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September was **Manitoba Landscape Architecture Month**, and once again the MALA Communications Committee organized a series of relevant events throughout the entire month. Special thanks to all the volunteers who worked hard to coordinate the busy schedule of initiatives designed to celebrate and promote the profession, such as **PARK(ing) Day** on September 15th. Congratulations to **Karina Leong** and her team for taking the top award (\$500) for the installation *Weave-It-Yourself*. **Ian Laya** and his team received second place (\$300) for *diver[CITY]*, while **Brennan Fedak** and his team received \$200 for *Local Kids*, which was voted the public's favourite! Well done, everyone!

Another great MBLA Month event was **MALA Movie Night** on September 19th at Cinematheque. After viewing *Call of the Forest – The Forgotten Wisdom of Trees*, attendees were invited to participate in a thought-provoking panel discussion.

The second annual **2017 MALA Golf Tournament** on September 22nd at the Assiniboine Golf Course was another success! The efforts of many volunteers on the Golf Tournament Organizing Committee ensured that everyone enjoyed this important fundraiser, which supports various student initiatives, including the *MALA Fellowship in Landscape Architecture*. Of course, the real heroes are the Tournament's generous sponsors and all those who registered to play – thank you for your kind support!

MALA is delighted to congratulate MALA's own **Dietmar Straub** and **Anna Thurmayr** (of Straub Thurmayr Landscape Architects and Stadtplaner) who were awarded *Western Living Magazine's 2017 Landscape Designer of the Year Award*! Please click here to learn more about why they deserve this prestigious distinction: <http://westernliving.ca/doty/landscape-designer-of-the-year-2017-straub-thurmayr/>

Kudos to **Dr. Douglas Olson, FCSLA**, whom MALA is proud to recognize as an Active Out-of-Province Member! Doug will receive the **CSLA Lifetime Achievement Award** at the CSLA Gala, to be held on October 19th at the Palais des Congrès in Montréal.

Many of you are excited to attend the 2017 IFLA, CSLA and AAPQ **Congress of the World Design Summit** in Montréal, Québec from October 16-19, 2017. Click here to learn more about this premier event: <http://www.csla-aapc.ca/events/2017-congress-world-design-summit>

We bid a sad farewell to MALA Charter Member **Gunter Schoch, FCSLA**, who passed away peacefully in Saskatoon on September 9th. His funeral was held in Winnipeg on September 20th and in lieu of flowers, MALA donated \$500 to the Landscape Architecture Canada Foundation, as per his request. If you would like to make a personal donation to LACF in memoriam of our distinguished friend and colleague, please contact LACF Treasurer Peter Kreuk, as shown at this link: <http://lacf.ca/contact/contact-lacf>

Following acceptance by the Examining Board, several membership applications have been approved by MALA Council. We are pleased to welcome the following individuals to MALA:

Chelsea Synychych was accepted as a *Member*. Chelsea graduated with a B.Env.D. in 2009 and a MLA in 2013, both from the University of Manitoba. She has been employed with *HTFC Planning & Design* since 2012.

Amanda Austin-Silliker was accepted as an *Associate*. Amanda graduated with a B.Env.D. in 2016 and a B.Env.St. in 2017, both from the University of Manitoba. She has been employed with *Architecture49* since 2016.

We are also pleased to welcome **Expocrete** as a *Friend of the Profession of Landscape Architecture*. For information about Expocrete and its products/services, please visit www.expocrete.com or call (204) 299-6179, or email Lee Hotas (Key Account Manager, Manitoba, North West Ontario) at lee.hotas@oldcastle.com.

The MALA **Name Act Taskforce** is pleased to report significant progress in its ongoing efforts to acquire *The Landscape Architects Act* in the Province of Manitoba. Over the last few months, various meetings have been conducted between taskforce representatives, government officials, MALA Lobbyist Mohammad Almaleki, and Policy Analyst Darius Maharaj Hunter.

Important background work has been accomplished to date, but on September 26th, **Jon Reyes** (MLA for St. Norbert) and **Greg Nesbitt** (MLA for Riding Mountain) joined several taskforce members for a rainy-day walking tour of noteworthy landscape architectural works throughout downtown Winnipeg, which impressed upon them the positive impacts of this profession. MALA is grateful to Mr. Reyes and Mr. Nesbitt for their interest and commitment to this fast-developing initiative.

Stay tuned for further updates!

Regards,
Valerie Lindberg
MALA Executive Director



September 26, 2017:
Chantal Alary, MLA Jon Reyes, MLA Greg Nesbitt, and Bob Somers on an urban walkabout in Winnipeg.

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