

## OALA Continuing Education Seminar – November 22nd

Join OALA members for an update about The Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES) and Turfgrass Innovation in the Landscape by SITES insider and world-renowned Ecologist, Dr. Mark Simmons.

### Sustainable Sites & Turfgrass in the Landscape

**Speaker: Mark Simmons Ph.D.**, is Director of Research and Environmental Consulting for the Ecosystem Design Group at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Club at the University of Texas.



**Location:**  
Novotel Toronto Centre,  
45 The Esplanade

[Click here to register.](#)

### Learn about:

- The latest on the SITES program
- Where SITES and LEED are heading in the future
- The strengths and weaknesses of Turfgrass in the landscape
- Turfgrass innovation in seed, sod and service

This event is organized by the OALA Continuing Education Committee in partnership with the Nursery Sod Growers Association of Ontario.

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Events, seminars and lectures included in this newsletter are getting a great response. This content 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](#)

## Planning and Development Forum November 25-26th

### 4th Edition PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM Adaptation, Resilience, Sustainability

November 25 - 26, 2013 | The Old Mill Inn | Toronto

Ontario Association of Landscape Architects member discount: **Register** by November 8th – Save %15! Must mention promo code **OALA907**.

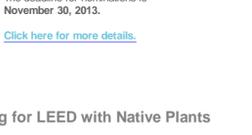
Attend to learn about emerging strategies for successful climate adaptation and resilience, as well as risk management and mitigation, in land use planning and infrastructure development.

[Click here for more details.](#)

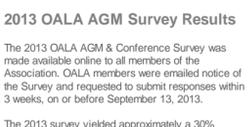
## Designed Ecologies - Lecture by Dr. Kongjian Yu – December 3rd



**Dr. Kongjian Yu**  
Dean, College of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Planning University  
President and Design Principle, Turfscapc



## OALA Holiday/Christmas Party!



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

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

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

## OTTAWA 2013 'LAO HOLIDAY SOCIAL' December 4, 2013 at 6:00 pm

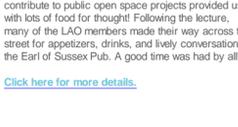
Your LAO event organizers this year are Dominique Bourdeau and Sarah Marsh. To make this an even more remarkable event than last year, your help and ideas are much appreciated. Some help-ideas:

- **Recommend and introduce special invited guests;**
- **Pass the word around.**

Please follow up with Dominique ([dombourdeau@yahoo.com](mailto:dombourdeau@yahoo.com)) or Sarah ([sarah@idfountain.com](mailto:sarah@idfountain.com)).

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

## OALA Honours And Awards – Call for Nominations



OALA members are invited to nominate deserving fellow members and other qualifying recipients for awards and honours, to be presented at the 2014 OALA Conference/Annual General Meeting on Friday, March 28th in Hamilton.

The deadline for nominations is **November 30, 2013**.

[Click here for more details.](#)

## Calling for OALA Panelist: Landscaping for LEED with Native Plants

The Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design and the North American Native Plant Society ([www.nanps.org](http://www.nanps.org)) are holding a panel discussion about designing for LEED with native plants. The event, part of the **Barbara Falls Memorial Lecture Series**, will occur at the Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design, 230 College Street at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 11, 2014. It will be open to NANPS members, Daniels students and faculty as well as OALA and OAA members.

The OALA is seeking a member to participate on this panel discussion. Each panelist will speak for 20 minutes. The submission deadline is **Wednesday, November 27th, 2013**.

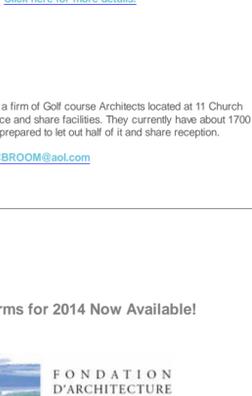
[Click here for more details.](#)

## 2013 OALA AGM Survey Results

The 2013 OALA AGM & Conference Survey was made available online to all members of the Association. OALA members were emailed notice of the Survey and requested to submit responses within 3 weeks, on or before September 13, 2013.

The 2013 survey yielded approximately a 30% response rate. Noteworthy highlights, as well as a complete document of graphs can be found online. The OALA AGM & Conference Planning Committee will refer to the Survey responses when planning future Conference & AGMs.

Thank you to those who participated!  
[Click here for more details.](#)



## 2013 Curling Bonspiel

On Saturday, November 2nd at 4:30 pm, costumed professionals and students alike embarked on the Guelph Curling Club for an evening of curling and festivities. Some particularly memorable costumes included a garden gnome, Tony Stark, assorted characters from "Despicable Me", and a literal pot head.

Novice curlers and those needing a refresher were lucky to receive a thorough lesson from Club Staff before the competition began. After a few hours of many slips, near-falls, falls, bruised knees, and an intense "curl-off", a champion was announced. After a two-year streak by U of G students, the trophy was returned to a team of professionals from The M5TW Group! Congratulations are due to "The Sweeping Beauties": Jon Joyce, Jana Joyce, Sanaz Markazi, and Mike Harris, who bottled to the end to win this year's title. Congratulations are also due to Stuart Chan, Bryan Chao, Nadine Fiegl and Sofia Classon of the University of Guelph, who put up a strong fight throughout and finished in second place. The Costume Competition, was also fierce, and ended in a win for Kevin Post, dressed with a pot firmly affixed to his head and a Hawaiian shirt worn proudly throughout the evening.

The OALA Social Committee would like to graciously thank all who came out to participate in this year's Curling Bonspiel and Costume Competition for their enthusiasm and strong spirit, as well as the Guelph Curling Club for hosting and allowing us to use their equipment and facilities.

[Click here to visit the OALA Photo Gallery and see more photos!](#)



## Martha Schwartz's Forum Lecture

Over twenty LAO members attended the Martha Schwartz's Forum Lecture at the National Gallery of Canada, hosted by Carleton University School of Architecture & Urbanism. Martha's engaging presentation on the value landscape architects contribute to public open space projects provided us with lots of food for thought! Following the lecture, many of the LAO members made their way across the street for appetizers, drinks, and lively conversation at the Earl of Sussex Pub. A good time was had by all!

[Click here for more details.](#)



## MEMBER NEWS

### Government Press Release - Holocaust Monument

Congratulations to our members and member firms who are part of teams selected as finalists for the design of this monument.



The Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, and the Honourable John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs, today announced the six teams that were chosen as finalists in a national design competition to create concepts for the future National Holocaust Monument, which will be built in the heart of Canada's capital, at the corner of Booth and Wellington streets, near the Canadian War Museum.

A call for other design professionals to submit their credentials and examples of prior work at the first stage of a two-phase national design competition.

Two teams from Ontario were chosen as part of the six finalists:

Leslie M. Klein (Quadrangle Architects)  
Jeffrey Craft (SVA Group)  
Alan Schwartz (Terraplan)  
Yael Bartana (artist)  
Susan Philipsz (artist)  
Chen Tamir (artist)  
Dr. Debórah Dwork and Jeffrey Koerber (Holocaust scholars)  
– Toronto, Ontario

Gail Libed (museum planner)  
Daniel Lubeskind (architect)  
Edward Burynsky (artist)  
Claude Cormier (landscape architect)  
Dr. Doris Berger (Holocaust scholar)  
– Toronto, Ontario

[Click here for more details.](#)

### Office Space available in Toronto

Tom McBroom Golf Design ([www.thomasmcroom.com](http://www.thomasmcroom.com)) is a firm of Golf course Architects located at 11 Church Street and they are looking to rent out a bit of their office space and share facilities. They currently have about 1700 Square feet of beautiful brick and beam space and would be prepared to let out half of it and share reception.

Please contact their office if you are interested: [THOMASMCBROOM@aol.com](mailto:THOMASMCBROOM@aol.com)

## OTHER NEWS

### LACF Grant Policy and Application Forms for 2014 Now Available!



**Deadline: Friday, November 22, 2013**  
For 2014, grants up to \$10,000 are available to CSLA professionals, educators or others seeking to explore or question an issue or particular interest they believe to be crucial to the profession or to the landscape.

In addition, two grants of \$2,000 each are offered to graduate students pursuing their thesis or final project for work whose study focus is in keeping with the mandate of the Foundation.

[Click here for more information on the 2014 LACF.](#)

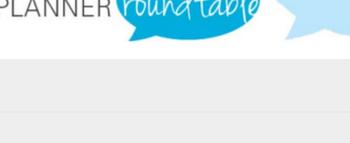
### Grow Op 2014 - Call For Submissions

Call for submissions has been extended to **November 30<sup>th</sup>**. Grow Op will explore new territories and uncover new ways of expression and meaning through projects that represent a wide range of approaches from the prosaic to the poetic, the elemental to the ephemeral. The use of plant material is not a specific requirement.

[Click here for more details.](#)



### Call for Entries - The International Garden Festival

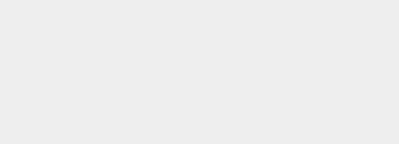


The International Garden Festival will hold its 15th edition in 2014. This international call for proposals is open to all landscape architects, architects, designers and artists, from Canada and abroad. Designers may submit their proposal as individuals or form inter-disciplinary and/or multinational teams.

**Deadline: Monday, November 18, 2013.**

[Click here for more information.](#)

### CSLA Call for Abstracts for 2014 Congress: CLIMATES | ADAPTATIONS | LANDSCAPES



**Submission deadline: Friday, January 24th, 2014 at 4 PM EST.**  
The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) is inviting qualified experts to submit abstracts for:

- oral presentations (concurrent sessions, 30 minutes in length)
- "spark" sessions (idea exchange sessions, 10-15 minutes in length)

to be made at the upcoming 2014 CSLA Congress scheduled to be held in Ottawa, Ontario, May 29-31, 2014.

The theme of the 2014 Congress, climates | adaptations | landscapes, focusses on the role of adaptive planning and design in advancing resilience and preparedness in landscapes and in communities faced with the challenge of changing climate.

[Click here for more details.](#)

### Great Lakes Protection Act, 2013

The proposed Great Lakes Protection Act, 2013, passed Second Reading in the Ontario Legislature and is being referred to Standing Committee for the next phase of the legislative process.

The proposed Act, if passed, would ensure cleaner and healthier Great Lakes that are protected for future generations. It proposed Great Lakes Protection Act would provide new tools to restore and protect the lakes and create a Great Lakes Guardians' Council to identify priorities and recommend actions to address them.

Bill 6 has now been referred to the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills and public hearings on the bill are anticipated to occur later this fall. [Click here](#) for further information and status of the Bill, including any upcoming hearings.

For updates on the Ministry of Environment's various Great Lakes initiatives please [click here](#).

### Cities Alive the Podcast

HALIFAX - The Planning and Design Centre is excited to announce the launch of its new podcast, Cities Alive: Bringing the City to Life with Stories. Cities Alive is a fun, evocative and accessible way to learn about what's going on at the forefront of urban planning and design. The podcast crosses disciplinary boundaries to bridge the gap between profession and public. We invite you to take a listen and share with your colleagues and friends.



[Click here for more details.](#)

### AODA e-newsletter

We are forwarding the following information, on behalf of the AODA Project Advisory Committee. They are organized by GAATES, the Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments ([www.gaates.org](http://www.gaates.org)). Those who are interested to receive updates and newsletters of AODA progress, [click here](#).



## COMING EVENTS

### Ontario Urban Forest Council Conference and 50th Anniversary Gala - November 15th

**Fostering Sustainable Behaviour, Fostering Urban Forests**

**Full Day with Dr. Doug McKenzie-Mohr**  
Friday November 15, 2013 8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Argonaut Rowing Club 1225 Lakeshore Blvd W., Toronto

**Tree Tour with OJFC expert Arborists and Foresters**  
Saturday November 16, 2013, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.  
Mount Pleasant Cemetery through Moore Park Ravine, ending at Evergreen Brickworks.

This conference will be a gold mine for anyone trying to foster sustainable behaviors. Whether you are in urban forestry, forestry, conservation, agriculture, energy efficiency, transportation, waste reduction, water efficiency, health or another "common good" field, the take-away lessons will be the same.

[Click here for more details and to register.](#)



### Aster Awards Invitation – November 21st

"This year's Toronto Botanical Garden inaugural Aster Awards celebrates three extraordinary individuals whose work has inspired us to connect with nature and to appreciate both its immense power and surprising vulnerability.



Ed Burynsky's images of scarred landscapes, Janet Rosenberg's elegant and refined garden spaces, and Scott MacIvor's insights into the life and struggles of bees draw us into the natural world and invite us to re-discover, celebrate and protect it.

We salute this year's Aster Awards' green stars and we invite you to join us on November 21 to toast their remarkable achievements."

[Click here for tickets and more details.](#)

### Invitation: Chief Planner Roundtables

Chief Planner, Jennifer Keesmaat would like to extend an invitation to attend each of the upcoming Chief Planner Roundtables. The goal of the roundtables is to bring together various experts to engage in stimulating, creative and broad discussions about the challenges and opportunities faced on a variety of themes.

The fall roundtables run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and each examines a related subject impacting life in the suburbs:

**Mobility in the Suburbs**  
Monday, November 25  
City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Committee Room 2

RSVP to: [chiefplannerroundtable@toronto.ca](mailto:chiefplannerroundtable@toronto.ca).

[Click here for more details.](#)

