

New Additions- By Stan Southwick

At this time of Thanksgiving, we at SLA are counting our blessings and giving thanks for two new additions to our family, Caryl Davies and Jesus Morones.

Caryl, a long time resident of Southern Nevada and landscape architect, joined our team in September. She has extensive experience in landscape design and project management having graduated from UNLV and worked for the Las Vegas Valley Water District, the City of North Las Vegas and several local landscape architecture firms over the last 19 years. Caryl has designed many of the parks, trails, resorts and commercial centers you see in the valley. She enjoys creative outlets such as pottery, needlecrafts, and photography. Her favorite activities are enjoying time with her family, going on long hikes, camping, and volunteering in our community.

Jesus is an ITT graduate and is a tremendous help with our drawing production. He worked designing landscapes for a local landscape and patio builder prior to joining us in October. He just recently move to Las Vegas about three years ago from Omaha Nebraska. Jesus' hobbies include enjoying quality time with family and friends, also traveling and going out to movies.

We look forward to collaborating with them on many exciting projects that make the places we call home a better place to live.

Consultant of the Month

Dennis Panars,
a senior design
associate with
SH Architecture,
has been



selected as consultant of the month. Dennis is excellent at managing challenging projects and short deadlines. His communication and organization throughout projects help to create a seamless design between the architecture and landscape. We look forward to working on more projects with Dennis in the future.

"It's like being at the kids' table at Thanksgiving - you can put your elbows on it, you don't have to talk politics... no matter how old I get, there's always a part of me that's sitting there."

— John Hughes

Favorite Flora:

Ulmus parvifolia- Chinese Elm- By Matt Durham

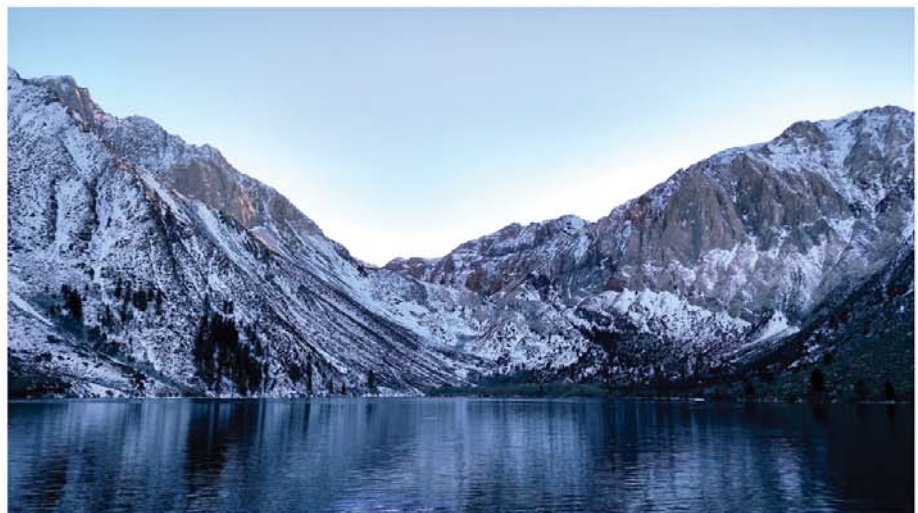


on every continent except for Antarctica. The Chinese Elm has the hardest wood out of all the elms which lends itself nicely to uses such as tool handles, furniture, cabinets and flooring.

Ulmus parvifolia is a tough tree that can be grown in full sun and questionable soils. It is highly resistant to a variety of pests and diseases such as the Dutch Elm disease. This tree is best used in spaces where its branches can spread such as along streets and in plazas. The Chinese elm is even a great choice as a bonsai due to its toughness and high tolerance to pruning.

Everyone loves a large shade tree in Las Vegas during the summer and the Chinese Elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*) is a great selection. This semi-evergreen tree has an upright growth habit of branches reaching 30 to 40 feet in height and spread with larger trees reaching up to 60 feet. Small serrated leaves adorn the branches in all but the coldest months. The late summer flowers are insignificant and the bright green early spring leaves are more showy than the dull yellow fall colors. However, the multi colored, peeling bark on the trunk adds a bit of interest when up close to this tree. As the name suggests the Chinese Elm is native to China, India, Taiwan, Japan North Korea and Vietnam. It was introduced to Europe in the 18th century and now grows

Photo of the Month



Where Did Summer Go?

Convict Lake, California

Matt Durham