



Landscape Architecture Canada Foundation 2012 Annual Report

Over the past year, the Landscape Architecture Canada Foundation (LACF) has continued to meet its aims of supporting research, communication and scholarship that advances the conservation, management and enhancement of our landscapes. Over \$360,000 in grants and scholarships have been awarded by LACF since its formation in 1987. In 2012, a total of \$62,000 was awarded through special grants, annual grants and scholarships. The Foundation is proud of what it has accomplished in the past year, working almost entirely through the volunteer efforts of Board members and relying on financial contributions of individuals, professional firms and components associations across Canada.

Special Grants and Scholarships

Funds in the amount of \$1000 were again directed to ongoing support of the Frances Blue Collection at the University of Guelph Archives. Frances Blue, FCSLA, was a tireless supporter of the CSLA and her generous bequest to LACF upon her death permitted expansion of the grants program in the early 1990s. The Frances Blue Collection focuses on the history of landscape architecture in Canada pre-1975. Recent LACF donations supported digitization projects and website development. Details on this collection may be found at [http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/resources/archival & special collections/the collections/digital collections/ccla/fmb/](http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/resources/archival&specialcollections/thecollections/digitalcollections/ccla/fmb/)

The 2012 Andre Schwabenbauer Scholarship was awarded to Michelle Campbell at the University of British Columbia. This scholarship, named in honour of the late CSLA President Andre Schwabenbauer, FCSLA, currently rotates on an annual basis among the programs in Canada. The Foundation is working toward expanding the number of awards as the Schwabenbauer fund grows in size.

Annual Grants Program

A total of \$20,000 was awarded in January 2012 through LACF's annual peer-reviewed grants program. Recipients included Alissa North, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto, who received \$7500 to support the publication, *Operative Landscapes: Building Communities through Public Spaces*. Victoria Taylor and Katie Mathieu received funding of \$3500 for their project, *Parks & Rec: Designing Urban Roof Tops to Grow Food*, with funding directed to documenting their experiences in design and operation of a for-profit roof farm-restaurant. Nicole Valois, Professeure agregee at the Universite de Montreal, was awarded \$1,000 for the

second phase and publication of her work of the impact of landscape architectural works at Expo '67. Two student grants were awarded to Desiree Valadares, University of Guelph, for her comparative analysis research on cultural landscapes of Canada and Scotland; and Leila Fazel, University of Guelph, for her research on transforming brownfields through phytoremediation. The awards were adjudicated by a national jury composed of individuals representing the five regions of the CSLA, under the guidance of Faye Langmaid, FCSLA, Grants Program Chair. Jury members included Jeff Philips, FCSLA, Jim Sackville, FCSLA, Carolyn Woodland, FCSLA, Daniel Chartier, FCSLA, and Cynthia Cohlmeier, FCSLA.

Donations

General donations to LACF totalled \$15,852.00, 15.4% higher than general donations in 2011. Contributions to the Andre Schwabenbauer Endowment Fund in 2012 totalled \$950.00. A donation of \$500.00 was made to the Gunter Schoch Bursary Fund. In 2011, \$40,000 was received in donations to support publication of French and English editions of Ron Williams' forthcoming book, *The History of Landscape Architecture in Canada*. An additional \$9,075.50 was received in donations for this project in 2012. The total of all 2012 LACF donations not including those earmarked for the Williams publication was \$21,200.52 compared to \$21,284.00 in 2011.

Financial Management

The Board approved guidelines requiring the following asset allocation: 65% fixed income, 30% equities and 5% cash.

- On Dec. 31, 2012, LACF had \$393,823.61 (current market value) in investment accounts with National Bank Financial, a increase of 2.0% over the \$385,918.36 in our accounts on July 17, 2012, and 4.4 % higher than the \$377,288.99 in our investments on December 31, 2011.
- In addition the Foundation had \$34,003.45 in the current operating account at the Assiniboine Credit Union. This included \$11,935.00 earmarked for promoting Ron Williams' book. (Compared to \$65,836.67 on December 31, 2011, which included \$40,000.00 earmarked for publishing Ron Williams book).
- Our overall balance of current account and investments on December 31, 2012 was \$424,827.06 (versus \$443,125.66 on December 31, 2011).

Special Funds

- The Andre Schwabenbauer Endowment Fund, included in the above Dec. 31, 2012 total, had a value of \$39,558.51 versus \$38,237.99 in Dec. 2011.
- The Gunter Schoch Bursary Fund, also included in the above total, had a Dec. 31, 2011 value of \$51,413.84 versus \$47,699.00 in December 2011.
- The new Peter Klystra Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 2011, had a total of \$3,950.00, which was held in the current account on December 31, 2012.

Administration

Don Hester, FCSLA, continues to serve as Treasurer of the Foundation and issues quarterly financial statements to the Board. To help manage the business of LACF, we are pleased to have the continuing services of our part-time administrator, Kari MacKinnon, located in Winnipeg, who has been assisting us since 2008. Also appreciated are the contributions of Cam Patterson, FCSLA, who serves as the Foundation's minute-writer; Vincsent Asselin who has taken on updating the Foundation's bylaws; Ron Middleton, FCSLA, who manages the Andre Schwabenbauer Fund and chairs the Nominations Committee; and Faye Langmaid, FCSLA who manages our most visible work, the LACF Annual Grants program.

In Closing

The Board of the Landscape Architecture Canada Foundation takes this opportunity to thank all CSLA Fellows, CSLA members, component associations and friends of the profession for their continued support. We also ask you to consider making a charitable donation or bequest to LACF in order to sustain and expand the Foundation's valuable research, communication and scholarship activities - activities that are critical for our profession to thrive. For more information on LACF, please visit our web site at <http://www.lacf.ca/> and at <http://www.csla-aapc.ca/resources/landscape-architecture-canada-foundation>

Respectfully submitted,

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