

OALA NEWS

Ontario Association of Landscape Architects

Wednesday, August 25, 2010



SURVEY, SURVEY, SURVEY...

You should have received a survey asking for feedback on the OALA AGM. The OALA Council announced that the 2011 AGM will be held in the Niagara Region in Spring 2011 but before launching into planning, the organization would like to understand how to improve attendance and ensure the meeting is useful. Please be sure to complete the survey by August 31st if you haven't already. Your comments are valuable.

OALA members will receive an additional survey early in September. Council is beginning a new strategic planning exercise, and part of the process includes gathering information from members that will help the organization understand your needs. From this survey information and additional research on the industry around us, OALA Council will be able to set new priorities and get to work later this year on realizing these new goals. When you receive the survey, please make time to answer all the questions. OALA cannot plan without feedback from you. We need your help in determining future directions and how best to allocate resources. We realize it's a lot of surveying in a short period of time, but we want to move the organization forward in the best ways possible for our diverse membership.

And the final survey to watch for: OALA is working with OAA, ARIDO and the Society for Design Administration Canada to implement a salary survey. OALA has participated in this survey in the past, last collecting information in 2007. The data gathered forms an important benchmark for the design industry. The survey is meant for private firms primarily, so if you are in that sector please find time to supply the necessary information. The survey is completely confidential and carried out by a third party so that the associations involved can only gain access to the aggregate data.

We realize it is a lot of surveying, so we'll try not to bother you again for some time after!

OALA GTA GOLF TOURNAMENT

OALA held its 8th Annual GTA Golf Tournament on Friday, August 13th. The weather was wonderful and everyone enjoyed themselves enormously, even the "honest" golfers. Over 130 golfers participated and 29 sponsors contributed to help OALA raise funds for the endowment funds at the Universities of Toronto and Guelph. Following golf and dinner, OALA President Glenn O'Connor presented cheques for the endowments to Council's UofT Student Representative Gregory Warren. Thanks to the Golf Day organizing committee -- Glenn O'Connor, Don Naylor and Dean Armstrong. To see the list of lucky winners, visit the OALA website: <http://www.oala.ca/members.aspx?catID=725>





ONTARIO INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

The government of Ontario is developing a new 10-year public infrastructure plan. The Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure is interested in hearing from Ontarians on the key trends, issues and priorities that will help modernize and expand public infrastructure over the next 10 years. The Ministry has a questionnaire on their website: <http://www.mei.gov.on.ca/en/?page=infraqs>, asking where future infrastructure investments should be made. This is a great opportunity for Landscape Architects to add their voice and contribute our unique issues into the public realm. When you're not busy with OALA surveys, please consider making time to complete this on-line questionnaire!

MEMBER NEWS

Walter Kehm, Senior Principal of LANDinc. has just completed a two week tour of Canadian city's with eight senior representatives of the Abu Dhabi Municipal government. He is currently serving as an advisor to the Municipality to redevelop the pedestrian and open space environments of the city. He recently chaired an international competition involved with the redevelopment of five major downtown streets. Walter recently developed and chaired an international competition for a new city in New Cairo sponsored by His Highness Skeikh Khalifa of Abu Dhabi. LANDinc is pleased to announce that it has been awarded the contract to develop a master plan for the West Block area of Parliament Hill and is one of two finalists for the planning and design of a new city of 500,000 people adjacent to Casablanca, Morocco. The firm continues to develop multi-disciplinary excellence in the planning and design of urban communities.

The American Society of Landscape Architects, ASLA, has announced that **George F. Dark**, FCSLA, will be inducted into the 2010 Class of The College of Fellows of the Association in Washington, DC, in September of 2010. The designation of Fellow is one of the ASLA's highest honours and is conferred on individuals in recognition of exceptional accomplishments over a sustained period of time. George was elected to Fellow in the category of leadership, administrative and managerial ability of people, projects, policy, and programs that have had a significant effect on advancing the practice of Landscape Architecture and a significant effect on public recognition of issues that are significant to the design, planning or management of the land. George has shown extensive leadership abilities in the private practice and the non-profit sectors. George was elected into the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects making him one of a very small group of Landscape Architects to hold both the FASLA and FCSLA designations.

We are saddened to announce that **Jerry Belan**, OALA, CSLA, passed away after a courageous fight against cancer on Saturday, July 24, 2010. The Association was informed of his passing Friday, July 30, 2010. Jerry has been a long standing full member of the OALA since 1985, and he will be missed.

We are saddened to announce that **Gregory Rich**, passed away suddenly on August 15, 2010. Greg was a former long standing full member of the OALA since 1985, and he will be missed. Greg's love of the outdoors was reflected in his work as a landscape architect for the City of Toronto. Through his many projects, he leaves behind a legacy of improvements to the Toronto cityscape, particularly the Toronto Waterfront Regeneration Project.



COMING EVENTS



Artistry with bulbs

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A lecture by Dutch landscape designer, Jacqueline van der Kloet
From Landscape Ontario
Thursday, September 16 at Toronto Botanical Garden
Register at www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca

Design Exchange Awards

2010 DXA - Call for Submissions, final submission deadline Sept. 30, 2010
The awards celebrate Canadian design excellence, including a category in landscape architecture.
Submission guidelines can be found at www.dx.org/dxa

All Hands in the Dirt

A Forum on the Design and Programming of Children's Outdoor Spaces
By Toyota Evergreen Learning Grounds
November 12-13, 2010 at Evergreen Brick Works, Toronto
Registration will be limited. For more information, contact Anne Dabrowski at adabrowski@evergreen.ca



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November 12-13

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CONGRESS 2011 CONGRÈS

CSLA will be "On the Land" in 2011!

In 2011 the CSLA Congress is heading north to Canada's arctic. July 14 to 17, 2011 the CSLA will be welcomed to Iqaluit, Nunavut, the capital city of the country's newest territory. Our hosts, the Nunavut Association of Landscape Architects (NUALA) promise to make this Congress a unique and memorable one. We will explore this year's theme "On the Land" with sessions bringing you to Inuit cultural settings in the arctic landscape. The CSLA 2011 Congress in Iqaluit is limited to 80 delegates. Registration will be on a first come basis, so reserve your place by pre-registering for Congress 2011 now. Pre-register now to reserve your spot and to receive the early bird reduced airfare and hotel rates. Our hosts, NUALA, have secured incredible airfare and accommodation rates for the Congress, allowing you to experience Iqaluit at half the normal cost. These early bird rates are available up to October 31, 2010. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the many facets and faces of the arctic! To pre-register please click here: www.csla2011nunavut.ca

IN OTHER NEWS

The Junos have partnered with Canada Blooms, The Flower and Garden Festival, to celebrate their 40th anniversary. Canada Blooms is now looking for OALA members who have designed gardens for recording artists, classical, jazz or pop. If you have, or know someone who has, please call Artistic Director Colomba Fuller, at 416-923-2110 or e-mail at cbfuller@sympatico.ca. Thank you for your cooperation and help.