

OALA NEWS

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OALA STAFF UPDATE

We would like to announce and congratulate Aina Budrevics for formally taking on the Administrator position. Our Registrar, Karen Savoie, will be retiring at the end of 2011, and we welcome her replacement Linda MacLeod, who is already working and being trained as of October 3rd. We look forward to searching for a suitable Coordinator to round out our excellent staff line up!

OALA AGM ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2012 OALA AGM is scheduled for Friday, March 23rd, 2012. For the first time, we will be holding this event in the municipal environment at the Town of Markham. We will have the unique ability to hold the event in the Municipal Chambers. This will be an engaging AGM and Conference, and we ask that you put this date in your calendars. More details regarding the program will be available in the new year.

CEC BREAKFAST SEMINAR: SITE LIGHTING 101

The OALA Breakfast Seminar series continues, with a seminar on Thursday, November 24, 2011. This is an introduction to landscape lighting for members wishing to increase their knowledge in this area, as well as an update with respect to current trends in the industry. We welcome speakers Ann Jung and Rudy Ponce from Salix-Marnik Inc. This breakfast seminar will take place at the Old Mill in Toronto from 8:00a.m.-10:30a.m. Registration is extended to Monday, November 21st. [Click here for complete details and online registration.](#)

2012 OALA AWARDS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The call for nominations has been circulated to all members and complete details are posted on the website, [click here](#). The OALA Honours and Awards are the highest recognition the Association can bestow on its members and the general public. Each OALA member plays an important part in the integrity and success of the program by identifying and nominating deserving candidates for the various awards. OALA members are invited to nominate deserving fellow members and others for awards and honours, to be presented in 2012. The deadline to submit nominations is Wednesday, November 30th.

2012 LARE TRANSITION

For information about the 2012 L.A.R.E. Transition, please [click this link](#). CLARB has prepared this information to aid exam candidates with understanding when the transition will occur and how it will impact them.

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IN OTHER NEWS...

CLARB Defines 'Public Welfare'

"CLARB sponsored this groundbreaking research to help the organization and its member licensure boards better understand the relationship between the licensed practice of landscape architecture and public welfare," noted CLARB Executive Director Joel Albizo, "and to ensure that it was properly recognized in the licensure examination." He added that the findings have generated "substantial interest" inside and outside the profession and that the organization is working to share these new insights more broadly. [Click here to read the entire article.](#)

Shade in Design

Prompted by the Toronto Board of Health, we encourage all members to engage with their municipal shade policy groups. The committee in Toronto formed over a decade ago conducts projects which are spearheading in their Canadian context. Their work has given rise to a City policy, which links to the Green Standard, and a comprehensive guidelines document. The guidelines contain a range of simple, accessible design tools of interest to community groups as well as Landscape Architects.

These resources are available by [clicking this link.](#)

We welcome inquiries from colleagues across Ontario to help develop their local strategies, or assist in the use of the tools. For more information, resources (including a summary of the guidelines) or collaboration contact shade@toronto.ca

City of Ottawa Urban Design Awards

At Parkdale Park, canopies become canted kites suspended in the blue sky, bright red concrete balls are giant tomatoes to teeter on and the fieldhouse changes colour on approach ...the imagination of a child at play. The re-design of Parkdale Park was inspired by the fantasy world of a child and the bulbous colours of the Parkdale Market. The designers took the idea of having fun seriously and asked the question "how would Ottawa's littlest citizens make a park?" [Click here](#) for a full description of the Park. Park designer Kaja Cerveny, previous member of AALA, has applied for full membership with the OALA. The Award of Excellence for this park is a testament to the value of enriching our membership with colleagues from other provinces.

PROJECT CREDITS: Award of Excellence – Public Places and Civic Spaces
Parkdale Park and Fieldhouse Redevelopment (366 Parkdale Avenue)
Kaja Cerveny - Douglas Associates Landscape Architects Ltd., (prime consultant) and Anthony Bruni, James Colizza and Nic de Socio - Colizza Bruni Architecture; Dorel Mihai - Star Engineering; Guy-Olivier Mauzeroll and Scott Cooper - McKee Engineering; Dave Yaeger - Delcan; Bruce Meiklejohn - Martin Conboy Lighting Design; Sandra Pilgrim, Joanne Moran, Kevin Wherry, Paul Landry and Nancy Jackson - City of Ottawa
Project Owner/Developer: City of Ottawa





City of Toronto Urban Design Awards

Every other year, the City of Toronto holds Urban Design Awards to acknowledge the significant contribution that architects, landscape architects, urban designers, artists, design students, and city builders make to the look and liveability of our city. The OALA would like to extend congratulations to all OALA members who received awards. The Awards competition offers the opportunity to receive city-wide recognition from an independent jury of design professionals. This year saw an impressive 129 submissions containing a variety of built projects, visions and master plans, and student works. [Click here](#) to see a list of the winning entries.

The OALA would like to thank OALA members Christine Abe and Greg Smallenberg for their contributions on the Jury. [Follow this link](#) to read a Toronto Star article, where Christine Abe gives her comments.

COMING EVENTS...

Check the coming events page, with the new calendar format, on the OALA website regularly! More coming events of interest to our members are listed daily.

Please note in your calendars the three annual OALA events planned for 2012: Ski day: February 17 | AGM and Conference: March 23 | Golf Day: August

OALA 2012 Ski Day

The 2012 OALA Annual Ski Day is booked for Friday, February 17th. While we have enjoyed Craigeith Ski Club's hospitality over last several years, we have decided to switch things up and move farther down the ridge in Collingwood to Alpine Ski Club. This event always turns out to be a lot of fun for the members and their family and friends who attend. We will notify you when more information is available.

UofT Daniels Faculty Announces B.E.S.T. Lectures

The John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design is pleased to announce this year's **Building, Ecology, Science and Technology (B.E.S.T.)** Lecture Series. Our list of impressive speakers includes: Stephen Pope from Natural Resources Canada, Ernesto Morales from CRIUGM, Stephen Carpenter from Enermodal Engineering, and David Phillips from Environment Canada. For more information, [click here](#).



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