



# OALA News

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## OALA Holiday Party!

**OTTAWA**  
2013 Landscape Architecture  
Ottawa (Eastern Chapter)  
**HOLIDAY SOCIAL**  
**December 4, 2013 at 6:00 pm.**

Fresco Bistrot Italiano, 354  
Elgin Street, Ottawa (second  
floor with stair access only)

## TORONTO

Come to the OALA Holiday/Christmas Party! Once again, the OALA Social Committee has organized a festive evening of food and beverages  
**December 11, 2013 at 6:00 pm.**

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

This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, classmates, and colleagues around a gorgeous fireplace and rousing atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you there!  
The Social Committee

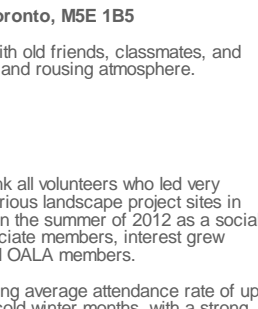
## 2013 OALA Walks

As the year wraps up, we wanted to thank all volunteers who led very inspirational and educational walks of various landscape project sites in 2013. The initiative to host walks began in the summer of 2012 as a social and learning opportunity for OALA Associate members, interest grew quickly and walks are now offered to all OALA members.

This year's walks have seen an astounding average attendance rate of up to 30 participants at a time, even in the cold winter months, with a strong mix of award winning project types and sizes. We explored the challenges and opportunities of designing skating trails, innovative playgrounds, waterfront parks, public trails and greenroofs, and the development process for larger sites such as Ontario Place.

We hope for next year to venture beyond the Greater Toronto Area and spread the wealth of these valuable walk experiences to others in Ontario. We encourage all members to get in contact with OALA walk coordinators Inna Olchovski (olchovski@gmail.com) and Marta Klaptocz (mklaptocz@yahoo.com) with new ideas of places you would like to visit or with interest in leading a walk.

Our winter walk series will be starting in January. Get your ideas in quickly so we can bundle up, enjoy some warm hot chocolate, and explore our beautiful white Ontario landscapes!



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Photo by Amanda Berry

Photo by Marta Klaptocz

Photo by Inna Olchovski

List of walks 2013:

1. Skating trail and park site at the Colonel Samuel Smith Park in Etobicoke: PMA Landscape Architects and City of Toronto led by Jim Melvin and Steve O'Bright
2. Sherbourne Common: Planning Partnership led by David Leinster
3. Ontario Place: Ontario Place Corporation led by Eriks Egliete
4. Native Child and Family Services greenroof – Scott Torrance Landscape Architects Inc. led by Scott Torrance and Erika Richmond
5. West Toronto Railway Path: Scott Torrance Landscape Architects Inc. led by Victoria Bell and Erika Richmond

[Click here to see more photos](#)

## OALA Ski Day - February 21, 2014

SAVE THE DATE! Online registration will be available soon.



**OALA ANNUAL SKI DAY**  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 | 2014  
ALPINE SKI CLUB

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

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



**OALA AGM & Conference – March 28, 2014**  
SAVE THE DATE!



**FRIDAY | MARCH 28 | 2014**  
Hosted at the Sheraton Hotel in Hamilton  
Awards Ceremony hosted at the Art Gallery of Hamilton

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

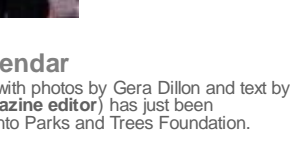
**Conference Speakers:**  
**Maura Quayle** - Professor, Strategic Design | Director, Sauder d.studio  
**Elaine Pantel** - Shimmerman Penn LLP

Task Chairs will be reporting to delegates on the work of active Committees including: the structure for our Mandatory Continuing Education Program; the pillars of our Practice Legislation : An Economic Impact Study for Landscape Architects, a Legislative framework for practice legislation, and Competition Guidelines and Standard Contract Guidelines.

## MEMBER NEWS

### 2013 Livable by Design Awards Winners

The Selection Committee evaluated the 20 submissions and granted Awards of Excellence, Distinction and Merit to the following projects. The Citizens' Choice Award winner was also recognized at the awards reception on November 6, 2013, at Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre. The winning teams included a number of the OALA Members, congratulations!



[Click here for more details](#)

### The OALA Secretary and Administrator race the Santa Claus Parade in Toronto!

Join the OALA Members and run together next year!



### 2014 Tree Portraits Calendar

The 2014 Tree Portraits Calendar (with photos by Gera Dillon and text by Lorraine Johnson – Ground magazine) through the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation.

If you're interested to purchase a copy, follow this link:  
[www.torontoparksandtrees.org](http://www.torontoparksandtrees.org)

## OTHER NEWS

### Wyandotte Town Centre launches Windsor World Marketplace Design Competition

With the vision of becoming a premiere, vibrant World marketplace the Wyandotte Town Centre Business Improvement Association (WTCBIA) is encouraging and empowering the community to design a new and updated streetscape for Pierre Street to Langlois Avenue.



The competition launches Thursday, November 7 until Friday, January 24. Designs should keep the following elements in mind:

- Unique and representative of the Wyandotte Town Centre
- Easily implemented through the WTCBIA
- Landscape designs and features must follow City of Windsor policies
- Complements the neighbouring areas

[Click here for more details](#)

### CSLA College of Fellows 2014 Call for Nominations

**COLLEGE OF FELLOWS**  
**L'ORDRE DES ASSOCIÉS**

It's time once again to honour the best of our profession by electing them to the CSLA College of Fellows! Induction to the College of Fellows is the highest honour the Society bestows on its members. Candidates for Fellowship may be nominated by individuals through the President of their CSLA component association.

**The deadline for submissions is January 31st, 2014, at 4 p.m. PST.**

[Click here for more details](#)

### Press Release - Recognizing Excellence 2013 OPPI Excellence in Planning Awards

On November 8, 2013 the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) announced the 2013 winners of the Excellence in Planning Awards at a press conference held at Queen's Park, Toronto as part of celebrations marking World Town Planning Day.

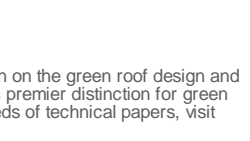
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So-authorized the award-winning publication Landscape Guide for Canadian Homes, which provides homeowners with guidance on design and construction practices that are sustainable in terms of the environment, aesthetic and functional needs as well as maintenance inputs. Currently, she manages landscape architecture and urban design projects at the National Capital Commission.

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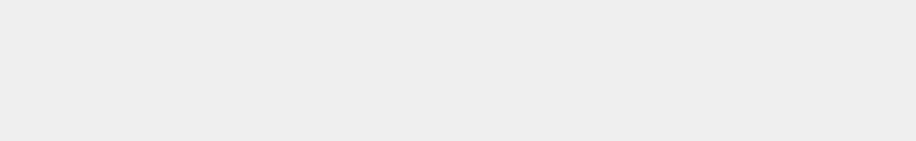
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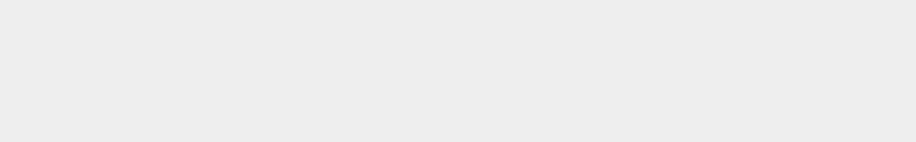


### 6th Annual Symposium on Architecture, Culture and Spirituality

The Forum on Architecture, Spirituality, and Culture is hosting its 2014 international symposium in Toronto to explore the nature of spiritual expression as articulated in form and space within a multicultural framework.

The Sixth Annual meeting will take place June 5-8, 2014 at the Trinity College in the University of Toronto, located in the heart of Toronto's midtown core.

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## The Architecture of Spirituality in a Multicultural Setting