

## Summer 2012 Landscape Architecture Walks

Associate Representatives Jonathan Woodside and Inna Olchovski have organized a series of walks open to all members of the OALA. These walks are not open to the general public. The groups will gather after the walks for refreshments and conversation. Complete information about the walks, where to meet, and the location for drinks can be found on the website - [click here](#). The summary of events is as follows:



Participants of July 19th walk enjoying food and networking

### July 19th Evergreen Brick Works | Restoration Rehabilitation Repurposing, Toronto ON

Walk Leader – Bryce Miranda, OALA, from DTAH.

The Brick Works Walk was a great success. Thank you to the 18 Associate, Full and Student Members who attended the Walk, and were eager to explore the Brick Works site. Thank you to Bryce Miranda from DTAH who lead an insightful and fun tour of the site. Here are some testimonials from participants:

"I enjoyed that the walk was on something relevant to our profession (greening urban and derelict sites, sustainability, etc) and that it was led by an individual that is fully versed in the project from conception, construction and christening." Luke Kairys

"The last landscape walk was very fun and well organized. As a new comer, I learnt about the city's heritage and geological information. The drainage strategies applied onsite was well explained and very helpful too. The drink after was good and was a great opportunity to know others." Jia Cheng

"Thanks for organizing such an interesting walk! Bryce did a great job. Some things that I liked about the Brickworks walk that would be nice to see on other walks (and I hope they continue!) are to have a variety of projects as the focus, to get leaders who engage the participants, to have leaders who are prepared and know their stuff, and to keep the atmosphere casual and friendly." Drew Graham

### September 13th Downsview Park Walk – Urban Orchard, Toronto ON

Walk Leader – Ian Gray, OALA, from MMM Group (Toronto).

Start time – 6:30pm

Phase 1 of Downsview Park opened in June this year and after 6 years leading a multi-disciplinary consulting team Ian will share with us progress to date. Work just wrapped up on what may be one of Canada's largest urban orchards, with 180 trees planted to date and another 100 to be planted over the next couple of years. In addition there has been a lot of work done to add to Toronto's Urban Forest and a significant stormwater bioswale and pond system.



### September 20th Oakes Garden Theatre and Rainbow Gardens, Niagara Falls

Walk Leader – Paula Berketo, OALA, from MTO.

Start Time – 6:30pm

Have you ever wondered what draws people to Niagara Falls? For most it is the Falls themselves. Others think of the waterparks, hotels or neon of Clifton Hill. Perhaps the museums, or lately, the tightrope walkers. But there is a hidden gem!

Designed and built over 75 years ago, Oakes Garden Theatre and the Rainbow Gardens, exist almost as they were when first built. Very few examples of early Canadian landscape architecture still exist, and if you join this tour you will experience the design brilliance of Dunnington Grubb, the architecture of William Sommerville and the beautiful gardens of the Niagara Parks Commission.

This tour will be lead by Paula Berketo, OALA, who completed a restoration study for the garden in 2000 and who is truly passionate about these gardens and Niagara Falls. Come and enjoy a different side of the Honeymoon Capital. Refreshments and conversation will be available afterwards, at a restaurant within the gardens.



Please email either Jon Woodside ([jkwoodside@gmail.com](mailto:jkwoodside@gmail.com)) or Inna Olchovski ([iolchovski@gmail.com](mailto:iolchovski@gmail.com)) to reserve a spot. We thank our three volunteers and look forward to seeing everyone.

## OALA Golf Day 2012

The OALA 10th Annual Golf Day took place on August 10th at the Granite Ridge Golf Course in Milton. Golf Day gives our members an opportunity to meet and network with other OALA members and industry professionals in a relaxed and social setting over the much loved game of golf. Thanks to the staff and volunteers organizing the event, Aina Budrevics, Joanna Wilczynska, Alana De Haan, Dean Armstrong, Kara Gibbons, and Glenn O'Connor. The day was deemed a great success by our members and sponsors alike.

Although the morning was full of rain, after lunch the clouds held off and our participants split into their respective foursomes and the tournament began. By dinner time the sun was out and it was a beautiful warm evening aside the escarpment. Paul Gardner, John Joyce, Kevin Holmes, and Bill Searle were the winners of the tournament. After the fun on the green, everyone gathered in the dining hall to celebrate their winnings and enjoy dinner among friends and colleagues.

As always, we would like to thank our sponsors for helping us make this day possible. The OALA was able to raise the funds which are donated each year to support landscape architecture programs at the University of Guelph and the University of Toronto. These students are the future of our association, and the schools greatly appreciate our donations. Numerous promotional gifts were generously donated to the prize table, allowing everyone to leave the day with something special. It is notable that the extra Unilock ball caps were sent to the University of Guelph to be distributed to the students.

Thank you to everyone who came and made this day possible.



Winning foursome

Happy golfers

Prizes table

Group photos courtesy of Maglin

## MEMBER NEWS

Tell us about what is positive for Landscape Architects in your corner of the province, and it can be featured in the OALA E-Newsletter. This will promote our strategic plan objectives to **build awareness** of the value of Landscape Architects through increased marketing and communications to both internal and external audiences, as well as **engage members** and improve their perception of the value of the profession.

### MBTW / WAI Announces New Director Michael C. Hannay

TORONTO, ON (July 2012) — The MBTW Group, a professional consulting firm providing services in Landscape Architecture, Urban Design, Golf and Leisure Design, is proud to welcome new Director Michael C. Hannay who brings more than 20 years of relevant industry experience to his new role.

Michael's professional experience in Urban Design and Planning includes a history of consulting to both public and private sector clients as well as teaching Urban and Architectural Design.

[Click here for more details.](#)



### Prof Studies Guelph's Major Public Spaces

Learning how Guelph residents use three downtown civic spaces – St. George's Square, the new Market Square and the new transit terminal – is the purpose of a study led by Prof. Lise Burcher, School of Environmental Design and Rural Development.

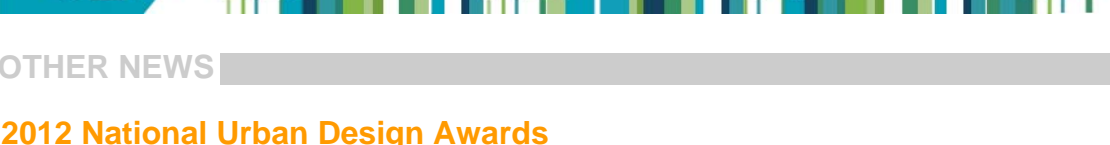
Her research will provide a database for the City of Guelph to explore changing use of public spaces, starting with St. George's Square. City officials will begin public consultations this year on renewing that space.

[Click here for more details.](#)

### Morph My City Challenge

We are excited to announce that a Toronto-based team, Rhizome City, has been selected as a finalist in the Morph My City Challenge! The "Morph My City" Challenge presented by IBM, offers two urban renewal competitions seeking leading examples of 21st Century sustainable, innovative neighbourhood concepts. Rhizome City is made up of Shannon Baker, OALA Senior Landscape Architect, MMM Group, Andrey Chernykh Environmental Designer, Genevieve Cheung Transportation/Municipal Designer, MRC, Gladys Cheung Exhibit Designer, WeatherstonBruer Associates, Katerina Gloushenkova Landscape Designer, Annie Li Senior Project Manager, MMM Group, Hon Lu Senior Project Manager, MMM Group, and Kevin Murray Principal, R.A.D. Studio.

The Challenge received entries from over 17,000 individuals from 117 countries worldwide. 3 finalists have been chosen to present their vision for the re-imagining of Rosemont, Regina at the National Infrastructure Summit 2012 in Regina on September 11th. For more information about the competition, follow the link to the National Infrastructure Summit: [Click here](#).



## OTHER NEWS

### 2012 National Urban Design Awards

Architecture Canada | RAIC, the Canadian Institute of Planners and the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) in cooperation with Canadian municipalities, wish to promote public and private awareness of that role. For this reason, an Urban Design Awards program has been established to recognize individuals, organizations, firms and projects that have contributed to the quality of life in our Canadian cities and their sustainability.

[Click here for more details.](#)

## COMING EVENTS

### Great Lakes Protection Act and draft Strategy Session



On June 6, 2012 the Minister of the Environment introduced Bill 100, the Great Lakes Protection Act, in the provincial legislature and released Ontario's Draft Great Lakes Strategy for public comment. As part of our commitment to build an ongoing dialogue with stakeholders and experts on Great Lakes protection, we are pleased to invite you to join one of the stakeholder engagement sessions of your choice, hosted by the Ministry of the Environment. You have the option to choose from attending the full-day session in person or, alternatively, via WEB-EX (available for morning plenary only). Attendees will have the opportunity to hear presentations on the proposed Act and the draft Strategy as well as participate in discussions that will help inform work to finalize the proposed Act and draft Strategy.

More information on the Great Lakes, proposed Act and draft Strategy is available on the Ontario Ministry of the Environment website at [www.ontario.ca/healthygreatlakes](http://www.ontario.ca/healthygreatlakes).

#### TORONTO (Lake Ontario/St. Lawrence)

**Wednesday, August 29, 2012**

Macdonald Block: Huron Room, 900 Bay Street, Toronto, ON

All sessions are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you would like to attend one of the meetings in person - or would like to participate in the morning session via WEB-EX - please pre-register by contacting Emily Chatten at the Great Lakes Office (416) 212-4311 or [GLO@ontario.ca](mailto:GLO@ontario.ca).

If you are not available to attend you may still comment on the proposed Act and draft Strategy. Please visit the Ministry of the Environment's website ([www.ene.gov.on.ca](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca)) and the Environmental Bill of Rights website ([www.ebr.gov.on.ca](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca) - registry #011-6461 for the proposed Act and registry #011-6418 for the draft Strategy).

If you attend, the OALA requests that you please send a summary of your comments to [secretary@oala.ca](mailto:secretary@oala.ca) so they can be collaborated. Thank you.

### 10th Canadian Urban Forest Conference

Greetings to everyone that supports our urban forests. Registration is now open for the 10th biannual Canadian Urban Forest Conference.

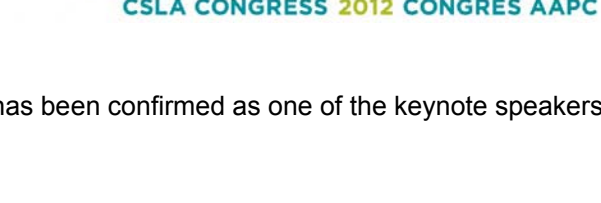
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### 2012 CSLA Congress: Making Waves

The 2012 CSLA Congress is taking place in Halifax, Nova Scotia from September 13-15th. Registration is now available on the event website, check out: [www.makingwaves2012.com](http://www.makingwaves2012.com)



Ken LeBlanc, founder of the Property Guys, has been confirmed as one of the keynote speakers featured at the Congress!

### Making it Work 2012 Conference!

**Low Impact Development in Action- October 4 & 5, 2012**

Living Arts Centre - Mississauga, Ontario

**An Agenda is now online:** <http://www.creditvalleyca.ca/low-impact-development/lid-events/low-impact-development-in-action/>

- Learn about the latest in LID design, construction and O&M from interactive panel discussions and engaging keynotes.
- Experience LID first-hand through guided tours showcasing in-the-ground LID sites located throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
- Network with leaders from the municipal, development and construction sectors.
- Share the latest tips and techniques to deliver LID projects reliably, cost effectively and with community support.

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