

OALA NEWS

Ontario Association of Landscape Architects

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OALA Council

The first Council meeting of 2012-2013 was held on April 16 and Officers were elected. To read their bio's [CLICK HERE](#). The new 2012-2013 Council includes:

- Joanne Moran**, President
- Morteza Behrooz**, Vice President
- Glenn O'Connor**, Past President
- Sarah Culp**, Treasurer
- Doris Chee**, Secretary
- Alana Evers**, Councillor
- Jonathan Loschmann**, Councillor
- Jonathan Woodside**, Associate Representative (Senior)
- Inna Olchovski**, Associate Representative (Junior)
- Linda Thorne**, Lay Councillor
- Elise Shelley**, Appointed Educator, University of Toronto
- Sean Kelly**, Appointed Educator, University of Guelph
- Najib Najjar**, University of Guelph Student Representative (voting)
- Todd Douglas**, University of Toronto Student Representative

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Front row, left to right: Najib Najjar, Glenn O'Connor, Morteza Behrooz, Joanne Moran, Doris Chee
Back row, left to right: Jonathan Loschman, Inna Olchovski, Linda Thorne, Jonathan Woodside, Sean Kelly, Alana Evers, Sarah Culp



April is World Landscape Architecture Month!

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?

WLAM Photo Contest – How far can the WLAM poster go? We're looking for photos of where you, your colleagues, and your community have promoted the profession with the help of the poster. Show us your creativity and dedication for a chance to win....the sky's the limit! The winning submission (and prizes!) will be announced after the end of WLAM.

See [the OALA Website](#) for more details and to download the WLAM 2012 poster.

Email submissions to coordinator@oala.ca.

Deadline for submissions: **April 30th, 2012.**

OALA Outreach

On April 4th Joanne Moran attended the National Capital Heavy Equipment Association event where Jonathan Loschmann presented a thought provoking presentation on the benefits of Landscape Architects in environmentally conscious developments. In the next few months Joanne, as President, will also be representing the OALA and attending the Heritage Tree Conference, the OAA Awards Banquet and the Guelph Alumni Networking Session held in Ottawa.

March Guelph Social

On Friday, March 30th the Social Committee held a hugely successful meet and greet event at The Albion Hotel in Guelph, ON. Over 40 Associate, Student, and Full members from across southern Ontario came out to enjoy great food, drinks, and conversation. It was great to see old and new faces attend from such distances, and lively conversations sparked.

Due to the success of this event, we are pleased to announce that we will be hosting another Guelph social in the future. Stay tuned for more information and thank you to all who came out and made it such an enjoyable evening!



LAO Lighting Seminar

CLICK HERE for details! The Continuing Education Committee in Ottawa has organized a Lighting Seminar hosted by FLUX Lighting Inc. on **Wednesday, April 25th**. 12 spots still remain for this event. Registration is free. If you would like to attend this event, please contact Joanna coordinator@oala.ca **TODAY**.



2011 SoComm Blue Jays game.

Blue Jays Game - Save the Date

What better way to blow off some steam after writing a graphic LARE, or after a long workday?

Come and root for the home team with a bunch of LAs on **Tuesday, June 12th** - Toronto Blue Jays vs. The Washington Nationals. More details on pre-game activities to come.

Tickets will be limited, so plan to be there!

Canada Blooms

Canada Blooms, co-locating this year with The National Home Show, was held March 16-25, 2012. The theme was "CityCulture". Several OALA members participated with exhibits, gardens and volunteering at the show. We would like to recognize the winners of the OALA Canada Blooms awards:

- Award for Excellence in Design in Landscape Architecture, presented to the International Garden of Taipei, Taiwan by **Ron Holbrook OALA, CSLA**
- Certificate of Honourable Mention for Excellence in Design in Landscape Architecture, presented to Plug and Play, by **Robert Boltman** and **Alex Bartlett**
- Certificate of Honourable Mention for Excellence in Design in Landscape Architecture, presented to Concrete Blooms Burst, by **Victoria Taylor OALA, CSLA**

Glenn attended Canada Blooms Industry Night on Thursday, March 23rd and presented the awards. The OALA would like to thank the members who donated their time and expertise to judge the gardens: **Christine Abe, Shalini Ullal** and **Nancy Chater**.

LAO Call for Volunteer

LAO (Landscape Architects of Ottawa), as the Eastern Chapter of the OALA, is seeking volunteers to assist with ongoing Continuing Education initiatives in the National Capital region. Assistance is needed to help a small group of 2-3 individuals manage requests and ideas for educational programming in coordination with the province-wide OALA Continuing Education Committee - to plan local events, logistics, venues and topics. This is an excellent opportunity for professionals and/or students to integrate with province-wide landscape architecture industry initiatives. Contact Diane Emmerson as Chair of the LAO (dianeemerson@rogers.com) and/or Jonathan Loschmann (loschmannj@mmm.ca) for further information and details. Thanks in advance!



Social Committee Call for Volunteers

The OALA Social Committee is looking for new recruits to join our existing group of enthusiastic volunteers. We meet every 4-6 weeks throughout the year (breaking in summer months). Meetings are held at the OALA office, and members either attend in person or use skype or teleconferencing to call in remotely.

We hope that interested members remain active in the committee for a minimum of a year, for the sake of continuity in planning; however, any amount of time devoted to this committee is appreciated.

This opportunity would be of interest for members who want to be involved in the planning and execution of social events, in order to promote connectivity within our professional organization and to have fun, plain and simple.

For further information, please contact Aina Budrevics at oalaadmin@oala.ca by May 7th, 2012.

UofT Faculty Council Representative

The OALA is asking for a Full Member to come forward to fill the UofT Daniels Faculty Council OALA Representative position. There are two positions open on their Council that must be filled by an OALA member. The other position is currently being held by Domenic Lunardo. The Council holds two meetings each academic year and currently there is no set schedule. Please submit your interest to participate in this representative position by **Monday, May 7th at 5:00pm** to Linda MacLeod, registrar@oala.ca.

OALA Website: Resources section

We have added a new Resources section in the Members' Area, [CLICK HERE](#) for details. It currently has the following items:

- Toronto Shade Guidelines and Policy
- Heritage Trees Toolkit
- ICC Announces Availability of New Green Code
- GIO Launches Report
- Green Purchasing Guide – November 2011

Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition Releases Report

For all those who missed picking up a copy of the Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition report on Health, Prosperity and Sustainability: The Case of Green Infrastructure in Ontario at the Annual Conference and AGM at the Markham Civic Centre, there are limited number of copies at the OALA office (contact coordinator@oala.ca to get your copy!). Health, Prosperity and Sustainability: The Case of Green Infrastructure in Ontario was launched on March 26, 2012 at Queen's Park by the Coalition which OALA is a member. The report makes 6 recommendations to the Province to include Green Infrastructure to existing and new policies and legislatures with case studies identifying healthy, prosperous and sustainable returns when green infrastructure is included in the planning, designing and constructing of our environment. You can



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also get a downloadable version online: [CLICK HERE](#) for details. While you're visiting the website, why not become a member and support the Coalition!

MEMBER NEWS...

James Taylor made CELA Fellow



James Taylor, FCSLA, FASLA, OALA, is among the latest elite group of educators named to the **Academy of Fellows of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture**. Jim is Professor Emeritus at the University of Guelph where he has been on faculty since 1984. He is the author of *The Practice of Landscape Architecture in Canada*, a book that is used at Canadian universities in teaching professional practice. The book is also an important reference for the LARE in Canada.

In recent years, he has been active in international education and is serving as Chair of the IFLA International Education Committee. Jim was responsible for a series of regional symposia on educational development in landscape architecture that were held in New Zealand, Columbia, Malaysia and most recently in Kenya. He assisted in the IFLA/UNESCO Brazilian capacity building program that engaged a number of CELA members. His committee has developed guidance materials for program development, standards and accreditation for application in developing countries considering establishment of landscape architecture programs. In Africa, Jim developed a network and organizational framework for educators and practitioners successfully launched last year. His international work was recognized in 2008, when he was presented with the ASLA President's Award and the Award of Excellence by the CSLA.

IN OTHER NEWS...

CSLA Recognition Awards Nominations

The deadline for submitting CSLA Honours and Recognition Awards nominations is May 15th, 2012, 5p.m. EST. We encourage you to nominate a deserving colleague in up to four categories of awards in the program:

- Schawenbauer Award
- Community Service Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Teaching Award

Nomination forms are available. [CLICK HERE](#) for details.

Winners will receive their awards during the gala event at the CSLA Annual Congress September 13-15, 2012 in Halifax. The 2012 Congress website address is www.makingwaves2012.com.

ASLA Releases Study on the Economic Benefits of Green Infrastructure

ASLA Releases Study on the Economic Benefits of Green Infrastructure Banking





on Green report details savings and community benefits. A new report looks at the most cost-effective options for managing polluted runoff and protecting clean water, and finds that green infrastructure solutions save taxpayer money and provide community benefits by managing stormwater where it falls. [CLICK HERE](#) for details.

Passing of Jim Wickware

Many members may remember Jim Wickware as a Nurseryman. We are saddened to announce that Jim passed away suddenly in Ottawa on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. Jim Wickware of Dunrobin in his 90th year. Devoted husband of the late Ruth MacIntosh. Beloved and respected father of Greg (Joanne), Paul (Margo) and Matthew (Lynda). Brother of Sheila Curran, Josephine Young, Clive and Geoffrey Wickware. Predeceased by his sister, Anne Holt. Also survived by 4 grandchildren; Katie, Suzanne, Alan and Alena. For those who may be entertaining a donation in memory of Jim, please choose a charity of your choice. Condolences & tributes: www.crgamble.com

COMING EVENTS...

[\(check the online calendar often for complete list of coming events!\)](#)

Urban Design Courses in Ottawa, May 9-12, 2012

Simon Fraser University's award-winning Urban Design program will be offering courses in Ottawa this May, courtesy of the City of Ottawa and Simon Fraser University. SFU's Urban Design program is unique and attracts participants from across Canada - mainly because it's rooted in actual experience, taught by those actively engaged in the professions who are responsible for the shape, function and livability 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 courses are being offered, which are part of the Urban Design Certificate Program:

Urban Design: Public Realm - May 9-10, 2012

Urban Design: Designing Integrated Neighbourhoods - May 11-12, 2012

[CLICK HERE](#) for details.

This is a chance for mid-career professionals to learn in a highly efficient format. We hope you'll join us this May to learn from the most innovative urban design practitioners.

Questions? Please contact city@sfu.ca or call 778-782-5254.

RPA's 14th Annual Spring Reception

This year the Ryerson Planning Alumni Committee will host its annual Spring Reception at the Arcadian Court (401 Bay St., Toronto). The event will take place on **Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 6pm**. Join us to catch up with old friends and network over great food, wine and live music. You may also want to enter your business card for a chance to win one of our fantastic door prizes, and/or participate in a private auction. [CLICK HERE](#) for details.

Ottawa Heritage Tree Workshop June 8 - 9, 2012

The final program is ready for the inaugural Heritage Tree Workshop in Ottawa, Ontario. Please register at www.oufc.org. We have made this event very affordable for community members while forestry and arborist professionals can achieve a certificate as a Field Evaluator. Please look at the attached agenda. The trip to Rideau Hall on Saturday is only one of the special visits we will make to visit Ottawa's Heritage Trees. [CLICK HERE](#) for details.



Urban Agriculture Summit in Toronto

Around the world people are growing food in cities! From **August 15 to 18**, the first Urban Agriculture Summit in Toronto will bring together the people who are making it happen: design professionals, community groups, social housing advocates, developers, educators, planners, homeowners and tenants, urban growers and others - to share what is working, and to discover what is possible.

The Urban Agriculture Summit 2012 will feature best practices in urban food production as well as innovative policies that support urban agriculture from around North America and beyond. Attendees will learn new tools to advance urban agriculture in their own communities. Together participants will explore urban agriculture's current role and future potential in 21st century city-building.

[CLICK HERE](#) for details.

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