

World Landscape Architecture Month

April has been NATIONAL Landscape Architecture Month for as long as I can remember but this year it has grown up and now encompasses the entire WORLD! World Landscape Architecture Month is the month long celebration of landscape architecture and designed public and private spaces. Established by the American Society of Landscape Architecture, WLAM connects each of ASLA's 49 chapters with a landscape architect or organization in a foreign country. Each chapter will collaborate with a student, organization or firm dedicated to landscape architecture with Skype and social media. Additionally, each ASLA member will receive a wallet sized card with "Designed By A Landscape Architect" on it to take pictures of it at designed spaces to share on social media. ASLA will showcase all of these efforts to create a national story about connecting students across the world collaborating ideas that promotes the landscape architecture profession.

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During the Chapter President's Council Meeting last November, Japan was selected as the Nevada Chapter's "sister" country. Although the two are not similar in most respects, we do share a love for nature and in preserving our environment so that future generations have a beautiful and healthy place to live. Take a minute to check out the thousands of "Designed By A Landscape Architect" photos on social media and then get outside and actually experience "landscape". You'll feel better, guaranteed.

"The avoidance of taxes is the only intellectual pursuit that still carries any reward."
— John Maynard Keynes

FAVORITE FLORA: ALOE x 'BLUE ELF'- BLUE ELF ALOE



Most people know of Aloe Vera as a plant or an ingredient in some product but there are also numerous other aloes of all shapes and sizes. The Blue Elf Aloe (Aloe x 'Blue Elf') is a favorite due to its hardiness, size and color it can add to a landscape. Its blue green leaves are tightly clumped and grow to a manageable 18 inches tall and 2 feet wide. It flowers earlier than most plants starting in January and ending typically in April, however a less profuse bloom can happen anytime throughout the year. The orange flowers grow on spikes that contrast well with the foliage color. The Blue Elf can handle full sun and

reflected heat, rare for aloes, as well as part shade. In shadier locations the foliage color tends to be greener and the blooms are reduced. It is hardy to around 20 degrees Fahrenheit and can typically survive damage free in a typical Las Vegas winter.

The Blue Elf Aloe is very versatile and can be planted in mass or simply a single plant in a pot. When in bloom a mass planting can be stunning, especially when paired with other succulents of varying color. This aloe requires only minimal water so be sure it is located in a dry well drained area. Maintenance for this succulent is as simple as pruning any dead leaves and spent flower stalks.

Photo of the Month



White Rock Canyon
Arizona
Stan Southwick