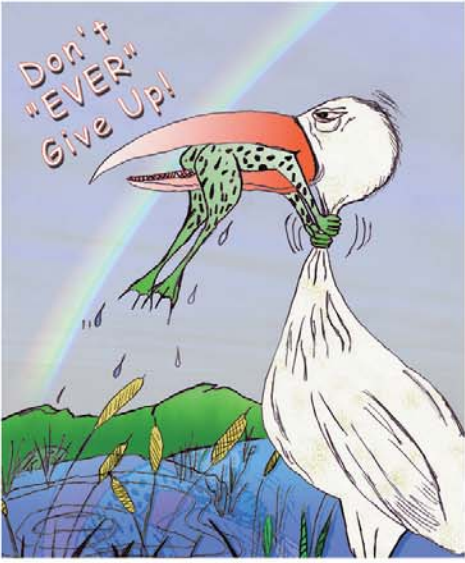


## Don't Ever Give Up



It has been just over one year since we here at SLA have seen business steadily start to pickup. What a welcome event that has been after over six years of bleakness... the dark years. We are cautiously optimistic as we see the queue start to fill up.

I want to public thank each of you who stuck with it during the lean times. It took a lot of determination and drive to keep going when the outlook didn't look promising. As we adjusted to a different economic playing field, we learned how to be more efficient, productive and creative. Each of us struggling to keep our little piece of the machine intact

actually helped the rest of us keep our pieces going. The whole truly is more than the sum of its parts.

Looking at the silver lining, I believe that we are all a little better at doing what we do because we persevered when others gave up. So, now things are looking brighter we all need to keep pushing forward. Applying the lessons learned over the last several years into today's business world will help us to keep things steadily moving forward.

### Consultant of the Month

Lee Jacoby has been one of our favorite



consultants to work with over the years. He currently is part of the Horrocks Engineers Henderson office. Lee's personality is easy to like and can calm tense situations. Just last month he was able to professionally handle a group of less than amenable citizens at a public meeting on a roadway project. His professionalism and personality make him very easy to work with and encourages us to reciprocate. We at SLA look forward to working with Lee Jacoby on many more projects. Thanks, Lee.

"When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hang on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn."

— Harriet Beecher Stowe

### FAVORITE FLORA:

#### NOILINA MICROCARPA- BEARGRASS



A grass or not a grass? Beargrass (*Nolina microcarpa*) is technically not a grass, however it can be used in similar ways. *Nolina microcarpa* is most commonly referred to as Beargrass but is also known under names such as Palmilla, Sacahuista and Saw Grass. Native to Arizona, New Mexico, Southern Utah and northern Mexico, the Beargrass is evergreen and drought tolerant. Its 1/4 inch wide leaves stretch 3 feet in length and end in curlicue shapes that lend to its grass like appearance. Beargrass blooms in late spring by sending up a 3 foot tall flower spike which can be removed in early

summer.

*Nolina microcarpa* can be used in mass or as a single plant to show off its silhouette. Beargrass can also look striking in a large pot. Since it does not need to be pruned back every year like typical mounding grasses, it can be used where year round interest is desired. Beargrass can tolerate both full sun and partial shade locations. Only occasional thinning in older plants is necessary to keep plants looking fresh. The leaf edges are serrated and can be painful if grabbed. Care should be taken when planting around walkways, patios and pools or where children are present.

### Photo of the Month



Full Moon Rising  
Lake Mohave, NV  
Matt Durham