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**CSLA/AAPC
College of Fellows**

**2004 Investiture Ceremony
St John's, Newfoundland**

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L'Association des architectes paysagistes du Canada



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Fairmont Newfoundland Hotel
St. John's**

June 19, 2004

**Induction of 2004 Fellows by
Colleen Mercer Clarke, CSLA President**

The CSLA/AAPC College of Fellows A Brief History

The first Fellows were elected in 1964, followed by almost annual additions averaging 10 Fellows per year. By 1979, over 30 members had been honored by election to Fellowship and it was time to formalize the structure and process. At CSLA/AAPC Congress in Charlottetown, the 'College of Fellows' was established. Specific 'Rules for the Conduct of Operations' were adopted, outlining the structure and operation of the College and the guidelines for advancement of members to Fellowship.

The College's Executive Committee is responsible for the conduct of affairs, consisting of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, and the President of the Landscape Architecture Institute (LAI). The College's Executive Committee is also responsible for the conduct of the Annual Meeting of the College which is held each year in conjunction with the CSLA/AAPC Congress. An average of 25 Fellows have attended each AGM over the last several years. Particular attention has been given to the manner in which new Fellows are admitted to Fellowship and the role of the College in the larger activities of the profession and the society. In accordance with the Rules for the Conduct of Operations, nominations to Fellowship may be presented to the College by the component organizations and/or the Board of Governors of CSLA/AAPC. The final selection is made by a 'Jury of Fellows', consisting of representatives from Canada's five regions (B.C., Prairie, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic), who are serving on the Jury for overlapping three-year terms. The Fellows-Elect are then ceremoniously inducted into the College during the banquet or other special event of the CSLA/AAPC Congress.

Other activities of the College and its members involves assisting in the operation of the Accreditation Council, which administers the accreditation of Canadian schools/departments in landscape architecture since 1987, as well as the LACF. Since the 'Campaign of Fellows' commenced in 1988, over \$346,000 have been donated by Fellows to the Foundation. These funds are used to promote the ideals of the profession of landscape architecture through research and scholarship grants.

In recent years a special effort has been made to establish a profile record on each Fellow, in order to have such information available for present and future generations of landscape architects. Presently, these records are on file for 75% of Fellows.

Since the inception of CSLA/AAPC in 1934, a total of 138 Fellows have been elected, 15 of whom are now deceased.

Criteria for Election to CSLA/AAPC Fellowship

Election to Fellowship is the highest honour the CSLA/AAPC bestows on its members. Fellowship is the recognition of members who have made outstanding contributions to the profession over an extended period of time in one or more of the following categories:

- Executed Works of Landscape Architecture
- Administrative/Professional Work in Public Agencies
- Professional University Instruction
- Professional Writing
- Service to the Community or the Public on behalf of the Society
- Direct Service to the Society

Greg Smallenberg

Category: Executed Works

Mr. Greg Smallenberg graduated with a B.L.A. (honours) from the University of British Columbia in 1968. He became a member of AALA and CSLA in 1990, the BCSLA in 1991, and the OALA in 1999. During the nineties he served both as director and president of the BCSLA and sat on the CSLA Board of Governors.

Greg is well known for his portfolio of built and planning works and has become a highly recognized Landscape Architect in Canada. As a founding partner of Phillips Fareweg Smallenberg he has been primarily responsible for the firm's award-winning national and international work, overseeing much of the PRS portfolio across Canada and throughout Asia.

He is noted for his demonstrated success on directing highly visible, often complex projects for both the public and private sectors. Commissions under Greg's direction tend to be large scale and multi-disciplinary. They range from very contemporary built works to management plans for designated historic landscapes. He is especially interested in the intersections of culture, history and place making as it relates to Landscape Architecture and Urban Design.

Selected projects would include planning projects for Parliament Hill, Rideau Hall and the Central Experimental Farm and built works such as Confederation Square and the Coal Harbour Marina Neighborhood. He is currently engaged in the restoration of the Vimy Monument in Arras, France.

In recognition of Greg's major contributions to the body of our professional work in Canada and abroad, it is a pleasure inviting him to join the CSLA College of Fellows.

Barry A. Yanchyshyn

Categories: Direct Service to the Society
Administrative/Professional Work in Public Agencies

Mr. Barry Yanchyshyn graduated from the University of Manitoba with a B.E.S. degree in 1974, received a M.L.A. degree from the University of California in 1981 and completed the U of M's Certificate Program in Public Sector Management in 1997. He was accepted as a member of both SALA and the CIP in 1984 and transferred these memberships to Manitoba in 1987. Since 1996 he has been an Adjunct Professor with the U of M's Faculty of Architecture, receiving the Collaborative Practice Award from the Association of Schools of Architecture. Barry was President of MALLA from 1998-2000 and CSLA BoG Director from 2000-2002.

Upon graduation, Barry spent four years as Urban Designer for the City of Saskatoon. Returning to Winnipeg in 1987 as Historic Projects Coordinator with the City, his focus on redevelopment of the Exchange District earned him an Award of Excellence. As Senior Urban Designer from 1991-1997, he worked on a number of strategic planning projects, all of which received international or national recognition. Barry's past five years as Landscape Architect and Urban Planner with Smith Carter Architects and Engineers Inc. have encompassed a wide variety of projects on the local, national and international levels. In Y2K he was project manager for the Beijing Rose Garden housing development, which received the Eastern Landscape Gold Cup from the United Nations Centre for Human Settlement.

We are proud to recognize Barry Yanchyshyn for his outstanding contributions to the profession and welcome him as a member of the College of Fellows.

Campbell Patterson Categories: Direct Service to the Society and Administrative Professional Work in Public Agencies

Mr. Campbell Patterson graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with Distinction from the University of Saskatchewan in 1975, and a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Guelph in 1981. He completed post-graduate studies as a Research Fellow at Kyoto University, Japan in 1983 and was accepted as a Member of SALVA and CSLA in 1984.

Gam served as Chair of the Eastern Ontario Chapter of the OALA (1986-88), President of SALA (1990-92; 2001-04), and SALA representative on the CSLA Board of Governors. He was Co-Chair of the memorable CSLA Congress '92 in Waskesiu, and twice Chair of the Design Council of Saskatchewan. Under his leadership the Design Council hosted two very successful "Design Weeks" which raised public awareness of the design professions. Additional professional activities include: Chair of the Meewasin Development Authority Development Review Committee (1992-94); SALA Examining Board member (1993-present); and Juror of the CSLA Professional Awards (2000).

Following 11 years with an international multi-disciplinary consulting firm, Gam joined the City of Saskatoon Parks Branch in 1994 as Landscape Development Coordinator. He is responsible for all aspects of park and public open space development. Under his direction the Parks Branch has developed high standards for park planning, design and construction, including: the standardization of construction specifications; the implementation of GIS on all City Parks; and the execution of several award-winning projects.

It is a pleasure, indeed, to recognize Campbell's outstanding contributions to the profession and invite him at this time to join the CSLA College of Fellows.

Ronald Rule

Category: Service to the Community or the Public

Mr. Ron Rule obtained a B.S.A. degree from the University of Oregon. He was accepted as a member of BCSLA and CSLA in 1973 and served in various positions on the BCSLA executive for 11 years, including vice president, treasurer and chair of the local examination/registration committee. Since 1975, Ron has operated his own firm specializing in estate garden design. In 1988, he made a personal commitment to educate the gardening public on the importance of landscape architecture in garden design. Since then, he has given more than 200 lectures to a variety of organizations in both Canada and the United States. In 1989, he began teaching garden design history through the University of British Columbia, and in 1997, he founded the Certificate in Garden Design program there. It offers a unique, intensive curriculum that involves experts from the public sector as well as from the faculties of Botanical Science and Landscape Architecture. Ron still continues to direct this program.

Ron's projects have been published widely in Canada, United States and England. For the last two years, he has written a popular column on garden design for a regional gardening magazine.

Few landscape architects have had as much direct contact with the general population of gardeners and garden lovers as Ron has, which makes him de facto goodwill ambassador for the profession. We are very pleased to recognize his educational and design contributions to the profession over the last 30 years, and warmly welcome him into the College of Fellows.

Other requirements for election are a minimum of twelve (12) years uninterrupted membership in the Society, strictly enforced confidentiality of nomination and a confirmed 75% majority vote by the Jury of Fellows. Outstanding contributions are generally considered as contributions which are above and beyond those provided by a member of the profession. Particular attention is paid to those practitioners who have made nationally or internationally recognized contributions.

College of Fellows Chairs

- 1979-84 William E. Coates, OALA
- 1984-86 E. J. (Jack) Walker, SALA
- 1986-87 James R. Taylor, OALA
- 1987-89 Douglas D. Paterson, BCSLA
- 1989-90 Jack D. Milliken, OALA
- 1990-92 Leonard L. Novak, AALA
- 1992-94 Ronald F. Williams, AAPQ
- 1994-96 Peter G. Kynstra, APALA
- 1996-98 Alexander Budrevics, OALA
- 1998-00 Don Vaughan, BCSLA
- 2000-02 Charles H. Thomsen, MALA
- 2002-04 John B. Macleod, AAPQ
- 2004-06 Carolyn S. Woodland, OALA

C.o.F. Secretary-Treasurers

- 1979-89 Owen R. Scott, OALA
- 1989-91 M. Garry Hilderman, MALA
- 1992- Gunter A. Schoch, MALA

Jury of Fellows Foremen

- 1987-91 Cornelia Oberlander, BCSLA
- 1991-93 Charles H. Thomsen, MALA
- 1993-97 M. Garry Hilderman, MALA
- 1997-00 Vincent Asselin, AAPQ
- 2000-02 Jane Durante, BCSLA
- 2002-05 Cary C. Vollick, APALA

Dual Fellowship in CSLA and ASLA

Since 1975, nine Canadian Landscape Architects had the rare and exceptional honour being elected to both the CSLA/AAPC College of Fellows and the ASLA Council of Fellows. These are recorded as follows:

1. Alexander Budrevics, OALA	1975	1975
2. Louis Perron, AAPQ	1974	1978
3. Gunter A. Schoch, MALA	1985	1973
4. Cameron R. J. Man, BCSLA	1982	1985
5. Walter H. Kehm, OALA	1986	1986
6. Peter Jacobs, AAPQ	1981	1990
7. Cornelia Oberlander, BCSLA	1981	1992
8. James Stansbury, OALA	1982	1993
9. Ann Millosoroff, OALA	2001	1999

CSLA Fellow ASLA Fellow

CSLA/AAPC Fellows

(* = deceased)

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| 1964 | Chris Bishopric
Gordon Culham
Howard Dunnington-Grubb
Maurice H. Howitt
Edward I. Wood | 1980 | Maurice Hamel
Jack D. Milliken
Reinhart L. Petersmann
James R. Taylor
Nick Van Vliet | 1990 | Douglas B. Clark
Jane L. Durante
Kenneth J. Hoyle
Moura Quayle |
| 1966 | Frances V. Blue | 1981 | Benoit J. Begin
Michael Hough
Peter Jacobs
Cornelia Oberlander
Marius Ois | 1991 | Irene Cling-Mars
Glenn D. Harrington
Lawrence R. Peterson |
| 1967 | Robert G. Calvert | 1982 | Heinz H. G. Berger
M. Garry Hilderman
Cameron R. J. Man
* Andre Sauve
James Stansbury | 1992 | Edwin S. (Ted) Baker
Donald B. Barron
John D. Consolati
Marie Kipen |
| 1972 | E. J. (Jack) Walker | 1982 | Edward P. Holubowitch
Frank D. Millius
Danielle Routaboule
Don Vaughan | 1993 | Vincent Asselin
Cecelia Paine
Carolyn S. Woodland |
| 1973 | Victor Chanasyk
J. Austin Floyd
Warner S. Goshorn
Donald W. Graham
Macklin L. Hancock
Douglas W. Harper
John W. Neill
Edwin J. Skapsis
Emiel Van der Meulen | 1983 | Arthur R. Couture
Arthur R. Cowie
Georges Daudelin
Dieter Gruenowald
R. Hugh Knowles
Douglas D. Paterson | 1994 | Carole Beaugard
Roderick B. MacDonald
John B. Macleod
Steven Moorhead |
| 1974 | Ibsen E. Brodersen
Bradley R. Johnson
Clive L. Justice
Andre E. Lafontaine
Louis Perron
Donald W. Pettit
Janina Stensson | 1984 | * Uflic Couture
John L. Lantzlius
Estyl J. Mooney
Gunter A. Schoch | 1995 | Robert N. Allsopp
Alfred Simon |
| 1975 | Alexander Budrevics
George Tanaka | 1985 | John L. Lantzlius
Estyl J. Mooney
Gunter A. Schoch | 1996 | Garry Carson
E. B. (Ted) McLachlan
James H. Melvin
Chantal Prud'homme
Jean-Francois Roland
Cary C. Volflick |
| 1976 | William E. Coates
Raymond Gascon
Alexander E. Rattray | 1986 | Walter H. Kehm
Leonard L. Novak
Friedrich Oehmichen | 1996 | Catherine Berris
John (Jack) P. Copeland
Donald K. Hester
Ronald J. Middleton
Jeffrey J. Phillips |
| 1977 | Owen R. Scott | 1987 | Peter G. Kyrnstra
Ronald F. Williams | 2000 | Davit Anselmi
Robert W. Crosby
Robert A. Gibbs
Gerald A. G. Lajunesse
Faye E. Langmaid
Eha Mai Naylor
Robert M. Wright |
| 1978 | Philip W. Tattersfield | 1988 | Edward H. Fife
Charles H. Thomsen | | |
| 1979 | Raouil Robillard | 1989 | Andre Chartrand | | |

Anne-Marie Parent

Categories: Executed Works and

Service to the Community or the Public

Anne-Marie Parent graduated from the Université de Montréal with a B.A. in 1968 and a B.L.A. degree in 1972. She became a member of AAPQ and CSLA in 1975 and served on the AAPQ Board from 1978-81. Here she structured the steadily growing association and currently serves as a member of its Legal-Ethics Committee.

Anne-Marie has worked as a landscape architect and town planner for the City of Montreal, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, as well as for a multidisciplinary firm involved in the planning of the Mirabel Airport before co-founding, 25 years ago, Parent Latreille and Associates (PLA) Consultants, a senior consulting firm involved in environment and land-use planning. As a well-known professor at the Université de Montréal for 20 years, Anne-Marie has lectured on urban design, and sustainable planning and development.

Ms. Parent is also a Councillor for the City of Montreal. First elected in 1989, she has always had a strong interest in the environmental and planning aspects of municipal issues. She now chairs a municipal committee preparing an eco-territory management plan and is also a member of Council's standing committee on Transportation, Environment and Sustainable Development, studying traffic improvement measures and preparing a protection plan for Montreal island's remaining natural environment.

Anne-Marie heads the National InfraGuide's Environmental Protocols Committee, a team of experts examining environmental conditions and opportunities with respect to municipal infrastructure. For her exemplary, continuous contributions to our profession over three decades, Ms. Parent is most deserving for recognition and election to CSLA Fellowship.

Anne-Marie Parent Categories: Travaux exécutés et Services communautaires et publics

Anne-Marie Parent a obtenu un B.A. en 1968 et un B. Arch. Pays. en 1972 de l'Université de Montréal. Reçue membre de l'AAPQ et de l'AAPC en 1975, elle a siégé sur l'exécutif de l'AAPQ de 1978-81 et est présentement membre du Comité des Affaires éthiques et légales.

Anne-Marie a travaillé comme architecte paysagiste et urbaniste pour la Ville de Montréal, la Société Canadienne d'Hypothèque et de Logement, et pour une firme impliquée dans la planification de l'aéroport de Mirabel. En 1977, elle a été cofondatrice de Parent Latreille et Associés (PLA) Consultants, une firme-conseil oeuvrant en aménagement, et en environnement.

A titre de professeur de l'Université de Montréal pendant 20 ans, Anne-Marie a enseigné le design urbain et le développement durable.

Anne-Marie Parent est aussi conseillère à la Ville de Montréal. Élue en 1989, elle a toujours défendu les aspects environnementaux et de planification des enjeux municipaux. Elle préside maintenant un comité multipartite préparant le plan de gestion d'un éco-territoire impliquant des développeurs, des professionnels et des groupes de pression. Elle est aussi membre de la Commission sur les transports, l'environnement et le développement durable qui prépare un plan de protection pour les milieux naturels restants sur l'île de Montréal.

De plus, Anne-Marie dirige le comité national pour l'InfraGuide sur les Protocoles Environnementaux, une équipe d'experts examinant les conditions et opportunités environnementales en regard des infrastructures municipales.

Ses efforts exemplaires pour la défense de la profession d'architecture de paysage aux niveaux local et national lui méritent reconnaissance au niveau du CSLA 'Fellowship'.

Michelle

Gerry Eckford

Category: Direct Service to the Society

Mr. Gerry Eckford graduated with a BA from the U.B.C. in 1974 and received his BLA from the University of Oregon in 1983. He became a member of the BCSLA in 1987 and served on its Board of Directors from 1989 to 1990 and as Registrar from 1990 to 1997.

In 1992, Gerry became the first BCSLA representative to the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. He was elected by CLARB Region 5 as Regional Director in 1995 and as National Treasurer in 2000. Gerry has also served on numerous Urban Design Panels in the Vancouver area and has taught at UBC. Throughout his service, in both the BCSLA and CLARB, Gerry has been an advocate for the advancement of our profession both in Canada and internationally. His focus with CLARB was to ensure that the IARE examination fairly represented the profession as practiced in Canada. Gerry continues his involvement with CLARB on the Governance Committee and as exam grader. The BCSLA honored him with the president's award in 1996 and the Exceptional Contribution Award in 2001.

As a design professional, Gerry is the principal of Eckford & Associates Landscape Architecture Inc., a professional team providing landscape architectural services on projects ranging from child care to health care, from urban plazas to stream revitalization. His designs have received numerous awards.

Gerry Eckford is known by many as a role model of the true gentleman and professional landscape architect. He is most deserving of recognition and election to CSLA Fellowship.

David Leinster

Categories: Executed Works and Direct Service to the Society

Mr. David Leinster graduated from the University of Toronto with a BLA degree in 1985. He was accepted as a member of OALA and CSLA in 1989, and of ASLA and OPPI in 1999. He has been active with the OALA council for seven years, and served as it's President from 2002-2004. Here he has been instrumental in leading changes to the education and membership revision process. Recently, he served as OALA Co-Chair of the OPP/OALA joint conference, "Power of Place".

David also has committed his time to a number of organizations, including the CSLA BoG, the Harbourfront Parks Advisory, the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation, the Ontario provincial Smart Growth Panel, and OPPI's Urban Design Subcommittee. He has also been involved as a guest critic and lecturer at a number of universities across Ontario and in the United States.

David began his career with ENVision- The Hough Group in 1986 and is now a Principal. David's interest in cities is reflected in his project work which involves creating design solutions that address environmental, cultural and social issues. In recent years he has led teams of specialists on high profile projects including the Judicial Triad Master Plan on Parliament Hill, and the Harbourfront Center Landscape Revitalization. Currently he is working with the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation on a master plan for Commissioners Park.

David's outstanding achievements and notable contributions to the profession are well worthy of recognition and we are pleased to welcome him into the CSLA College of Fellows.

2001

- Louis Beaupré
- Patrick Bollenbergh
- Arnis Budreivs
- Vincent Dunais
- Ann Millovsoroff
- Richard Moore
- Christopher Phillips
- Janet L. Rosenberg
- Thomas W. Spertling
- David M. Wagner

2003

- Alan S. Duncan
- Richard Gaudreau
- John B. Hillier
- Donna Hinde
- Peter G. Krauk
- Domenic Lunardo
- Patrick F. Mooney
- David J. Reid
- Marie-Claude Robert
- André A. Schwabenbauer
- Richard A. Strong

2004

- Ian Dance
- George F. Dark
- Gerald Eckford
- Michèle Gauthier
- David Leinster
- Anne-Marie Parent
- Campbell Patterson
- Ronald Rule
- Greg Smalldenber
- Barry A. Yanchyslyyn

The Fellows of 2004

Categories: Executed Works and Direct Service to the Society

Ian Dance

Mr. Ian Dance graduated from Ryerson Polytechnic University in 1980 with a diploma in Landscape Architecture. He was accepted as a member of OALA and CSLA in 1985 and of ASLA in 1995. He has served on the OALA Professional Practice and Ethics Review Board for a decade, as well as on a number of professional committees, including the Stormwater Management Strategies Committee for the Toronto Region Conservation Authority and the Ecological Shoreline Management Committees for Peninsula Lake and Lake of Bays. Ian contributes to the academic community by instructing design studios at Ryerson and by regularly attending juried design reviews. In 2001, Ian was honoured as the Town of Richmond Hill Volunteer of the Year for his assistance to the Horticultural and Historical Societies.

Ian joined ENVision – the Hough Group in 1980 and became a partner in 1991. With twenty-four years of consulting experience in planning, design and project management, he brings creative, design and technical expertise to a wide range of implemented projects. Ian's practice is characterized by creating places that integrate ecology, heritage and community support. He has practiced throughout Canada and internationally, providing innovative and award-winning designs to both public and private sector clients. Projects include the Children's Environmental Park in Seoul, Korea, Confederation Birthplace Memorial Park in Charlottetown, Queen's Park Restoration in Toronto and the Windsor Downtown Revitalization.

In recognition of Ian's endless pursuit of planning and design excellence and his exemplary dedication to the profession, we are honoured to welcome him as a CSLA Fellow.

George F. Dark

Categories: Executed Works and Service to the Community or the Public

Mr. George Dark obtained the Diploma in Landscape Architecture from the Ryerson University in 1976 and graduated with a B.L.A. degree from the University of Guelph in 1978. He was accepted as member of OALA and CSLA in 1981 and served on the OALA Examining Board, as well as examiner for Senior Oral Examinations and as member of numerous tasks groups.

Having joined Urban Strategies Inc in 1987, George is an urban designer, landscape architect and partner of this firm. He is a brilliant, highly informed and articulate professional and effective spokesperson for the profession. His projects range widely from urban design and community planning to national parks. His work includes important large-scale projects that are highly visible and respected for their approach and insight. They are projects that have consistently received recognition by CSLA, ASLA, and other respected professional bodies.

George is a respected leader in the Toronto planning and design community. In 2001, he was included in the Honor Roll of the Toronto Region Conservation Authority for his work in establishing the Oak Ridges Moraine Coalition. Since 2002, he is serving as Chair of the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation. George is also on the Board of Directors of the Evergreen Foundation, an organization dedicated to bringing nature back to cities. He regularly speaks at universities and professional gatherings and has been a juror for numerous design award programs.

In celebration of George's dedicated service to the profession, we warmly welcome him into the CSLA College of Fellows.

Michèle Gauthier

Category: Executed Works

Mme. Michèle Gauthier graduated from the University of Montreal with a B.L.A. degree in 1982 and is a member of both the AAPQ and the CSLA since 1989. She served on the AAPQ board of directors from 1997 to 2000 and since then on AAPQ's admission and communication committees. She is a sought after, inspiring speaker at numerous conferences and forums on landscape architecture, urban design and urban planning.

During her work with the Groupe d'intervention urbaine de Montréal in 1983 and the Groupe Cardinal-Hardy since 1987, where she is now a partner, Michèle has become one of the finest urban designers in Quebec. Working with multidisciplinary teams and through her professionalism, sincerity and innovative approach, her projects have won numerous distinctions and awards. Some of her best known urban design successes are the Old Port of Montreal, Lighting design for Old Montreal, Place d'Youville and Lacoursière Park on Nun's Island, which bear eloquent witness to the creative wealth of her work. She also taught at Montreal University's School of Landscape Architecture from 1993 to 2001 and, as in all her projects, has brought energetic enthusiasm that is contagious and inspiring to all she meets.

Michèle's projects, articles, lectures and contributions are noteworthy, pertinent and inspiring. She does not accept compromise, but strives for and attains excellence. Her practice of landscape architecture is intense, her devotion to the profession eloquent and her projects are testimony to this excellence. It is a pleasure, indeed, to invite Michèle Gauthier into the College of Fellows.

Michèle Gauthier

Category: Travaux exécutés

Diplômée à l'École d'architecture de paysage de l'Université de Montréal en 1982, Michèle Gauthier devient une passionnée du paysage urbain. Membre de l'AAPQ (1982) et de l'AAPC (19-), elle siège sur le conseil d'administration de l'AAPQ de 1997 à 2000. Elle donne des conférences internationales portant sur la conservation des espaces publics et sur l'urbanisme lumière. Pour elle, le paysage dépasse des notions esthétiques et cosmétiques. Le sol, les plantes, les pierres deviennent matière à raconter les lieux, à évoquer un imaginaire collectif.

Du Groupe d'intervention urbaine de Montréal (1983) au Groupe Cardinal-Hardy (depuis 1987) elle oeuvre au sein d'équipes multidisciplinaires. Son exploration rigoureuse des espaces publics urbains lui confère une expertise solide. Professionnelle reconnue pour son approche innovatrice, elle s'est imposée comme chargée de projet (1987) puis comme associée (2001) par sa capacité de synthèse et son aptitude à développer des solutions réalistes. De 1993 à 2001, elle enseigne à l'École d'architecture de paysage de l'Université de Montréal. Elle développe ainsi une démarche conceptuelle manifeste, issue d'un questionnement sur le rôle de l'architecte de paysage dans la redéfinition des villes.

La pratique de Michèle Gauthier s'enracine dans la signification du paysage construit. Le territoire est son outil et l'identité, son langage; ses projets épousent les contours des cultures urbaines et soulèvent l'approche du lieu. Chaque projet est un morceau de ville qui rétablit les ponts entre ce qu'a été et ce que sera l'urbain. Les projets du Vieux-Port de Montréal, de la place d'Youville, l'Opération lumière du Vieux-Montréal et le parc Lacoursière à l'Île des Secours sont des témoigns éloquents de la richesse créative de son travail. Maintes fois primés, ces projets démontrent une pratique rigoureuse toujours en quête d'espaces publics significatifs, animés et conviviaux.