

OALA NEWS

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OALA STAFF UPDATE

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and are ready to begin a new year. 2012 is seeing many new changes for the OALA. At the end of 2011, we bid farewell to Karen Savoie as she embarks on her retirement, and we wish her all the best. Since November, Aina Budrevics has taken on the full role of the Administrator. Linda MacLeod is now the full time Registrar and we are confident that the office staff will lead us well in 2012. Together, they are currently searching for a Coordinator to fill the full time position. We hope to be fully staffed for the preparation of the March AGM.

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Glenn O'Connor, Karen Savoie, and Joanne Moran



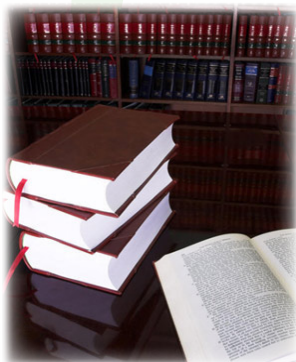
Linda MacLeod, Karen Savoie, and Aina Budrevics

2012 - AN EVENTFUL YEAR!

The OALA has many new and exciting events in store for the next few months: a Continuing Education breakfast seminar on Expert Testimony, the 2012 Annual Ski Day at Alpine, OALA Hockey Night in Ontario, and the 44th AGM! Read our newsletter to learn more about these great opportunities and mark your calendars!

CEC BREAKFAST SEMINAR: Expert Testimony

As part of our new strategies in promoting Continuing Education, we are kicking off the new year with a breakfast seminar on Expert Testimony. Next **Friday, January 20th**, Stuart Zacharias, a Partner of Lerner LLP in Toronto will be outlining the challenges of expert testimony. Expert witness testimony is becoming a specialty in a variety of design disciplines. The fact that more landscape architects are called upon to provide this service shows the increased level of maturity of our profession; as well as the advancing credibility we enjoy among allied professions and the courts. This seminar will be of interest to all landscape architects who are interested in developing this skill, or who are thinking of entering into this





area of work, or perhaps simply improving the sharpness and clarity of their writing and presentation skills.

Register on the OALA website as soon as possible, as spaces are filling up fast for this excellent seminar! Please [click here](#) to be directed to the website where you will find complete details and online registration.

2012 ANNUAL SKI DAY

It's that time of the year again for the fun filled OALA Ski Day! On February 17th, the OALA will be hitting the slopes for the 9th Annual Ski Day, this year for the first time at the Alpine Ski Club in Collingwood. We are mixing things up with a retro Après Ski theme, so don't forget to register and wear your best retro inspired ski gear! Please [click here](#) for complete details and registration. The early bird prices are available until January 20th.



OALA HOCKEY NIGHT IN ONTARIO!

On Sunday, February 26th, the Social Committee has organized an OALA Hockey Night in both Toronto and Ottawa. Save the date and don't miss the Toronto game between the Marlies and Hamilton Bulldogs or the Ottawa game between the Senators and New York Islanders. Tickets will be available for purchase through the OALA website next week!

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Lafarge Industry Tour

On the morning of Friday, March 2nd at the Lafarge Technical Centre in Toronto, representatives from their authorized contractor network will be on hand to co-present case studies. The case studies covered will include: Commercial Decorative Concrete, a Residential Project, Institutional Pervious Concrete, as well as product demonstrations and explanations. A light lunch will be served at the end of the presentation, and the presentation team will remain available for Q&A. Keep your eyes peeled for more information and registration coming soon!



OALA AGM & CONFERENCE

Please mark your calendars for the 44th Annual AGM and Conference, this year to be hosted at the Town of Markham on Friday, March 23rd. More complete details about the schedule and registration will be available on the OALA website soon.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Survey

A notice to all OALA Full Members: The Mandatory Continuing Education Task Force will be sending out a short survey next week, to get a poll of what kinds of continuing education activities our members have already been doing. We would appreciate your time in filling this out, as the results will form the appendix to the report that will be distributed to members at the AGM. The deadline to fill out the survey will be January 31st, 2012.

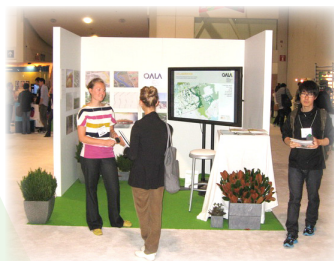
DOMINIC LUNARDO NEW REP TO CNEA

On October 17, 2011, OALA Council appointed **Domenic Lunardo, OALA, FCSLA** as OALA representative to the Canadian National Exhibition Association (CNEA) for a 2 year term. Domenic was recommended by

the Nominating Committee following a call for a volunteer to the OALA membership in September that resulted in the OALA receiving and reviewing 10 expressions of interest. The CNEA has over 125 member individuals and associations and the OALA has been a member for the past 15 years being represented by **Jim Melvin, OALA, FCSLA** during that time. Jim has served in many capacities in the Association and on the Board becoming President of the Board in 2010-2011. Thank you Jim for your years of service. Thank you to those who responded to the call and congratulations to Domenic in this new role.

OALA Receives IIDEX/NEOCON Donation

In September 2011, the OALA participated in the IIDEX/Neocon Canada conference that had an attendance of 15,000. The OALA had a booth in the new landscape architecture section that displayed CSLA Ontario Region award winning projects. Staff & volunteers were on hand to help promote the OALA and answer questions. There was plenty of interest and the event was a success. On January 9, 2012, Tracy Bowie presented a donation to the OALA for its participation in the event. The OALA thank all staff and volunteers who created and worked at the booth, prepared promotional materials, and were speakers at the educational sessions.



Glenn O'Connor, President of the OALA receives a donation from Tracy Bowie, Vice President of IIDEX/Neocon for its participation in the IIDEX/Neocon Canada 2011

IN OTHER NEWS...

CSLA Launches New Website

On December 1, 2012, the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects launched its redesigned website. Available in both official languages, it features a cleaner and appealing visual presentation more fitting of a design-based association. Information has been regrouped under drop down menus and additional content has been added. Visit www.csla.ca and learn more about your national association.



Jim Taylor Steps Down as IFLA Rep

Jim Taylor, OALA, FCSLA has served as our national representative to the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) for over 10 years. In his final report to the Board in November 2011, he spoke about the many accomplishments of IFLA including the emergence of landscape architecture in Africa, and the dramatic increase in LA education programs in Asia and Africa. Jim has served as VP of the Western Region, Chair of the Education Committee and Chair of the new Africa Region Committee. You can learn more about this by reading Jim's article in the December 2011 edition of the IFLA Newsletter by clicking [here](#), or visiting www.iflaonline.org. Our new CSLA



Liane McKenna, CSLA President thanks Jim Taylor for 10 years of service as representative to IFLA

representative to IFLA is Raquel Penolosa of the AAPQ. Thanks Jim for your service.

Healthy Toronto by Design



Healthy cities are cities that are prosperous, liveable, and sustainable. They are cities with vibrant cultures, quality education, healthy and sustainable food systems, affordable housing, efficient and accessible public transit, opportunities for recreation, quality built and natural environments, and accessible health care. Healthy cities don't just happen. They happen by design.

Healthy Toronto by Design is a report created by Toronto Public Health to both inform and emphasize the importance of promoting a healthy city. Considering health implications early in policy or program development and investing in initiatives that promote health can help contain health care costs and contribute to the prosperity of a city.

This report is available through this [link](#), and will soon be available on our website after the launch of a Resources section in the Members Area. Our Resources section will hold a variety of important reports and guidelines informative to the profession of landscape architecture.

Studio/Office Space Available in Toronto

Studio/Office space to share at Wallace and Lansdowne (Toronto) with two other creatives, one of whom is a full member of the OALA.

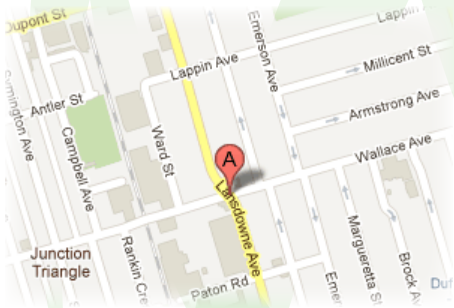
Bright, open concept warehouse space with high ceiling, hardwood floor, and small kitchenette. Monthly fee includes internet, alarm and free parking.

Convenient location, close to subway. Friendly and casual environment.

Suitable for small creative business such as architect, landscape architect, marketing, website development, interior design, etc.

\$500.00+HST

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