

News

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Weekend in the Big Apple

Over the weekend of October 6th, two exciting events occurred in New York City to raise funds for the Laskey Award.

The weekend began with a cocktail gathering Saturday evening at the Park Avenue home of Kate Dundee Shattan and Tom Shattan. Following introductions by Kate, David Schraer spoke on behalf of the Studio L mission, and Dean Bruce Lindsey offered encouraging words on the new dimension the award brings to the school's curriculum. Leslie, visibly touched to see so many former students, friends and colleagues gathered on his behalf, spoke briefly to the future of our efforts encouraging us to continue working together in creative collaborations.

The festivities continued Sunday at a brunch hosted by Larry Bogdanow and his wife, Deborah Shaffer, at their Green St. loft. In that relaxed atmosphere, we enjoyed a beautiful array of homemade pastries and dishes prepared by the hosts – much of the fare from the organic gardens of their upstate farm. Leslie received a hand-made book of signatures and wishes from the guests. He again spoke to our efforts, thanking all who planned and attended the events and encouraging us to 'be like water in our work, filling spaces, and flowing...'

Overall, the weekend was a tremendous success. It raised more than \$26,000 for the Award fund and brought together over one hundred people for the two events; rekindling many friendships and encouraging new collaborations and projects between former students and alumni. Our New York hosting committee generously underwrote the costs of the entire weekend's events.

Special thanks to the New York hosting committee: *Risa Honig, Larry Bogdanow, Ken Levien, Warren Ashworth, Tyler Donaldson, Harry Kendall, Joan Krevlin, Bryce Sanders, Laura Starr, Carol Bentel, Kate Dundes Shattan and Tom Shattan* for underwriting, planning and hosting the events.

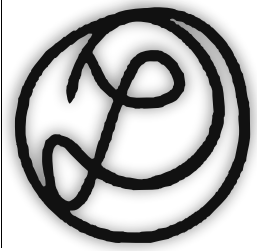
Thanks also go to:

- *Kate Dundee Shattan and Tom Shattan* for sharing their beautiful Park Avenue home Saturday evening,
- *Larry Bogdanow and Deborah Shaffer* for the delicious food for the Sunday brunch they prepared with *Warren Ashworth*
- *Dean Bruce Lindsey and Ron Van Fleet* for their participation and continued support of our efforts,
- the Studio L board members who attended in support,
- guests who came to share their support.

To date, including proceeds from New York events and recent contributions, the Laskey Fund now totals: \$90,995.50.

Thanks to all!

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THE LASKEY FUND

The guest list

Among those who attended events over the were:

- the members of the New York City host committee – all former students of Leslie's,
- honored guest Leslie Laskey,
- Frank Schwaiger,
- Dean Bruce Lindsey from the Architecture School of the Sam Fox School of Design,
- Ron Van Fleet from Washington University,
- the Governing Board members of Studio L, and
- over seventy-five friends and former students from across the country as well as from England and Puerto Rico.

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