

DAN SNOW AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS REBUILD STONE WALLS

Dan Snow, an artist and certified master drystone waller from Dummerston, Vermont, led a workshop of ten students from the Department of Landscape Architecture/Regional, & Community Planning at K-State.

The workshop was jointly sponsored by the KSU College of Architecture, Planning, & Design and U.S. Stone as part of the annually occurring Bayer/U.S. Stone Student Design Competition.

Every year, U.S. Stone sponsors the event which brings KSU students in contact with their high quality limestone through a quarry tour and other activities. This year, Dan Snow agreed to lead a dry-laid stone wall building workshop. Dr. Valerie Wright, Konza Environmental Education director, helped the workshop select a culturally significant site in need of wall repair.

Over three days, Dan Snow instructed ten students in the rebuilding of fallen down walls that possibly served as animal enclosures at the Hokanson homestead. The students used limestone material available on site, primarily the remnants of the original wall. They reconstructed the wall in the same style as its original builder: a style known as 'doubling' in which two overlapping faces are built up simultaneously in courses.

The ten students are all enrolled in K-State's professional-degree programs in Landscape Architecture. They are:

Charles McDowell, Russell Ploutz, John Ryan, Aaron Mitchell, Elise Hubbard, Christie Murman, Ian Sherling, Anthony Fox, Kent Burnham, and Luke Schooler.

On the third day of the workshop, the landscape architecture students assisted Dan Snow in demonstrating dry-stone techniques to a visiting group of seventy sophomore architecture students, all participants in the U.S. Stone Design Competition.

Special thanks to:

Dr. Valerie Wright
Charlie Given, docent
Konza Environmental Education

Alan Harshbarger
U.S. Stone

Dean Dennis Law
Associate Dean Wendy Ornelas
Associate Dean Lynn Ewanow
*KSU College of Architecture, Planning,
& Design*

Professor Dan Donelin, Department Head
Associate Professor Lorn Clement
Assistant Professor Howard Hahn
*Department of Landscape Architecture/
Regional & Community Planning*

Professor Peter Magyar, Department Head
Professor Bob Condia
Department of Architecture

For further information, please contact:

Katie Kingery-Page
Assistant Professor
*Department of Landscape
Architecture/ Regional
& Community Planning*
Kansas State University
218 Seaton Court Manhattan
KS 66506
785.532.5371
kkp@ksu.edu



Photo courtesy of Dan Snow