



***Catherine Lalonde Memorial Scholarship  
Sam Lock demonstrates excellence in wood design***

**Ottawa, ON, November 4, 2011** – The Canadian Wood Council (CWC) is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2011 Catherine Lalonde Memorial Scholarship, Mr. Sam Lock, a graduate student from Dalhousie University's School of Architecture was awarded the scholarship at the Ontario Wood *WORKS!* Awards Gala on November 3. Michael Giroux, President of Canadian Wood Council, presented the award in front of 500 architects, engineers and builders representing some of the finest design and construction firms in Ontario.

Catherine, a professional engineer, was a passionate representative of our industry who relentlessly championed the use of wood in residential and commercial construction. She was president of the CWC from 2000 to 2003, when sadly her career came to a tragic and sudden end when she lost her battle with breast cancer. This award was created to honour Catherine's memory and to perpetuate the legacy she left to the Canadian forest products industry through her 10 years of work at CWC.

The goal of the Memorial Scholarship is to recognize a graduate student from a Canadian university who best exemplifies Catherine's passion. The recipient must demonstrate academic excellence and involvement in a research project that will have a lasting positive influence on the wood products industry.

The competition was fierce this year with eleven applications from universities across Canada. Submissions were of very high quality, both academically and in terms of the relevance of their work to the future of the industry.

This year's recipient, Mr. Sam Lock, demonstrates a particularly strong blend of academic excellence and originality in his exploration of new avenues in wood design. His thesis will address innovation in wood building technology, focusing on the use of green wood in light weight gridshell design while using a multidisciplinary approach encompassing architecture, material properties, economics and ecology.

"In our opinion, this submission embraces closely what Catherine was all about: excellence, dedication, and balance", states Michael Giroux, President of the Canadian Wood Council.



(left to right) Michael Giroux, President CWC and **Samuel Lock**, Scholarship Recipient

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