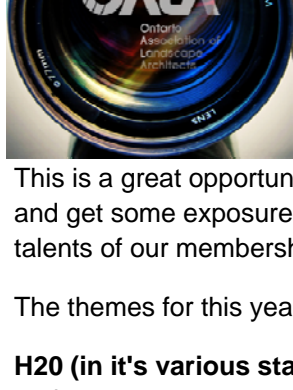


It's the OALA Social Committee's 2nd Annual Photography Competition!



This is an open invitation to all OALA members, associates, and landscape architecture students to submit your photographic works of art. All eligible photos received will be posted on the OALA website for your peers and fellow professionals to see, with a popular vote deciding this year's top winners.

This is a great opportunity to expand your photographic portfolio and get some exposure, and to showcase some of the collective talents of our membership.

The themes for this year are:

H2O (in it's various states - water, ice, snow, etc.) and Celebration!

Entries from all are encouraged, from the most seasoned shutterbugs to the point-and-shoot newbies. Prizes will be awarded!

[Click HERE](#) for more details.

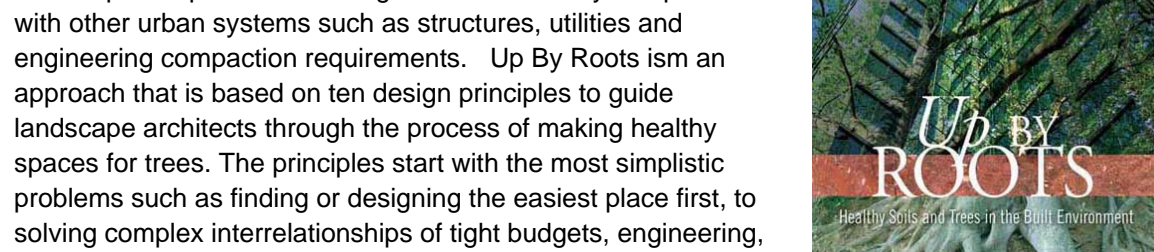
Hockey is Back!!

Come join your fellow OALA members in Ottawa or in Toronto:

- Come join on **January 24, 2013 at Scotiabank Place** and cheer on the **Ottawa 67's** as they host London Knights (the best team in NHL in 2012). Puck drop is 7pm. We will be meeting at Bert's Bar at Scotiabank Place at 5:30, or
- Come join on **January 26, 2013 at the Ricoh Coliseum in Toronto** and cheer on the **Toronto Marlies** as they host the Wilkes Barre/Scranton Penguins. Puck drop is 5pm. We will be meeting at the Brazenhead (Liberty Village) before the game but make sure to arrive before 4pm.

So grab some co-workers, friends, family, or any other excited hockey-enthusiasts and come on down for "OALA Hockey Night in Ontario!"

[Click HERE](#) for more details.



TICKETS will be available for purchase through the OALA website in January.

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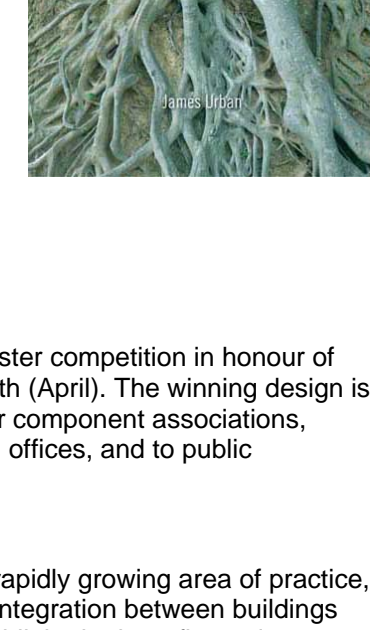
Events, seminars and lectures included in this newsletter are getting a great response. This e-blast is available to all members so tell us what topics and events interest you and we will forward the information...

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

By Roots: Healthy Trees in the Built Environment

James Urban, FASLA

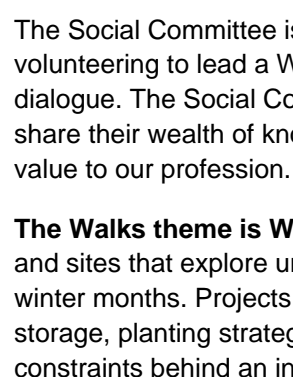
Trees need large quantities of healthy soil in order to grow. Providing for these requirements is difficult and expensive in urban landscapes. Space below the ground is limited by competition with other urban systems such as structures, utilities and engineering compaction requirements. Up By Roots is an approach that is based on ten design principles to guide landscape architects through the process of making healthy spaces for trees. The principles start with the most simplistic problems such as finding or designing the easiest place first, to solving complex interrelationships of tight budgets, engineering, design and urban forestry.



Date: January 31, 2013
Location: UofT, Room 103 at 230 College Street, Toronto

Registration will be available on the OALA website in January.
[Click HERE](#) for more details.

CSLA Launches 2013 WLAM Poster Competition



Each year the CSLA sponsors a poster competition in honour of World Landscape Architecture Month (April). The winning design is distributed across the country to our component associations, schools, members and professional offices, and to public governments and organizations.

This year's theme: **Green Roofs**
Green roofs and green walls are a rapidly growing area of practice, offering an unprecedented level of integration between buildings and landscapes. Posters should highlight the benefits and transformative potential of this technology.

Remember to keep it simple and bold!
Deadline: January 31, 2013.

[Click HERE](#) for more details.

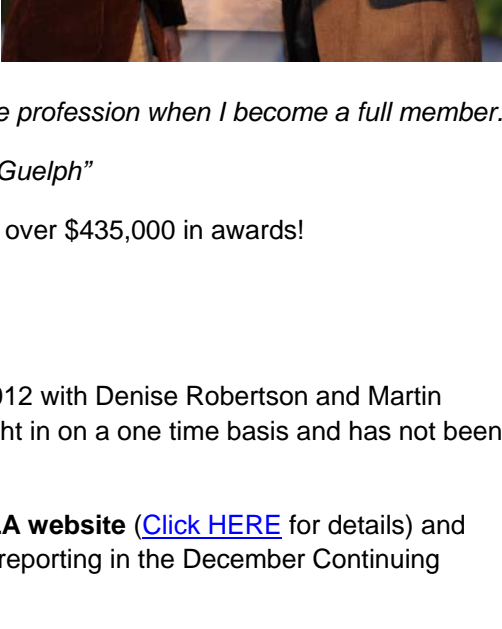
OALA Educational Walks in 2013

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 **January 31st, 2013** to:
Inna at inlchovski@gmail.com or
Marta at mklaptocz@yahoo.com.

Stay tuned for an upcoming walk in January.

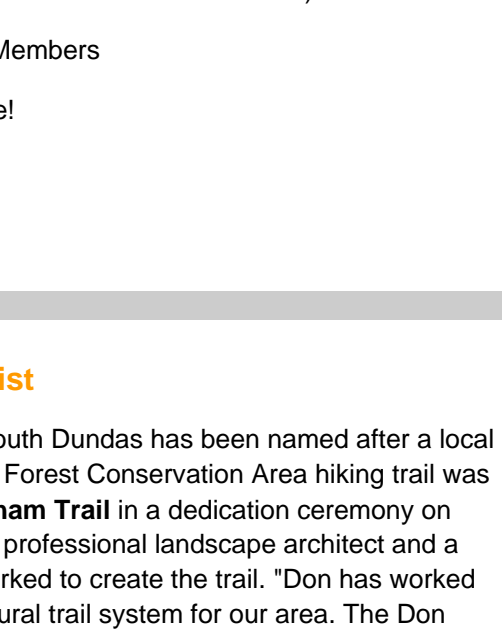
An Open House Event at DIALOG, Toronto Office

On November 26th, associate and student members gathered at the Dialog offices at Yonge and Bloor for an open house of the office, dinner and discussion about the business of landscape architecture. It was a terrific, wide-ranging discussion that was both informative and inspiring. The associate representatives would like to thank Marta Klaptoz, Doug Carlyle, Antonio Gomez-Palacio, Gail Shillingford, and the whole Dialog team for hosting the event.

Stay tuned for more events coming soon.
[Click HERE](#) to see photos from the visit.

Fall 2012 Awards Celebration, University of Guelph

On November 28th in arboretum, University of Guelph Sean Kelly, on behalf of OALA Council, awarded the OALA Award to Chad Neufeld M.L.A. Student. Chad sent the following thank you note to the OALA:



"TO: The OALA

Thank you so much for donating this award. This award inspires me to continue to achieve in my Landscape Architecture studies. This award also helps finance my upcoming exchange semester to the Swedish University of Agriculture in Malmo, Sweden where I will take classes this winter semester.

I look forward to one day being able to give back to the profession when I become a full member.

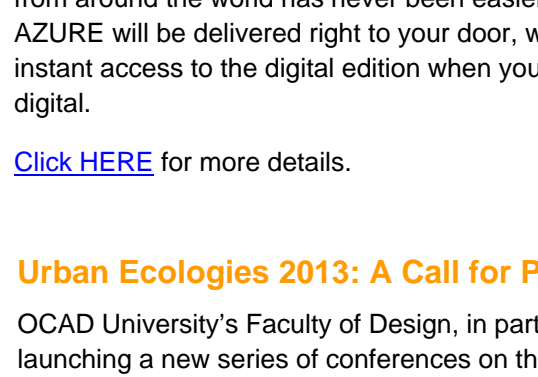
Sincerely, Chad Neufeld M.L.A Student, University of Guelph"

The night was a success with the College handing out over \$435,000 in awards!

A Practice Act workshop

A Practice Act workshop was held on **December 1, 2012** with Denise Robertson and Martin Campbell from **Mills & Mills LLP**. This firm was brought in on a one time basis and has not been retained by the Association.

The workshop proceedings are posted on the OALA website ([Click HERE](#) for details) and are considered reviewed and will be eligible for reporting in the December Continuing Education Survey.



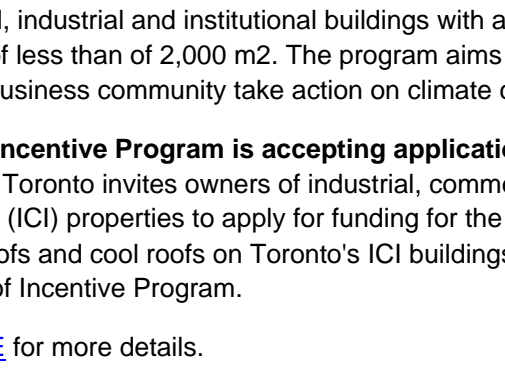
OALA Annual Ski Day

Save the Date!

Please join us for a day of fun with OALA members, sponsors, clients and friends.

All surplus proceeds from ski day are donated to support the Landscape Architecture programs at the University of Toronto and University of Guelph.

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



Friday | March 22nd | 2013
Hosted at the National Arts Centre, Ottawa

Mark your calendars and plan to come for speakers, networking, the AGM and Annual Awards Ceremony.

Registration and Information:
www.oalac.ca



REJUVENATING LANDSCAPES

Volunteer Opportunities

- Call for Volunteers to form Task Force (OALA Standard Written Contracts)
- Ottawa's Urban Design Review Panel: Call for Members
- Volunteers for the CSLA's Advocacy Task Force!

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

MEMBER NEWS

New trail honours long-time conservationist

A popular nature trail in South Dundas has been named after a local resident. The Two Creeks Forest Conservation Area hiking trail was renamed as **the Don Graham Trail** in a dedication ceremony on November 3. Graham is a professional landscape architect and a long-time resident who worked to create the trail. "Don has worked tirelessly to promote a natural trail system for our area. The Don Graham Trail will honour his desire to ensure that the residents of South Dundas have such a trail for our enjoyment," said Mayor Steven Byvels.

As seen in The Winchester Press on November 7, 2012.
[Click HERE](#) for more details!

Jim Vafiades has joined Stantec Consulting's

Jim Vafiades a full member of the OALA and a Fellow of the CSLA has joined **Stantec Consulting's** downtown office group as the sector lead and Senior Landscape Architect for Planning and Landscape Architecture. Jim joined Stantec in 2008 in the London, Ontario office after 25 years of running a successful landscape architecture practice that served most of northern Ontario and parts of the GTA. Jim has been the recipient of numerous local urban design and CSLA awards and is a past president of the OALA, and a past member of the London Urban Design Review Panel. These awards confirm Jim's commitment to innovation, creativity, technical advancement, and cost effective design solutions for creating bold and innovative landscape designs. Jim is looking forward to working in the GTA and growing the Planning and Landscape Architecture practice.

OTHER NEWS

Get AZURE at the best rate ever – exclusive to OALA members only!

As a new partner of OALA, AZURE magazine is offering the best subscription rate available to OALA members and registrants only. Get 1 Year of AZURE (8 Issues) for just \$20, including tax – or get both print and digital for \$30. At only \$2.50 an issue, keeping up to date with the latest design trends, products and materials and the architecture industry from around the world has never been easier. Each issue of AZURE will be delivered right to your door, with additional instant access to the digital edition when you bundle print and digital.

[Click HERE](#) for more details.

Urban Ecologies 2013: A Call for Proposals

OCAD University's Faculty of Design, in partnership with TD, is launching a new series of conferences on the subject of urban ecologies. Urban Ecologies 2013, the first in the series, will examine the impact of five intersecting practice-based research themes that are shaping the future of design in our cities.

[Click HERE](#) for more details.

The Green Line Ideas Competition

The Green Line Ideas Competition is now live! The open competition asks architects, landscape architects, planners, urban designers, artists and community members to contribute to an overall vision for the public use of a 5km long stretch of hydro corridor from Davenport Village, all the way to the Annex. The competition will also ask for ideas to address safety and connections related to the rail underpasses (particularly at the intersection of Dovercourt and Geary Ave).

[Click HERE](#) for more details.

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 m2. The program aims to help Toronto's business community take action on climate change.

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.

[Click HERE](#) for more details.

COMING EVENTS

Announcing the Daniels Faculty 2012-2013 Public Lecture Series

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 Hough/Ontario Association of Landscape Architects Visiting Critic **Alan Berger**, director of P-Rex and a Professor at MIT.

Landscape Architects Loss Prevention Seminars - February and March 2013

Pro-Form Sinclair Professional, in association with XL Insurance Company, are pleased to announce a series of Landscape Architects Loss Prevention Seminars entitled "Contracts" taking place in **Markham in February and March of 2013**. Sessions will be held in the boardroom of Pro-Form Sinclair Professional. A maximum of 10 participants will be in each session. Available dates at this time are **February 6th, 13th, 20th and March 6th, 20th**. Participation by all principals of your firm will enable your firm to receive a 10% return premium on your next renewal premium (up to \$10,000 maximum).

Please RSVP to Kim Cowieson (kim.cowieson@hubinternational.com or **905-305-1054**). Please choose one date that is most convenient to your firm. Sessions will be held in the morning from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Questions or comments? e-mail us at coordinator@oala.ca

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