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#### LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE'S BEST UNKNOWN FIRMS

In a previous post, we reviewed the landscape architects and firms that Professional Practice Network (PPN) members admire most, and the list was clearly dominated by familiar names—the key figures of the field since the nineteenth century, from Frederick Law Olmsted to the most celebrated firms working today.

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As one member noted, “There are many unsung heroes/heroines in this biz!” Here are a few of them:

Aaron Booher, ASLA – Future Green Studio (previously with HMWhite)

Achva Benzingberg Stein, FASLA

AHBE Landscape Architects

Annette Hoyt Flanders

BuenoLuna Landscape Design

CMG Landscape Architecture

Dan Pearson Studio

David Hocker, ASLA – Hocker Design Group

DHM Design

George Burnap

George Kessler

GreenWorks PC

Inscape Publico

Jaeger Company

James Coffman, ASLA – Coffman Studio

Lango Hansen Landscape Architects

Mahan Rykiel Associates

Matthew Cunningham, ASLA – Matthew Cunningham Landscape Design

National Park Service

Redenta’s Garden

Ritchie Smith Associates

Robert E. Goetz, FASLA – Robert E. Goetz & Associates

SeamonWhiteside (SW+)

Searle Design Group Landscape Architects

Southwick Landscape Architects

Steve Martino, FASLA – Steve Martino Landscape Architect

Steve Woods – Carol R. Johnson & Associates Landscape Architects (now CRJA-IBI Group)

Thomas Drees Price

United States Forest Service

Urbanus

VIDA Design Studio

Virginia Burt, ASLA – Virginia Burt Designs

Vladimir Djurovic Landscape Architecture

Waterstudio.NL

At the start of 2015, a questionnaire was sent out to members of ASLA's Professional Practice Networks (PPNs). The theme: creativity and inspired design. As you can imagine, responses were varied, and included many insightful comments and suggestions. Synopses of the survey results were originally shared in LAND over the course of 2015, and we are now re-posting this information here on The Field. For the latest updates on the results of the annual PPN Survey, see LAND's PPN News section.

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