

OALA NEWS

Ontario Association of Landscape Architects

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OALA AGM

Everything is set to go for the AGM and Conference on Friday, March 23rd. Registration is now available online, along with program details and more! This year we will be offering a free shuttle bus from Union Station and a location in North York to make the venue more accessible and the commute more green! If it

is not possible for you to attend in person, **please remember to send your proxy**, and for the first time we will be audio streaming the Annual Meeting, so you may listen in online! As further details become available they will be found on the website - **click here**. The documents that will be found in the conference package can be found in the member's area of the website.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION: Lafarge Industry Tour

The first tour on **Friday, March 2nd** at the Lafarge Technical Centre in Toronto sold out so quickly and there was still a high demand, that LaFarge has offered to hold another seminar on **Thursday, April 5th**. A few spots still remain for this event, so please contact Joanna at coordinator@oala.ca to register! The price is \$30. Representatives from their authorized contractor network will be on hand to co-present case studies. The case studies covered will include: Commercial Decorative Concrete, a Residential Project, Institutional Pervious Concrete, as well as product demonstrations and explanations. A light lunch will be served at the end of the presentation, and the presentation team will remain available for Q&A.

CALL FOR OALA REPRESENTATIVE ON OPA

An opportunity has arisen for an OALA member to sit on the OPA Board. OPA has an excellent team of Directors, and these vacancies have occurred as a result of promotions for each member to jobs in British Columbia in the Parks related field. OPA is very flexible and accommodating and would welcome representation from the OALA. Although they do not have a formal term of reference for their Director positions here are the basic commitments and qualifications:

- You must be a Full Member, Full Waiver or Emeritus Member of the OALA to qualify for this position.
- There are approximately 6 to 8 meetings per year (approved call in or skype as an attendance option if required).
- It is encouraged that each board member engage and or lead

a subcommittee of their interest and appropriate fit.

- The Board member must respond to the OPA office when requested, regarding policy, industry queries, or requests for advice on various Parks sector issues.
- The Board members provide input and expertise and strategic direction on training programs, grant opportunities, financial investments, expenditures, relative Parks related policy, partnership opportunities, and stakeholder relationships.
- The Board member should attend and participate in specific fund raising events or educational forums.
- As a not for profit most of the Directors have their mileage covered by their municipality or organization, however when that is not possible then OPA cover mileage at 50 cents per kilometre.

Please e-mail Aina at oaladmin@oala.ca if you are interested in this Board position.



2012 OALA SKI DAY SUCCESS!

The OALA hosted its 2012 Ski Day on **Friday, February 17th** this year at a new hill, Alpine Ski Club in Collingwood. The weather was crisp and beautiful, and fun was had by all. The fun race after lunch always elicits much excitement. We congratulate the winners of the Match Your Time and Fastest Run categories. Fastest time was won by **Steven Wimmer** (in 13.81 seconds) and there was a tie between **Eriks Kalvins** and **Jeffrey Beaton** who both matched their two runs with only a difference of 0.13 seconds!

Thank you to all our sponsors and everyone who came out to participate in the day. Ski Day is a wonderful way to help OALA support Landscape Architecture at both the University of Guelph and University of Toronto. All surplus proceeds from Ski Day go directly to student scholarships, endowment funds and to support lecture series.



OALA HOCKEY NIGHT IN ONTARIO!

Hockey Night in Ontario was a great success, with fifty participants coming out between the Ottawa and Toronto locations for a night of enjoying food, conversation and the iconic Canadian sport!

The Ottawa event drew a crowd that included members from as far as the Kingston area, while others made the trek to Toronto from all over the GTA, Pickering and Cobourg.

Lafarge Concrete sponsored pre-game cocktail soirees at both locations, with delicious appetizers and drinks. Our guests and neighbouring fans may have overheard conversations about writing the LAREs, construction materials, tales of LA student life, interesting projects and topics that had nothing to do with landscape architecture, but everything to do with enjoying an afternoon in good company. The event ended on a high note for all, with the Marlies and Senators winning both home games.



Toronto

Ottawa

Thanks to Lafarge for the generous sponsorship and to all participants for your enthusiastic attendance!

IN OTHER NEWS...

George Baird: A question of influence

Toronto, ON - On **March 9 and 10**, the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design is holding a symposium to celebrate Professor Emeritus George Baird's lifetime of achievement. Over the course of his remarkable career as an architect and educator, Baird has had a profound influence on the way architects, city planners, and politicians in Toronto, and beyond, think about architecture and how our cities are designed. [Click here to view more.](#)

Winter Issue of Landscapes | Paysages from the CSLA


Are any of you wondering what has become of our Andrew Anderson? That man has left for the edge of the Earth and the current issue of Landscapes | Paysages tells the story. Other highlights for the good people of Ontario: Neil Turnbull is design/build writ large and the Ottawa Botanical Garden Society reveals a grand (et grande aussi) vision for the future. [Click here to view more.](#)

LACF Awards \$20,000 in Grants for 2012

The Landscape Architecture Canada Foundation (LACF) is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2012 grants in support of research, communication and scholarship. "The Foundation is proud to support these exemplary projects that reflect the expanding role landscapes play in providing social, ecological and economic benefits to society", said LACF president, Cecelia Paine, FCSLA. "We look forward to the proponents sharing the results of their work through online resources and print publication, thus multiplying the impact of each grant." [Click here to view the entire list of recipients.](#)

The McMichael Tree Project: Gallery Celebrates Legacy through the Universal Story of the Tree, January 28 to April 22, 2012

This winter and spring, the McMichael presents The McMichael Tree Project, celebrating the artistic, cultural, and natural aspects of the tree with two breathtaking exhibitions, a variety of programs, and special installations. The



McMichael Tree Project runs from **January 28 until Earth Day on April 22, 2012**, during which time there will be a number of exciting programs, events, and festivals—from traditional Sweetgrass ceremonies and drumming circles, to interactive nature hikes, to hands-on art workshops and wonderful children's performances. Complete information can be found at: www.mcmichael.com.

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