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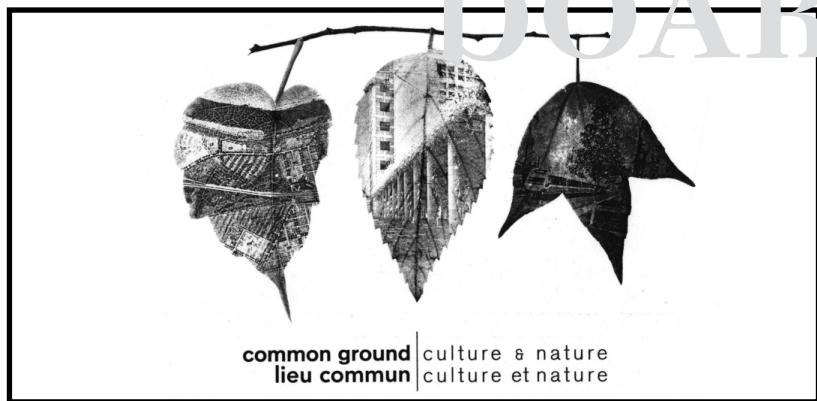
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CSLA/ASLA Congress Montréal Quebec; September 21 - 25

The American Society of Landscape Architects and the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects are pleased to invite members, students and allied professionals to the meeting to be held September 21 - 25, 2001 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. This will be a significant and historic event: the first joint annual meeting of the ASLA and CSLA. We expect the 2001 meeting to be the largest gathering ever of landscape architects in Canada, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you to Montreal.

This international meeting will provide an outstanding opportunity to experience a range of innovations defining the future practice of landscape architecture. The 2001 annual meeting theme "Common Ground: Culture and Nature" (Lieu Commun: Culture et Nature) will look at the connection of humans to their cultural and natural environment. Topics to be explored include landscape as a reflection of cultural values, historical studies, preservation, resource management, sustainable development and responsible practice.

Montreal provides an exciting, cosmopolitan setting for the 2001 Annual Meeting. Here you'll find a unique urban environment, rich in culture, history and works of landscape architecture. The annual



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meeting and expo will be located downtown at the Palais des Congrès, in the historic district known as Old Montreal. Whether this is your first visit to Montreal or one of many, be prepared to enjoy yourself.

The AAPQ has assembled an exciting selection of tours. Keeping the landscape architect in mind, these tours are both enjoyable and educational. All of the highlights of the city are covered and include Olmsted's Montréal legacy — Mount Royal Park, along with Old Montréal, Lachine Canal, the city's four college campuses, the corporate gardens of the city, and many, many more.

Your meeting badge is your ticket to this year's education sessions. Attendees from all

practice areas will find these sessions vital to continuing professional success.

They will focus on seven significant and compelling tracks:

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Message from the President

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By Adrienne Brown, MBCSLA

The Board of Directors have made revisions to the Code of Ethics, Bylaws and the Act the top priority this year in order to ensure that this work is done thoroughly, and that David Fushtey has our full participation in the process. Nevertheless, there are number of initiatives to report as we reach the middle of summer.

New Internship Policy and Experience Summary Forms have been developed by Ian Wasson, BC SLA Registrar. These were adopted by the Board of Directors in June and circulated to all BC SLA Associate/Intern members with the July issue of Sitelines.

The Board has revised the BC SLA Policy for the CSLA Awards juror, and the call for a 2002 juror will go out at the end of August. We are optimistic that the Sustainability Declaration will be officially adopted by the CSLA before the conference in Montreal, and there are plans to hold a workshop on environmental policy at the 2002 ASLA meeting next May in San Jose, California.

BCSLA has received several enquiries recently about the use of the BC Landscape Standard by other organizations and jurisdictions. In response, the Landscape Standard Committee has been working with BCLNA to establish joint copyright on the existing document so that royalties may be negotiated. There is also interest on the part of the federal government in funding the BC Standard as a national publication.

The Communications Committee is planning to establish a members-only section for the BC SLA website over the next few months. This will

make it possible to post the minutes of meetings, and thus provide a higher level of accessibility and transparency for members. The new Sitelines Committee has now produced two issues, and we are all impressed with their enthusiasm and hard work. In addition to this, work on the Sitelines Annual for 2002 will begin at the end of August. If you have any suggestions for editorial content please contact Tara.

The Continuing Education Committee has been working with SFU City Program to help develop a new one day course which will be of interest to landscape architects. And with the planned expansion of the UBC Lecture Series over the next few years, the committee will be looking into ways to partner with UBC in order to help promote and publicize the lectures. The administration of voluntary continuing education credits will be developed between now and the end of the year.

In September there are plans afoot to welcome Landscape Architecture students back after the summer with a barbeque cosponsored by BC SLA. AIBC will be putting together an exhibit at their downtown offices on Sustainable Development, and a number of BC SLA members will be participating. There is also the Garden Writers of America Conference from the 19th – 21st, and of course the CSLA/ASLA Annual Meeting in Montreal from the 21st – 25th.

These are just some of the activities and events that BC SLA is involved with in 2001. If you see anything that you would like to help with, or if you need more information on any of these events please give Tara a call. ☐

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UBC Research

By Doug Paterson, Director



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The British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects

The Landscape Architecture Program at UBC has recently received approval to proceed with the creation of the UBC Centre for Landscape Research. This, the second of our on-going reports to Sitelines, describes a bit of the background as to why we have developed such a research centre and what we hope to achieve with the Centre in the coming years. We begin with a definition of what we do as landscape architects, a definition that we use at UBC to explain our role in society to the rest of the University community.



An Introduction:

Landscape Architecture Is . . .

Just as the health of the human body is dependent upon the health of its individual cells, so too is the health of the urban, rural, or natural region dependent on the health of the individual sites comprising that region. In this respect, the overall goal of the Landscape Architecture Program is to produce excellent designers of sites — designers capable of understanding and resolving the problems and opportunities inherent in each site within the context of all the sites that define the regional body as well as with the context of the region as a whole.

Two words are crucial to this definition of what we do — **site and design**. A site can be a lot, street, city block, park, neighbourhood, farm, woodlot, marsh, etc. — anything that forms a building block to the ecological, social, economic and aesthetic structure of the region. Design involves a physical intervention on and into that site (or combination of sites) that attempts to resolve the conflicts and accentuate the opportunities inherent in the site(s). Design postulates

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- Design and Construction Technology
- History/Historic Preservation
- Parks and Recreation/Greenways

- and Byway Planning
- Practice Management
- Regional/Rural Planning
- Interactive Workshops
- LandTech

A new opportunity is available for learning in advance about certain

education sessions. Where presenters' e-mail addresses appear in the session descriptions, you can contact those speakers to inquire directly about their sessions. For more information visit the www.csla.ca website or www.asla.org website. ☒

The Body Language of Trees

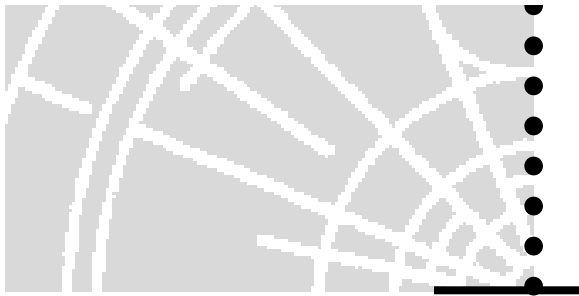
The Pacific Northwest Chapter, International Society of Arboriculture is pleased to announce that this year's conference will be held in Harrison Hot Springs from September 23rd – 26th, and will feature a range of speakers on many aspects of tree care and management. On September 23rd, Dr. Claus Matheck from Germany will be delivering a one-day workshop

about the biomechanical aspects of trees. Dr. Matheck is a world leader in tree research and his workshop on September 23rd, 2001 will be followed the next day by a 2-hour keynote address on his latest research results concerning roots, windloading stresses, and tree failure mechanics. His book "The Body Language of Trees" is widely recognized as the definitive text on the subject. This is a rare opportunity to visit with one of the world's pioneer researchers and learn about the very latest research results and what they mean for the practitioner.

It is also an excellent opportunity for local landscape architects to learn more about the care and management of trees and meet the people involved in these aspects.

For more information about the conference please visit the web site at pnwisa.org or contact:

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concrete visions for a more sustainable, livable, imaginative future — visions that can be discussed, tested, and implemented. The design activity, as such, relies not only on an understanding of what is, but seeks also to define what could be. And it is this design activity that gives landscape architecture disciplinary as well as professional status.

The Mission and Objectives:

The UBC Landscape Architecture Research Centre

The mission of the UBC Landscape Research Centre is to support and encourage collaborative research in the broad area of "landscape" with a special emphasis on "real world" research as it applies to local and global communities and, in particular, to the design of "site(s)". Three examples of this important, "real world" research are identified briefly below.

The success of the James Taylor Chair, lead by Patrick Condon and coupled with growing interest in sustainable landscape planning and design issues throughout the Province has provided a demand for research and "innovative consultation" on a variety of issues. Members of the profession are familiar with the successes of the early Surrey and Brentwood Design Charrettes, as well as with more current efforts of Pat Condon

and staff to implement "green infrastructure" and best management practices for storm-water management. The continued demand for design charrettes, the development of sustainability design standards, and the supporting research that such studies require far exceed the ability of the Chair to execute. In this respect, the Chair already employs two-three full time research assistants and two student research assistants. With more time available to the Chair, we believe that the amount of research money brought into the program in this one area could easily double or triple over the next three to four years. As such, this is seen as an appropriate time to develop a Centre for Landscape Research to support and operate in coordination with the Chair. Indeed, the demand for and the abilities of the Chair are in place to make such a Landscape Research Centre work.

In addition to the work of the Chair, the Collaborative for Advanced Landscape Planning (CALP), led by Dr. Stephen Sheppard (Landscape Architecture Program and the Department of Forest Resources Management), undertakes a variety of interdisciplinary research on computer-assisted resource decision making and forest landscape planning, including work on visual landscape preference studies. Last year this group held a highly successful two-day, international conference on the future nature of research in landscape preference studies and visual resource management issues. In this respect, The Centre for Landscape Research would also provide a stronger structure for linking the research activities of CALP and the James Taylor Chair on an on-going basis.

The most recent, major Program research initiative involved Susan Herrington's innovative, international design competition (13acres.org) for two school sites in the Surrey Headwaters Project (working in collaboration with the James Taylor Chair). Many of you had the opportunity to visit the competition reception in early May where some 254 design submissions were on show from design firms from every corner of the globe. It is apparent, we believe, that this unique competition will bring new insights into the role that children's outdoor environments can play in their education. In addition, the effective collaboration between the competition leaders and the work of the Chair points to the further importance of a Centre for Landscape Research in the Program.

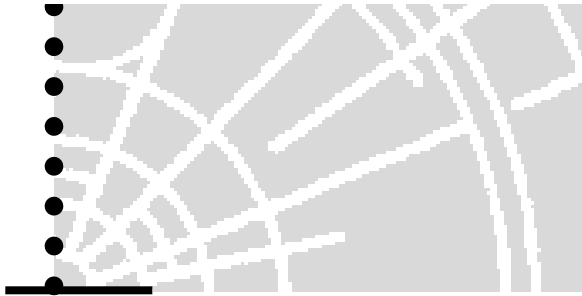
It should also be noted that these research initiatives tie directly into the thesis work that Patrick Mooney is doing in wetland reclamation and the important work that Don Luymes is undertaking around issues of landscape "representation".

As a result of what has been learned from these various initiatives, the specific objectives for the proposed Centre for Landscape Research involve:

- The coordination of the existing research efforts of the members of the UBC Landscape Architecture Program;
- The coordination of funding initiatives through the Centre;
- The development of an "image" and "marketing strategy" for promoting landscape and landscape research;

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Pesticide Risk Reduction in Canadian Neighbourhood

By BCSLA Board of Directors

The British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects welcomes this opportunity to endorse the establishment of a national organization to provide resources and support to stakeholders in order to reduce risks from use of pesticides in urban areas.

The desire to consolidate the efforts of many existing organizations that seek to reduce the use or rather the abuse of pesticides and herbicides is a timely proposition. There are many grass roots efforts out there. Furthermore, the recent Supreme Court decision to uphold the right of local governments to pass bylaws restricting the use of pesticides and herbicides reflects a trend away from a dependence on chemicals as a means to control landscapes. This is a trend that has been gaining momentum for several years as evidenced in the

initiatives of many local governments that have adopted Integrated Pest Management Programs. Approximately forty Canadian municipalities have instituted programs to reduce the cosmetic use of pesticides and herbicides on public lands. The Halifax Regional Municipality is attempting to become the first city to phase out the discretionary use of all pesticides by 2005.

The recent trends illustrate what is becoming apparent - that the safe use of chemical controls of pests and weeds can not be guaranteed. Recent reports have identified pesticides and herbicides as being harmful, and several respected medical and health associations argue that pesticides affect neurological development, reproduction, growth, and the functioning of the immune and endocrine systems.

A federal government committee reviewing the use of pesticides and herbicides recently recommended the following:

1. reevaluate all pesticides approved before 1995 based on today's stricter standards,
2. phase out all pesticides for which safer alternatives exist,
3. fund more research on the impact of pesticides on our health and our environment. Modernize legislations already in place to allow consumers better access to information on pesticides so they can make informed decisions. It must be stresses that these recommendations apply only to pesticides used for "cosmetic" reasons. The committee says it recognizes that commercial farmers probably will not be able to stop using pesticides quickly. Their reliance on

pesticides is "so overwhelming it would be impossible to abandon their use in the short term," the report says.

4. develop a public education program on alternative landscape design and management practices that are more ecologically appropriate and require fewer chemical controls of pests and weeds.

We support the establishment of an independent non-profit organization to provide information, links to date and resources on the subject of urban pesticide use, as it will be able to present opinions free of the interests of any of the stakeholders.

The British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects is a non-profit Society that regulates the profession of Landscape Architecture in BC according to the terms of the Architects (Landscape) Act — 1968. Landscape architecture is a comprehensive discipline involving land analysis, planning, design, management, conservation and rehabilitation. Typical projects include site design, urban planning, environmental impact studies, parks and recreation planning and residential garden design. The BCSLA promotes continuing education and high standards of professional practice in order to assure the health, safety and welfare of the public.

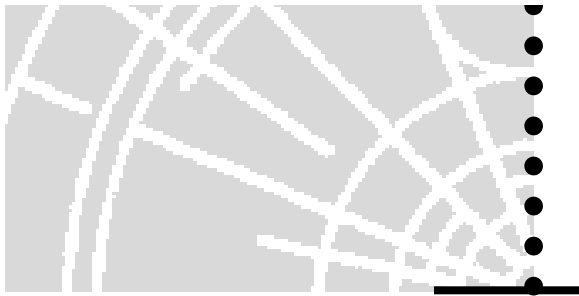
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- The creation of a clearly identifiable centre for various agencies and organizations to approach for research assistance and research needs;
- The development of appropriate research space and graduate student resources;
- The development of a Landscape

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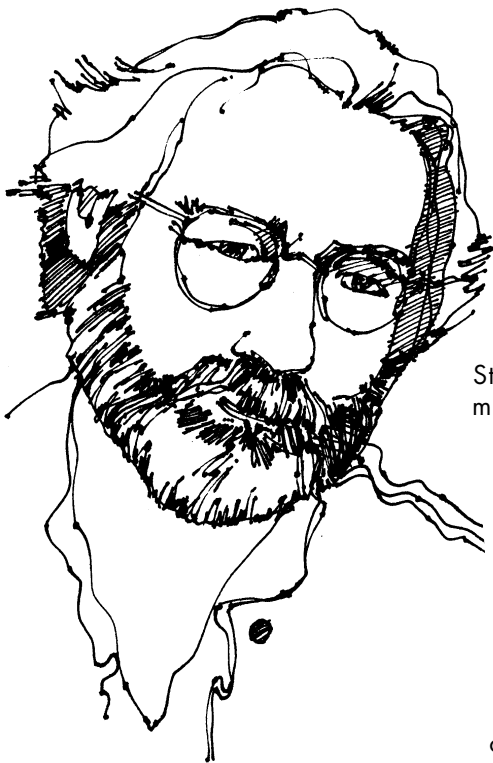


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The Last Great Sea

By Terry Glavin
David Suzuki Foundation
Greystone, Vancouver 2000

A Voyage through the Human and Natural History of the North Pacific Ocean



Sketched by Cameron Murray

Myth, natural science, sea and landscape merge in Terry Glavin's study of the North Pacific. Shorelines are traced from Japan, to Kamchatka, across the Aleutians to Kodiak, Haida Gwaii, around Vancouver Island to California. Strange fish, lost colonies, salmon runs, currents and supernatural beings are encountered and described.

Serious readers of the Georgia Strait will have encountered Glavin's 'Ghost in the Water' explanation of the Fraser River Sturgeon. More feature articles, including 'Oolichans' have been collected in 'This Ragged Place:

Travels Across the Landscape' from New Star, Vancouver, 1996.

With Charles Lillard, he has also written 'A Voice Great Within Us', to revive the lost Chinook language.

Voices change in these essays from medieval Russian geographers, to Sto:lo elders, Japanese monks to Spanish Captains, Chinese shipwrights, to Xa:als, the Great Transformer. Seafaring traditions are compared across the Pacific, settlement patterns and wild agricultural landscapes are detailed. *Sagittaria latifolia* was cultivated in shallow pools; while *Camassia quamash* was gathered in the Spring from Garry Oak savannahs.

Time was marked by landscape

change. Inhabitants of Kamchatka named months of the year for the different Salmon runs. The clockwork exodus and return of the Salmon connected seascape with landscape and enabled a flourishing of cultures across the North Pacific. "Salmon became the abundant, predictable, and renewable resource that gave rise to a revolution not unlike the transition from hunter-gatherer economies to agricultural economies elsewhere on the planet."

The Age of Exploration here includes: Japanese Buddhist Pilgrims seeking the centre of the world, shipwrecks, and bearded travellers on skis; prior to the arrival of Spanish and English mariners. The Northwest Passage soon began to appear on sophisticated and imaginative maps. Then Apostolos Valerianos, known as Juan de Fuca, discovered it at 48 degrees latitude.

Exploitation followed exploration and the fashion craze for sea otter fur in China's Manchu aristocracy followed the wake of Captain Cook. Then whale oil demand led to the extinction of North Pacific populations such as the Georgia Strait humpback whale. Industrial seal hunting by the Russian American Company was carried out from schooners until the international fur seal treaty, enacted in 1911.

Landscape Architects will enjoy this study in natural and cultural history as a complement to Clive Justice's 'Mr. Menzies' Garden Legacy', Cavendish, Vancouver, 2000; and Derek Hayes' 'Historical Atlas of British Columbia', Cavendish, Vancouver, 1999. ☒

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Water Restrictions

The City of Kamloops water restrictions are as follows:

All restrictions are from **May 1 to Sept 1, 2001.**

- Watering on odd or even days only, based on your house number.
- No watering between the hours of 10:00am and 6:00pm any day.
- All car washing and or hand watering to be allowed only if a spring activated shut-off device is used.
- No watering allowed anytime between the hours of 12:00am and 6:00am unless it is controlled by an automatic shutoff device.



In the evolving science of automated underground irrigation, the City of Kamloops has landed a first. The building department has demanded that all houses to be built in the area of the Aberdeen Hills and Highlands subdivisions be accompanied by a certified Irrigation and Landscape plan for the property based on low water use plants and a high efficiency irrigation system. This design must be presented and passed by the city and registered with land titles before a building permit is issued. They base their external water use allotment on .4 of a meter of water for every 1 square meter of irrigatable property per season. Through the use of low water use plants and limited turf areas this is accomplished. The certified designer then works through some complicated calculations and presents the drawing and spreadsheet to the customer for the City's' approval.

Once the house is built the homeowner must complete the Landscape and Irrigation and have it approved by the certified designer before he can get his final inspection passed and his \$1000.00 bond back.

This is the City of Kamloops way of controlling the over application of irrigation water in that area and thus contributing to water conservation in a leader's roll. The fully landscaped properties really accent the beautiful homes being built in these areas as well. What a great program.

Have a great day, **Terry Ormrod.**

**Certified Designer I.I.A.B.C.
President Elect I.I.A.B.C.**

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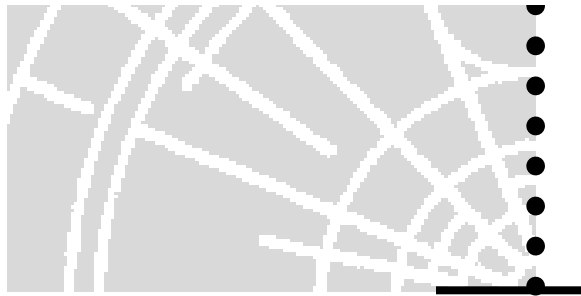
Research Centre monograph series, selectively mailed / emailed to a large number of potentially interested individuals and agencies, as well as posted on the web. The Landscape Research Centre would be the ideal "publisher" of such materials; and,

- The establishment of many more one and two day conferences around a series of important sustainable and livable landscape issues and around the role of design in such issues. There is a

growing critical mass of expertise, not only in the Program but also in the University who should be challenging the boundaries of research and ideas at every opportunity.

Many of you who visited the Program at our spring open house got a brief introduction to some of the research initiatives identified above. We believe we have started the Centre for Landscape Research on a strong foothold and are

delighted that the University has recognized the effectiveness of our efforts to date and has supported the formation of this research centre proposal. We look forward to reporting to you on specific efforts in the near future. More importantly, we hope that there will be instances where we will be able to work with the profession on specific, joint research efforts. In the interim, if you want to find out more about what we are up to, please give us a call.



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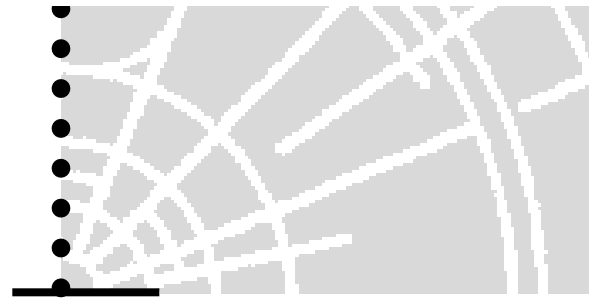
DID YOU KNOW . . .

that the BCSLA Continuing Education Program is "UP AND RUNNING"!!!

- DID YOU KNOW . . .** that the BCSLA has a Continuing Education Policy and Program for all full registered member Landscape Architects that was approved by the membership at the 2001 AGM?
- DID YOU KNOW . . .** that the motto of the Continuing Education program is "The Landscape Architect as a Life Long Learner"?
- DID YOU KNOW . . .** that the Continuing Education program is self-directed by each individual and that you are now required to track and submit, on a voluntary basis, your continuing education credits on an annual basis?
- DID YOU KNOW . . .** that while the current Continuing Education program is voluntary it is intended that by December 2003 the program will become mandatory and will be tied to your registration and licensing in BC?
- DID YOU KNOW . . .** that the BCSLA is currently reviewing our Bylaws and Act to include items which will make mandatory Continuing Education a requirement for all full registered member Landscape Architects in the foreseeable future?
- DID YOU KNOW . . .** that the majority of allied professionals in the fields of Architecture, Planning and Engineering have a CE program that is similar in nature to that of the BCSLA?
- DID YOU KNOW . . .** that there are many opportunities locally, provincially and nationally for those full time members and any others to participate in the Continuing Education program?
- DID YOU KNOW . . .** there is a Continuing Education Committee that has worked very long and hard to research and develop the Continuing Education policy and program and you are most welcome at any time to become involved by sitting on this committee or by providing your feedback on the program?
- DID YOU KNOW . . .** that the BCSLA Continuing Education policy is posted on our website at www.bcsla.org and that Tara Culham, Executive Administrator for the BCSLA, sends out regular electronic bulletins which identifies many Continuing Education opportunities? To have your e-mail address added to the list please contact the office.



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CSLA COLLEGE OF FELLOWS

Congratulations to **David Mitchell and Christopher Phillips** on being inducted into the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects College of Fellows. The College of Fellows is the highest honour the Society bestows on its members in recognition of members who have made an outstanding contribution to the profession over an extended period of time. Chris and David will be inducted into the College at the investiture ceremony at the **CSLA/ASLA Congress in Montreal in September.**

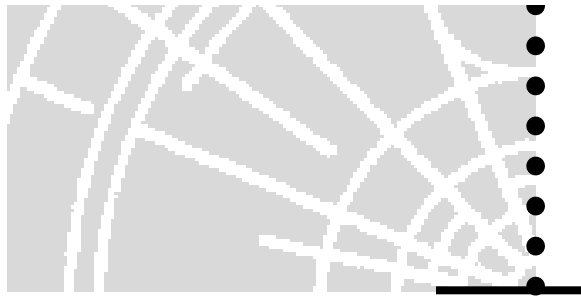


VOLUNTER OPPORTUNITIES

All BCSLA members are encouraged to volunteer their time and expertise. Contact Tara at the provincial office and she will be happy to find volunteer opportunities that will interest you. Committees include, but are not limited to **Government Relations, Environment, Continuing Education, Archives, Professional and Public Relations, Communications,** to name just a few!

BCLNA LANDSCAPE AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

The BC Landscape and Nursery Association is accepting nominations for the 2001 Awards of Excellence. The awards are open to all BC landscape professionals, where the major portion of their business is derived from landscape services. More information is available from BCLNA by calling (604) 574-7772.



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BCSLA 2001 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| August | BCSLA Membership Committee Meeting
Vancouver, BC |
| September 12 | BCSLA Continuing Education Committee Meeting
Vancouver, BC |
| September 13 - 15 | CLARB Annual General Meeting
Salt Lake City, UT |
| September 18 - 20 | Garden Writers Association of America Regional Meeting
Vancouver, BC |
| September 19 - 20 | CanWest Hort Show
Vancouver, BC |
| September 22 - 24 | CSLA / ASLA Joint Congress
Montreal, PQ |
| September 23 - 26 | International Society of Arboriculture Conference
Pacific Northwest Chapter
Harrison Hot Springs, BC |
| October | BCSLA Board of Directors Meeting
Victoria, BC
(contact the BCSLA office for details) |
| October 10 | LARE Candidate Order Deadline |
| October 19 | BCSLA Board of Examiners
UBC — Vancouver, BC |
| November | BCSLA Community Service Award Nominations Due |
| November | BCSLA Contribution Award Nominations Due |
| December | Festive Season Party |
| December 3 - 4 | LARE Candidate Sitting
UBC — Vancouver, BC |
| December 31 | BCSLA Membership Dues Submission Deadline |



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Congratulations to:

Bryce Gauthier,
Derek Masselink,
Nancy Simovic,
David Thompson,
and Joanne Proff
who graduated from the
UBC MLA Program.

We wish them good luck in
the profession.

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome
two new **Student Members**

**Paul DeGreeff
and
André Kolbér.**

Both members are in the
University of British Columbia
Landscape Architecture
Program.



Another welcome to

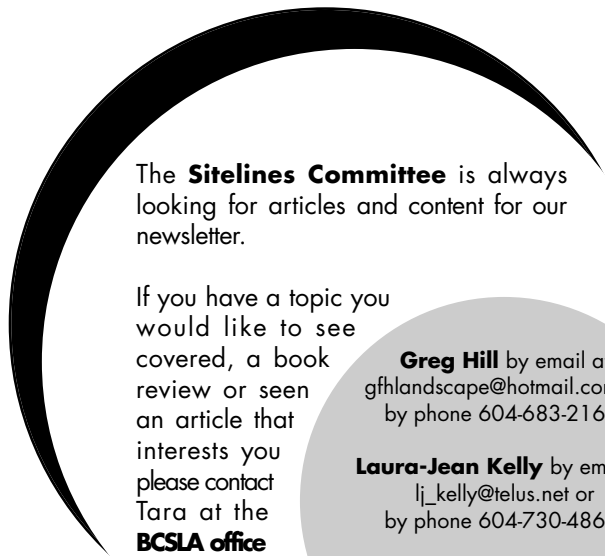
Mumby Insurance Brokers,

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Homegold Resources Ltd.

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on upcoming activities, organizational governance, and other
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