

# LANDSCAPE

## UPDATE

### NLA landscape tour views Cincinnati

More than 200 members of the National Landscape Association toured a cross section of Cincinnati landscapes during the recent America Association of Nurserymen Convention and Trade Show there.

Ken Natorp, president of W.A. Natorp Co., Cincinnati, guided the tour to urban parks, office plazas, suburban apartment complexes, and two residential estates. Much of the construction and design had been performed by Natorp's firm, Thorton Environmental Industries of Maineville, Ohio, and Ammon Nursery, Florence, KN.

Highlights of the tour included Harper's Point, an apartment complex where many water features and plant material provide unusual privacy. Water sound was heard everywhere in the complex due to numerous lakes and waterfalls. One estate contained a three-acre private arboretum with numerous dwarf conifers and an elaborate collection of plant material. The tour also saw baseball star catcher Johnny Bench's home.

The 1982 NLA tour will take place with the AAN Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, July 17-21. The NLA Board put finishing touches on its management Clinic held each February at the Gault House in Louisville, KY.

### Deadline for ALCA award is November 15

Entries for the 12th Annual ALCA Environmental Improvement Awards are sought by the association. Awards in seven categories will be awarded: commercial landscape contracting, residential landscape contracting, interior landscape installation, interior landscape maintenance, exterior landscape maintenance, land reclamation/revegetation, and design/build landscaping.

A panel of judges will evaluate each entry on its own merits, without comparison to other entries. There is no limit to the number of awards the judges can make in any one category and no limit to the size of the project. Project entries will be accepted until November 15, 1981 at a cost of \$85 per entry (\$70 for members). Awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting in January.

Information and entry forms are available from Associated Landscape Contractors of America, 1750 Old Meadow Rd., McLean, VA 22102. Awards chairman is Ann Lambeth.

### ALCA prepares for Palm Springs show

Exhibit space for the annual ALCA Trade Exhibit is going faster than usual for the 1982 meeting in Palm Springs, CA. Indoor and outdoor displays make the show attractive to more than 1,000 landscape contractors each year. The date for the show is January 24-27, 1982.

### First interior landscape exam nears

The National Council for Interior Horticultural Certification plans to give its first exam during the Interior Plantscape Association Show, October 28-30, at the Radisson Hotel, St. Paul, MN.

NCIHC is an independent self-sustaining council formed to recognize qualified interior landscape contractors and their job worthiness. Requirements for taking the exam include five years experience in the field, four years experience and an associate's degree in horticulture, or three year's experience and a bachelor's degree. Each applicant must submit photographs and documentation of four jobs completed and belong to either IPA or the Interior Landscape Division of ALCA. The applicants must pledge adherence to a code of ethics.

The exam will also be given at the ALCA Show in Palm Springs, CA, in January 1982. ALCA has endorsed NCIHC and its certification program.

For information contact the National Council for Interior Horticultural Certification, PO Box 17148, Washington, D.C. 20041.

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approve of the program or Congress won't pass it. The Floraboard Development Committee of the SAF will administer the referendum, with Congressional oversight.

In the House, the bill's primary sponsor is Rep. Tony Coelho (D.-California). By mid-July, 28 other representatives had signed on as co-sponsors of Floraboard. Floraboard hearings before the House Agriculture Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations and Nutrition Subcommittee were scheduled for July 14. The hearings were postponed in order to allow the SAF time to respond to some questions raised by officials in the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Agriculture.

Originally, administration officials contested 11 provisions in the bill. After meeting with SAF representatives, eight of the 11 problems were eliminated. The three remaining issues concern reimbursement of funds used to send out information to educate growers for the referendum, whether or not to have a consumer representative on the board, and the access government departments other than the Justice and Treasury Departments should have to the board's records.

At the SAF's convention in Denver on July 31, special sessions dealing with Floraboard, in general, and the issues dividing the SAF and the Administration, in particular, were held. During Congress' August recess, Administration officials, SAF representatives, and legislators met to iron out the difficulties.

The Senate version of Floraboard is sponsored by Senator S.I. Hayakawa (R.-California). Introduction of the bill was delayed as a result of the avalanche of legislation already introduced, the Senate's preoccupation with President Reagan's economic package and the Administration's objections. Senate strategists are not sure if the revised bill will be introduced in the fall on its own or as an amendment to the Farm Bill, the periodic reauthorization of major farm programs.

Regardless of the route taken, little opposition is expected. Barbara Kratchman says that although there has been some opposition from nonorganized growers, no organizations have come out against Floraboard. Floraboard's similarity to other agricultural boards which have been extremely successful has bestowed legitimacy to the legislation in the eyes of the Congressmen.

The precise time the bill will come

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