

## SLA Land Architects Announces Ownership Change - By The New Sherriff in Town



Founded in 2000, Henderson-based SLA Land Architects has been a leader in the design industry by providing outstanding service, delivering consistent and quality work, and creating beautiful and functional spaces throughout our community. This has been made possible by having a collection of great people that have embraced our values and believe in the firm's vision for the future. For 22 years (and counting) these values and that vision have not only been established but have been continually reformed by its founder and president, Stan Southwick.

Today we are excited to announce that Joe Vickers has purchased SLA Land Architects and is now the president of the firm. Joe has been with SLA for 15 years and is dedicated to continuing the legacy of providing the best service, maintaining strong relationships with our current clients while also cultivating new relationships, and maintaining a creative direction to the firm. While Stan will be stepping away from some of his previous duties as owner, he is not going far as he will still be a Principal in the firm. Those that know Stan, also know his influence and impact reach beyond that of our industry. Everyone that has had the privilege to work with Stan, please join those of us that have called him boss all these years to say thank you!

"When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece." ~ John Ruskin

## Favorite Flora: Purple Heart - By SLA



Don't try and adjust your screen, this plant really is purple. Purple Heart (Tradescantia pallida) is a great plant to add year-round color to your landscape. This creeping groundcover is a native of Mexico, growing to about 1ft. high and spreading to about 2ft wide. To maintain the beautiful purple foliage, plant Purple Heart where it will receive morning sun and some afternoon shade. The top portion of the plant can die back during

cold nights, but the plant will recover when the weather warms. Small pink to purple flowers dot the plant from late Spring throughout Summer. Purple

Heart requires moderate watering every week or two to keep the growth lush in appearance.

The intense coloring of this plant makes it a perfect accent to planters and pots alike. The runners are perfect for cascading down a wall, rocks or a hanging basket. Purple Heart can even be grown indoors adding its color to an office bookshelf. If a more compact growth is desired prune back any fast growing shoots. Keep this plant away from high traffic areas as its stems are brittle.

Purple Heart doesn't miss a beat... adding drama and excitement with a punch of color and texture to your lovely landscape.



Lamoille Canyon, Ruby Mountains, NV Cassie Grimes

