

OALA NEWS

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WELCOME TO RONDA KELLINGTON NEW OALA ADMINISTRATOR

The OALA Council is pleased to introduce the new OALA Administrator, Ronda Kellington. Ronda comes to the OALA with many years as an Association Executive recently serving as the Executive Director of the Playwrights Guild of Canada, a national arts advocacy organization. She also served as the Executive Director of the Literary Press Group of Canada. Ronda has a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Art History), studied public relations, and is currently working towards her Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation. She has worked primarily in the print and publishing industry, the healthcare sector and the housing sector, as founding director of a housing co-operative in downtown Toronto. Ronda has experience preparing and implementing strategic plans and is a sales and marketing specialist, having operated her own sales and marketing agency for international publishers.

On behalf of the membership, I want to welcome Ronda to the OALA and thank Karen and Aina for their extra help and service to the association while the search process was underway. We have a GREAT team committed to serving the OALA membership.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Stasiuk,
OALA President



OALA AGM 2010 IN OTTAWA

The 42nd OALA Annual General meeting will be held in Ottawa on June 5, 2010. The Ottawa AGM Committee under the Chair of Diane Matichuk, has organized an event you don't want to miss. The venue is the newly renovated Museum of Nature and the host hotel is the Hotel Indigo. In addition to speakers and tours where you can earn continuing education points, the city is holding its Doors Open Ottawa event where you can get access behind closed doors. Information is now posted on the website and the on-line registration is active. Sign up today while it is fresh on your mind.

Visit the [OALA 2010 AGM Official Site Click Here](#)

Tour the newly renovated [Museum of Nature Click Here](#)





OALA AGM 2010 IN OTTAWA cont'd.....

The Hotel Indigo Ottawa is our host hotel– a newly renovated boutique hotel located in downtown Ottawa on 123 Metcalfe at Laurier. The OALA has reserved a block of rooms and obtained a special rate at the Hotel Indigo Ottawa of \$127/day for a standard room available only by reservation up to May 5, 2010.

Guests are to make their own reservations by calling 613-231-6555 or 1-877-660-8550, visiting www.ottawadowntownhotel.com, emailing reservations@ottawadowntownhotel.com, or clicking **reservations**.

You must use promo code: **LAN**



OALA SKI DAY 2010 A GREAT SUCCESS

The OALA Annual Ski Day took place on February 12th at Craigeleith Ski Club in Collingwood. The day itself has given members an opportunity to meet and network with other OALA members and industry professionals in a relaxed and social setting. Thanks to the organizing committee co-chairs Don Naylor and Glenn O'Connor, the 75 OALA members, sponsors and friends who attended, deemed it a success and a great time was had by all! We enjoyed the privacy of the North Lodge and were fortunate with beautiful conditions.



After lunch many participated in the Fun Race on Little John. For the second year in a row Steven Wimmer and daughter Zoe topped the men's and women's fastest time ski category podium. The fastest men's snowboard run was by Mike Hunter, and Eha Naylor was the women's snowboard gold medalist. Linda Constable won the women's time match and our President, Lawrence Stasiuk, won the men's match-your-time run, only being 0.01 seconds off his previous run. After the fun on the hill, everyone gathered for the après ski festivities, sporting their "Olympic Spirit" gear.



As always, we want to thank our sponsors for helping make this day possible. The OALA was able to raise the funds which are donated each year to support landscape architecture programs at the University of Guelph and University of Toronto. Numerous promotional products were generously donated to the prize table. The OALA provided a number of these prizes to the students of the University of Toronto and University of Guelph. These students are the future of our association and as in past events, the students are very appreciative of great products and wear them with style. Thank you to all our sponsors and those who donated items. Please plan to join us next year on February 11th at Craigeleith's North Lodge for Ski Day 2011!

See the OALA website for more photos. [Click here for Social Events/Ski Day.](#)



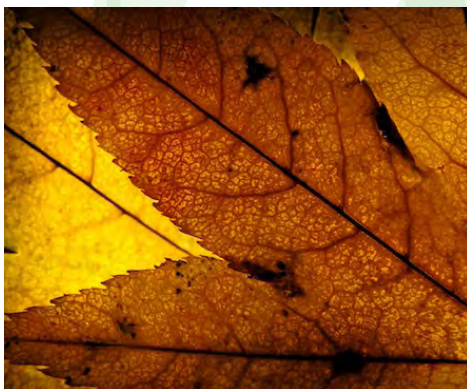
SOCIAL COMMITTEE - UPCOMING EVENTS

Since forming last year, the Social Committee under the co-chairs of Diane Leal and Fiona Rintoul, have organized several successful events. These included the Nuit Blanche crawl, curling bonspiel and the upcoming social night at the Albion Hotel. Look forward to the report on the bonspiel in the next issue of the News.

The OALA Spring Social is taking place in Guelph on Wednesday, April 28th, 2010 at the Albion Hotel, 49 Norfolk St. Guelph, ON from 6-8:30pm. This is a family friendly event for OALA Members, Associates and Students of Landscape Architecture. Come and celebrate World Landscape Architecture Month with us! Guelph supports free 3 hour on street parking.

View the OALA WLAM page, click here

To view the invite please click here



OALA STAFF PROFILES

Now that we have filled our staff complement, we thought we'd provide a brief summary of who does what and who you should contact. Please click to view the **OALA organizational chart**.

Ronda Kellington is the senior staff member responsible for administrative support to Council and the Executive Committee. As well she is responsible for preparing and implementing strategic plans, administering the Complaint and Disciplinary process, supporting the delivery of OALA programs, creating internal & external promotion, public relations, sponsorship and advertising revenue generation, and liaising with the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects. Ronda can be reached at **Oalaadmin@oala.ca** or by calling (416) 231-4181 ext 2.

Our other senior staff member is Registrar Karen Savoie. Karen is responsible for maintaining accurate and current membership records, financial records, the delivery of the OALA's examination processes, and providing assistance to the Examining Board. Karen is also responsible for the daily administration and operations of the organization. Karen can be reached at **Registrar@oala.ca** or by calling (416) 231-4181 ext 3.



Aina Budrevics splits her time as Membership Co-ordinator and Program Co-ordinator, under the supervision of Ronda and Karen. Her responsibilities include providing membership services, administering the Professional Development Program, assisting with the LARE, implementing programs such as advertising sales for Ground and OALA website posting. Aina also supports OALA committees, internal and external promotion and public relations. Aina may be reached at **Coordinator@oala.ca** or by calling (416) 231-4181 ext 1.



APRIL IS WORLD LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE MONTH (WLAM)

Every April Canadian landscape architects join their colleagues around the world to celebrate our profession. April is notable for Earth Day (April 22nd) and the birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted (April 27th), founder of the landscape architecture profession in North America. It's a perfect month to share our profession and reach out to our communities. Consider these important dates and messages as you plan your events.

To get more information on WLAM and to download the CSLA WLAM logo and poster please visit the **OALA WLAM** or the **CSLA WLAM** website.

Just a reminder that **Earth Day this year is on April 22, 2010**



UofG MASTERS STUDENTS RECEIVE HONOURABLE MENTION

Three University of Guelph Master of Landscape Architecture students received an honourable mention for their submission to the Atlanta, Georgia Park Pride student design competition. The focus this year was 'design for the new economy'. The entry by Robert Cram, Philip Dixon and James Giddings, 'Tabula Rasa', demonstrates the park's physical evolution over the next 40 years under the influence of climate change, declining supplies of oil and community reformation. Congratulations for this accomplishment.

See info on the conference by clicking here.

View their submissions on the OALA website by clicking here.



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