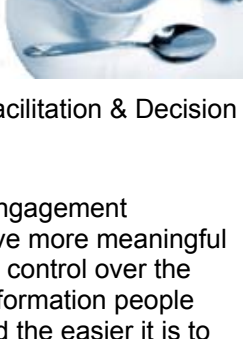


## OALA Continuing Education Seminar

## Newsletter Spotlight

# Effective Public Engagement Processes



Speaker: **Nicole Swerhun** of SWERHUN Facilitation & Decision Support

Have questions about how to make public engagement processes work for you? Wish you could have more meaningful public meetings? Wish you could have more control over the process? From our experience, the better information people have, the better decisions they will make and the easier it is to find the common ground you need to take action. This talk will use case studies and interactive discussion to describe six strategies we've found extremely useful when implementing public engagement processes.

**Date:** Friday, November 30th, 2012

**Time:**  
8:15 – 9:00am Registration, Hot Buffet Breakfast, Networking  
9:00 – 10:30am Presentation  
10:30 – 10:45am Questions and Answers

**Location:**

Novotel Toronto Centre, 45 The Esplanade, Alsace Room (walking distance from Union Station)

[Click HERE](#) for registration and complete details!

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Events, seminars and lectures included in this newsletter are getting a great response. This e-blast is available to all members so tell us what topics and events interest you and we will forward the information...

[Click here](#) to contact the OALA!

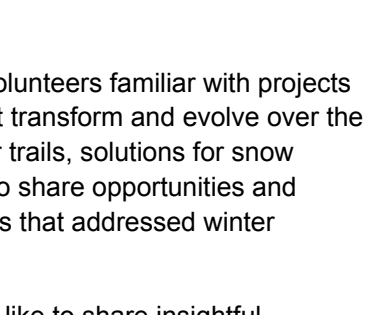
## OALA Seasonal Party

Come to the OALA Christmas / Year-End Party!

The OALA Social Committee has organized a festive evening of food and beverages for **December 12, 2012 at 6:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, classmates, and colleagues around a gorgeous fireplace and rousing atmosphere. Plenty of food and beverages will be provided! We look forward to seeing you there!

The Social Committee

**Location:** C'est What?, 67 Front Street East, Toronto, ON M5E 1B5



## OALA Educational Walks in 2013

**Back by popular demand! The Social Committee is launching a second series of riveting educational walks in 2013. So put on your winter gear, grab a hot chocolate and let's explore Ontario's winter landscapes.**

The Social Committee is looking for enthusiastic OALA members who would be interested in volunteering to lead a Walk. The goal is to immerse members in local projects and initiate dialogue. The Social Committee highly encourages professionals from all across the Province to share their wealth of knowledge and showcase local projects, initiatives and sites that are of value to our profession.

**The Walks theme is Winter Landscapes.** We are looking for volunteers familiar with projects and sites that explore urban, suburban and rural landscapes that transform and evolve over the winter months. Projects may range from outdoor ice rinks, winter trails, solutions for snow storage, planting strategies and many more. Volunteers may also share opportunities and constraints behind an inspiring project or site, construction details that addressed winter conditions and other winter programs.

If you are passionate about a topic, a site or a project and would like to share insightful information, this Walk Series will be a great opportunity to do so. Walks may take place anywhere in the Province and may range from one to two hours in length and are to end at a local pub for drinks, appetizers and great company (a budget will be provided for appetizers and some drinks). Social Committee representatives Inna and Marta will coordinate communication and scheduling of walks but may request some local assistance for locations outside the GTA.

If you are interested in leading a walk please respond by **December 14th** to Inna at [tolchovski@gmail.com](mailto:tolchovski@gmail.com) or Marta at [mklaptoacz@yahoo.com](mailto:mklaptoacz@yahoo.com).

We look forward to hearing from you and stay tuned for January, February, and March Winter Landscape Walks Series specifics!

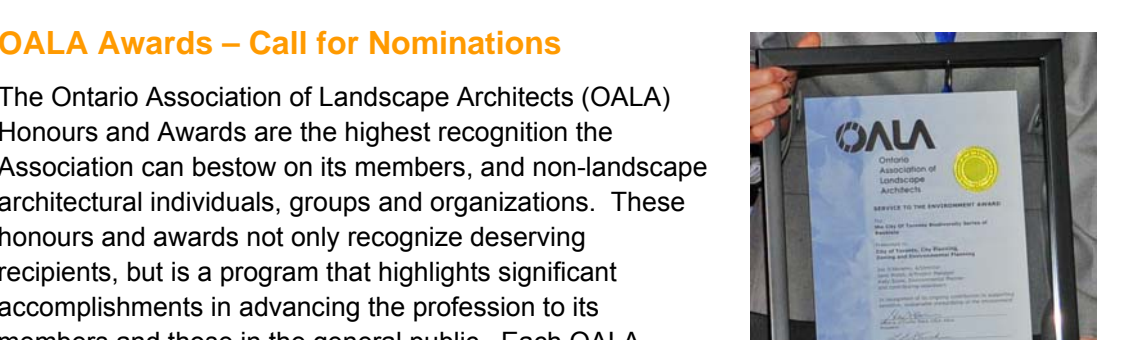
## OALA Curling Bonspiel

On Sunday, October 28th at 4:30 pm, costumed students and professionals alike embarked on the Guelph Curling Club for an evening of festivities. Some particularly memorable costumes included Claude Cormier's Blue Stick Garden, Mr. Clean, A troop of witches, a Ninja, a Looming Deadline, and a Dictator.

Since only about half of us had ever curled before, we were lucky enough to receive a thorough lesson from seasoned curler and OALA Member, Amanda Gebhardt, before the competition began. After a few hours of many slips, near-falls, falls, and bruised knees, a champion was announced. For the second time in a row, the trophy went to a team of students from the University of Guelph (Adam Leger, Eamonn Pinto, Dan Thurtell, and Michael Flint) with an astounding 19 points! Eha and Don Naylor's team came in a close second, just two points behind. The staff at the Curling Club acted as un-biased judges for the Costume Competition, and unanimously voted Marvin Cruz, dressed as the dictator, champion.

The OALA Social Committee would like to graciously thank all who came out to participate in this year's Curling Bonspiel and Costume Competition for their enthusiasm and spirit, as well as the Guelph Curling Club for allowing us to use their equipment and facilities.

[Click HERE](#) to visit the OALA Photo Gallery and see more photos!

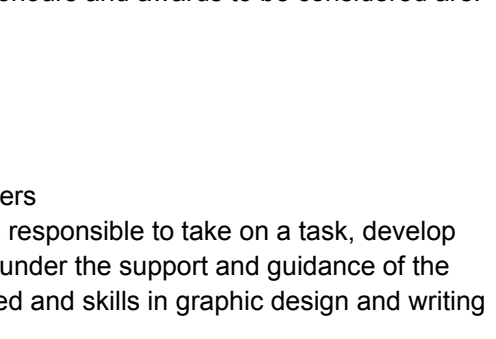


1. The winning team | 2. Curling lesson | 3. The Costume Competition winner - Marvin Cruz

## Gladstone Grow Op: Exploring landscape and place

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**  
**Deadline for applications: November 19, 2012**

Exhibition date: April 25 - 28, 2013  
Location: The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto



Toronto's Gladstone Hotel is pleased to announce the inaugural year of Gladstone Grow Op: Exploring landscape and place, a four-day event to celebrate innovative ideas and conceptual responses to landscape and place across a broad range of creative practices. Grow Op 2013 will facilitate a cross-disciplinary forum for landscape, garden design, art and place making within the vibrant setting of Toronto's West Queen West neighbourhood.

Grow Op will explore new territories and uncover new ways of expression and meaning through proposals that represent a wide range of approaches from the prosaic to the poetic, the elemental to the ephemeral. The use of plant material is not a specific requirement.

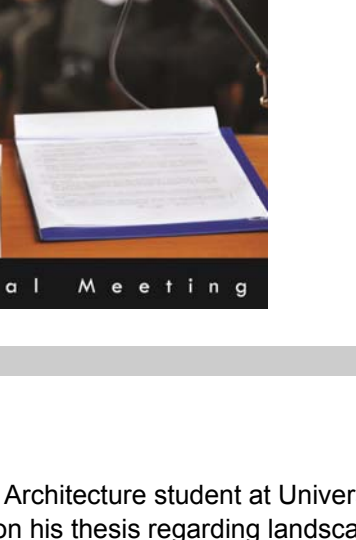
**Director/Curator Grow Op 2013 – Victoria Taylor, Landscape Architect OALA CSLA****Grow Op Jury**

Victoria Taylor, Vanessa Eickhoff, Andrew Jones, David Young, Andrea Mantin, Netami Stuart, Lorraine Johnson, Jiva Mackay

[Click HERE](#) for more information!

## OALA Awards – Call for Nominations

The Ontario Association of Landscape Architects (OALA) Honours and Awards are the highest recognition the Association can bestow on its members, and non-landscape architectural individuals, groups and organizations. These honours and awards not only recognize deserving recipients, but is a program that highlights significant accomplishments in advancing the profession to its members and those in the general public. Each OALA member plays an important part in the success and integrity of the program by identifying and nominating deserving candidates from the various awards.



OALA members are invited to nominate deserving fellow members and other qualifying recipients for awards and honours, to be presented at the 2013 OALA Conference/Annual General Meeting on March 22, 2013 in Ottawa. The honours and awards to be considered are:

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## Volunteer Opportunities

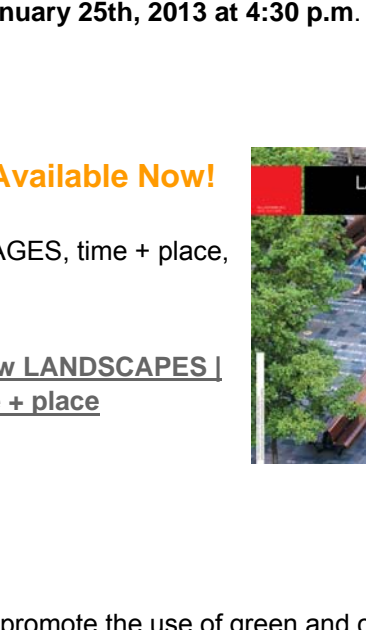
- **OALA Marketing Committee** - Call for Volunteers  
We are looking for project manager-types to be responsible to take on a task, develop the work plan, and see it through to completion under the support and guidance of the entire Marketing Committee. The tasks are varied and skills in graphic design and writing would be assets...
- Calling for **Ground magazine** Volunteers  
Some other volunteer duties to assist in the production of Ground include: transcription of audio files (as per the posting), note-taking during roundtable discussions, fact checking of articles, photo research of high-res images to accompany articles, research in general (i.e. towards articles), proofreading, digital drawing of maps/ schematic plans/ bar charts etc., interviews for articles, and much more...!

Check OALA website for full details: [Click HERE!](#)

## Mandatory Continuing Education Survey

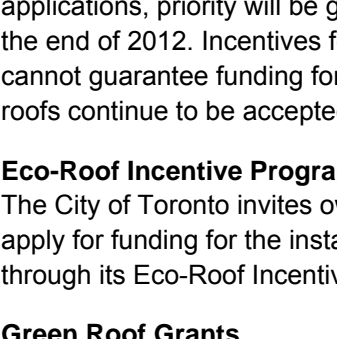
We hope you received the fall update of the Mandatory Continuing Education Transition Committee (MCETC) Report that was sent out by email in October. If you missed it here is a link: [MCETC](#). Please note that the MCETC Survey will be sent out only to those in the program: Full members and Associates plus 7 years with a request that they be completed by December 31, 2012.

## 45th AGM and Conference in Ottawa - Save the Date!



## MEMBER NEWS

## Masters Study: LA Font Survey



A 3rd year Masters Landscape Architecture student at University of Guelph is currently working on his thesis regarding landscape architects' typographic preferences in order to inform the design of a new typeface specific to our profession. Typography has become an important aspect in the visual language of our profession; how letters and words appear, the character they contain and persona they portray can be as important as the message they carry! By taking this short survey, you can help contribute to the design of a new font for Landscape Architecture. The deadline to fill out the survey is the **end of November**.

[Click HERE](#) to fill out the survey!

## OTHER NEWS

## CSLA Congress Call for Presenters

The CSLA's 2013 Congress will be hosted by the Saskatchewan Association of Landscape Architects (SALA).



It will be held in **Regina July 10-14, 2013**.

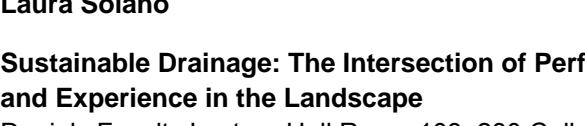
The CSLA and SALA invite qualified experts to submit proposals for:

- keynote presentations (plenary presentations, 45-60 minutes in length),
- seminar presentations (concurrent sessions, 35-45 minutes in length), and
- "spark" sessions (idea exchange sessions, 10-15 minutes in length).

The deadline for the proposals is **January 11, 2013**.

[Click HERE](#) to view the submission requirements.

## CSLA Awards of Excellence for 2013



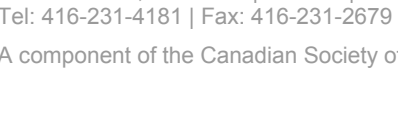
The Awards of Excellence honour distinctive design, ground-breaking research, sustainable landscape management and much more. Our OALA members architects research, sustainable inner-city shorelines and fashion pedestrian-friendly streetscapes. They build avant-garde residential gardens and turn brownfields into sustainable parks. They shape our urban landscapes, spearheading city-wide planning and design. Each year, jurors select exceptional projects across many areas of expertise.

The deadline for the 2013 Awards of Excellence is **January 25th, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.**

[Click HERE](#) for more information!

## New Issue of LANDSCAPES/PAYSAGES Available Now!

The Fall 2012 online issue of LANDSCAPES | PAYSAGES, time + place, is now available!



[Click here to view LANDSCAPES | PAYSAGES time + place](#)



## Eco-Roof Incentive Program

Toronto's Eco-Roof Incentive Program is designed to promote the use of green and cool roofs on Toronto's existing commercial, industrial and institutional buildings, and new commercial, industrial and institutional buildings with a gross floor area of less than of 2,000 m<sup>2</sup>. The program aims to help Toronto's business community take action on climate change.

Program Update: Applications for cool roof projects are now being accepted. For cool roof applications, priority will be given to cool roof projects that are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2012. Incentives for cool roof projects will be provided until funds are exhausted. We cannot guarantee funding for your cool roof project will be available. Applications for green roofs continue to be accepted.

**Eco-Roof Incentive Program is accepting applications**

The City of Toronto invites owners of industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) properties to apply for funding for the installation of green roofs and cool roofs on Toronto's ICI buildings through its Eco-Roof Incentive Program.

**Green Roof Grants**

\$50 / m<sup>2</sup> to a maximum of \$100,000

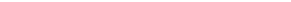
In addition to existing ICI buildings, eligible buildings include new ICI buildings with a gross floor area of less than 2,000 m<sup>2</sup>, and new and existing Toronto Public and Separate School Board buildings of any size.

**Cool Roof Grants**

\$2 / m<sup>2</sup> for a coating over an existing roof, or  
\$5 / m<sup>2</sup> for a new roof membrane, to a maximum of \$50,000

Existing industrial, commercial and institutional buildings are eligible.

[Click HERE](#) for more information!



## COMING EVENTS

## Announcing the Daniels Faculty 2012-2013 Public Lecture Series

**Daniels** UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO JOHN H. DANIELS FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE, AND DESIGN

The John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design is pleased to announce its **2012-2013 public lecture series**. This year's program will once again showcase leaders from some of the world's most forward-thinking design firms and research institutions.

Lecturers on landscape architecture will include **Martin Rein-Cano**, principal at the Berlin-based firm TOPOTEK1, and the Faculty's 2013 Michael Rugh/Ontario Association of Landscape Architects Visiting Critic **Alan Berger**, director of P-Rex and a Professor at MIT.

**Thursday, November 15, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**  
Laura Solano

**Sustainable Drainage: The Intersection of Performance and Experience in the Landscape**  
Daniels Faculty Lecture Hall Room 103, 230 College Street



[Click HERE](#) for more information!

## How Can We Make It Easier to Host Community Events in Parks?

**Thursday, 29 November 2012 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**  
Location: Frankland Community Centre • 816 Logan Ave, Toronto

Having trouble understanding the city's insurance form? Do you need a permit? Why do you need to pay for a permit? Join Toronto Park People, Friends of Withrow Park and Parks Forestry and Recreation staff for a discussion about how to make it easier for Friends of the Parks groups to plan events in parks. If you want to host an event in 2013, tell the story of your past efforts to animate your park, or suggest solutions, please join us!

[Click HERE](#) for more details.



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