CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR OALA AWARDS 2021

Introduction

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. These awards complement the CSLA Awards and Honors Program https://www.csla-aapc.ca/awards/awards-honors which recognizes the work of members.

OALA members are invited to nominate deserving fellow members and others for awards and honours, to be presented at the OALA Annual Awards Ceremony. There are several awards to be considered that are described below. All nominations shall meet the eligibility criteria of the awards listed below. Submit the nominations to the OALA office addressed to the Honours, Awards and Protocol (HAP) Committee, chaired by the immediate Past President. The committee will review all nominations and then forward its recommendations to Council. Council will then vote on the recommendations and winners are selected.

Nominations may be made at any time and will be reviewed at the earliest possible opportunity. For consideration at the next awards ceremony, nominations must be received by the Nomination deadline – November 30, 2020.

Note: extensions may be offered at the discretion of the HAP Committee where additional time is requested or required for a complete nomination.

The awards for consideration are as follows:

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All OALA members who are nominated must be in good standing with the OALA to receive the award. Nominees’ membership status will be confirmed with the OALA Registrar prior to recommendation to Council.
**The Process**

All award nominations will follow a review process. Inquiries and nominations should be made to the attention of the Chair, OALA Honours, Awards and Protocol Committee.

Contact Information:
- Attention: Chair of OALA Honours, Awards and Protocol Committee
- 3 Church Street, Suite 506,
- Toronto, Ontario M5E 1M2
- tel: 416-231-4181
- fax: 416-231-2679
- email: executivedirector@oala.ca

Concise submissions are appreciated, and should be limited to a maximum of 1000 words.

The nominee’s contact information must be provided with the submission. Those selected to receive an award, may be contacted to provide some photo samples of their work for the awards presentation.

Please fill out the nomination forms that have been provided for each award, and attach any additional documentation when making the submission. Click here to view a file with all the nomination form.

Nominations that are not successful may resubmit an amended submission for consideration the following year or at a later date.

**Selection Procedure:**

The nomination shall stress how the nominee’s contribution emulates the fundamental principles of the OALA’s Mission, Vision and Core Values in the advancement of health and safety. The nomination may also highlight where appropriate, how the work or individual or group exhibits environmental responsiveness to climate change and/or demonstrates the dismantling of social and racial injustice and celebrates diversity and equity. These are considered valuable assets to any nomination.

The HAP Committee shall review each nomination to determine if they meet the eligibility criteria of each award. The HAP Committee may request additional information from the nominator to better understand the member, person or work to be awarded. One award in each category may be selected each year, however, if no qualifying nomination is received or there are no nominations, an award may not be presented.

**Note:** Some awards may have multiple recipients if the calibre of nominations warrants additional recognition.

The HAP Committee will forward its recommendation of the selected nominees to the OALA Council for approval. The successful recipients and nominators will be notified and invited to attend the OALA’s annual award presentation ceremony.
The Award:

The Award certificate shall be presented bearing the name and seal of the OALA, the name of the award and the recipient’s name(s). The recipient(s) shall be entered in the awards records of the Association and will be further celebrated and acknowledged through the OALA’s various communication tools, such as in the annual awards issue of Ground: Landscape Architects Quarterly, the monthly association newsletter, posting online and on social media.
1) **OALA PINNACLE AWARD FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE**

**The Award**

This award acknowledges excellence by an OALA member and their exemplary overall body of professional work and accomplishments. The award promotes awareness of landscape architectural works and achievements among landscape architects, allied professionals, clients and the public.

A maximum of one award will be given annually.

**The Nominee**

To be considered, the nominee must be a Full Member of the OALA practicing in Ontario, in Canada and/or around the world.

**Nominator and Endorser**

The nominator must be a Full Member or a Committee of the OALA.

In addition to the nominator: A minimum of 2 letters of endorsement are required, signed by members from any category of the OALA membership (not including student or affiliate members).

**Submission Requirements and Evaluation Criteria**

The submission may highlight the accomplishments of a specific project or projects and draw attention to an overall lifetime body of work, which demonstrates outstanding professional accomplishment in such areas as:

- **Design** – newly constructed or renovated sites of specific works in landscape architectural design including residential, urban, commercial, industrial or institutional designs, parks and recreational facilities, historic preservation and restoration, transportation, landscape conservancy and reclamation, as well as landscape as an art form, among others.

- **Planning and Analysis** – urban, rural, community and regional planning involving various landscape analysis such as environmental assessments, suitability studies, natural and visual resource inventories, and post-construction evaluations.

- **Research** – original studies, theses or reports which give evidence of a thorough examination of a problem or issue, using analytical methods which support original findings, and/or solutions which are of value to the profession.

- **Communication** – written or published documents and audio/visual presentation materials intended for use within and/or outside the profession (technical books, publications or films related to such topic as documentaries, landscape architectural history, art and plant material catalogues, etc.).
Non-traditional areas of practice – un-built commissions, concepts, project management (e.g. events), innovation/leading edge projects prepared for and accepted by a client.

The award recipient and nominator will be asked to assist the OALA and its HAP Committee with materials they have available (display boards, slides, models, etc.) to appropriately document and publicize the award.

Previous Recipients

Recent recipients of the OALA Pinnacle Award for Landscape Architectural Excellence are:

2020 Jim Melvin
2019 Carolyn Woodland
2018 David Leinster
2016 Cecelia Paine
2014 Eha Naylor

A full list of recipients of the OALA Pinnacle Award for Landscape Architectural Excellence since 2002 is available on the OALA website. Note this award has not been awarded every year.

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2) OALA EMERITUS MEMBER

The Award

The Emeritus Member category is provided for in By-Law 6.5 of the Association by-laws. Members granted Emeritus status are Full Members of OALA who have ceased full time practice. Emeritus members are entitled to all the privileges of Full Membership (from the Full Membership category they came from before Emeritus) but shall not pay membership dues.

The Nominee

Emeritus candidates are retired members that have made significant contributions to the profession and the Association during their career. Candidates for Emeritus Membership must currently hold the status of ‘Retired Member’ (refer to the OALA Handbook for definitions).

Only candidates holding ‘Retired Member’ status with the OALA for a minimum of 1 year will qualify for nomination.

Nominator and Endorser

The Nominator must be a Full Member (in any subcategory) of the Association (refer to the OALA Handbook for definitions).

Two additional endorsement letters, one that shall be from a Full Member, are required as part of the submission.

Submission Requirements

Nomination letters are to provide a brief written summary of the reasons for the candidate’s nomination and outline the accomplishments and significant contributions the nominee has made to the profession and/or the Association.

The appropriateness of the nomination is based on:

- Names of projects and the clients for whom they were completed, OR
- Names of public agencies, educational institutions or private offices for whom the candidate may have excelled in administrative work, OR
- The names of volunteer agencies or organizations and examples of direct or indirect service to the Association, OR
- A combination of the above.

Outstanding contributions will generally be considered as those that are above and beyond that which is normally provided by a member of the profession and which is of Provincial significance.

A complete professional resume of the nominee must accompany the nomination.
Emeritus Membership Approval

Emeritus membership is judiciously bestowed upon Retired Members of the OALA by the Association.

Submissions are reviewed by the OALA HAP Committee for compliance with Emeritus Membership qualifications.

Final selection and granting of OALA Emeritus Member status is subject to a vote in Council.

Nominations for Emeritus membership, not granted in the year applied for may reapply in a future year for consideration with an amended application.

Posthumous candidate nominations are not considered.

Should a person awarded Emeritus Membership status return to practice as a landscape architect:

- Their Emeritus Member status will be revoked, and
- They shall return the OALA Emeritus Member award certificate to the OALA Registrar, and
- They shall assume all dues associated with the OALA membership category in which they are returning.

Previous Recipients

Recent recipients of OALA Emeritus Membership include:

- 2018 - Robert Norman
- 2018 - Greg Heine
- 2018 - Richard Bondi
- 2016 - Robert Hilton
- 2015 - Marius Ois
- 2014 - Ed Fife

A full list of recipients of the OALA Emeritus Members, since its establishment in 1981, is available on the OALA website. Note this award has not been awarded every year.

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3) OALA PUBLIC PRACTICE AWARD

The Award

This award acknowledges the outstanding leadership of a member of the profession in public service who promotes and enhances landscape architecture by working for improved understanding and appreciation of the work of landscape architects in both public and private practice. The award may be given to an individual in recognition of a specific project, or for a body of work or for exemplary leadership or advocacy.

Nominee

This award will be given to an individual Full Member of the OALA working in public practice.

Nominator and Endorser:

The nominator must be either a Full Member of the OALA, or a Committee of the OALA.

Submission Requirements and Evaluation Criteria:

Individual work or body of work, leadership or advocacy should be referenced in the submission. The submission shall address the following points and conditions:

- The individual to be honoured is to be practicing in a public service environment located within the Province of Ontario.
- Emphasis on the significance of the contributions and impact the individual’s work has made upon the public realm through design and/or public policy, highlighting specific characteristics and features that demonstrate their commitment in the following areas such as;
  - public health and safety,
  - environmental sustainability through resilience planning,
  - climate change adaptation,
  - natural, cultural and heritage landscape conservation,
  - alternative transportation,
  - master planning,
  - urban design, and
  - project installations.
Previous Recipients

Recent recipients of the OALA Public Practice Award are:

2020 - Jeff Bruin
2020 - David O’Hara
2019 - Barbara Magee Turner
2019 - Stephen Bodrug
2018 - Carolyn Woodland
2017 - Alexander (Sandy) Bell
2016 - Steve Barnhart
2016 - Marion Rabeau

A full list of recipients of the OALA Public Practice Award, since its establishment in 2000, is available on the OALA website. Note this award has not been awarded every year.

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4) THE DAVID ERB MEMORIAL AWARD

The Award

This prestigious award is named for an outstanding volunteer of the OALA, David Erb. His volunteer services to the Association furthered the goals of the OALA and set a truly high standard for his exemplary work. This award is the best way to acknowledge an outstanding OALA member whose volunteer contributions over several years have made a real difference to the association and its members.

The Nominee

This award recognizes a Full Member of the OALA who has shown outstanding volunteerism over the years and contributed to furthering the goals and strategic plan of the OALA while making a real difference to the association and its members. The nominee has undertaken their activities for the OALA on a voluntary basis and was not for remuneration.

Nominator and Endorser

The Nominator must be a Full Member of the OALA.

In addition to the nominator, a minimum of 1 endorsement is required from a member of any category of the OALA membership (not including student or affiliate members), or a Committee of the OALA.

Submission Requirements and Evaluation Criteria

The submission should highlight the nominee’s volunteer contributions and why they are a deserving candidate. The submission should describe the contributions that:

- Exemplify volunteerism through their accomplishments or goals met and the role they played.
- Have made a significant contribution to the OALA, its membership or landscape architecture and landscape architects in general and whether its effects are local, regional, provincial or national.
Previous Recipients

Recent recipients of the David Erb Memorial Award are:

- 2020 - Cynthia Graham
- 2020 - Andrew Wilson
- 2019 - Todd Smith
- 2018 - Nick Miele
- 2017 - Sarah Marsh
- 2016 - Tim McCormick

A full list of recipients of the David Erb Memorial Award since its establishment in 1992 is available on the OALA website. Note this award has not been awarded every year.

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5) THE JACK COPELAND AWARD FOR OALA ASSOCIATE LEADERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTION

The Award:

This award recognizes the outstanding leadership, and contribution of an associate member for going above and beyond to assist fellow associates.

Nominee:

Must be, or have held, an Associate membership in the OALA within the current calendar year.

Nominator and Endorser:

Must currently be an Associate Member of the OALA.

A minimum of 1 letter of endorsement is required by an Associate Member of the OALA.

Submission Requirements and Evaluation Criteria:

The submission should highlight the Associates contribution. Activities include, but are not limited to:

• Tutorials,
• LARE exam help,
• special tasks,
• OALA Library,
• social and special events, and participating in and assisting in social events,
• meeting associates,
• and other activities.

Previous Recipients

Recent recipients of The Jack Copeland Award for OALA Associate Leadership and Contribution are:

2020 - Leah Lanteigne
2019 - Mark Hillmer
2017 - Justin Whalen
2016 - Maren Walker
2015 - Katherine Peck

A full list of recipients of the The Jack Copeland Award for OALA Associate Leadership and Contribution since its establishment in 2014 is available on the OALA website. Note this award has not been awarded every year.

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6)  THE CARL BORGSTROM AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE ENVIRONMENT

The Award

The award recognizes an OALA member who practices in an environmentally, socially, culturally and economically sensitive and sustainable manner. Ecologically sound and sustainable design does not preclude aesthetically beautiful work, nor vice versa, and this award is intended to recognize such efforts.

This award is intended to keep alive the links with our past for members of OALA.

Carl Arvid Borgstrom immigrated to Canada from his native Sweden shortly after World War I and soon became one of the profession’s most prolific and respected designers. In 1934, Carl Borgstrom, together with eight other prominent Ontario-area designers, founded the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA). Carl Borgstrom’s work was the most actively in tune with the natural landscape. His best-known works include the winning entry in the 1928 Northwest City of Hamilton Entrance Competition and the subsequent commission to design and supervise construction of a large alpine garden, the precursor to and centrepiece of the Royal Botanical Gardens. Other influential projects include the alignment and planting designs for Queen Elizabeth and Ivy Lea Highways, thought to be Canada’s first true scenic parkways.

This award is to be given to an individual landscape architect, or landscape architectural group, organization, or agency (as recognized by the OALA) to recognize a special or unique contribution to sensitive, sustainable design and the interaction with the environment.

The Nominee:

The nominee must be a Full Member of the OALA, or a landscape architectural group, team or agency recognized by the OALA. The agency’s or team’s work is to have been led by a Full Member of the OALA.

To avoid the perception of self-nomination, any nomination made for a landscape architectural group, team or agency, by a member of that group will not be considered. An individual, may however be nominated by a partner or co-worker from the same firm, agency or team.

Nominator and Endorser

The nominator must be either a member of the OALA in any category of membership, or a Committee of the OALA. A minimum of 1 letter of endorsement is required by a member of the OALA in any category of membership, or a non-member. Neither the nominator nor endorser should be the nominee or part of the nominated agency or team.
Submission Requirements and Evaluation Criteria:

- The contribution(s) will have made regional, or provincial impact, within the Province of Ontario, through policy, planning or design, or as an implemented project.
- The award may be given to the nominee(s) in consideration of a specific project or for a body of work. The nomination should clearly demonstrate the landscape architect’s role and contribution.
- The nomination should highlight specific characteristics and features which demonstrate that the cited works have been designed in an environmentally sensitive and sustainable manner.

**NOTE:** The Carl Borgstrom Award for Service to the Environment recognizes the contribution of landscape architects while the OALA Award for Community Service to the Environment recognizes community contributions.

**Previous Recipients**

Recent recipients of the Carl Borgstrom Award for Service to the Environment are:

- 2020 - Brian Basterfield
- 2019 - Stefan Bolliger
- 2019 - Linda Laflamme
- 2017 - Diane Matichuk
- 2016 - Dougan and Associates Ecological Consulting and Design
- 2015 - Fiona Rintoul

A full list of recipients of the [Carl Borgstrom Award for Service to Environment](#), since its establishment in 1995, is available on the OALA website. Note this award has not been awarded every year.

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7) OALA AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE ENVIRONMENT

The Award

This public outreach award recognizes and encourages special or unusual contributions for sensitive, sustainable design solutions leading to the improvement of environmental health, community livability and human interaction in the environment.

There are two levels of recognition that may be given at the discretion of the HAP Committee:

1. OALA Award for Community Service to the Environment (recognizing excellence in the work by a person(s), group, organization or agency)
2. OALA Certificate of Merit for Community Service to the Environment (recognizing notable work by a person(s), group, organization or agency)

NOTE: OALA Award for Community Service to the Environment recognizes community contributions while the Carl Borgstrom Award recognizes the contribution of landscape architects.

The Nominee

The award is to be given to a volunteer or a not-for-profit group, organization or agency. The award recognizes community contributions of those beyond the profession of landscape architecture. The nominee may be a member of a related profession, or an external group or agency, such as a not-for-profit (as recognized by the OALA). This award does not preclude any group, organization, or agency that may have an OALA member (in any category) participating as a part of the team.

Nominator and Endorser

The nominator can be a member from any category of the OALA membership or a Committee of the OALA.

In addition, a minimum of 1 letter of endorsement is required from either a member in any category of the OALA, or from a non-member.

Submission Requirements and Evaluation Criteria:
The submission should highlight the accomplishments of a specific project, action or a body of work:

- The submission should describe the nominee including such things as the group’s purpose, mandate, years of operation, number of members and scope of project or actions. If the nomination is intended for an individual(s), their role(s) and contributions are to be highlighted and emphasized.
- The work to be honoured should be located within the province of Ontario.
- The contribution will have local, regional, or provincial impact through policy, planning or design, or as an implemented project.
The contribution of the nominee(s) distinguishes itself by preserving, protecting or improving the environment through successful community engagement.

**Note:** The Carl Borgstrom Award for Service to the Environment recognizes the contribution of landscape architects while the OALA Award for Community Service to the Environment recognizes community contributions.

**Previous Recipients**

Recent recipients of the OALA Award for Community Service to the Environment (est. 1995) are:

- 2020 - The Treaties, Lands and Environment Department at Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
- 2019 - Michael Harrison
- 2018 - Paula Davies, Chair of the Todmodern Mills Wildflower Preserve
- 2017 - City of London for: Guidelines for Management Zones & Trails in Environmentally Significant Areas
- 2016 - Waterfront Regeneration Trust (WRT) for The Great Lakes Waterfront Trail
- 2015 - Green Infrastructure Ontario

Recent recipients of OALA Certificates of Merit for Community Service to the Environment are:

- 2020 - ReForest London
- 2019 - Friends of West Toronto Railpath
- 2017 - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority for: City Stream Watch Program
- 2016 - Town of Milton in recognition of The Restoration Framework
- 2015 - Lorraine Johnson

A full list of recipients of the OALA Award for Community Service to Environment, since its establishment in 1995, is available on the OALA website. Note this award has not been awarded every year.

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8) **OALA RESEARCH & INNOVATION AWARD**

**The Award**

This award recognizes scholarly activities and/or the development of innovative practices and the publication and dissemination of this knowledge for the betterment of the profession and the greater good. This may include: academic papers, research, publications, books, e-applications or public presentations, which contribute to the knowledge base that furthers the advancement of the art, science and practice of landscape architecture.

**Nominee:**

The nominee may be a member of the OALA in any category of membership, or a non-member, whose research has made a significant contribution to the knowledge base that furthers the advancement of the profession of landscape architecture.

**Nominator and Endorser:**

The nominator shall be a member of OALA in any of the categories of membership or a Committee of the OALA.

A minimum of 1 letter of endorsement is required by, any member of the OALA in any category of membership; or a non-member professionally acquainted with the nominee’s scholarly or innovative work.

**Submission Requirements and Evaluation Criteria:**

- The submission shall reference the works and where possible provide links or pdf copy of the work.
- Cited works must be published and readily available for acquisition and use by landscape architects in the province of Ontario.
- The submission shall highlight the significance of the work to the profession. Where possible indicate the advancements or tools the work provides the profession.
- Please note in the submission if the work is for the benefit of students of landscape architecture, landscape architect practitioners, or the general public.

**Previous Recipients**

Recent recipients of the OALA Research & Innovation Award are:

2020 - Michael von Hausen  
2019 - Dr. Nadia Amoroso  
2017 - Pierre Belanger  
2014 - Alissa North  
2013 - Robert D. Brown

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A full list of recipients of the OALA Research & Innovation Award, since its establishment in 2012, is available on the OALA website. Note this award has not been awarded every year.

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9) OALA HONORARY MEMBER

The Award

The OALA By-Laws provides for the Honorary Member category. OALA By-laws 6.4 HONORARY MEMBERS states:

“Honorary Members are persons other than landscape architects who have performed notable service in advancing the course of landscape architecture in the Province of Ontario. Honorary Members are appointed by Council.” (Refer to the OALA Handbook for definitions).

Provisions of the Award

Honorary Members shall have the privilege of attending and participating in Members meetings, but are not eligible to vote, hold office, be elected to Council or to use the designation “landscape architect”. Honorary Members shall be eligible to serve on committees.

The “Honorary Member” designation shall not be used on any letterhead, card, or sign, nor shall it be used, except with the official consent of Council, in any other place or manner, lest its use be interpreted to imply the Honorary Member is a Full Member of the Association.

The Nominee

This award recognizes individuals, such as those from the general public, a public figure, a member of allied profession, a member of an organization having similar goals and mission and who is not a Member of the OALA.

The nominee should have performed notable service in advancing the profession of landscape architecture or the course of landscape architecture in Ontario. Notable services could be in the form of support through action, advocacy or writing about landscape architects or landscape architecture. The work completed should have some impact or effect on the advancement of the OALA, landscape architects and the profession of landscape architecture in Ontario.

Nominator and Endorser

The nominator must be either a Full Member or a Committee of the OALA.

In addition to the nominator: A minimum of 1 letter of endorsement is required by a Full Member of the OALA.

Submission Requirements

The submission should state or address the actions of the nominee that best exemplifies their support and advocacy for the OALA, landscape architects and landscape architecture in Ontario.

The nominee emulates the fundamental principles of the OALA’s Mission, Vision and Core Values.

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The description of the action or work performed should note where and how they have advanced, acknowledge, advocate, broaden awareness and educate the audience on the work of the OALA, landscape architects and landscape architecture in Ontario.

Their endorsement and continued support of the OALA, landscape architects and landscape architecture in Ontario must be evident and significant and not be misconstrued to be a one-time support.

A brief biography or resume of the nominee is to accompany the nomination letter.

**Previous Recipients**

Recent recipients of OALA Honorary Membership include:

2020 - Ian McAskile  
2019 - Nate Perkins  
2018 - Geoff Cape  
2018 - Ken Greenberg  
2017 - Craig Applegath  
2017 - Arthur Potts  
2016 - Robert Gordon

A full list of recipients of OALA Honorary Members, since its establishment in 1968, is available on the OALA website. Note this award has not been awarded every year.

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