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**Prescott Landscape Architects to Unveil New Sustainable Design Concept  
at Water Conservation & Xeriscape Conference**  
*Seminar to Discuss Idea of Rehabilitation through Design*

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (Feb. 26, 2007)—After more than three years of practice, research, experimentation and late-night brainstorming, two Prescott-based landscape architects are ready to unveil a design concept they hope will move sustainable landscape architecture to a new level.

T. Barnabas Kane, landscape architect and principal with Prescott-based T. Barnabas Kane & Assoc., and Steve Morgan, landscape architect and former designer with the firm, will present their concept at a seminar to be held March 8 as part of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Conservation & Xeriscape Conference, an educational exposition being held in Albuquerque, N.M.

Titled Rehabilitation by Design, the seminar will discuss the concept of rehabilitation, an architectural and design method that goes beyond contemporary ecological sustainability to create productive habitat by considering ways natural and built environments may benefit each other.

Based on architecture's ecological underpinnings, how the design process enables humans to interact with and change pure habitat, the concept examines how the natural world, human world and structural world may co-exist without detriment and mutually improve their shared environment.

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The seminar will address how new, built elements add to and subtract from existing habitats in differing degrees, from low-impact disturbances such as patios that shade soil and concentrate run-off to intensive activities such as agriculture or municipal infrastructure. It will also discuss how these degrees of interaction can be used to create sustainable habitat that didn't necessarily exist before.

The conference, which seeks to educate the public about water conservation by giving average folks access to water-conservation, native-plant and landscape specialists, provides an excellent atmosphere for introducing the idea of rehabilitation, Kane said.

“We felt this would be an informed, appreciative audience for our concept,” Kane said. “It’s sort of like taking your senior design project to the jury. You lay it out for them, then sit back and let them tell you what they think. It’s a forum for sharing ideas, gaining feedback and generally improving our industry.”

The seminar will be held at 2 p.m. March 10 in the east building of the Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N.W., Albuquerque. This and all March 10 seminars are free of charge and open to the public. Cost of the March 8 and 9 conference is \$150. The conference is presented by the Xeriscape Council of New Mexico, a non-profit organization that promotes water conservation through low-water-use planting and irrigation methods.

For information, visit [www.xeriscapenm.com/xeriscape\\_conferences.php](http://www.xeriscapenm.com/xeriscape_conferences.php) or call 505/468-1021.

*T. Barnabas Kane & Assoc. P.C. is a Prescott-based firm with more than 20 years experience creating award-winning sustainable landscapes. Specializing in ecological site planning and design, the firm's designers integrate architectural principles and environmental sensitivity to create habitat that unifies people, structures and environment. For more about the firm and its design philosophy, visit [tbkandscapearchitecture.com](http://tbkandscapearchitecture.com).*

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