

LANDSCAPE

CONTRACTOR NEWS

ASLA gets home in downtown Washington

On Monday, April 29, the Executive Committee of the American Society of Landscape Architects voted to enter into a lease with option to purchase a building at 1733 Connecticut Ave.

ASLA President Robert Woerner said the committee decided the property met requirements to protect ASLA's long-term rental costs and to invest in its future, and took the necessary action.

Woerner said: "A year from now, ASLA will be in its new quarters. Should all things go according to our plans, we will be located in our historic building on Connecticut Ave.—one which will be eventually acquired as our own."

Executive Director Ed Able said the soaring cost of real estate in the metropolitan Washington area motivated the action. "The one method of putting a cap on this spiral is to ultimately purchase our own property and stabilize our cost of office space. Needless to say, the result would mean more dollars for programs and less dollars for rent," Able said.

Maryland professor warns of scale insects

Scale insects on camellia and some other ornamental shrubs could be especially severe this year because of a relatively mild winter, says Dr. Conrad B. Link, extension floriculture specialist and professor of horticulture at the University of Maryland in College Park.

Inspecting plants for insect and disease problems should head the list of things to do, Link says. Other priorities include shaping and pruning of azalea and other spring-flowering shrubs which have finished blooming. Also cut back poinsettia plants to save them for blooming again by next Christmas.

ALCA schedules interior short courses

The Interior Landscape Div. of the Associated Landscape Contractors of America has designed a series of short courses for all personnel who are involved in any phase of interior maintenance.

The short courses will include a review of basic horticultural knowledge, followed by a lengthy discussion of plant problems and solutions. Robert T. DeNeve, a horticultural expert with Tropical Ornamentals of Delray Beach, FL, and Dr. William Noble, instructor at California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, will conduct the programs.

Locations, dates, and contacts are: West Palm Beach, July 30, contact Laine Craft, Living Interiors, 305/842-1823; Atlanta, Aug. 1, contact David Korstad, Sedgefield Atlanta, 404/872-0701; Seattle, Aug. 21, contact Jack Ballard, The Greenery, Inc., 206/622-3373; and San Diego, Aug. 23, contact Nancy Hughes, Habitat International Design, 714/753-5007.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

First program set for roadside management

The Transportation Research Board's committees on landscape and environmental design and roadside maintenance are hosting a joint session on vegetation management in San Antonio, TX, Aug. 4-8.

The week-long program will include presentations on chemicals and machinery now being manufactured, operations research now being conducted that may affect the future work programs, side effects of a roadside management program, current practice, and a comprehensive field demonstration trip.

Byron Blaschke, chief engineer, maintenance and operations, will

direct the meeting. For more details or arrangements, contact Robert Guinn, engineer of maintenance, Texas Dept. of Highways and Public Transportation, Highway Building, Austin, TX 78701.

EQUIPMENT

Snow thrower shipments increase 40 percent in 1980

U.S. manufacturers shipped 1,571,000 walk-behind snow throwers during the shipment year which ended Feb. 29, 1980, according to the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute.

Although this represents an increase of 40% over the 1,118,000 units shipped in the 1979 model year, the past winter's extremely light snowfall in major markets has resulted in higher-than-normal inventory at the dealer level. Factory value of the units shipped was \$396 million, up 58% from last year's \$250 million.

Convention will stress togetherness theme

"Together Through The 80's" will be the theme this year at the 105th Annual Convention and Trade Show sponsored by the American Association of Nurserymen.

Educational sessions each day will deal with contemporary topics of the industry, which is meeting at the historic Radisson Muehlbach Hotel, Kansas City, MO, July 12-16. The trade show promises to display the latest products and services available to nursery business people.

Nine other national associations will be meeting at the same time, as well as various committee meetings, regional caucuses, legislative and research conferences, and state meetings.

For more information, contact Robert S. Fortna, 230 Southern Building, Washington, DC 20005, 202/737-4060.

NURSERYMEN

Reilly named exec sec for Mailorder Assn.

Ann Reilly has accepted the position of executive secretary/public rela-