

OALA NEWS

Ontario Association of Landscape Architects

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DATE SET FOR 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thanks to all who filled out the AGM survey in August. We had a very healthy 40% response rate! Based on the information we received the 2011 OALA AGM will take place on **Friday, March 4th, 2011**. The meeting will take place in Toronto, not Niagara. Specifics on venue will follow at a later date.

Members were clear that the AGM needs to take place as early in the year as possible, before the busy spring and summer seasons. Early March accommodates that request, and gives us the time required to have our audited financial statements prepared. With the meeting moving to early March, Niagara no longer seemed the best location – weather can be unpredictable that time of year for those driving and many of the highlights in the region are best enjoyed in warmer weather.

We'll be looking to include an exciting educational program along with the Annual General Meeting. Members are eager for interesting educational sessions was another message from the survey. We're also pursuing the option of web-conferencing for the AGM portion of the day-long event because the survey told us it's an excellent way to involve people who can't be there in-person.

Details on all the survey questions are presented on the OALA website. If you have further questions about the survey results, don't hesitate to contact OALA Administrator, Ronda Kellington at oalaadmin@oala.ca.

TWO NEW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ON COUNCIL

The OALA Council has two new student representatives from University of Guelph and University of Toronto.

Leila Fazel, the University of Guelph Student Representative, is currently in the first year of the MLA program. Her background includes a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Simon Fraser University with subsequent professional experience as a Project Assistant for the Design Manager of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Village. During the upcoming year on Council, Leila's goal is to increase student involvement with OALA.

Peggy Chi, the University of Toronto Student Representative, was born in Taichung, Taiwan and grew up in Mississauga. She received a Bachelor of Architectural Science from Ryerson University. After graduation Peggy worked on projects in London (UK) and Milano (Italy). Peggy is currently in her second year of the MLA program. While studying at U of T, she has had a summer internship at J & L Gibbons in London (UK) where she worked primarily on Pitzhanger Manor Walpole Park, a registered historic park in the London Borough of Ealing, that geared her interest towards historic studies of communities.





DEADLINE FOR ORDERING SECTION C&E FOR THE DECEMBER SITTING OF THE LARE

If you haven't already registered, please download the order form [here](#) and submit it to the OALA office by **October 7, 2010 at 5p.m.**

NEWS FROM UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

Guelph's first 2010 visiting scholar is Nadia Amoroso. She will be teaching the first year grad class and contributing to intellectual discussion with students and faculty during the fall. This program is largely supported through the OALA endowment fund. The school very much appreciates this support from the OALA membership knowing that it will be a wonderful way to connect practitioners to the academic realm. A call for next year's visiting scholar will be made in late winter.

In late August MBTW/Watchorn held a very successful golf day to honour the memory of Peter Kanitsch. To reflect Peter's life of giving and mentoring the Kanitsch family and MBTW chose to donate proceeds from the wonderful day to Landscape Architecture at the University of Guelph. A student scholarship will soon be created.

To better reflect the program, the School of Landscape Architecture at the U of G has undertaken the redevelopment of the front of the building. With no financial support from the University the school and students have poured a concrete plaza, planted significant gardens and installed site furniture. The space has quickly become a gathering point for students from all over the campus.

Also, the University of Guelph proudly announces the launch of **The BetterPlanet Project** - an ambitious plan to accelerate research that will help people around the world improve the quality of their food, their environment, their health and their communities. The BetterPlanet Project is more than a fundraising campaign; it is a call to action. Watch the BetterPlanet Project launch on video, [click here](#).



NEWS FROM UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

The Fall 2010 Lecture Series // Daniels // University of Toronto has been announced. Lectures run throughout October and November. For the complete list of speakers go to:
www.daniels.utoronto.ca/daniels_fall_2010_lecture_series

COMING EVENTS

Please click this link to view these events, and more!

The Permitting Process Can Be Daunting!

The Toronto Chapter of Landscape Ontario is holding an educational event on Thursday, October 7th from 6:30-9:00 pm at the Toronto Botanical Gardens. Click here to view the flyer.

And don't forget OALA's Green Roof Seminar: LET'S RAISE THE ROOF! Register on-line now!

Friday, October 22nd from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Toronto Botanical Garden. Our expert panellists will lead you through a discussion of:

- Creating green roofs on small and large buildings
- Design approaches and documentation
- Success and pitfalls from existing projects
- Planning and bylaws
- Ensuring Landscape Architects are green roof leaders



MEMBER NEWS

Walter Kehm is pleased to announce that LANDinc has won the international competition for the planning and design of Morocco's first "green city." The Nouvelle Ville de Zenata will be located adjacent to Casablanca with a build out population of 500,000 people. The team will include many University of Guelph graduates including **Patrick Morello**, Rob LeBlanc, **Jeff Bray**, **Jill Robertson**, **Karen Arnold** and Jeff Cutler. An extensive team of physical and social scientists, landscape architects, architects, planners and economists will be assembling in Morocco on September 25th. Walter will be the principal in charge of this fascinating project. LANDinc also announces that Patrick Morello has moved to Abu Dhabi with his family to continue the growth of the firm's work in the Middle East and North Africa. Major projects include the planning and design of a new community of 30,000 people on the Mediterranean coast near Alexandria, Egypt (construction is well advanced) and the continuation of work on the recently completed Luxor low-income housing development using traditional building materials and labour skills. He will continue working with his Ontario and Canadian clients through Go-To meetings, video conferencing and frequent return visits.

IN OTHER NEWS

The Final Proposed Accessible Built Environment Standard, as part of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, has now been posted on the Ministry of Community and Social Services' website.

The initial proposed standard was released for its mandatory public review period from July 14, 2009 to October 16, 2009. The committee then revised the initial proposed standard to reflect the public's input resulting in the Final Proposed Accessible Built Environment Standard. The final proposed standard has now been submitted to the government for consideration, it is not law.

Those interested in reading the ABE-SDC's final proposed standard can find more information on the Ministry of Community and Social Services' website at: <http://www.ontario.ca/accesson>

