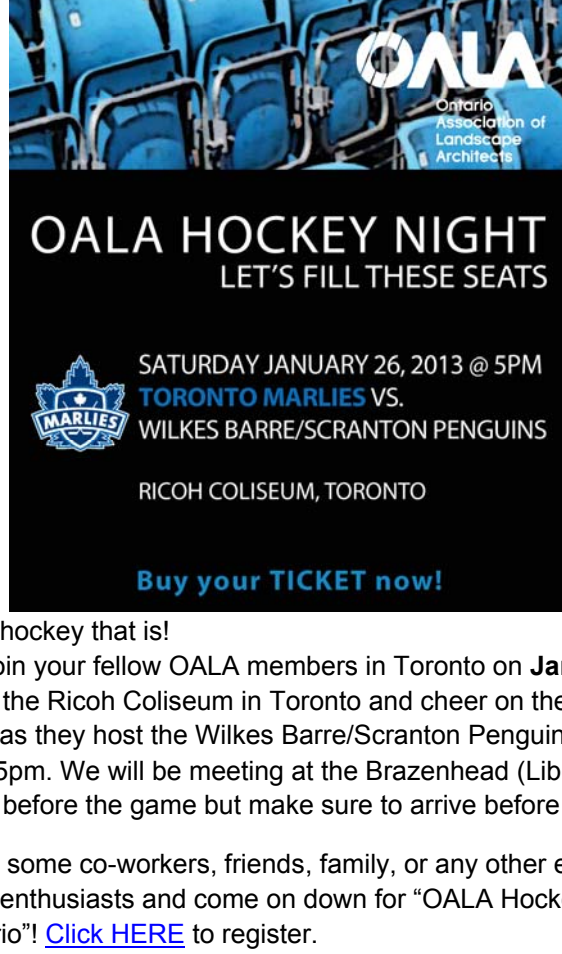


Hockey Is Back!!



Marlies hockey that is! Come join your fellow OALA members in Toronto 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](#) to register.

* Tickets can be ordered online until 5:00pm today. Contact Luke Kairys directly (luke.kairys@gmail.com) to buy last minute tickets on Saturday.

Newsletter Spotlight

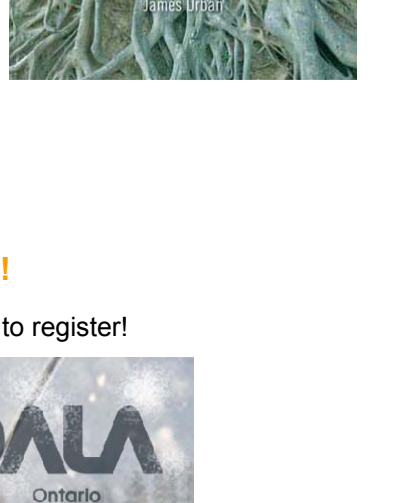
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Events, seminars and lectures included in this newsletter are getting a great response. This e-blast is available to all members so tell us what topics and events interest you and we will forward the information...

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

Up 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.



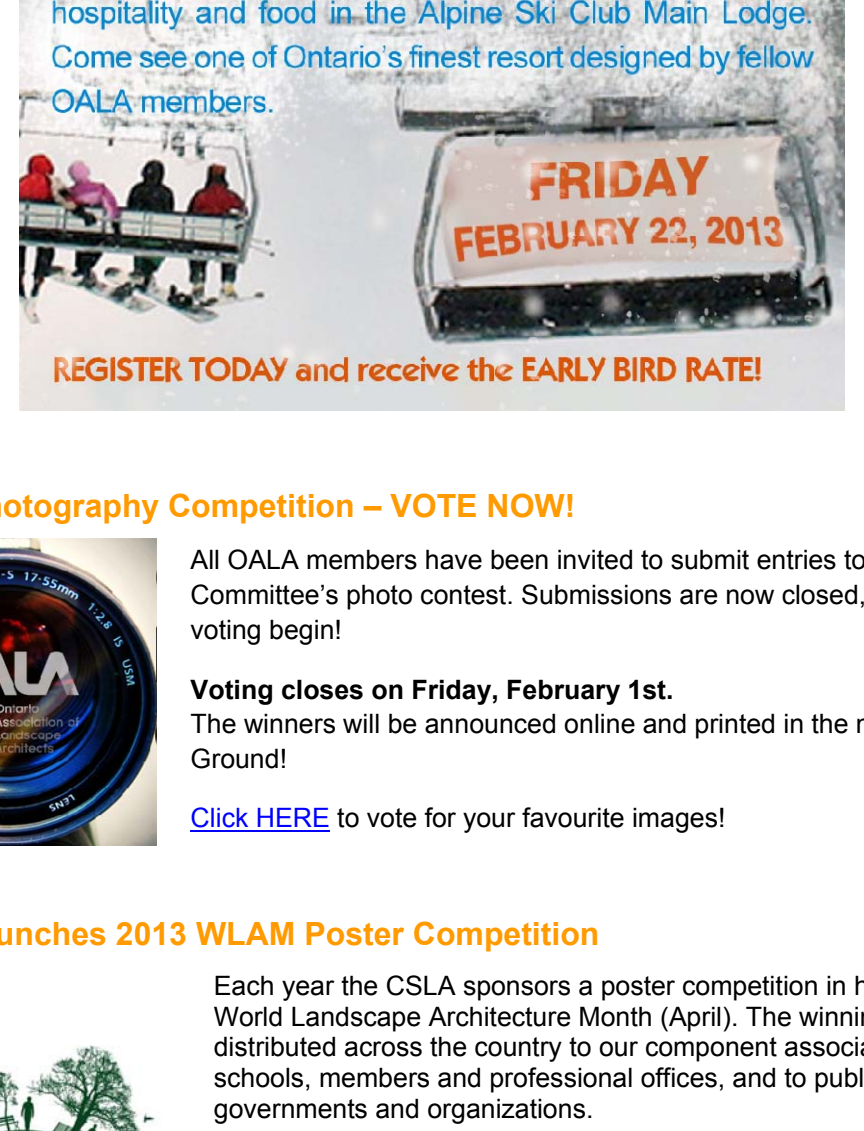
Date: January 31, 2013
 Location: UofT, Room 103 at 230 College Street, Toronto

You can still buy James' book on the OALA website.

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)
[Click HERE for more details.](#)

OALA Annual SKI DAY 2013 - Early bird registration!

Early bird registration ends next Friday, **February 1st**. [Click HERE](#) to register!



OALA Photography Competition – VOTE NOW!



All OALA members have been invited to submit entries to the Social Committee's photo contest. Submissions are now closed, so let the voting begin!

Voting closes on Friday, February 1st.
 The winners will be announced online and printed in the next issue of Ground!

[Click HERE](#) to vote for your favourite images!

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.

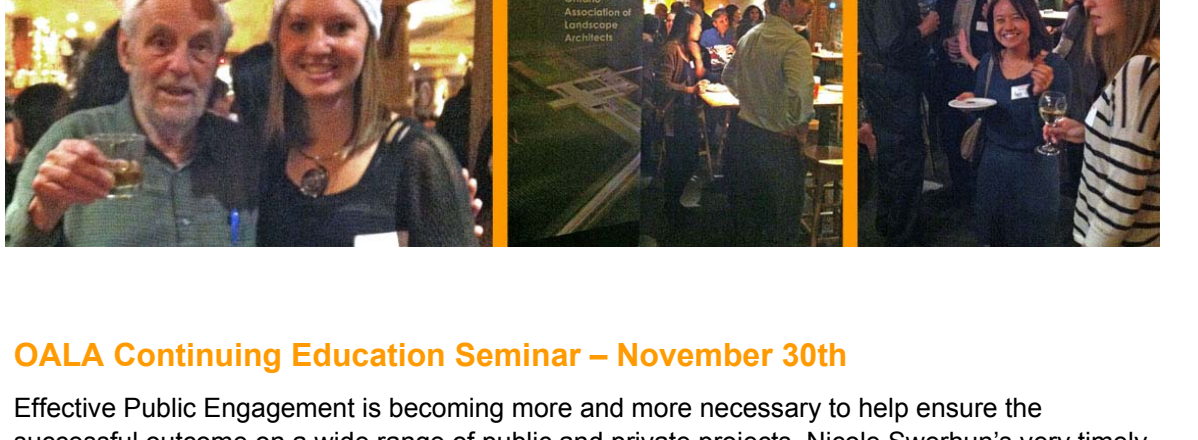
[Click HERE](#) for more details.

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



More than 80 people gathered for food, drinks, and great conversation at the LAO Holiday Party, which took place on December 13th, 2012 at Fresco Bistro Italiano. This event is one of the highlights on the LAO calendar and is always well attended. Special thanks to Greely Sand & Gravel for generously sponsoring this event.

[Visit the OALA Photo Gallery to see more photos.](#)

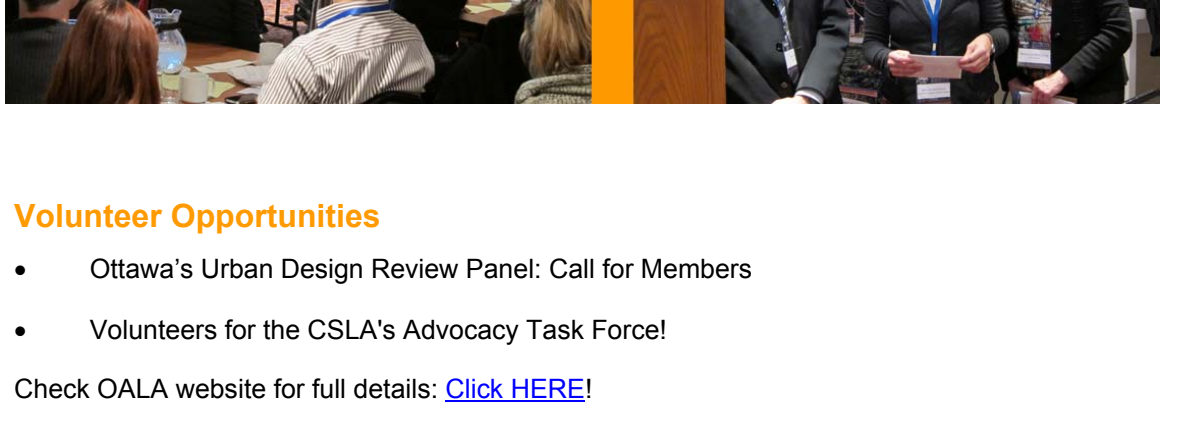


OALA Seasonal Party – 12/12/12

On December 12, 2012 the OALA Social Committee held their first (ever) Holiday Party at 'C'Est What?'. Over 40 members from the GTA came out to mix and mingle with old and new colleagues, enjoy good company, some great food, and drinks provided. We feel that this was a great success, and hope that all those who attended enjoyed themselves, too! Thank you for a great year – we look forward to all more great networking events in 2013!

The OALA Social Committee

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OALA Continuing Education Seminar – November 30th

Effective Public Engagement is becoming more and more necessary to help ensure the successful outcome on a wide range of public and private projects. Nicole Swerhun's very timely and relevant talk was extremely well received by the group in attendance. Many of the attendees in fact stayed longer than expected to ask a few additional questions and purchase her recent book 'Discuss, Decide, Do, The value of engagement as a decision support tool'

As stated in her book:
 "The better the information people have, the better decisions they will make and the easier it is to find the common ground you need to take action.

Effective engagement manages risk. It brings certainty to an inherently uncertain environment and puts your organization in a position where your work is championed by supporters and the process is defensible to criticism from naysayers."

[Click HERE](#) to see the photos from this event and to download Nicole's presentation.



Volunteer Opportunities

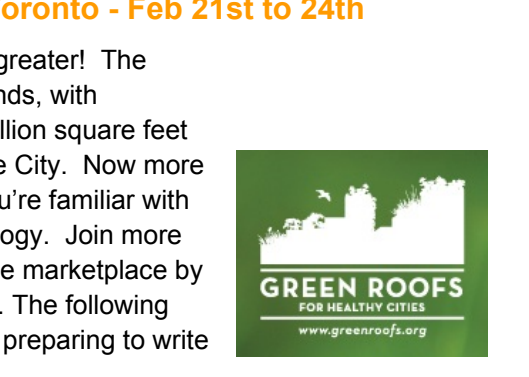
- Ottawa's Urban Design Review Panel: Call for Members
- Volunteers for the CSLA's Advocacy Task Force!

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

OTHER NEWS

CSLA Component President's Roundtable - February 22nd

OALA President will be meeting via teleconference with all component presidents on **February 22nd** to discuss matters of importance to all members on the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects. An update to members will follow.

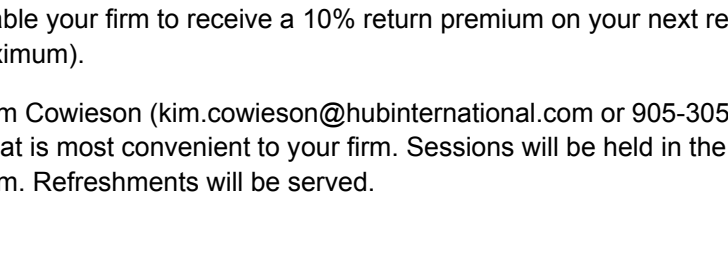


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LACF 2013 Annual Grant Announcement

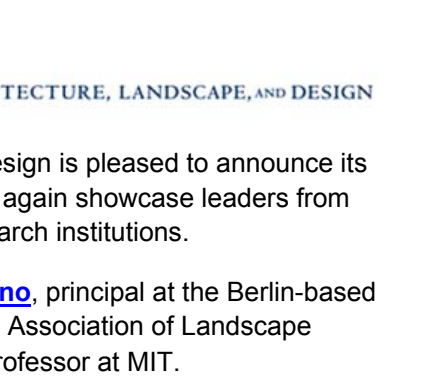
The Landscape Architecture Canada Foundation (LACF) is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2013 grants in support of research, communication and scholarship. "The Foundation is proud to support these exemplary projects that reflect the expanding role landscapes play in providing social, ecological and economic benefits to society", said LACF president, Cecelia Paine, FCSLA. "We look forward to the proponents sharing the results of their work through online resources and print publication, thus multiplying the impact of each grant."

[Click HERE](#) for more details!



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COMING EVENTS

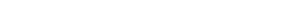
Emerald Ash Borer Technical Forum – February 7th

Are you working with an agency, municipality or Conservation Authority on the front line or in the potential path of the emerald ash borer infestation in Ontario? This informative workshop has been designed to help you gain insight and valuable resources to help inform the development and implementation of EAB management strategies for woodlots.

[Click HERE](#) for more details.

Green Roof Professional (GRP) Training in Toronto - Feb 21st to 24th

Demand for Green Roof Professionals has never been greater! The green roof industry continues to grow by leaps and bounds, with Toronto's Green Roof Bylaw resulting in more than 2 million square feet of new green space planned on buildings throughout the City. Now more than ever, it's time to get the designation that proves you're familiar with green roof benefits, design, implementation and technology. Join more than 500 accredited GRPs and distinguish yourself in the marketplace by adding this credential to your professional qualifications. The following courses are recommended training for GRP candidates preparing to write the accreditation exam.



* Registration now includes access to hundreds of green roof research papers. [Click HERE](#) for more details.

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.

Announcing the Daniels Faculty 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.

3rd Annual Toronto Park Summit – March 2nd

[Register now](#) for Park People's 3rd Annual Toronto Park Summit taking place on Saturday March 2nd, 2013 at the Daniels Spectrum (Regent Park Arts Centre). Our theme for this year's Summit is Good Parks for All Neighborhoods and our speakers and activities will focus on ideas and inspiration for ensuring that no matter where you live in Toronto, you have access to a great park.

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