



Grand Valley Society of Architects (GVSA) Annual Report 2021

2021 saw GVSA acclimatizing to the 2nd year of the COVID 19 pandemic. The executive met virtually each month with the usual July & August hiatus. We sought opportunities to “give back” to our membership and took advantage of virtual opportunities to continue membership engagement and community outreach. We were also right at the door when the short spell of in-person gatherings were allowed in the Fall, managing to host 2 in-person events. Following is a list of our activities.

Continuing Education Offerings

February 24, 2021 Niagara Society of Architects *Living with the Seasons*

March 11, 2021 Deborah Gottesman on Lighting Concepts

March 17, 2021 Riley Snelling on Architectural Photography

November 17 2021 in-person Tour of Element5 CLT plant

Virtual President's Visit

Public Events Sponsorship

October 19, 2021 Kiwanis Home Renovation Event Workshop (apprx 100 virtual attendees)

November 4, 2021 KWAG Culture Talks: Matthew Hickey (in-person public event aprx 100 attendees; GVSA will continue sponsorship of this annual series presented by the Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery)

Student Liaison

The GVSA Board of Directors has approved the establishment of an annual student awards program with cash prizes for students in the field of architecture studying at local post-secondary schools. The awards program is intended to strengthen engagement between the GVSA and the next generation of architects, designers, and technologists within our community.

Public Outreach

On top of the public outreach opportunities via event sponsorships noted above, we established on-demand access to archived events on our website. For example the 'On Architecture' public lecture by Heather Dubbledam, and Mass Timber presentation from the Buildings: Art + Science Lecture Series co-



hosted with RDH Building Science may be viewed openly on our website. We aim to continue growing this resource.

Looking Ahead

The GVSA is seeking to host the 2025 OAA Conference and an Executive Committee has been working with Waterloo Regional Economic Development to put together a proposal. We anticipate submitting our proposal to the OAA in early March 2022.

This year, GVSA will continue with sponsorship of the KWAG Culture Talks and the GVSA Student Award program. We will continue to provide ConEd opportunities to our membership and will be aiming for 1 per month. We will continue to strengthen our website as a resource both to our members and the general public. We will also be preparing for the possibility of presenting another in-person “On Architecture” public lecture in the Fall (past speakers included Douglas Cardinal, Patricia Patkau, Heather Dubbledam).

Yvonne Ip has been volunteering with the GVSA for the past 10 years and has served as an executive member since 2014, and as chair since Fall 2019. Since the Fall of 2021, Ana Gascon, who joined the executive in 2016(?) has acted as co-chair with Yvonne Ip in anticipation of taking over as GVSA Chair in the Fall of 2022.

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