

OALA NEWS

Ontario Association of Landscape Architects

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APRIL IS WORLD LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE MONTH!

Every April Canadian landscape architects join their colleagues around the world to celebrate our profession. April is the perfect month to share our profession and reach out to our communities, notable for Earth Day (April 22nd) and the birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted (April 27th), founder of the landscape architecture profession in North America.

What are you doing for WLAM? Let the OALA know, and we can post it on our webpage. Check out more info about WLAM by [clicking here](#).

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OALA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Look for a special edition of the OALA News next week – featuring highlights from our 2011 Conference and AGM, and OALA Awards recipients.

Don't forget tomorrow's public forum!

WHOSE PARK IS IT?

...a conversation about our city of Toronto parks

April 7, 2011 / 6 – 8 pm

Presented by OALA via Ground: Landscape Architect Quarterly

With:

David Harvey, Executive Director, Park People
Anna Hill, Friends of Trinity Bellwoods Park
Rebekka Hutton, Manager, Urban Agriculture, Evergreen
Jim Melvin, Principal, PMA Landscape Architects
David Meslin, Instigator, Toronto Public Space Committee
Marc Ryan, Studio Director, West8 Toronto
Richard Ubbens, Director, Parks, City of Toronto

Moderated by:

Donna Hinde, Partner, The Planning Partnership

At:

Daniels Faculty of AL&D at the University of Toronto
230 College St – Room 106
(free public event)

Click here to view the event poster.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Join the OALA Social Committee in welcoming spring at the Evergreen Brick Works!



Who: Up to 20 OALA Members (Student members welcome!)

What: Invasive species removal - *Alliaria petiolata*, optional Farmers' Market visit and tours of the Brick Works Grounds.

When: Saturday, April 23rd

- Farmers' Market – 9am-1pm
- Garlic Mustard pull – 10am start (main event)
- Site Tours - 12, 1 and 2pm starts

Where: The Evergreen Brick Works. Directions available at <http://ebw.evergreen.ca/visit/>. A free shuttle bus to the Brick Works runs 7 days a week from Broadview station.

Why: It will be a fun, green event, OALA networking, and community interaction!

Cost: Free (except any farmers' market purchases)

Our group will meet at the Young Welcome Centre at 9:45am. Please dress comfortably for the weather and come prepared to get your hands dirty! For those interested, an informal post-event gathering at a local pub/restaurant will also be held, location TBD.

For more event information, please see <http://ebw.evergreen.ca/cal/event/earth-day-celebration1/>.

Space is limited, so please RSVP to Alana Evers (aegers@dillon.ca) and Phillip Collins (pcol@me.com) by 5pm on Friday, April 15th to secure your spot. Please quote "Evergreen Event" in the subject line of your e-mail.

Green Drinks: 21st Anniversary of Earth Day

The members of the Social Committee invite you to join them at Green Drinks, Toronto's April event at the CN Tower on the evening of **April 20th**. Green Drink nights are held the third Wednesday of every month and are usually free of charge. However, this special event marks the 21st Anniversary of Earth Day, and as the main event will be held at the CN Tower, pre-registration is required at the cost of \$30. Pre- and post-event gatherings are also offered at Steam Whistle Brewery and 2 Cats, respectively. Please see <http://www.greendrinks.org/ON/Toronto> for more information.

This is a great way to get talking with people in other "green" fields, as well as network internally with any OALA members in attendance. Hope to see some of you there!

OTHER OALA NEWS...

Call for Volunteers Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition

In the February OALA News, it was noted that OALA is becoming increasingly involved in the newly formed Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition. The Coalition is an alliance of organizations that share a common vision for a healthy, green Ontario where the economic, social, environmental and health



benefits of green infrastructure are fully realized. OALA will be joining the Steering Committee of GIO and is looking for volunteers to represent OALA on the Steering Committee, and with GIO sub-committees.

The Steering Committee meets once every other month for about 2 hours. The meetings are during the day and held via teleconference. Not all sub-committees of the Coalition have been struck, but there will be additional work in future for the designated OALA representative or other OALA volunteers.

If you are interested in representing OALA, please send your name, and brief information about why you would like to be involved, to Ronda Kellington, OALA Administrator, oalaadmin@oala.ca.

To find out more about GIO visit their website:
www.greeninfrastructureontario.org.

Call for Volunteers, OALA Practice Act Task Force

As part of OALA's new strategic plan, the Association will investigate the implications of working towards a practice act for the profession. On March 14, 2011, OALA Council agreed that a task force would be struck to investigate the feasibility and implications of an OALA practice act. Council is now looking for members to volunteer for the task force. If you are interested, please send your name to OALA Administrator, Ronda Kellington, oalaadmin@oala.ca.

Speakers' Bureau

OALA is compiling a database of landscape architecture speakers and their areas of specialty. Our goal is to have an extensive, up-to-date list of LAs who are able to present lectures and lead educational seminars at OALA events, as well as at allied professional events. In addition to helping OALA organize its own educational events, the database will help OALA with its goal of raising awareness of the landscape architecture profession. OALA will actively work toward connecting our members with external lecture opportunities and educational events.

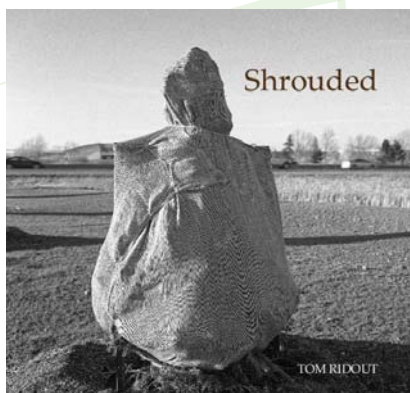
The Speakers' Bureau database will allow OALA to find speakers quickly on particular topics and in particular regions. Here's what we need from you if you are willing to be part of our speakers' bureau:

- areas of specialty in which you work and would be willing to lecture on
- topics of lectures you have presented in the past
- how far afield are you willing to travel
- do you have timeline restrictions, such as certain times of year you are not available
- availability generally, for example, can you lead a full-day seminar or a 2-3 hour seminar only
- can you recommend other LAs you want OALA to be aware of as potential speakers

We look forward to your help with this new initiative – and with OALA's goal to raise awareness of the profession. Contact the OALA if you are interested.



MEMBER NEWS



OALA member **Tom Ridout** has recently published an art photography book on wrapped trees titled 'Shrouded'. The book is a visual survey of these often overlooked pieces of anonymous art created by people whose primary goal is the protection of newly planted evergreen trees. The book is available in both hard and soft cover. [Click here to view the website.](#)

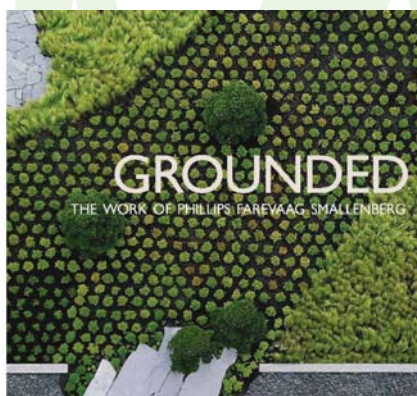
Tom's photography will also be shown in the EXPOSED group show at the Gladstone Hotel during the Toronto CONTACT photography festival this coming May. CONTACT is devoted to celebrating and fostering an appreciation of the art of photography. As the largest photography event in the world CONTACT stimulates discussion among a diverse audience that has grown to over 1.5 million people.



Congratulations to OALA member **Judith Wright**, who blossomed at the 2011 Canada Blooms festival! Judith S. Wright Associates' garden won the award for:

Best Imaginative Garden Design
Best Outstanding Small Garden

She also received the *People Choice "Juno Rocks" Garden Award*.



Please join Phillips Farevaag **Smallerberg** in celebrating the publication of their new book, *Grounded: The Work of Phillips Farevaag Smallerberg*, a rich compendium of works to date accompanied by seven essays about contemporary landscape architecture, planning and urbanism. The book launch is **Thursday, April 14, 2011 from 5-8 pm at Urbanspace Gallery** in conjunction with Swipe Books, 401 Richmond Street West, Suite 117.

On Friday, April 1, The Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) announced its 2011 award winners, representing the best in architectural design, innovation and ideas. Fifteen new buildings in Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Orillia, Montréal, Kitchener, Vancouver, and Ithaca (New York, U.S.A) have been recognized as leading examples of architecture by receiving 'Design Excellence' awards. The OALA would like to congratulate Emeritus member, **Ranjit Dhar** for receiving the Order of Da Vinci. To view a complete list of OAA award winners, [click here](#).

IN OTHER NEWS...

Volunteer Call – Jane's Walk (May 7 & 8, 2011) is a hybrid walking tour-urban exploration-neighbourhood festival. It happens in over 30 cities across Canada, and in Toronto, there are over 100 free walking tours on offer - led by passionate and friendly locals who want to share their inside tips on great places to walk, hang out, shop, eat and explore in their neighbourhood. Jane's Walk is made possible with the contribution and dedication of our

sponsors and hundreds of volunteers - from tour guides and photographers, to marshals and office superstars. We are recruiting volunteers to lead walks and help out, so if you've got a bit of time to help make the 5th annual Jane's Walk as successful as last year, we'd love to hear from you. Drop us an email at info@janeswalk.net. More information about Jane's Walk is available at www.janeswalk.net

Urban design courses in Ottawa

Vancouver is coming to Ottawa. For the first time, courses in urban design, drawn from Simon Fraser University City Program's award-winning Urban Design Certificate program, will be offered in Ontario, courtesy of the City of Ottawa and SFU's City Program. This Urban Design program is unique in Canada, and attracts students from this and other countries - mainly because it is rooted in actual experience, taught by those actively engaged in the professions who are responsible for the shape, function and liveability of our cities. Using real-life examples, the lectures, studios and discussions mix architecture, landscape architecture, planning and engineering within the context of social, ecological and economic dimensions of urban design.

Two of the most valued courses in the certificate - Theory and Practice, and Visual Communication - will be taught by Coordinator, Michael von Hausen, and Urban Designer Frank Ducote, consecutively from May 25 to 28 at the Ottawa Convention Centre. Click these flyers for more details:

UD: Theory and Practice , and **UD: Visual Communication**

2011 Toronto Urban Design Awards

The City of Toronto is pleased to announce the return of the biennial Toronto Urban Design Awards. These awards recognize a wide range of projects that demonstrate a commitment to improving the built environment and quality of pedestrian experiences in the city. The 2011 Call for Entries is open from March 15 to May 19 (4:00 PM). For project entry details and program information visit: www.toronto.ca/tuda.



Nominations for CSLA Recognition and Honour Awards

<http://www.csla.ca/en/awards-of-recognition>

April 15th is the deadline to nominate deserving Landscape Architects and clients for CSLA Honours and Recognition Awards. We encourage you to nominate your colleagues, as this is one of the best ways of promoting the profession! Please check out this CSLA web page for descriptions of all the awards.





CSLA IFLA delegate, submit by April 15th

Please see the OALA Employment Opportunities web page for full information

For numerous years now, James Taylor, FCSLA, FASLA has served as CSLA's International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) representative. Jim has served with distinction and represented Canadian Landscape Architects exceptionally well. However, Jim is ready to step down, and CSLA would like to appoint a new IFLA representative that could understudy Jim until he hands over the privilege in mid-2012.

If you are willing to serve in this important role, please send a letter outlining your eligibility and intentions to CSLA Executive Director, Paulette Vinette at paulette@csla.ca before April 15, 2011.

COMING EVENTS...

Woodland Nurseries Exhibit

Museums Mississauga, with the assistance of the University of Toronto at Mississauga, has put together a photographic exhibit about Woodland Nurseries, the well known and innovative business owned and operated by the Hancock family for the better part of the last century.

Leslie Hancock, the nursery founder, made many contributions to the nursery industry, was an expert in Rhododendrons and taught at the University of Guelph. His children, Marjorie, Donald, and the late Macklin, have been practitioners and ambassadors for our profession.

This exhibit will continue to June 16, 2011 and is being held at the Bradley Museum, 1620 Orr Road, near Lakeshore Road and Erin Mills Parkway.

[Click here to view the poster.](#)



U of T Friends of Planning Spring Social

Thursday April 14, 2011

6-9 pm, Hart House Great Hall – 7 Hart House Circle
University of Toronto St. George Campus

This year's speaker is Tony Gagliano, Co-founder of Luminato, & President, AGO Board of Trustees. Mr. Gagliano will be speaking to over 300 planners and industry professionals at the event. His talk, Luminato: Painting the Canvas of a City, will discuss how "Luminato began as a dream." Toronto hasn't been the same since.

Ryerson Planning Alumni 13th Annual Spring Reception

Where: Arcadian Court (401 Bay St., Toronto)

When: May 24th at 6PM

Join us in celebrating the success of Ryerson's School of Urban and Regional Planning, its alumni and industry leaders in the planning community. This year, four fantastic door prizes will be given out. As always the event will feature great food including a scrumptious buffet. In addition to the great food, you can expect great jazz music played live.