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Landscape Architecture Exhibit at State Office Building — *Celebrating National Landscape Architecture Month Across the State* —

Hartford, Connecticut, April 15, 2011- The Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CTASLA) will celebrate National Landscape Architecture Month, hosting several events in local communities including a display of landscape architectural works on 150 feet of wall space in the concourse between the Legislative Office Building and the Capitol from April 18th-29th. This exhibit will feature Connecticut Design Award winners as well as other displays showcasing the contributions of landscape architects to the built environment and sustainable landscapes in Connecticut.

National Landscape Architecture Month includes Earth Day and the birthday of Connecticut native Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of American landscape architecture, born in Hartford on April 26, 1822.

“This exhibit shows the many ways that landscape architects combine ecology and creativity to design memorable places while also helping to protect our natural resources,” said CTASLA President William N. Pollack, ASLA, LEED AP, of Keith E. Simpson Associates in New Canaan. “We balance the built and natural environments in every step of the process. Since the days of Olmsted, a century ago, landscape architects have been ‘going green and we’re showing that with events across our state.”

Landscape architecture designs created last fall by University of Connecticut Landscape Architecture senior studio members paired with professional mentors from CTASLA will be on display at Gallery @ 999 (999 Broad Street) in downtown Bridgeport beginning April 18th, with an opening reception on May 3rd from 6-8 p.m. This event will display the student's concepts for the Bridgeport City Hall Annex renovations as part of the City's larger celebration of sustainability and green initiatives.

At an event at Stratfield Elementary School in Fairfield on April 26th, Aris Stalis, ASLA, a landscape architect at Fuss & O'Neill in Trumbull, will teach children about the landscape architecture profession, as well as the value of trees in our environment. As part of the program, students will plant trees to support their school's ongoing renovations.

Keith Simpson, FASLA, of Keith E. Simpson Associates (New Canaan), took part in a recent career discovery event at the New Canaan High School, educating more than

100 students and faculty about the merits of being a landscape architect. *U.S. News & World Report* has named landscape architecture among the best career choices.

As part of the month's activities across the country readers may view the entire April issue of *Landscape Architecture* magazine online for free at www.zinio.com/lamapril2011.

About ASLA: "Green since 1899," ASLA is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing more than 15,000 members in 48 professional chapters. The Connecticut Chapter is comprised of nearly 300 members across the state. ASLA and its local chapters promote the profession of landscape architecture and advance its practice through advocacy, education, communication and fellowship.

Landscape architecture is a comprehensive discipline of land analysis, planning, design, management, preservation and rehabilitation. Landscape architects protect public health, safety and welfare through environmentally conscious planning and design. Like engineers and architects, landscape architects are licensed in the state of Connecticut.

Learn more about landscape architecture online at <http://www.asla.org>. To learn more about the Connecticut Chapter of ASLA, see <http://www.ctasla.org>.

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