



MALA eLetter #4 May 2019

SAVE THE DATE! The **2019 MALA Annual Golf Tournament** has been tentatively scheduled for **Friday, September 6, 2019**. Watch for further details coming out soon.

The **MALA Policy - Continuing Education (CE) Program** is now posted to the MALA website! All Full Members and long-term Associates (members who have been Associates longer than 7 years) will be required to monitor and submit on-line. As a professional, it is important to continually learn and update one's skill set. As a professional organization, it is imperative for MALA to maintain a cumulative annual record of these CE efforts to support its ongoing public visibility and advocacy campaigns, and to achieve the highest standard of professional practice. Click here <https://www.mala.net/continuing-education/> to login and enter your Continuing Education (CE) Program activities online.

We are pleased to welcome **Sean Gallagher as an Associate Member**. Following acceptance by the Examining Board, Sean's membership application was approved by MALA Council. Sean graduated with a Bachelor of Environmental Design from the University of Manitoba in 2011 and a Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Manitoba in 2018. Sean is currently employed with Ladco Company Ltd.

MALA is delighted to hear that MALA Member, **James (Jim) Thomas**, will receive the **CSLA President's Award** at the CSLA Awards Gala on May 7th, at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver. According to Nastaran Moradinejad, CSLA President, *Jim Thomas' devotion to the profession is unparalleled. He is a consummate professional, an award-winning landscape architect, and, most importantly for the members of CSLA, shows leadership by ensuring we explore issues which are closely linked to landscape architecture, such as climate change and reconciliation.* [Learn more...](#)

2019 CommerceDesignWinnipeg

Click here <https://www.commercedesignwinnipeg.ca/2019-how-to-enter> to learn more about the Call For Submissions for the **2019 CommerceDesignWinnipeg**. **The deadline is May 8, 2019 at 4:00 PM!**

NEW: Design Competition - Spring 2019

The Vimy Foundation is proud to announce a **Canadian university student design competition** by an individual or a team, for a water feature for the Vimy Foundation Centennial Park, Vimy Ridge, France. **The submission deadline is June 12, 2019!** Click [here](#) to learn more about this project, including key dates, eligibility, and prizes, and download the Design Competition Brief.

If your child is more interested in the design of the playground than going down the slide? Consider the **University of Calgary Summer Design Camps**. Information and registration for the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape summer design camps can be accessed via <https://ucalgary.ca/activeliving/registration/program/designcamp>

The MALA Digital Seal – As you know Landscape Architects are increasingly using new technologies in their daily work. The documents they produce remain subject to high standards of reliability. Active Landscape Architects who wish to produce legally reliable digital documents in compliance with MALA’s requirements, can accomplish this task with *CertifiO for Professionals* – Manitoba Landscape Architects Digital Signature (referred to as the “Digital Seal”). To obtain your MALA Digital Seal, please visit the MALA page on the **Notarius’ website**.

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