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On the cover: The Pedrotti Residence by Scenic Scapes Inc. winner of the Large Residential Installation category at the 2021 Trophy Awards.





CLCA San Francisco
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The 48th Annual Landscape Achievement Awards

A Night of Lights

Awards Banquet

Saturday, June 18

6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

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From the President

Chapter Events Heating Up

Juan Carlos Esparza, *Urban Scapes*



It is hard to realize another month has come and gone. This spell of cooler weather is helping gardens in this severe drought, but we need to work for even more water

conservation.

The CLCA SFBA chapter had a very successful tour of Zanker Recycling/Landscape Materials on May 12. Thirty-two people attended. After the tour, the group had lunch and were able to talk with colleagues in the Landscape Materials area. Our sincere thanks to Marin Villalpando and his fine crew for organizing the event.

Andrew Tuckman and his judges have finished their work for the June 18 awards banquet. The 48th Annual Landscape Achievement Awards will be at Michael's at Shoreline. With 48 entries, we are looking forward to the event and finding out who will be recognized for quality work in the landscape business. There is still time to register for the awards program. I hope to see you there.

Plans are in the works to attend an Earthquakes game in July, but at this time the actual date has not been set. Check the chapter website and blog at clcasfba.org for more information. As soon as the event is finalized, we will put the information up on those two sites.

It is with sadness that I note the passing of longtime member Fred Hanker of Delta Blue Grass. Fred was an integral part of the chapter for many years. The Auxiliary is taking donations to open a LEAF scholarship fund in his name. He will be missed by all of us.



Fred Hanker, Girvin Peters, and Ken Coverdell are dressed for success at the 2019 CLCA SFBA Chapter Landscape Achievement Awards.

Remembering Fred Hanker

By Ken Coverdell

Fred was the kind of person you would meet the first time and think, "I want to know him, hang out with him and be his friend." And, he created that feeling in me the first time I met him...I could only imagine what a family he must have, and could hardly wait to meet them, too.

Fred met Lani on a blind date and it was "LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT." She told her roommates the first night she met him, "I am going to marry him!" She did, and it has lasted 56 years. What a pleasure to witness the sparkle in their eyes on wildflower hikes, autumn foliage walks, boating and sharing dinner and family events. They truly enjoy each other while participating in an extremely active social calendar.

Lani is one of the most generous hostesses I have ever met. Fred loved to share their home in Stockton and cabin at Elk Point at Lake Tahoe. As a guest I witnessed Lani always working to feed and comfort friends and family as well as newfound friends and associates. What a team!

Fred and Lani shared their first apartment in Reno. Fred applied for the Air National Guard to enable him to finish college at UN Reno, but it did not quite

work out. You might recall the Pueblo Incident in North Korea, this sparked a need for an intelligence group to be stationed in Japan. His unit was activated and Fred was called up. His job was to review photos and fly many reconnaissance missions as the flight's photographer. They filmed ships and military positions, primarily over Korea. Photography was a skill and love of his throughout his life.

Together Fred (Frederick III) and Lani created three wonderful children, who are also amazing people and close friends--daughter Paige; son Chip (Frederic, IV) and wife Kim, and their children Lindsey, Chase (Frederic, V) and Ryan; son Glenn and wife Sonia, and their children Vanessa, Selina, Derek, Andrew and their granddaughter Gali. These families are wonderful extensions of the friendly spirit and open-armed approach of Fred and Lani. I know that Fred with his engaging personality had an important role in this spirit of inclusion.

Fred was a tremendous coach and cheerleader for his children in water sports. They had a camper, which they drove around the state to the swim meets. They all swam

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Auxiliary Report



It is with sadness that I let everyone know that Fred Hanker with Delta Bluegrass passed away on Friday, May 20, from ALS. Fred was a long-time member of CLCA and great supporter of

the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary honored him as Knight of the Garter in 1995. His CLCA family will miss him dearly and some of us will toast him with a Shogren, which apparently has been renamed a Shanker (for Paul Shogren and Fred Hanker), Tanqueray on the rocks with an olive. I will think of Fred often--skiing, golfing, or at the Christmas Party with some jazzy Christmas tie. We send sympathy and big hugs to Lani, Paige, Chip and Glenn and their families.

The Auxiliary had our second meeting of 2022 on May 24 at the home of Mary Cohen. Thank you, Mary for hosting us at the last moment and thank you everyone who came (Rick Camin, Vicky Parrott, Mary Cohen, Cindy Singletary and Michelle Ott).

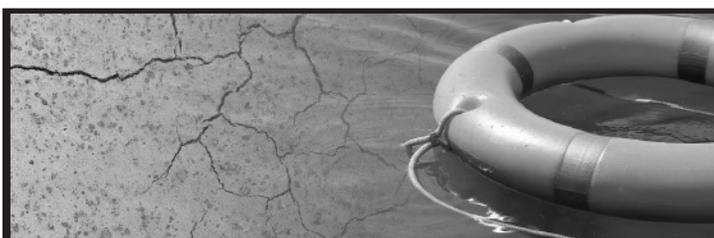
- We talked about Fred Hanker a lot. Fred and Lani had friends in CLCA all over the state. The Auxiliary will establish a LEAF fund for Fred, making a contribution of \$1,000 to start the fund, along with a very generous donation from Robert and Jill Crudup. Our raffle at the Awards Banquet on June 18 will benefit Fred's LEAF fund.
- Mary and Barry Cohen will be our hosts for the Auxiliary potluck on Saturday, August 20. Thank you, Mary and Barry for hosting us again! You have to be a member of the Auxiliary to attend. To become a member of the Auxiliary, contact me.
- The date for the Chapter Picnic is Sunday, September 18 at Cuesta Park in Mountain View. It is one week later than usual. Join us for a great barbecue, games and the horseshoe tournament. Ed and Jonathan Ott are the ones to beat. Maybe the trophy will go home with the Domine's again. Or maybe it will go home with you!
- We are discussing several options for the Christmas Holiday Party. We will keep you posted on dates and venues. Have a wonderful spring and summer. Look forward to seeing everyone soon.

SFBA Chapter Scholarship Funds

Balances for the SFBA Chapter scholarship funds through the Landscape Educational Advancement Foundation (LEAF):

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| SFBA Chapter | \$10,539.25 |
| John & Mary Lyngso Fund | \$15,832.15 |
| Herbert Frank Memorial | \$16,481.83 |
| Hans Biland Memorial | \$12,195.88 |
| Bill Hayes Memorial | \$13,520.62 |
| Klaus R. Hertzner Memorial | \$11,544.49 |
| G. Kunimoto Memorial | \$12,770.00 |
| Ken Jenner Memorial | \$12,201.99 |
| Paul Shogren Memorial | \$16,963.56 |
| Edron Schneider Memorial | \$11,574.81 |
| Dr. Barry Cohen PhD Honorarium | \$ 9,915.08 |
| Tanouye Memorial | \$ 5,250.82 |
| Steve Whitehill Memorial | \$ 7,433.50 |
| John Gachina Memorial | \$14,335.00 |
| Mas Tsuda Memorial | \$7,018.98 |
| Candy Fiske Honorarium | \$7,125.12 |
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competitively from a young age. Chip swam at UC Davis, and Glen competed in water polo at Long Beach State.

Fred loved to waterski the Delta and Lake Tahoe and taught many of us that love. Paige was right there with her brothers in freezing Lake Tahoe, all water skiing like pros. He loved to get them out at 5 AM on Lake Tahoe when that icy lake was like glass. Lani has been known to ski across Lake Tahoe to Emerald Bay! My kids - Robert, KC, and Jeanne - watched Paige, Chip, and Glen and learned from them. We invented Boogie board wars with the Hankers, and the kids regardless of age spent hours trying to splash each other off their boards.

Fred was the Face of Delta Bluegrass for me and others. I have known and loved the entire group since my first Delta Pheasant Hunt in the mid 1980's where I met Eddie, Trey, Dave, and Carrie, who continue to be good friends, because of Fred. Probably our wildest hunt was walking through the wet asparagus in the Delta peat. The fields were between drainages and hunters with loaded shotguns would march down a field with backers, who also had shotguns, at the drainages to keep the pheasants from flying across out of range. Fred, Glen, Chip, Girvin, Zach, Pete, and I were marchers. Joe Tanouye was a blocker with a brand new shotgun. As we chased the birds toward him, he got so excited that he lost his balance falling backwards toward the deep channel. He had to use his gun to prop himself up and keep him from falling into the cold water. He buried his gun to the butt and pulled it out. The barrel was full of

mud. He was so mad, but we kept hunting in the fog.

Fred showed me and many of us in CLCA how to do business with Love and Joy. And with Fred it was Always Win-Win. If there was a sod issue, call Fred and he was there trying to make it right. With No Judgement, No Attitude, and a Bright Smile.... I am sure KC stood up to lead our Chapter in many ways because of his love and respect for Fred and the mentoring that he received from him, Zach and Girvin, Lesley and Charlene. I know that much of his board riding skills and skiing come directly from Glen and Fred showing him their moves.

Often Fred would appear with fresh Asparagus, Ruddy Spuddies or Holler Peppers, some of the farm crops recently harvested or packed. He always had the most current Delta gear at Christmas. These were the years of personal, face-to-face contact, and Fred was the best. A member once kept Fred waiting saying to his receptionist "He's just a salesman."

We all knew that this member did not know Fred because that was the least interesting part of Fred Hanker.

Adventuresome, Fred was ALWAYS ready for one, and did he LOVE GOLF. The Delta Bluegrass job was a perfect one. He was constantly golfing rounds with golf

course and golf club superintendents across the state. They loved to get his advice and coordinate services to upgrade or improve their turf conditions and more importantly modify turf type and lay-out for water conservation. Fred and his foursomes, often including Mike McPherson, Zach Coney and son Zach, would win the annual SF Bay Area annual golf tournament. Fred and Paul Shogren mentored young Zach at 11 golfing in Princeville at a CLCA Convention. Zach would later become a potent secret weapon for the foursomes.

Fred was competitive and played on the UN Reno tennis team. The last two years, after retirement, he and a group of friends met to play doubles at 6AM and then socialize at breakfast.

During his college years, he was a professional ski patrol at Slide Mountain, later acquired by Mount Rose. Downhill skiing was another passion of Fred's. He loved to ski. Fred could really ski...

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Zach Coney, Zachary Coney, Fred Hanker and Girvin Paters at the 2015 CLCA SFBA Golf Tournament.

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Fred taking home the top prize in the horseshoe tournament at the 2009 chapter picnic.

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Fred loved to share Kirkwood, Heavenly, Alpine, Squaw and most importantly Sun Valley. He went to Sun Valley annually missing only one year in 38. I loved watching my older brother from another mother turn his skis and aim them downhill! He could FLY! He would always say "We've gotta make some turns this year." This passion was also transferred to his children. They joined us many times for the Ski and Ski, a Fred Hanker inspired tradition. We would ski the Sierras in the morning and Waterski the Delta in the afternoon, eventually modifying by adding the Sea. Girvin would exhibit his perfect Ingemar Stenmark turns and Zach would renew his waterskiing after a thirty-year hiatus. Bow legged Zach had our "favorite look" on skis as we could see behind him easily!

Fred loved to waterski the Delta and Lake Tahoe. He taught many of us to love it as well. Rick Myers attributes his first boat purchase to Fred, which he taught Rick how to operate. In fact, Glen and Fred went out with Paige waterskiing on the boat's maiden voyage. The golden globe had just set behind the coastal hills when the ski rope tightened to pull Paige up on her slalom ski. As the sun set, the Sheriff showed up, lights flashing, and they had to unpack life

preservers and equipment which were still in shrink wrap proving they were fully equipped. Fortunately, the orange flag had been opened and used. Fred knew the regulations, but they were having too much FUN. He explained that it was the maiden voyage and that Rick was a new owner. Fred's charm and knowledge smoothed over the Sheriff and they avoided the ticket.

We had wonderful hikes through the Carson Pass spring wildflowers. Often Pat and Zach, Fred and Lani, and Sally and I would hike out in the splendor. We had a wonderful stay at Hetch Hetchy hiking the reservoir and witnessing the incredible feat of engineering and simply time together.

I learned more about family and friendship and FUN from Fred than I can ever begin to describe or remember. Fred shared the Delta, the Sierra, and Lake Tahoe with us. We learned to follow water downhill. He taught us his love of water sports, boating, and how to enjoy the confluence of the Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Mokelumne Rivers. We watched Fred and Family and our family simply took notes. What a JOY!

I have known and loved Fred since the very first time I met and partied with him at a CLCA Convention in Puerto Vallarta in 1989. He had real principles. Even though I said I would never buy sod from him at midnight if he did not eat the worm in the bottle of Tequila we were polishing off, he just said NO, I do not care! Thank God we have shared many more great times.

Fred loved to get together, and I am saddened that the drama of the last few years slowed down our getting together.

Girvin Peters recently re-named a drink he and Fred often shared, especially after golf, called "The Paul Shogren", in memory of our friend Paul who passed before us. It will now be called "The SHANKER" in memory of Fred and Paul. Tanqueray on the rocks with three olives. Mixers? Why mess with great gin. Have one in Fred's Memory! What a Guy!

Or take a turn in the snow or water, listen to the sound of your boards as you fly in the differing atmospheres! "We gotta make some turns this year!"

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By Marin Vallalpando

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