

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:



September 13th Downsview Park Walk

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

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

The Downsview Park Urban Orchard Walk was another successful event bringing together a diverse group of Students, Associates and Full Members. Thank you to the 14 participants and to Ian Gray, OALA, from MMM Group who led the tour and shared with us his professional expertise. After the walk the group headed to the Hangar Bar for some drinks and appetizers, courtesy of the OALA.

"I thought the walk event at Downsview Park was a wonderful experience. Ian Gray provided a wealth of insight, technical information and stimulating discussion and history on the sites development. I would definitely appreciate another opportunity to take part in a similar event. There are so many things we are all doing; it is great to have the chance to share information and experiences and to be inspired by each other and our work." Lisa Shkut, OALA from Town of Whitby.

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September 13th Downsview Park Walk



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 Somerville 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.



To sign up for the event please email Jon Woodside (jkwoodside@gmail.com) or Inna Olchovski (iolchovski@gmail.com).

Get excited for IIDEX Canada 2012 with Landscape Architecture Seminars!

WHIIDEX?

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EXPOSITION & CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2012
THURSDAY 9AM-6PM
FRIDAY 9AM-6PM
DIRECT ENERGY CENTRE, TORONTO

OALA returns for a 2nd year as part of IIDEX Canada 2012! This year's show will feature an expanded Landscape Architecture Expo, strategically located between the Light Canada expo – Canada's largest lighting expo, which showcases a wide selection of outdoor lighting products specifically geared towards landscape architects – and the Architecture Canada expo, offering landscape architects the opportunity to source the latest products and services for local, national and international projects.

Come visit the OALA at booth #614.

[Click here](#) for a full list of 2012 expos at IIDEX.

IIDEX Canada was pleased to provide a few free exhibit hall passes for OALA Members (\$25 value). We also have some complimentary passes to the following seminar:

Landscape Architecture: Value Added - Thursday September 20th [T12], 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM, Speaker: **Jonathan Loschmann, OALA**. Please contact Aina oalaadmin@oala.ca if you would like to receive a unique code to get these tickets online.

OALA September Social – Guelph

The OALA Social Committee is pleased to share a few photos from another successful social evening at the Albion Hotel, in Guelph, on September 14th. More than 50 people including students, local landscape architects, and the 2002 University of Guelph BLA grads gathered to share stories, experiences and a few laughs. This provided students with a great opportunity to mingle with professionals in a friendly environment, assisting transition into the profession. While many folks in attendance are currently living and working in Ontario, some people had traveled from as far as British Columbia, California and the United Kingdom! Thank you to everyone in attendance for making this such a memorable experience.



Green Jobs Forum 2012

The inaugural Green Jobs Forum offered new graduates, students, and the general public an in-depth exploration of careers in the ever-expanding Green Economy. OALA Past President Glenn O'Connor was invited as a speaker, with a presentation titled - Landscape Architecture: The True Green Profession.

The OALA was also invited, and participated, with a booth in the 33 booth 'Job Pavilion'. The interest at the OALA information booth was a delight to see and added to the success of the event. The OALA was able to raise awareness of the profession to students who may want to enter landscape architecture, as well as to the members of the public who are interested in green professions.



OTHER NEWS

Call for Presenters for OAA ConEd for the 2013 OAA Conference

Toronto, ON --The Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) and its Continuing Education Committee invites presenters to submit proposals for ConEd sessions to be considered for the 2013 OAA Conference: Reimagining the Business of Architecture.

To download the Call for Proposals, visit www.oaa.on.ca under "news" on the homepage. Respond today! **Deadline for submissions is October 26, 2012.**

COMING EVENTS

Urban Design Courses in Ottawa

1. Urban Design: Theory and Practice

Location: Lord Elgin Hotel, 100 Elgin Street, Ottawa
Start Date: September 19, 2012 Start Time: 8:30am
End Date: September 20, 2012 End Time: 5pm

Details: Our buildings and spaces need to fit our urban, social, and economic environments. This intensive urban design course draws from many disciplines—architecture, ecology, economics, engineering, real estate development, landscape architecture, planning, and sociology—to finding that fit.

Instructors: Michael von Hausen, MVH Urban Planning and Design, Inc.

2. Urban Design: Visual Communication

Location: Lord Elgin Hotel, 100 Elgin Street, Ottawa
Start Date: September 21, 2012 Start Time: 8:30am
End Date: September 22, 2012 End Time: 5pm

Details: Drawing and visual communication skills are essential in urban design. In this hands-on course, you'll learn and practice graphic techniques that will enhance your ability to communicate ideas visually.

Instructors: Michael von Hausen, principal, MVH Urban Planning and Design, Inc.; Frank Ducote, Frank Ducote Urban Design.

To Register: www.sfu.ca/ottawa

GTA Green Roof Symposium

September 26, 2012 - In partnership with the Municipal Leaders Forum of the CaGBC Toronto Chapter, this full day event will focus on the economic and environmental benefits of green roofs, as well as opportunities and constraints for the green roof industry in the Greater Toronto region.

This full-day workshop features:

- Educational Session on Benefits of Green Roofs
- Economic Growth of the Industry
- Policies and Case Studies Discussion
- Green Roof Tour
- Roundtable Discussion
- Mini-Trade Show



Invited speakers include:

- Joe Pantalone, Former Councillor and Deputy Mayor of the City of Toronto
- Terry McGlade, Green Roof Business Development, Flynn Canada
- Steven Peck, GRP, Honorary ASLA, President of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities

Registration Fee: \$75

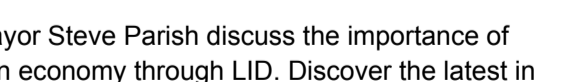
For more information, and to register, see <http://www.cvent.com/d/gcqw4d>.

The Low Impact Development (LID) in Action Conference

October 4 & 5, 2012 - The Low Impact Development (LID) in Action Conference is one of Ontario's premier opportunities to learn about innovative stormwater management LID practices in Ontario and across Canada. Don't miss this chance to share lessons learned and gain tools and techniques to deliver LID projects reliably, cost effectively and with community support.

Hear keynote speakers Dr. Avi Friedman and Mayor Steve Parish discuss the importance of protecting the Great Lakes and building the green economy through LID. Discover the latest in LID design, construction, operation and maintenance through panel discussions, classroom sessions and site tours. Network with leaders from the municipal, development, consulting and construction sectors across Ontario.

[View the Conference Agenda and Register Today.](#)



Low Impact Development in Action
October 4 and 5
Mississauga Living Arts Centre

October Workshop - Tree Assessment & Management on Development Sites

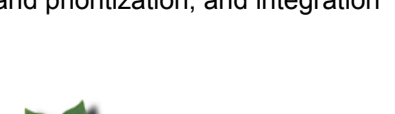
October 18-19, 2012. Please join Jeremy Barrell, Andy Sherlock and Philip van Wassenaer for an intensive two-day workshop focusing on tree assessment and management on development sites – from residential lots to entire communities.

These three leading arboricultural consultants will discuss challenging issues such as tree health, condition and risk assessments, preservation planning and prioritization, and integration of trees into sustainable development.

Who should attend?

Arborists, Landscape architects, Urban foresters, Urban Planners, Parks and public works personnel.

[Register Online](#)



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