
- We thank Paul Dolinsky and Chris Stevens of the NPS Heritage Documentation Service and recognize their national leadership in the HALS program.
- Last, but not least, we thank each HALS Liaison and recognize your leadership in the Historic American Landscapes Survey program.

**Goal**

- The priority goal of the HALS Subcommittee is to establish HALS nationwide, with a HALS Liaison and an active program supported in each ASLA state chapter.

**Objectives**

- Keep the HALS partnership visible with leadership representatives of the agreement (ASLA, NPS & LOC).
- Include Historic Landscape Architects on the Secretary of the Interior's list of qualified Historic Preservation Professionals.
- Include HALS kiosk in the Commons during ASLA annual meetings. ASLA offered the space for a HALS exhibit at no cost to the HALS Subcommittee. Volunteerism to staff the booth was low. We need to do better next year to staff up the booth.
- Endorse an ASLA national awards category for historic preservation and lobbied for an education session tract in historic preservation in the annual conference.
- Include HALS on the ASLA Website and HALS Flash Spots on the ASLA Home Page.
- Publish articles on HALS in LAND and The Field. (One each was published this year by Jonathan Ceci and Chris Pattillo.)
- Publish articles on HALS in Landscape Architecture Magazine.

- Announce the winning results of the 2013 Challenge in LAM.
- Place a notice in LAM about the 2014 HALS Challenge.

#### Member additions to HALS Subcommittee

- Beginning with the next conference call, the HALS Subcommittee will seek additional members to serve on the subcommittee.
- The HALS Subcommittee is composed of 10-to-13 ASLA members, including: the HALS coordinator, as ex officio chair; three members from the private sector; three members from the public sector; three members from the academic sector; and up to three members at large. Other ex officio members of the HALS Subcommittee include the chief of HALS and the HP-PPN chair. In addition, the HALS Subcommittee may include up to three members designated by the Secretary of the Interior and/or the Librarian of Congress, who may or may not be ASLA members. Former HALS Subcommittee chairs may remain as members to the extent there is an opening on the Subcommittee. (ASLA Leadership Handbook HALS Guidelines)

[http://www.asla.org/Leadershiphandbook.aspx?id=3938&ItemIdString=eeb11f839\\_34\\_122\\_3938](http://www.asla.org/Leadershiphandbook.aspx?id=3938&ItemIdString=eeb11f839_34_122_3938)

- Standing HALS Subcommittee Members:

<u>Private Sector</u>	<u>Public Sector</u>	<u>Academic Sector</u>	<u>At Large</u>
1.) Jonathan Ceci	1.) Chris Stevens	1.) Charles Leider	1.)
2.) Chris Pattillo	2.)	2.) Thaisa Way	2.)
3.) Carol Yetken	3.)	3.)	3.)

#### Ex Officio

- 1.) Paul Dolinsky (HALS Chief)
- 2.) David Driapsa (Coordinator/HALS Subcommittee Chair)
- 3.) Andrew D. Kohr (HP PPN Chair)
- 4.) Tina Bishop (HP PPN Chair-Elect)

#### Designated by the Secretary of the Interior and/or the Librarian of Congress

- 1.)
- 2.)
- 3.)

- Helen Erickson (Academic Sector), Christa Wollenzien (Public Sector), and Barbara Wyatt (Public Sector) expressed interest in joining the HALS Subcommittee this year. All but the 3 at-large positions within the HALS Subcommittee are now filled.

#### Summary of Chapter Activity

- Forty-six of the 56 ASLA chapters have a HALS Liaison. The 18% vacancy rate is higher than peak year marking the tenth anniversary of HALS in 2010. We need to get that number up. ASLA is supportive of the HALS program and beginning this year is including HALS on the list of chapter positions. ASLA asks that chapter presidents include the HALS program in chapter executive organizations and annual reporting.

- Eight HALS Liaisons are active within Chapter Executive Committees. Participation in Executive Committees is higher than in the previous years.
- HALS Programs included in Chapter Executive Committees:
  - Alabama
  - Arizona
  - Florida
  - Maryland
  - New Jersey
  - Oklahoma
  - Pennsylvania
  - Rhode Island
- Fifteen HALS Liaisons submitted annual reports this year. Liaison reporting is higher than in previous years. Congratulations the HALS Liaisons listed below. ASLA applauds this upward trend.
- HALS Chapters submitting reports:
  - Alabama
  - Arizona
  - Colorado
  - Florida
  - Maryland
  - Missouri
  - New Jersey
  - Northern California
  - Oklahoma
  - Pennsylvania
  - Rhode Island
  - Tennessee
  - Utah
  - Wisconsin
  - Wyoming

Summary of HALS Liaisons Reports (see Appendix A for full reports)

- Workloads of members in several chapter/state HALS programs made it difficult to attend HALS meetings, which is a sign of a recovering economy.
- Colorado/Wyoming reports that HALS is being recognized as a mitigation measure and is increasingly integrated into project scopes.
- Arizona is working with faculty of the University of Arizona to integrate HALS into a course on historic resource documentation. This is intended to be a permanent part of the curriculum leading to certification in heritage preservation.
- Several chapter/state HALS programs are liaising with their State Historic Preservation Officer advocating for historic landscape documentation.
- Documentation rendered in both Alabama and Georgia is resulting in new books on historic landscapes.
- HALS liaisons are conducting seminars and education sessions on HALS, with several liaisons invited to present to ASLA chapters other than their own.

- Northern California, Georgia and New Jersey chapters provided funding for HALS documentation.
- Florida and Pennsylvania chapters reimbursed expenses for HALS liaisons participation in chapter Executive Committees.
- Significant Historic Cultural Landscapes won first place in the poster contest at the OKAPA Chapter's annual meeting in Stillwater.

IV. **NPS HALS Update** (Chris Stevens)

A total of 455 sites have been documents for HALS thus far.

Amendment to the Secretary of the Interior's Historic Preservation Professional Qualifications Standards

- Beginning in 2009, Paul Dolinsky began working with NPS lawyers to finalize a draft amendment to the secretary of the interior's historic preservation professional qualifications standards and guidance that lists the position description for historic landscape architecture. The original 1983 standards did not include historic landscape architecture, and the language of a 1997 draft amendment was never formally adopted. With this amendment, there will be positive benefits for historic landscape architects around the country. For example, the California office of historic preservation maintains a list of qualified consultants which reflects the secretary of the interior's historic preservation professional qualifications standards and guidance. Without official status, historic landscape architects there cannot be listed on the website as historic preservation professionals. California historic landscape architects did lobby for and received permission to use the office's resources, but without official status recognition, those seeking historic landscape documentation and treatment plans are choosing architects and archaeologists - historic landscape architects are losing opportunities.
- In 2012, Paul Dolinsky advised ASLA of the planned review of the secretary of the interior's historic preservation professional qualifications standards and guidance and noted the addition of specific professional disciplines to be considered including historic landscape architecture. Paul asked for recommendations for reviewers of the qualifications standards, and ASLA asked a few historic preservation professional practice network members to review proposed version of the standards and provide any comments they think appropriate including references to the work of the historic American landscapes survey (HALS).
- The final draft of the revised 1997 version of the secretary of the interior's historic preservation professional qualification standards and guidance is now undergoing the final review by NPS staff, from which comments are due September 27, 2013. Constance Ramirez and David banks will immediately review all comments and/or suggestions carefully and edit the document accordingly. Once this task is complete, the professional qualification standards and guidance document will be sent forward for approval to publish in the Federal Register.

#### NPS HALS Office Activities

- In addition to working with and reviewing HALS documentation completed by volunteers and contractors around the nation in 2013, the HALS Office has been busy working on two large documentation projects:

##### 1. Wood National Cemetery, HALS WI-6 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Partner: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

[www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/wood.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/wood.asp)

Wood National Cemetery is located on the grounds of the Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Administration Medical Center, originally the Northwestern Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers (NHDVS). The cemetery covers 50.1 acres and contains nearly 38,000 interments in more than 33,000 grave sites. The remains of soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen from all American wars except the Revolutionary War are buried in the cemetery, as are those of numerous civilian employees of the Soldiers' Home and the V A hospital plus hundreds of servicemen and -women's spouses and dependent minor children. About 37 acres of the cemetery lie within the boundary of the Northwestern Branch NHDVS National Historic Landmark District, designated in 2011.

A HALS field team visited Wood National Cemetery in June 2013 to document its historic landscape using a laser scanner, GPS units, hand measuring, and plant identification. The team included Chris Stevens, HALS Principal Landscape Architect, Jason McNatt, HALS Architect, James Stein, CRGIS Specialist, and Mike Harrison, Historian. The team also included summer Landscape Architect interns Susan Costa, University of Washington, and Nathan Burgess, University of Virginia.

The cemetery dates to 1871 when it was established as a final resting place for veterans who died while living at the NHDVS. The cemetery was laid out by John Woolley, deputy governor (i.e. commandant) of the Soldiers' Asylum from September 14, 1870 to December 31, 1872. The original design included a man-made lake lined by trees and pathways. A new road system for the cemetery, built later, exchanged curving walks and carriageways for a crossroad design aligned along the main compass points. The construction of Interstate 94 in 1962 further transformed the cemetery's layout cutting the historic cemetery into two parts. The cemetery added an additional 12 acres on the campus' southeast corner that contains the graves of veterans from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. In 1973, the management of the cemetery was transferred from the VA Medical Center to the National Cemetery Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Upon this transfer, the cemetery was officially designated a national cemetery.

Measured and interpretive drawings of Wood National Cemetery (HALS WI-6) are now being produced using GIS and computer-aided drafting (CAD). The drawings will include an overall site plan, detail plans, sectional drawings, and detail drawings. The HALS standard-format historical report will focus on the cemetery's historical landscape and its cultural significance in conjunction to the Medical Center. Large format photography was completed for the cemetery a few years ago and should be available soon in our Library of Congress collection.

## 2. Flanders Field American Cemetery and Memorial, HALS BE-1 - Waregem, Belgium

Partner: American Battle Monuments Commission

[www.abmc.gov/cemeteries/cemeteries/ff.php](http://www.abmc.gov/cemeteries/cemeteries/ff.php)

In 2009, Paul Dolinsky, Chief, Historic American Landscapes Survey, began discussions with staff of the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) of preservation issues and documentation needs. The discussions ultimately culminated in ABMC partnering with the NPS to create baseline documentation of the highest standard for its World War I heritage resources, starting with a pilot project at Flanders Field American Cemetery and Memorial, the only World War I American cemetery in Belgium. The site is one of eight World War I cemeteries administered by the ABMC, an agency of the U.S. Government, in France, England, and Belgium. Flanders Field includes marked graves for 368 American soldiers, formal gardens, a memorial chapel (designed by architect Paul Cret), and superintendent's quarters/office.

From May 5-18, 2013, the HALS Flanders Field Measuring Team spent two weeks in Waregem, Belgium laser scanning, hand measuring and researching the 6.2-acre cemetery in preparation for the production of measured drawings, written history and large-format photography. On this trip the HALS team conducted fieldwork on-site in order to prepare measured drawings of the chapel and superintendent's quarters, a detailed site plan including plantings, and historical reports prepared according to Historic American Buildings Survey and Historic American Landscapes Survey standards. Large-format photography was completed on a separate, later visit by a contract photographer.

The HDP team also met with a group from the ABMC Regional Office to explain its documentation methods. The meeting at Flanders Field included a general conversation about preservation practice and cultural landscapes. Members of the HDP team were also able to visit two nearby World War I monuments administered by the ABMC - Kemmel American Monument and Audenarde American Monument.

Summer Landscape Architect interns, Bradley Odom, Louisiana State University, and Arthur Perez, University of Maryland, are now working with Chris Stevens, HALS Principal Landscape Architect and Jason McNatt, HALS Architect to produce the measured drawings. Lisa Davidson, HABS Historian, is producing the written historical report and Brian Grogan, a contract photographer is producing the large-format photography. Paul Davidson, HABS Architect, was also part of the field measuring team.

The HALS baseline documentation produced will support the preservation, maintenance, and interpretation of the cemetery by the ABMC. It will also serve as a prototype for similar documentation of the seven other ABMC World War I American cemeteries. It is likely that the next project will be one of the large cemeteries and memorials in Northern France. Also the documentation will serve as the basis for a National Historic Landmark nomination including all the overseas World War I cemeteries. Pursuing NHL status will coincide with the upcoming centennial the United States' involvement in World War I (2017-2018).

HALS would like to thank our talented summer interns for their hard work and outstanding contributions to the HABS/HAER/HALS Collection at the Library of Congress.

#### V. **Open Discussion**

Suggestions and Ideas

- Encourage Student ASLA members, especially students at schools with preservation programs, to serve as HALS Liaisons
- Publicize the location of the HALS booth in the ASLA Commons on the EXPO floor
- HALS workshops
  - Daytrip in March or April to a key historic preservation site like Bartram's Garden
  - Extra day in Denver after the 2014 ASLA Annual Meeting for a HALS workshop—target the Colorado/Intermountain region for workshop attendees
- Locate existing documentation of historic landscapes and add it to HALS (for example: The Cultural Landscape Foundation's "What's Out There" database)

#### VI. **HALS Challenge** (Chris Stevens)

Chris Stevens announced the results of the 4th annual HALS Challenge, Documenting the Cultural Landscapes of Women. 29 qualifying entries were submitted to the 2013 HALS Challenge. In the four years of the HALS Challenge, this year marks the highest number of HALS Short Form Historical Reports entered in the competition! Two entries also included measured drawings, which are not required in the competition.

Congratulations to the winners:

- 1st Place: Gaiety Hollow HALS OR-5, Salem, OR by Laurie Matthews
- 2nd Place: The Arizona Inn HALS AZ-9, Tucson, AZ by Gina Chorover, Jennifer Levstik, and Helen Erickson with University of Arizona Student Researchers: Jae Anderson, Crystal Cheek, and Ryan Sasso
- 3rd Place: Gypsy Camp for Girls, HALS AR-5, Siloam Springs, AR by Benjamin Stinnett and Kimball Erdman

Chris Stevens presented certificates to Helen Erickson and Gina Chorover, who were present. The remaining award certificates will be mailed.

The other wonderful short form history entries for 2013 included:

- Anne Spencer Garden - Lynchburg, VA
- Arden, Modjeska, CA
- Bottle Village - Simi Valley, CA
- Chatham Manor, Fredericksburg, VA
- The Ebell of Los Angeles - Los Angeles, CA
- Elmshaven - St. Helena, CA
- Faraway Ranch - Wilcox, AZ
- Four Seasons Garden \* - Indianapolis, IN
- Gene Stratton-Porter's \* - Rome City, IN



- Hills and Dales - La Grange, GA
  - Hopewell Furnace - Elverson, PA
  - Lanie Fleischer Chester Creek Trail - Anchorage, AK
  - Library Park - Orland, CA
  - Marian Anderson Heritage Village - Philadelphia, PA
  - Mary Washington Monument, Fredericksburg, VA
  - Mathias Botanical Garden - Los Angeles, CA
  - The Mr. and Mrs. William W. Wessinger Garden, Portland, OR
  - Northfield Campus - Northfield, MA
  - Old State House - St. Mary's City, MD
  - Pabst Addition At Summit Cemetery - Waukesha County, WI
  - Pond Farm Pottery - Guerneville, CA
  - Ranch del Oso, Davenport, CA
  - Richards DAR House Museum - Mobile, AL
  - Stenton - Philadelphia, PA
  - Wiawaka Holiday House - Lake George, NY
  - Women of the Santa Fe Style in Rio Arriba - Santa Fe, NM
- \*Includes a drawing set*

The HALS office is continuing the challenge again in 2014 with a new theme, Documenting Landscapes of the New Deal. Short format histories should be submitted to HALS at the National Park Service no later than July 31, 2014 (c/o Paul Dolinsky, Chief of HALS, 202-354-2116, [Paul\\_Dolinsky@nps.gov](mailto:Paul_Dolinsky@nps.gov)). Sponsored by HALS, cash prizes will again be awarded to the top three submissions. Results will be announced at the Denver September 2014 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo during the HALS Meeting. Good luck and thank you for helping to preserve American landscapes!

For more information on the HALS Challenge see:

<http://www.asla.org/ContentDetail.aspx?id=37491>

<http://www.nps.gov/history/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm>

VII. **Closing Comments** (Chris Stevens)

Next HALS Subcommittee Teleconference Meeting:  
Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 12:00 noon (EST)

## **Appendix A**

### **Chapter Reports**

#### **Alabama Report**

Birgit Kibelka, HALS Liaison

The Alabama HALS liaison is a member of the state ASLA chapter executive committee. The executive committee is updated by the Liaison about HALS activity during the committee meetings.

#### **DOCUMENTATION**

HALS activity is mainly collaboration with the Birmingham Historical Society. The first extensive HALS recording project is the residential district of Mountain Brook, Alabama (HALS AL-002), which Landscape Architect Warren Manning master planned from 1926-1929. Large-scale photography recorded by NPS photographer Jet Lowe, aerial photography recorded by a local photographer, and submittal to the NPS this year completed the project. The Birmingham Historical Society will release a publication in book form in early 2014 along with a public exhibit of the project.

Chris Pattillo prepared and submitted a short form for the Richards-DAR House Museum in Mobile, Alabama as part of the 2013 HALS challenge. The documentation is the first HALS short form for Alabama and will be an excellent example for future documentation projects.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

We introduced our landscape architecture community from Mississippi and Alabama to HALS in 2013 during a presentation at the Twin States Conference in Orange Beach, Alabama. Chris Pattillo introduced the HALS program followed by a presentation of the Mountain Brook HALS documentation. HALS received good exposure with much interest and a group of professionals signed up for continued discussion.

Alabama ASLA section chairs in Mobile and Auburn are looking for documentation opportunities and considering involving landscape architecture students in the MLA program at Auburn University in future projects.

#### **OUTLOOK for 2014**

For the next year, we hope to start additional smaller documentation projects to expand the basic inventory list for Alabama, keeping our peers updated on HALS activity, and involving them in discussions about historic landscapes in Alabama

#### **Arizona Report**

Gina Chorover, HALS Liaison

The Arizona HALS liaison is a member of the state ASLA chapter executive committee, but has not met specifically to discuss HALS.

The Arizona HALS program worked with faculty at the University of Arizona to integrate a HALS segment into a course on historic resource documentation. This is intended to be a permanent part of the curriculum leading to certification in heritage preservation.

The Arizona HALS program is working with the newly formed Historic Landscapes Task Force of the Tucson-Pima County Historic Commission on the identification and protection of historic landscapes.

**Colorado Report**

Ann Mullins, HALS Liaison

Five Short Form HALS reports completed last year varied from mining era charcoal ovens to agricultural and ranch landscapes received a *Merit Award in Research and Communication* from the Colorado Chapter ASLA.

The chapter's magazine *Exposures* published a comprehensive article covering the process and the results of the HALS documentation. This was a laudable effort by all five authors and the work received quite a bit of recognition.

The Bureau of Land Management made inquiries on the Pine Grove Stage Station in Wyoming about producing HALS documentation as mitigation for the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project in southern Wyoming.

Emily Lynam submitted a Short Form HALS to the Park Service.

There was enthusiasm for the 2013 HALS Challenge. A group from Aspen and Denver came up with names, movements, and significant events predicated on the involvement of women landscape architects in Colorado well worth documenting, however each member was busy with projects and unable to participate.

Increased workloads for the HALS Committee, a group of seventeen landscape architects from Colorado and Wyoming, made it difficult to meet, which is a good thing and signs of a recovering economy. HALS is being recognized as a mitigation measure and increasingly integrated into project scopes.

**Florida Report**

David Driapsa, HALS Liaison

The HALS Liaison is a member of the Florida Chapter Executive Committee. The Florida Chapter is a strong supporter of establishing HALS in the state.

The HALS Liaison is a member of the chapter Government Affairs Committee. This committee, with the support of paid lobbyists, monitors state legislation affective historic landscapes.

It's Time for Action -- Florida SHPO points to FLASLA HALS for Documentation. Florida HALS received a tremendous boost when FLASLA met in January with Dr. Robert Bendus, the new State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). The meeting opened the door for FLASLA participation in Florida historic preservation. That is exactly what ASLA was hoping for with HALS. Member action is needed now while the door is opening to advance historic landscape preservation in Florida.

This is the third year in a row that Chapter members representing the HALS met with SHPO advocating for historic landscape documentation in Florida. Florida SHPO is interested in historic landscapes and actively documenting sites.

No historical landscape architects are employed in Florida SHPO and the chapter intends them to be represented. Documentation is an emerging area of professional practice and growth is guaranteed by requirements for mitigation through the National Historic Preservation Act. This practice area is currently dominated by archeologists and architects. The Florida chapter ASLA

advocates for the state to employ landscape architects trained in HALS to ensure that landscape documentation meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

Discussions during the meeting included ways in which Historic Landscapes and the role of Landscape Architects in documentation could be bolstered in the state. It was determined that a multi-pronged approach is needed at Federal, State, and Local levels.

It was agreed that HALS representatives need to advocate for inclusion of qualifying criteria for Landscape Architects in 36 C.F.R. 61 Professional Qualifications Standards in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Architectural and Engineering Documentation.

With the lack of definitions and qualifying criteria at the Federal level, SHPO indicated that Florida landscape architects need not wait for these changes in order to advance initiatives that encompass historic landscapes in Florida. The Florida Chapter was asked to assist SHPO in expanding the state Master Site file. Through contributions to the file, historic landscapes will offer opportunities for expanded dialog with SHPO.

The Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources has already created a few rosters of Site File recorded resource groups tagged as 'Designed Historic Landscapes' and 'Rural Historic Landscapes'.

One new program the Division of Historic Resources is the Florida Historic Golf Trail program, <http://floridahistoricgolftrail.com/>. Historic Resources has been working closely with golf courses throughout the state. Scott Edwards, Compliance staff, has been in charge of this program and has an OPS assistant working with him from the Florida State University golf program. His email is [historicgolf@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:historicgolf@dos.myflorida.com) and the telephone is (850) 245-6333.

The Florida chapter ASLA is supporting the launch of the most ambitious HALS survey in the state, the project is the Smokey Hollow Neighborhood. Smokey Hollow was a vibrant African-American neighborhood lying in the shadow of the state capital in Tallahassee. It was displaced in the 1950s by urban renewal with expansion of the state capitol complex. History professors from Florida State University are already working on the written historical narrative. Program managers are negotiating with the National Parks Service Heritage Documentation Program to create significant period HALS documentation drawings.

David Driapsa attended a Florida Main Street Webinar in May. A follow up with presenter Laura Lee Corbett resulted in introductions to the Florida historic preservation community that could help promote HALS.

Marc Hudson of Groundwork USA reached out with interest in conducting a HALS report on Hogan's Creek Park in Jacksonville. Groundwork USA is a network of independent, not-for-profit environmental businesses called Groundwork Trusts linked together by the Groundwork USA national office.

David Driapsa and Dr. Leider entered the HALS Challenge Competition under the theme Women in Landscape Architecture under the title: Women of the Santa Fe Style.

## **Georgia Report**

ANDREW KOHR, HALS Liaison

The Georgia Historic Landscape Initiative supplements HALS and creates awareness for the preservation of historic landscape resources. Initiated in 2002 under the direction of Landscape Architect Jim Cothran, FASLA, collaboration among the State Historic Preservation Office, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., the Cherokee Garden Library of the Atlanta History Center and the National Park Service Southeast Regional Office forged a statewide inventory of historic gardens in Georgia. The HALS Liaison supports this effort.

Using the volume Garden History of Georgia, 1733-1933 as a framework, garden club members and library fellows are determining which significant gardens remain and what changes have occurred. To date, one hundred and seventy surveys are completed.

Cherokee Garden Library research fellow, Molly McLamb of Georgia State University Heritage Preservation program focused this summer on documenting five historic Country-Place-Era garden landscapes in Augusta.

The Cherokee Garden Library at the Atlanta History Center is the repository for surveys and materials collected through the Georgia Historic Landscape Initiative. Records are available during regular hours, Wednesday-Saturday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, at the Kenan Research Center, 130 West Paces Ferry Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30305, 404.814.4046 or [scatron@atlantahistorycenter.com](mailto:scatron@atlantahistorycenter.com).

Historic Georgia Gardens, a new book connected with the Georgia Historic Landscape Initiative showcases gardens and landscapes originally identified in the 1933 publication. This new book documents what became of these designed landscapes since 1933 and brings attention to their significance in the cultural heritage of Georgia. The Georgia Chapter ASLA donated \$500.00 to the publication.

### **Maryland Report**

Deb Schwab, HALS Liaison

The Maryland HALS liaison is a member of the state ASLA chapter executive committee. Appointed this summer, the liaison is building a team of supporters, including working to generate more support at the Chapter level.

A seminar on Cultural Reports and HALS held in conjunction with the Annapolis Historic Preservation Commission included LAs even though it was not a chapter event.

The Maryland HALS completed short form HALS documentation this year.

### **Missouri Report**

Nancy Nafe, HALS Liaison

The Fact Sheet prepared this year lists and briefly describes many historic landscapes and their significance as a cultural resource in the state of Missouri.

Forest Park in St. Louis is an ASLA Centennial Medallion Site. This urban park opened in 1876, become the site of the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition, designed by Landscape Architect George Kessler, and continues as the cultural hub of the city, including the St. Louis Art Museum, The Missouri History Museum, the Muny Theater, the Science Center and the Jewel Box. The park also houses the world renown St. Louis Zoo, two public golf courses and tournament tennis

facilities. A huge influx of visitors, more than 12 million annually, makes maintenance of the park a constant challenge.

Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis is another ASLA Centennial Medallion Site. Also known as Henry Shaw's Garden, the park was founded in 1859 by planting thousands of trees on an 80-acre country estate in south St. Louis. The library and herbarium started the same year used for research and education continues today. Specialty features include three main conservatory greenhouses. Among the Garden archives is a "general plan" created by Fredrick Law Olmsted between 1897-1905. Two ponds in the southwest quadrant were the only part of this plan implemented.

The Gateway Arch, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis is another ASLA Centennial Medallion Site. This "Gateway to the West," pays tribute to exploration of the trans-Mississippi region in the early 19th century. Architect Eero Saarinen and landscape architect Dan Kiley planned a landscape for the Gateway beginning in 1947 with their winning submission becoming one of the most significant modern landscapes in the United States. The grounds are currently undergoing a major renovation slated for completion in 2015 and led by landscape architects Michael Van Valkenburgh and Associates.

Lafayette Park in St. Louis, Lafayette Square National Historic District; Tower Grove Park, St. Louis National Historic Landmark; Compton Hill Reservoir Park, St. Louis National Register of Historic Places; Carrswold Subdivision, Clayton National Register of Historic Places; Greenwood Cemetery, St. Louis County; Benton Park, St. Louis; The Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Park Headquarters, Van Buren; and Grant's Farm, St. Louis County are included in the survey.

### **Montana Report**

Kent Watson, HALS Liaison

Communications with the Montana SHPO indicated interest in collaboration with HALS. SHPO provided a draft application prepared by the Montana Preservation Alliance for the listing of Cultural & Historic Resources of the Tongue River Valley. The Liaison is reviewing the draft.

The Idaho/Montana Chapter has no subcommittee for the HALS program. The HALS Liaison regularly participates in the Chapter ExCom call-in meetings, making aware the role of HALS in the chapter and for notification of prospective HALS sites in Montana.

### **New Jersey Report**

Nick Tufaro

A HALS short form is being completed by Sean Ryan, Nick Tufaro and Athena Tacha for Green Acres Plaza in Trenton. Green Acres is an environmental art installation at the NJDEP headquarters in Trenton. With the help of NJASLA, the Cultural Landscape Foundation and many others, Green Acres was saved from demolition.

#### **Green Acres Redesign**

NJASLA is interested in preparing a redesign of the perimeter plaza area around Green Acres to respond to some of the challenges that prompted the call for demolition.

At some point, a "long form" HALS should be prepared. Volunteers are needed to make this a reality, beginning with a design charrette with NJDEP staff.

### Students and HALS?

HALS is applicable to developing site analysis/design skills that benefit the professional growth of landscape architecture students and with some imagination and forethought HALS could be integrated into a SEBS LA program. This is a potential mechanism to achieve long-term goals of the program supporting the cultural reference perspective of emerging professionals.

### Search for a HALS Chair

Sean Ryan has been a great asset for NJASLA, preparing a preliminary inventory of sites eligible for HALS designation/documentation, networking with national interests and spearheading the “Green Acres” preservation. Sean would like to stay involved in a smaller role, due to other pressing responsibilities. So far, a replacement Liaison has not stepped forward.

### Northern California Report

Chris Patillo

Our chapter membership continues to be +/- 100 professionals who meet on a quarterly basis. As part of our May quarterly meeting we enjoyed a tour of Mare Island Shipyard – a National Historic Park. The current chair is Larkin Owens who is supported by past chair, Cathy Garrett and incoming chair Valaria Vincent Sancisi. This three-person team schedules meetings, sets the agenda, maintains meeting minutes and guides our chapter’s efforts.

In the past year, we have completed full documentation of the Berkeley City Club (though a formal submittal has not yet been made) and we have advanced the documentation for China Camp in Novato.

Our chapter prepared eight submissions for this year’s HALS Challenge to document landscapes designed by or for women.

We have one person who is actively participating in our HALS Heroes initiative. Dane Pollok is completing HALS photographs for the Museum of California in Oakland. Brian Grogan continues to contribute to our chapter efforts – he gave a very insightful critique of Dane’s preliminary field shots, helping us all better understand the nuances of HALS photography. Earlier this year we awarded a \$1000 stipend to Fred Rachman who completed a one sheet HALS drawing and short form history for Los Alamitos in Long Beach.

On July 25th we had our second meeting with our State Office of Historic Preservation. Nine HALS members met with the entire OHP staff in Sacramento for two hours. We reported on all the progress we’ve made documenting California’s cultural landscapes and had a productive discussion that focused on how we can better help each other advance cultural landscape work in the state. We agreed to meet more regularly in the future.

### Oklahoma Report

Dr. Charles Leider, HALS Liaison

Dr. Leider has been meeting with the OK/ASLA ExComm and in August he covered the landscapes in Oklahoma that have been recorded by HALS. Several members contacted him after the meeting to find out how to get sites recorded.

The Oklahoma chapter recently appointed Dr. Leider to serve on its Executive Committee as HALS Liaison.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Significant Historic Cultural Landscapes won first place in the poster contest at the OKAPA Chapter's annual meeting in Stillwater.

In July Dr. Leider offered a Landscape Architecture Historic Preservation course at Oklahoma State University's Doel Reed Center for the Arts at Taos, NM.

Effective in October 2013 the State Historic Preservation Office will place the one day self-guided driving tours of Oklahoma's great historic landscapes are on their listserv.

Paul Dolinsky, the Chief of HALS, commended the online one-day self-guided driving tours of Oklahoma's great historic landscapes by email in September 2013 characterizing the digital tours of Oklahoma's great historic landscapes online as "an incredible work" and "graphically compelling and exciting."

## ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR

Reviewed and updated the website and link of the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation to the Self Guided One Day Driving tours in three regions in Oklahoma on Significant Historic Cultural Landscapes. <http://www.travelok.com/listings/view.profile/id.14289>

Displayed six 30 x 40" posters on Self Guided One Day Driving tours in three regions in Oklahoma on Significant Historic Cultural Landscapes at the Annual Meetings of OK/ASLA Chapter in Oklahoma City in May and the OK/APA Chapter in Stillwater in October.

David Driapsa and Dr. Leider entered the HALS Challenge Competition under the theme Women in Landscape Architecture under the title: Women of the Santa Fe Style.

Dr. Leider met In August in September with the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects to review the recorded landscapes in Oklahoma, discuss procedures for recording a landscape and assisted members wishing to record a landscape.

Proposed to offer two landscape architecture courses during 2013-14 Oklahoma State University through the College of Arts and Sciences on the Stillwater, OK and Doel Reed Center for the Arts in Taos, NM campuses on:

ENHANCING HISTORIC SITES IN TAOS: TOURISM AND A MULTICULTURAL CITYSCAPE

PRESERVING HISTORIC CULTURAL LANDSCAPES SITES IN TAOS COUNTY, NM

For the following sessions:

Winter Intersession 2013, Planning session on Stillwater campus Dec. 9, Field Work in Taos December 16 to 21, Conclusion on Stillwater campus January 31, 2014

Spring Break 2014, Planning session March 10, Field Work in Taos March 17 to 21 & Conclusion in Stillwater campus March 28, 2014

Session 1, May 19 to June 6 or earlier, Planning session on Stillwater campus May 12, Field Work in Taos, May 19-26 and Conclusion on Stillwater campus June 6



In September, invited the membership of the OK/ASLA Chapter, by email, to undertake a one day self guided driving tour some of Oklahoma's great historic landscapes in OKC, Tulsa and North Central regions using the brochures posted on the Oklahoma Department of Tourism & Recreation website: <http://www.travelok.com/listings/view.profile/id.14289>

### **Oregon Report**

Laurie Matthews, HALS Liaison

Communication occurred with the Oregon Chapter President via email, but no formal meetings were held.

Laurie Matthews mentioned the HALS program in sessions about a cultural landscape inventory project at the California Preservation Foundation conference and the George Wright Society conference, but the sessions were not focused on the HALS program.

Two submissions were made from Oregon for the 2013 HALS Challenge. One was completed for Gaiety Hollow, landscape architects Elizabeth Lord and Edith Schryver's home garden in Salem, Oregon which is part of the Gaiety Hill Historic District. The other one was submitted for the Mr. and Mrs. William W. Wessinger Garden in Portland, Oregon.

### **Pennsylvania Report**

Nancy Minich, HALS Liaison

This year has been the most active since the chapter executive committee restructured HALS two years ago. There is a HALS Liaison for the chapter and a representative for each of the four sections; Nancy Minich is the PA ASLA HALS liaison and represents eastern PA, John Hershey represents the central section, Lisa Kunst Vavro represents the western section, and Rodney Robinson represents the Delaware section.

The main activity was presenting HALS at the annual chapter conference in Rehoboth, Delaware. There were two, one-hour sessions. The first, "National Parks Service HALS Documentation" initially was to be presented by Chris Stevens, NPS, however, because of the government financial situation, Lisa Vavro presented the basic information in his place. The chapter representatives collaboratively presented "Documenting Historic American Landscape Survey Sites In Pennsylvania and Delaware", and covered the following:

- HALS process for documenting significant historic/cultural landscapes using National Park Service criteria.
- How to update the PA /DE HALS eligibility list of sites.
- Learn the process for listing a site, and documentation of the site list using standard NPS research formats.
- Case studies of sites that have been accepted into the Library of Congress.
- PA/DE ASLA chapter process/procedure to provide financial incentives to chapter members who document HALS sites.

Several integral activities occurred in preparation for the chapter annual meeting. We developed an internal chapter process for documenting and tracking sites and more specifically, a system for tracking sites by section. Concurrent with this, the chapter executive committee developed a policy and procedure for reimbursing chapter members for related costs for documenting a HALS site. It is more of an incentive for members since the reimbursement only covers mileage and minor costs related to documentation. The chapter has allocated funds in its annual budget this year, and into the future when available, for promoting HALS sites as part of the chapter's commitment to the two states' landscape architecture legacy.

An article about the presentation was in the chapter newsletter after the April meeting. The chapter website will have the HALS process and procedures on its website for easy member access.

Several sites were documented by chapter members and placed in the Library of Congress in the past year: HALS PA-19 Graeme Park, Horsham, Montgomery County; HALS PA-17 St Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church and Cemetery, Berryberg, Dauphin County, HALS PA-16 Ravenhill, Philadelphia, HALS PA-15 Old Pine Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Proposed activities for 2014 are completing the already started HALS sites: Curtis Arboretum, Montgomery County, Glen Foerd Mansion, and Friends Hospital, Philadelphia. An additional activity is the submission of a proposal for presentation at the PHMC sponsored "Forum 2014/Statewide Conference on Heritage/Byways to the Past".

### **Rhode Island Report**

Elena Pascarella, Hals Liaison

The RI Liaison is a member of the chapter Executive Committee in another capacity. There is no HALS program within the RIASLA Chapter. As HALS Liaison, it is my intention to solicit at least one student member and two other chapter members to assist with HALS work in 2013-2014.

The RI Liaison has communicated with the RI State Historic Preservation Office.

There were no HALS education sessions in 2013. We will be working with the RI Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission to provide 1-3 workshops in historic landscape preservation as part of the RI Annual Historic Preservation Conference in April 2014.

For 2013-14 I am looking to complete the following:

1. HALS Fact Sheet for Rhode Island
2. Workshops in conjunction with RI Historic Preservation Conference
3. Student submission to HALS Challenge

### **Tennessee Report**

Christine Donhardt, HALS Liaison

The TN Liaison is a member of the chapter Executive Committee in another capacity. There is no HALS program within the Tennessee Chapter. There are no EC members on the HALS committee, but HALS is recognized by the EC as being an important part of TNASLA.

Last year 85 Tennessee cultural and historical landscapes were compiled in a comprehensive data file. Many of these are referenced in the History of Homes and Gardens of Tennessee 1936, and some of the entries have yet to be verified that they are still extant.

We received a HALS "short-form survey" submission by Chris Pattillo for the Andrew Johnson National Cemetery in Greeneville. She submitted this to the Library of Congress as HALS TN-006. Thus far all HALS submissions have been for cemeteries.

We are partnering with an adjunct professor who will start teaching historic landscapes in the University of Tennessee's MLA program. We anticipate that he will lead his students to add to the database of historic landscapes.

We established a chapter website with a page dedicated to the Tennessee Historic Landscape Initiative & HALS program, at [www.tnasla.org/HALS](http://www.tnasla.org/HALS).

**Utah Report**

Kris Kvarfordt, HALS Liaison

The HALS Liaison meets with the chapter executive committee quarterly.

HALS brochures were distributed at a local festival.

**Wisconsin Report**

Patricia Lindquist, HALS Liaison

There is nothing of substance to report for Wisconsin HALS. It is possible that Tom Kindschi submitted a HALS short form for a small park designed by landscape architect Phelps Wyman (I spoke to Tom about the documentation this spring, but I have not talked to him since). Brenda Williams was going to submit a documentation for women in Landscape Architecture month, as were Steve Ziegler and I, but I believe that nothing was finished.

Christa Wollenzien (chapter president), Brenda Williams, and I began making plans for a fall HALS educational event on how to complete a short form, but unfortunately we made little progress. We'll try again this year.

**Wyoming Report, See Colorado Report**

Ann Mullins, HALS Liaison