



**PUTTING STEWARDSHIP INTO ACTION! Left :** Susan Melton, Emily Davis, Caroline Hill (L to R, back row), April Lewis, Debbie Nestvogel, Jennifer Holleran, and Maria Floren (L to R, front row) pause mid-clean-up in the fall at their adopted stream on UNCG's campus. **Right :** Maria and Debbie "discover" a spectacular find in the stream bed. Photos courtesy Jennifer Holleran.

## ten good stewardship practices

Cognizant of connections between the built and natural environment, we fully recognize that the design field utilizes a large percentage of the earth's resources. In IARc, we take the broad view of stewardship in our research and practice, not only in advocating careful and responsible management of the planet, but in emphasizing a social consciousness and responsibility to other humans.

**[1]** IARc students **adopted a stream** last year in Peabody Park on UNCG's campus as a place to demonstrate our commitment to keeping one part of the natural environment clear of debris.

**[2]** IARc joined the **U. S. Green Building Council (USGBC)** as an institutional member.

**[3]** **Anna Marshall-Baker** (faculty) serves as **Coordinator for UNCG's Center for Sustainability**, helping to lead Focus the Nation, an initiative to study the impacts of global warming on the United States.

**[4] Nadia Volchansky** (adjunct faculty), with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accreditation herself, teaches a spring seminar on the LEED exam, and forty IARc students, plus several professionals, are taking this course with the intent of taking the **LEED exam** in May.

**[5]** This semester, five teams participate in the **North Carolina Sustainable Building Design Competition** as part of **Robert Charest's** fourth year studio to design a sustainable duplex in the continuing care community of Carolina Meadows in Chapel Hill.

**[6]** Our historic preservation concentration in the graduate program enables students to study the retention of the significant **embodied energy** in the many buildings already in the world. **Gisele Taylor Wells** (graduate student) hopes to tease out a better understanding of embodied energy in her current work on historic building rehabilitations that qualify for both federal preservation tax credits and LEED certification.

**[7] Allison Conley** (third year student), while studying abroad in France this semester, recently received a grant from Middlebury College to investigate **sustainability practices** in Paris as a point of comparison with those in the United States.

**[8] Bianca Ramsey** (fifth year student) works in New York City with the USGBC on a project to **'green' Grand Central Station**.

**[9] Suzanne Buchanan** (faculty), along with several first and second year students, currently helps single teenage mothers to visualize their lives through active journaling and drawing. **Advocacy through Design** represents one of the many ways that IARc finds its way into the community in providing service and in recognizing that we all are fundamentally connected through design.

**[10] Bettye Russell** (IARc advisory board) led fourth year students through several Atlanta design firms earlier this month as her commitment and Herman-Miller's practice to connect students and professionals into **sustaining relationships**. By diversifying our view beyond the academy, Bettye reminds us that these collaborations and opportunities for students to see the world build into effective partnerships in life.

Whether student, faculty, staff, alumni or advisor, we remain committed to **stewardship** as one of our core values. We recognize that this fundamental quality, one we hope is at the heart of the design discipline, distinguishes our work in positive and lasting ways.

**Know of another means for good stewardship or an example? Feel free to add to this growing list by sending us an email.**



**SUSTAINING RELATIONS AMONG ALUMNI + ADVISORS** : Melanie Ennis Williams (Class of 1972), left, joins IARc Advisory Board member Bettye Russell (Herman-Miller, Atlanta) on the recent trip to Atlanta, along with faculty members Robert Michel Charest and Patrick Lee Lucas.

**our core values : community... stewardship...innovation... authenticity**

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