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Descriptive Summary

Title: American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) records,

Date (inclusive): 1937, 1970-1990

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Creator: American Society of Landscape Architects

Extent: 8 boxes

Repository: Environmental Design Archives. College of Environmental Design.
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Abstract: The American Society of Landscape Architects Records include the years 1937 and 1970-1990 and document the organization's rich history of leadership in the landscape architecture profession. The collection offers information on the inner workings of a group of leading professionals, and how their work changed the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California. Included are clippings, correspondence, drawings, photographs, project descriptions, exhibit material, and meeting minutes.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog.

Language: English.

Access
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Access Points
Landscape architects -- California.
Landscape architecture -- California.
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American Society of Landscape Architects
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Historical Note
American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Records
The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) is the national professional association currently representing more than 30,000 landscape architects nationwide. Beginning with 11 original members in 1899, ASLA has grown to include more than 13,500 members and 48 chapters, representing all 50 states, the U.S. territories, and 42 countries around the world. ASLA promotes the landscape architecture profession and advances the practice through education, communication and networking.

One of the largest chapters of the ASLA, the NCC boasts a notable list of past members such as Thomas Church, Garrett Eckbo, Harry Whitcomb Shepherd, Douglas Baylis, Theodore Osmundson, and Robert Royston. In 1985, Patrick Miller, then President of the NCC, described the chapter as "a beast which has awakened itself." During that year alone, the chapter sponsored a state-wide conference, exhibited its Awards Program winners at San Francisco City Hall and local galleries, co-sponsored a multidisciplinary design competition for Oakland's Latham Square, held public walking tours and programs during Landscape Architecture Week to increase public visibility of the profession, prepared a report on the "South of Market" area of San Francisco for the city planning department, and formed the Redwood Empire section.

The NCC/ASLA is an excellent example of the force of activity produced by the design profession in Northern California.

Note
ASLA Northern California Chapter website (available at http://host.asla.org/chapters/norcal/index.htm)
ASLA Online: Fact Sheet (available at http://www.asla.org/nonmembers/publicrelations/factshtr.htm)
[letter from Patrick Miller, 1985], American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Papers, (2001-5), Environmental Design Archives, University of California, Berkeley.

Scope and Contents Note
The ASLA Records include the years 1937 and 1970-1990 and document the organization's rich history of leadership in the landscape architecture profession. The collection offers information on the inner workings of a group of leading professionals, and how their work changed the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California. Included are clippings, correspondence, drawings, photographs, project descriptions, exhibit material, and meeting minutes. The collection is organized into series based on five major events of the organization: 1937 Exhibition of Landscape Architecture at the San Francisco Museum of Art; 1976 publication of Landscape Architecture Guide to Representative Projects in Northern California; 1986 ASLA National Annual Meeting held in San Francisco; 1988 Chapter Awards Program; and 1980-1990 Annual Landscape Architecture Week Walking Tours. The sixth series includes files relating to the ongoing projects of the organization.

The papers were donated by an individual member, not by the organization.

Title: Thomas D. Church Collection
Identifier/Call Number: (ARCH 1997-1),
Contributing Institution: Environmental Design Archives, University of California, Berkeley
I. EXHIBITION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF ART, 1937
   Physical Description: Box 1
   Scope and Content Note
   Arrangement
   Arranged alphabetically by folder title.
   Contains a scrapbook extensively documenting the 1937 Exhibition of Landscape Architecture at the San Francisco Museum of Art compiled by Harry W. Shepherd, then Secretary-Treasurer of the San Francisco Chapter of the ASLA. Includes newspaper and magazine clippings, promotional brochures, and the exhibit catalogue Contemporary Landscape Architecture.

II. PUBLICATION SUBMITTALS, 1976
   Physical Description: Boxes 2-5
   Scope and Content Note
   Arrangement
   Arranged alphabetically by landscape architect.
   Includes photographs, drawings, and written descriptions of projects submitted for publishing in Landscape Architecture Guide to Representative Projects in Northern California.

III. ANNUAL MEETING, 1986
   Physical Description: Box 6
   Scope and Content Note
   Arrangement
   Arranged alphabetically by subject.
   Includes correspondence and other material concerning the National Annual Meeting of the ASLA held in San Francisco in 1986.

IV. CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM, 1988
   Physical Description: Boxes 6-7
   Scope and Content Note
   Arrangement
   Arranged alphabetically by landscape architect.
   Includes photographs, drawings, and written descriptions of projects submitted by members of the chapter.
V. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE WEEK WALKING TOURS, 1980-1990

Physical Description: Box 8
Scope and Content Note
Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by subject.
Includes photographs, maps, and descriptions of parks and plazas in downtown San Francisco that were part of the walking tours, as well as correspondence concerning the promotion and advertising of the walking tours.


Physical Description: Box 8
Scope and Content Note
Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by folder title.
Includes correspondence, rosters, publications, and newsletters.

SERIES I. EXHIBITION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF ART
1937

Box/Folder 1 : 1
Architect and the Engineer Magazine, The 1937
Box/Folder 1 : 2-3
ASLA San Francisco Chapter scrapbook 1937
Box/Folder 1 : 4
Contemporary Landscape Architecture exhibit catalogue 1937

SERIES II. PUBLICATION SUBMITTALS 1976

A. Administration

Box/Folder 2 : 1
Correspondence 1976

A. B. Projects Submitted

Box/Folder 2-5 : 2-155
** see Publications project index 1939-1976

SERIES III. NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING 1986

Box/Folder 6 : 1-3
"Aerial Tour of the San Francisco Bay Area" 1986
Box/Folder 6 : 4
"Guide to the Landscape Architecture of the San Francisco Bay Area" 1986
Box/Folder 6 : 5
Miscellaneous 1986

SERIES IV. CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM 1988

A. Administration

Box/Folder 6 : 1
Jury coordinator summary 1988
Box/Folder 6 : 2
Slides of the jury process 1988
Box/Folder 6 : 3
Slide presentation of participants and winners 1988

B. Projects Submitted

Box/Folder 6-7 : 4-49
** see Awards project index 1981-1988

SERIES V. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE WEEK WALKING TOURS 1980-1990

Box/Folder 8 : 1
Art coordination 1985-1988
SERIES V. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE WEEK WALKING TOURS 1980-1990

| Box/Folder 8 : 2 | Docent scripts 1980-1988 |
| Box/Folder 8 : 3 | Docent scripts, background information for n.d. |
| Box/Folder 8 : 4 | Meeting notes 1989 |
| Box/Folder 8 : 5 | Miscellaneous 1987-1990 |
| Box/Folder 8 : 6-7 | Photographs-people pre 1987, 1988 |
| Box/Folder 8 : 8 | Photographs-places n.d. |
| Box/Folder 8 : 9-11 | Public relations 1985-1989 |
| Box/Folder 8 : 12 | Reception 1989 |
| Box/Folder 8 : 13 | Rooftop garden lecture 1989 |
| Box/Folder 8 : 14 | Thank you notes 1988 |

SERIES VI. PROGRAM FILES 1970-1986

| Box/Folder 8 : 1 | ASLA Update 1984-1985 |
| Box/Folder 8 : 2 | Awards show promotional material 1983-1986 |
| Box/Folder 8 : 3 | "Design Night" announcements 1984-1985 |
| Box/Folder 8 : 4 | Miscellaneous 1984-1985 |
| Box/Folder 8 : 5 | NCC/ASLA directory 1970-1972 |
| Box/Folder 8 : 6 | South of Market Park and Open Space Study 1986 |