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Upcoming Programs: VA Tech

Tech's Anniversary Symposium, a collaboration with the VA ASLA, features Landscape Architecture Program faculty and Ph.D. candidates. Come to Blacksburg, connect with landscape architects, earn LACES CEUs, and meet the newest faculty in the Landscape Architecture Program. The registration fee is \$45, which includes a morning and afternoon drinks and snacks, and lunch.

The VA ASLA Awards Reception celebrates recipients of the VA ASLA 2023 Professional and Student Awards. The \$40 registration fee includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages.



Find out More!

News from ASLA

In 2024, the American Society of Landscape Architects proudly marks its 125th anniversary with a conference in Washington, DC.

As part of our celebration, we invite you to contribute to the ongoing narrative of innovation and design excellence by participating in our ASLA 2024 Conference education program. This is an opportunity to not only reflect on our rich history but also to actively shape the future of landscape architecture. Submit your visionary presentations and be a part of the dialogue that will define the next era of our profession.

Proposals are due February 22.



Submit a Proposal Now!

Recent Job Postings

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Member News

Great article written by Terry Clements, one of VA-ASLA's tireless board members. Congratulations!

Virginia

Virginia Tech
by Terry Clements

The Landscape Architecture Program at Virginia Tech is celebrating 50 years of landscape architecture alumni. A kick-off reception in October 2023 recognized faculty, alumni, and friends of the program, as well as its place in the new College of Architecture, Arts, and Design, and in the new School of Design. The celebration continues with a year-long lecture series featuring panels exploring the evolution of landscape architectural practices as seen through the eyes and practices of our alumni. The celebration culminates in October 2024 when our students and faculty will attend the ASLA Conference on the Landscape and host a closing reception at VT's Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center.

On-going sustainable design and resiliency engagement based in the Virginia Beach Metro Area partner with community members, local government and businesses, elected officials, and regional non-profit organizations to identify and address critical impacts on neighborhoods, homes, and businesses associated with stormwater management, coastal flooding and sea level rise. Student work has resulted in revisions to city planning, community communications about stormwater, and revisions to subdivision and zoning regulations to include more comprehensive green infrastructure solutions.

Students working with Scenic Virginia developed and piloted a community engagement plan for local communities wanting

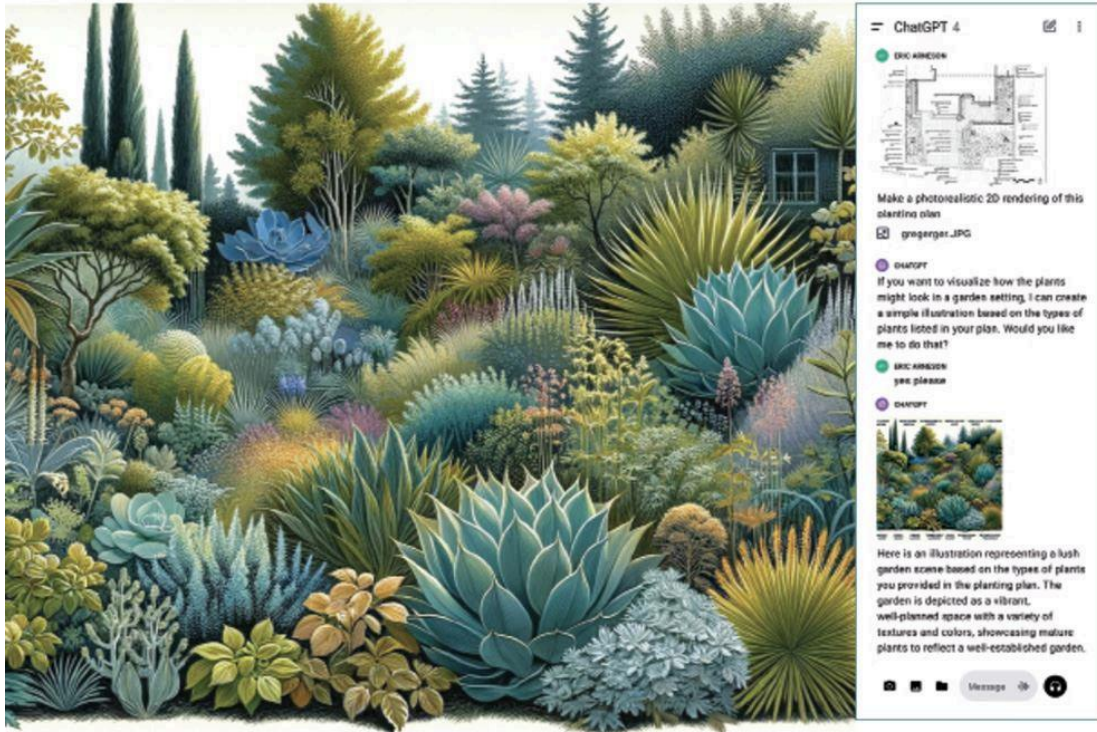


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to identify their residents' most valued scenic viewpoints and visual resources. Other community engagement projects have worked with cities and towns, residential and business neighborhoods, and senior communities to envision and design outdoor spaces, post-industrial site revitalization, and other mixed-use developments that could meet community physical and social needs while also increasing environmental health, biodiversity and water quality.





News from the Field:

TOPOPHYLA’S EXPLORATIONS IN AI HEAD DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

Eric Arneson likes to play with new technology. Along with his partner at Topophyla Landscape Design, a California-based design firm, but he’s probably better known online as *@pangeaexpress*, the 95K-followers-and-counting Instagram account where he shares the firm’s design process through a mix of rapid-fire tutorials, memes, and AI-generated images. The recent addition of a multimodal feature to OpenAI’s chatbot, ChatGPT, prompted Arneson to start playing around with planting plans. He uploaded a screenshot of a plan from a finished project, and after a few tries, he got the image above—hypervivid, but not too far off from the real thing.

[--from Landscape Architecture Magazine](#)

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