

# OALA NEWS

Ontario Association of Landscape Architects

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## NEW OALA WEBSITE

The new and improved OALA website is up and running! The former site was unable to meet our needs in terms of updates and security. The migration to an improved content management system will mean quicker updates faster download times and a much needed facelift. In an effort to move quickly from our previous host there are elements of the site that have yet to be fully constructed. The membership database will be available to members soon with the ability to pay for conferences and dues. Keep the website bookmarked and expect to see many more great additions.



## OALA'S 9TH ANNUAL GOLF DAY

Summer is finally here, and you know what that means! Preparing for Golf Day is now in full swing. **Friday, August 12, 2011** is the date for the OALA Annual Golf Tournament, held at Granite Ridge Golf Club in Milton. Registration is now available on our website, with fantastic early bird prices. We will be drawing two pairs of Toronto Argonaut tickets, valued at \$150 a pair, to anyone who signs up before the early bird deadline of **July 15th**. Be sure to get them before prices go up! To register, visit our website.

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## AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

G. O'Connor Consultants Inc. are proud to announce that on **June 22, 2011**, we were awarded the 2011 American Planning Association (A.P.A.) Planning Excellence Award (New York Upstate Chapter).

### Confederation Park Master Plan Review & Update

#### Category: "Innovation for Sustaining Places"

The Master Plan advocates an implementation strategy that will demonstrate ecological sustainability and best management practices to showcase this City-wide park as an example of a harmonious blending of built and natural environments.

This Award reflects the innovative nature of the project.

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## OTTAWA URBAN DESIGN AWARDS 2011



In 2011, the City of Ottawa will host the fourth edition of the Ottawa Urban Design Awards. [www.ottawa.ca/urbandesignawards](http://www.ottawa.ca/urbandesignawards)

The deadline for submissions is **Thursday, August 18, 2011** at 4 p.m. The awards ceremony will be held on the evening of **Tuesday, October 11, 2011** at the new Ottawa Convention Centre.

The 2011 Ottawa Urban Design Awards celebrate projects built in the City of Ottawa that exhibit urban design excellence. The awards will honour exceptional projects built in Ottawa between September 1, 2009 and September 1, 2011. This is a biannual awards program.

Good urban design is how buildings, landscapes and adjacent public spaces function together to enhance the public realm. It includes the art of place making and designing the built environment to be appreciated and enjoyed at the human scale. This is not an architecture award.

The author of the winning submission of each category will receive an Award of Excellence, which acknowledges a project that achieves urban design excellence and meets the judging criteria. Other entries in each category will be eligible to win an Award of Merit. An important distinction between the two awards is that the winners of the Awards of Excellence will be forwarded to compete nationally in the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada's 2012 Urban Design Awards Program as representative of the City of Ottawa.

## JOIN THE LIST-SERV FOR A NEW GLOBAL GREENBELTS NETWORK



On **March 23rd and 24th, 2011** over 200 delegates from around the world gathered for the first Global Greenbelts Conference in Toronto, Canada.

A resounding message from the Conference was that greenbelts provide many essential benefits. Speakers and delegates identified universal and well established benefits to the people who live and work in greenbelts and surrounding communities, such as: clean air, clean water; fresh, healthy local food; flood protection; nature experience and education, and cultural heritage protection. These greenbelt functions are vital to society and even more so in light of changing global conditions such as water scarcity, population growth, climate change, and rising oil prices.

The result of the Conference was a call to action to establish a Global Greenbelts Network to collaborate and provide support to emerging and existing greenbelts by sharing research, planning tools, technical expertise, and lessons learned.

The steering committee for the Global Greenbelts Network is in the process of being finalized and we ask that you join the Global Greenbelts Network list-serv.



The initial purpose of the list-serv will be:

- a) For the steering committee to communication with you and vice versa
- b) To share tools and resources
- c) To share ideas/efforts/information with each other

To subscribe to the list-serv email: [globalgreenbeltsnetwork-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:globalgreenbeltsnetwork-subscribe@yahoo.com)

To post to the list-serv email: [globalgreenbeltsnetwork@yahoo.com](mailto:globalgreenbeltsnetwork@yahoo.com)

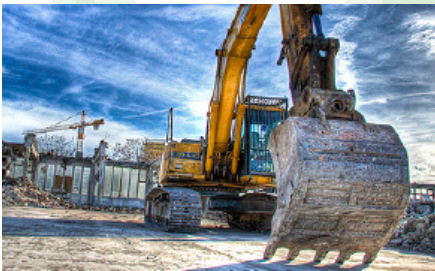
Home page for the list-serv: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/globalgreenbeltsnetwork/>

Thanks,

*The Global Greenbelts Network*

## IN OTHER NEWS...

### CONSTRUCTION LIEN ACT



Recent amendments have been made to the Construction Lien Act, effective **July 1st, 2011**. These amendments, which were included in the Open for Business Act, 2010, relate to sheltered lien claimants, the notice of the intention to register a condominium and the affidavit of verification.

For more information, [view the letter](#) on our website.

### OALA SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

So you think you're an AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER? Prove it!

This is an open invitation for any OALA member, associate, or landscape architecture student to submit their own works of art, so you can be judged, critiqued and scrutinized by your peers, colleagues, friends and future peers, colleagues, and friends. Judging will be open to all OALA members online after the photo submission deadline of **August 31st**.

The themes are: HABITAT or LINES

Full competition guidelines can be found on the OALA website, Call For Submissions page, [click here](#).

The winners will be unveiled at a downtown Toronto social evening in the early fall. All of the submissions will be displayed and prizes will be awarded to the top three photos for each theme.

We look forward to your participation!

*The SoComm*



## COMING EVENTS...

### TORONTO GALLERY + BEER SOCIAL



It is time to let loose and have some fun with your fellow L.A.s!

On **Wednesday July 13th**, please meet us in the main foyer of the Art Gallery of Ontario (317 Dundas Street West) at 6:30pm for free general admission. The party will move to the Village Idiot Pub (126 McCaul Street) across the street at 8:00pm for some not so serious conversations. Bring your colleague/friends, more the merrier - SoComm will see you there!

### GREEN DRINKS TORONTO



The members of the Social Committee invite you to join them at Green Drinks on **July 20th** from 6-9p.m. at Grace O'Malley's at 14 Duncan Street in downtown Toronto. Green Drink nights are held the third Wednesday of every month and are usually free of charge. 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!

<http://www.greendrinks.org/ON/Toronto>

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