

# NASIG Newsletter

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## Upcoming Conference News

### CPC Update

The NASIG 2011 Conference, June 2-5, 2011 in St. Louis, is just about one month away, and several important dates are rapidly approaching!

**May 5** is the deadline for both **Early Registration** and **Hotel Reservations**. The hotel expects to sell out since the Cardinals play at home against the Cubs, and they will be using any unfilled rooms in our hotel block – in fact, we've been warned that all downtown hotels will be sold-out. Make your reservations NOW!

NASIG is continuing the effort to be green at the conference this year and will not be providing conference bags. So don't forget to bring your own bag! Buy one from the NASIG Souvenir shop at <http://shop.cafepress.com/nasig>. While you're there, pick up a t-shirt or a reusable travel mug.

The spectacular [Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark](#) is located in the middle of downtown. Not only is the hotel near [Busch Stadium \(home of the Cardinals\)](#), but it's also near the [MetroLink light rail](#), connecting the airport to downtown and allowing for easy and safe transportation all around St. Louis.

The Conference planning committee has made sure that you've got options galore, both day and night! Remember, the Opening Reception is Thursday, June 2 at the [City Museum](#), an eclectic mixture of children's playground, funhouse, surrealistic pavilion, and architectural marvel made out of unique, found objects.

Following a day full of sessions focusing on important and timely issues, take a walk through [The Citygarden](#), located only two blocks from the hotel. This outdoor marvel was chosen as one of five finalists for the 2011 Urban Land Institute's Amanda Burden Urban Open Space Award. The competition is intended to recognize an outstanding example of a public open space that has enriched and revitalized its surrounding community. View the famous [St. Louis Gateway Arch](#) and "tram it" to the top! There are numerous activities along the [Arch Riverfront](#), including riverboat rides, bicycle rentals, and museum tours.

There is so much to [explore](#) in St. Louis you don't want wait another day to register!