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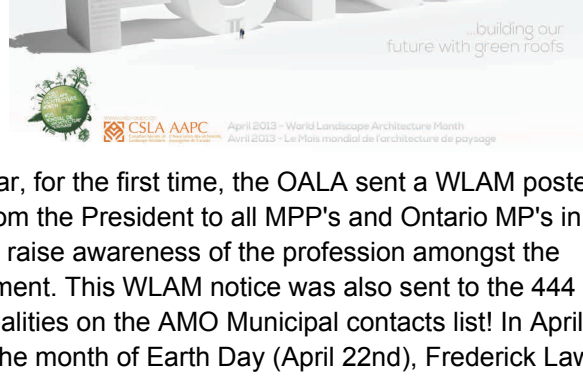
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April is World Landscape Architecture Month!



This year, for the first time, the OALA sent a WLAM poster and a letter from the President to all MPP's and Ontario MP's in the effort to raise awareness of the profession amongst the government. This WLAM notice was also sent to the 444 municipalities on the AMO Municipal contacts list! In April each year – the month of Earth Day (April 22nd), Frederick Law Olmsted's birthday (April 27th), and many a high school career fair – landscape architects in every community in Canada are the Ambassadors of the profession.

Every province or territory; every individual or firm; and every facet of our profession (public, private and academic) is encouraged to organize an event in April to celebrate World Landscape Architecture Month (WLAM) with their community. The Purpose of the CSLA WLAM program is to provide resources to:

- bring local and national recognition and awareness to the profession, Landscape Architects, and works of landscape architecture in Canada;
- encourage public participation and interest in events and activities related to landscape architecture; and,
- encourage people (particularly young people) to consider a career in landscape architecture.

So what are you doing this year to celebrate? We'd like to hear about it!

Check out the CSLA WLAM site for more tools to help build awareness for Landscape Architecture in April!

<http://www.csla-aapc.ca/events/wlam-promo-materials>

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!](#)



Save the date! - Charles Birnbaum lecture

The Cultural Landscape Foundation

stewardship through education

Who: Charles Birnbaum, Founder and President of [The Cultural Landscape Foundation](#)

What: Public Lecture (Stay tuned for more details)

When: **Thursday May 23rd, 6:30 to 8pm**

Where: Daniels AL+D, 230 College Street, Room 103, Toronto

This event is free and open to all. First come, first served for seat availability.

Look forward to the complete invitation in May.

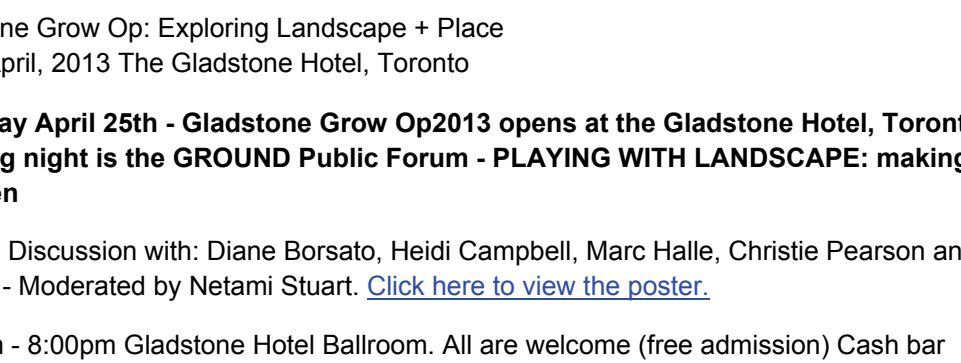
James Urban's book (Up By Roots: Healthy Trees in the Built Environment) still available

[Click here to buy it online.](#)



OTHER NEWS

GrowOp - April 25-28th



Gladstone Grow Op: Exploring Landscape + Place
25-28 April, 2013 The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto

Thursday April 25th - Gladstone Grow Op 2013 opens at the Gladstone Hotel, Toronto
Opening night is the GROUND Public Forum - PLAYING WITH LANDSCAPE: making art in the open

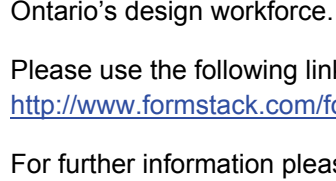
A Panel Discussion with: Diane Borsato, Heidi Campbell, Marc Halle, Christie Pearson and Elise Shelley - Moderated by Netami Stuart. [Click here to view the poster.](#)

6:30 pm - 8:00pm Gladstone Hotel Ballroom. All are welcome (free admission) Cash bar reception to follow.

Friday April 26th - Grow Op opening night Party / DJ + Cash Bar

[Click here](#) for more details!

Call for Design Success Stories



The Design Industry Advisory Committee (DIAC) is a think tank and cross-disciplinary research group established in 2001. The activities of DIAC promote the strategic value of design and the contribution of designers from all disciplines to economic, social and environmental goals.

We know that design can make a difference, but can we prove it? As part of our ongoing commitment to demonstrate the economic, social and business impact of design, the Design Industry Advisory Committee (DIAC) www.diac.on.ca is collecting design success stories from all the design disciplines (architecture, landscape architecture, industrial, interior, graphic and fashion design) and from all over Ontario.

DIAC has developed this questionnaire to help you frame your success stories in terms that potential clients and other stakeholders in the public and private sector will value. We hope these questions will help you to share the stories of your most successful projects to attract new business.

DIAC will be selecting some stories from these submissions:

- 1) to assist with research funding applications to gather further evidence demonstrating the value of design.
- 2) for discussions with government officials.
- 3) as part of other DIAC activities developed to demonstrate and promote the capabilities of Ontario's design workforce.

Please use the following link to enter your submission:
<http://www.formstack.com/forms/?1336993-yBzmlXNlC>

For further information please contact: Arlene Gould, Strategic Director, DIAC:
strategy@diac.on.ca.

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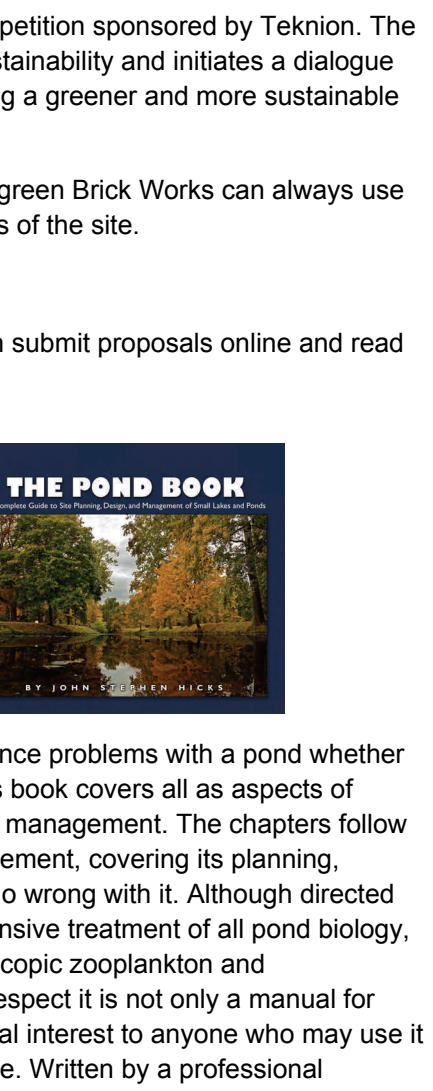
The City of Ottawa is pleased to announce the 2013 Ottawa Urban Design Awards competition. The awards will be presented in five categories: **Urban Infill, Public Places and Civic Spaces, Urban Elements, Visions & Master Plans and Student Projects.**

Projects built between September 1, 2011 and September 1, 2013 will be eligible.

Submissions must be received by 4 p.m. on August 15, 2013. Program guidelines and submission entry forms are available on the City's website at: www.ottawa.ca/urbandesignawards

Awards will be presented on the evening of October 16, 2013.

For further information, contact Amy Falkner at 613-580-2424, x 27913 (Amy.Falkner@ottawa.ca).



Heritage Toronto - Call for Awards Nominations

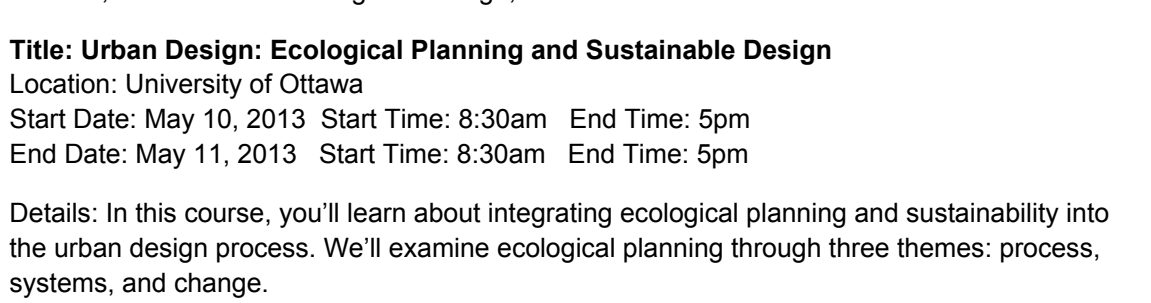
Canada's Longest-Running Heritage Awards Program

HERITAGE TORONTO AWARDS - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Heritage Toronto Awards celebrate outstanding contributions in the promotion and conservation of Toronto's history and heritage landmarks by professionals and volunteers.

[Click here for more details.](#)

2nd Annual Design by Nature Competition @ Evergreen Brick Works



Submission Deadline: Friday, Midnight, April 26, 2013
designxnature.ca

Fresh off the success of the first year, Design by Nature has issued a call for proposals for innovative furniture and public art through a creative re-imagining of salvaged materials. All proposals must contain at least 50% existing, reclaimed, or recycled materials. Selected finalists are given a \$2500 honourarium, along with excellent exposure of their work. Final pieces will be displayed at the Evergreen Brick Works for three months over the summer.

Design by Nature is a juried public art and site furniture competition sponsored by Teknion. The event demonstrates the connection between design and sustainability and initiates a dialogue with the design community to show its integral role in shaping a greener and more sustainable city.

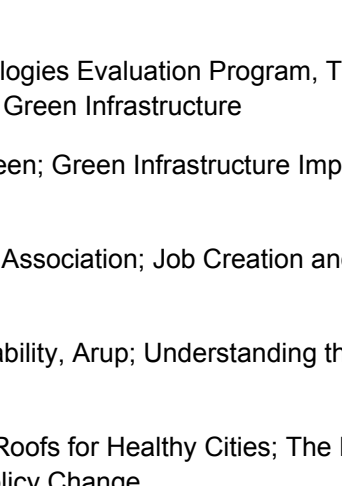
Our emphasis this year will be on functional furniture – Evergreen Brick Works can always use more places to sit, eat, relax and enjoy the amazing wonders of the site.

Deadline for submissions is midnight April 26, 2013.

Visit www.designxnature.ca for more information. Artists can submit proposals online and read our FAQ's for more details.

New Book Published by John Hicks, OALA

"The Pond Book: A Complete Guide to Site Planning, Design and Management of Small Lakes & Pond", Fitzhenry & Whiteside, Toronto.



Almost every pond or lake owner sooner or later will experience problems with a pond whether it's a result of pond evaporation or maintenance problems. This book covers all aspects of locating the pond, pond design and the ultimate problems of management. The chapters follow the reasons for building a pond all the way to its final management, covering its planning, evolution, its biological inhabitants, and the things that can go wrong with it. Although directed toward the pond or lake owner, the book is also a comprehensive treatment of all pond biology, including wildlife, fish, invertebrates right down to the microscopic zooplankton and phytoplankton which constitute its living population. In that respect it is not only a manual for design and management, but also an encyclopedia of general interest to anyone who may use it as a field guide to identify creatures that live in a pond or lake. Written by a professional landscape architect, stewardship council member, and long-time pond owner, the book is fully illustrated with hand-drawn diagrams and illustrations. The book is also a pleasing photographic journey illustrating the many landscapes formed by ponds throughout North America. At present there is no published book with the same degree of detail and expertise that this text offers the pond or lake owner.

[Click here for more details.](#)

COMING EVENTS

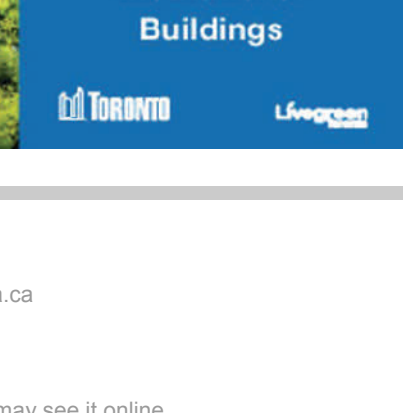
Urban Design Courses in Ottawa, May 8-11, 2013

Title: Urban Design: Economic Fundamentals

Location: University of Ottawa

Start Date: May 8, 2013 Start Time: 8:30am End Time: 5pm
End Date: May 9, 2013 Start Time: 8:30am End Time: 5pm

Details: Traditionally, there has been a significant gap between financial analysts and urban designers. This course helps close this gap by introducing the important relationships between economics and urban design.



On the first day, we'll introduce the tools and techniques of land economics analysis. On the second day, we'll focus on applying these tools through a variety of current case studies that are relevant to urban design and planning practice.

Instructors: Gerry Mulholland, GP Rollo and Associates (Land Economists); Michael von Hausen, MVH Urban Planning and Design, Inc.

Title: Urban Design: Ecological Planning and Sustainable Design

Location: University of Ottawa

Start Date: May 10, 2013 Start Time: 8:30am End Time: 5pm
End Date: May 11, 2013 Start Time: 8:30am End Time: 5pm

Details: In this course, you'll learn about integrating ecological planning and sustainability into the urban design process. We'll examine ecological planning through three themes: process, systems, and change.

You'll develop your site evaluation skills using techniques that help uncover hidden assets in underlying natural resources. We'll also explore concepts like net environmental gain and eco-economics using green and brown field case studies.

Instructors: Patrick Condon, Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of British Columbia; Michael von Hausen, MVH Urban Planning and Design, Inc.

More info/Register: www.sfu.ca/ottawa

Brick Works events

April 23: Building Momentum for Transportation Funding

May 14: Industrial Spaces to Public Parks

[Click here](#) for more details!

Grey To Green- A Conference On The Economics Of Green Infrastructure

Attend Grey to Green to learn about how green infrastructure can become the key to urban economic sustainability.
Early Bird Deadline Extended to April 19!

Come to Grey to Green and learn about green infrastructure solutions from energy savings to stormwater management. Green infrastructure tools hold the promise of saving companies and municipalities across North America billions of dollars over the coming century. Some of the leading-edge expert speakers include:

- Tim Van Seters, Manager, Sustainable Technologies Evaluation Program, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority; The Business Case for Green Infrastructure
- Chris Chopik, Managing Director, Evolution Green; Green Infrastructure Impact on Property Values and Municipal Tax Base
- Paul Ronan, Executive Director, Ontario Parks Association; Job Creation and Economic Benefits of Green Infrastructure
- Adam Friedberg, Senior Consultant of Sustainability, Arup; Understanding the Life Cycle Costs and Benefits of Green Roofs
- Steven W. Peck, Founder & President, Green Roofs for Healthy Cities; The Future Economics of Green Infrastructure and the Need for Policy Change

[Click here for more details.](#)

Eco-Roof - Grants, Contests, Courses & Events

Grants – Available for green roofs and cool roofs

Contests – Enter the Live Green Toronto Awards to win \$2,500

Courses – Save on Green Roof Professional Training Courses in Feb

Events – ROOFTech Exposition in April

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