



## Associates News: JULY 2011

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### *New Website:*

Have you checked out the new and improved OALA website yet? The switch 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 the previous host, there are elements of the site that have yet to be fully constructed. The membership database will be available to members soon, along with the ability to pay for conferences and dues. Keep the website bookmarked ([www.oala.ca](http://www.oala.ca)) and check for updates regularly!

### *L.A.R.E. Update:*

The next sitting of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (L.A.R.E.) will be for multiple choice exams A, B, and D from September 12-25th. Register before August 19th, to get \$25 off your exam fee!

Scores from the June 2011 Vignette exams (C, E) will be posted online during the first week of September. The LARE is administered across North America only on dates established by CLARB (see [www.clarb.org](http://www.clarb.org)). The graphic sections of the exam are administered by the OALA in Ontario.

### *OALA Library Exam Resources:*

The OALA library located at their downtown Toronto office include many of the books on the LARE reading lists, and can be a valuable resource for those without their own. Drop by weekdays before 5 pm (call first to ensure staff will be present)) to sign books out, or if you don't live in Toronto, just call or email to request that the books will be snail-mailed to you (all you have to do is mail the books back when you're finished!).

### *OALA Photography Competition:*

Submit your works of photographic art to be critiqued and scrutinized by your peers, colleagues, and friends! Individuals can submit up to three photos for each of the themes: Habitat or Lines. Visit [oala.ca](http://oala.ca) for more details.

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### Upcoming Socials:

We want to meet you this summer! Come out to one or all of the great events the Social Committee (SoComm) and the OALA have planned for the next few months:

AGO Gallery + Drinks: It's time to 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!

GreenDrinks: The SoComm invite you to join them at Green Drinks on Wednesday, 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 to network internally with other OALA members in attendance. See you there!

[www.greendrinks.org/ON/Toronto](http://www.greendrinks.org/ON/Toronto)

OALA 9th Annual Golf Tournament: The Tournament will take place on Friday, August 12, 2011, at Granite Ridge Golf Club in Milton. Registration is available online, with fantastic early bird prices and prizes for those who register prior to July 15th! Early bird prizes include two pairs of Toronto Argonaut tickets, valued at \$150 a pair! Be sure to get them before prices go up. Register at [www.oala.ca](http://www.oala.ca).

### Past Events:

We are pleased to announce that the Blue Jays + Steam Whistle night on Tuesday, April 27th was a roaring success! Amongst other things, we enjoyed meeting Ace, the Jays' mascot, beers at the Steam Whistle brewery, and a work out during the 7th inning stretch! The Jays lost 6-7 against the Pittsburgh Pirates, but it didn't put a damper on our spirits!

Due to overwhelming demand, we will be holding this event once again in August - Stay tuned for more information.



### Your Voice Heard:

In an effort to revitalize the *Associates Newsletter*, we would like to hear from you!

Send in your:

- L.A. related photos
- PDP horror stories
- Book reviews
- Tips, tricks, and whatever else you would like to share with your colleagues.

### Contact Us:

To make a submission to the Newsletter, ask questions, or just say hello, feel free to contact us, your friendly Associate Reps, Neeltje or Jon, at:  
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