

DIRECTION DALLAS

Sprawl

As SPE wraps up 2008 conference details our attention turns towards the 2009 SPE National Conference, *Sprawl*. The 46th SPE National Conference will take place in Dallas, Texas, March 26 – 29, 2009 at the Fairmont Dallas Hotel. The concept of 'sprawl' prompts discussions of environmental conservation, the appropriate use of land and resources, the loss and/or renewal of city centers and close-knit neighborhood communities.

Margaret Stratton, 2009 Conference Chair, and Terri Warpinski, 2009 Conference Committee Chair, are already busy planning the details of the conference with the Dallas local committee, conference committee and the rest of the SPE staff. Our thanks goes to the diverse and experienced local conference committee, Susan kae Grant (Local Committee Chair), Kenda North, Elizabeth Mellott, Lupita Murillo Tinnen, Dornith Doherty, Bryan Florentin, Luther Smith and Morgan Ford.

The national peer review panel will consider proposals for the conference program this summer. Please see the Dallas Conference Proposal form on page 17 if you are interested in submitting a proposal (Deadline: June 2, 2008). The speaker slate will be announced in a conference flyer in the fall.

Please save the date and join us in the richly diverse city of Dallas, the 9th largest city in the United States and among the nation's 100 most ethnically diverse communities. Dallas will be the place to be in March 2009!

Conference details will be published in the conference flyer in the fall. Updates and downloadable forms will be available online at www.spenational.org.



Karla Turcios, Spitting Image #1, 2007



Tomiko Jones, Unwind, 2007



Andrew Crooks, Pie Study, 2007

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CONGRATULATIONS

SPE congratulates this year's scholarship recipients! Graduate student **Tomiko Jones** from the University of Arizona, is the recipient of The Freestyle Crystal Apple Award for Outstanding Achievement in Black and White Photography. **Sama Alshaibi** was honored as the sponsoring faculty and received an engraved crystal apple as part of the award. This prestigious award is sponsored by Freestyle Photographic Supplies. The Crystal Apple Award includes a \$5,000 stipend, a one-year SPE membership and a 2008 conference fee waiver.

The Jeannie Pearce Award was awarded to **Elizabeth Dobson**, an undergraduate student from Antioch College. This award was created for students working with digital technology. It includes a \$500 travel stipend, a one-year SPE membership and a 2008 conference fee waiver.

The recipients of the SPE Student Awards are: **Angélica Muñoz Castaño** (Texas Tech University, Graduate); **Andrew Crooks** (University of New Mexico, Graduate); **Clifford L. Pun** (San Jose State University, Undergraduate); **Toni Pepe** (Rochester Institute of Technology, Graduate); **Jeff Rich** (Savannah College of Art and Design, Graduate); **Joseph Roseberry** (California College of the Arts, Undergraduate); **Meghan C. Smith** (Visual Studies Workshop, Graduate); **Jane Tam** (Syracuse University, Undergraduate); **Karla Turcios** (University of Miami, Graduate) **Jian Yang** (Washington State University, Graduate) SPE Student Awards include a \$500 travel stipend, a one-year SPE membership and a 2008 conference fee waiver each.