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Hot off the presses

Landscape architects are increasingly choosing to incorporate native plants into their designs for economic, aesthetic and environmental reasons. In the Midwest, prairie restorations are desirable for their botanical diversity, low maintenance and summer-long beauty, as well as providing habitat for birds and butterflies. A new quarterly journal, *The Prairie Reader*, is essential reading for landscape architects wishing to learn more about or include native prairie plants in their work. The inaugural issue includes articles on the nation's increasing appreciation for our grassland heritage, the turf wars in Minneapolis parks, the *lobelia* flower family, a 2 1/2-acre suburban backyard restoration, and the proposed Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in Minnesota and Iowa. Upcoming issues will include articles on Prairie Crossing, an Illinois housing development incorporating prairie restorations; midwestern landscape architects who design with prairie plants; and the initiatives behind roadside plantings. To subscribe to *The Prairie Reader*, send an $18 check (+ issues per year) to *The Prairie Reader*, P.O. Box 8227, St. Paul, MN 55108.

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Architectural renovation winners included the Fire Station 27–Bruegger's Bagel Bakery by Dovolis Johnson & Ruggieri; the Taylor residence addition by Mulfinger, Susanka, Mahady & Partners; 510 Groveland double-apartment rehab by Frederick Bentz/Milo Thompson/Robert Rietow, Inc.; the Elisha & Lizzie Morse, Jr., Cupola House by Roark Kramer Rosowski DESIGN; the Longfellow House (featured this issue, page 30) by Kodet Architectural Group; Lourdes Square town house by Paul Madson + Associates; and the Historic Lake Harriet Restroom Restoration project by Charles Liddy of Miller-Dunwid-die, Peter Sussman of KKE and Joanne Ellison, among others.

Other award recipients included the Twin Cities Bungalow Club, which has “consistently helped to educate members and the public regarding the quality and worth of the bungalow-style homes in Minneapolis,” according to the commission; and Betsy Doermann, receiving the Steve Murray award for her work in helping restore The Historic Stone Arch Bridge, creating the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Trails and developing an orientation center on the river, among other undertakings.
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Nancy McCallum and Nicola Moss
Paintings and Bronze Works
Circa Gallery
Minneapolis
Sept. 7–Oct. 12
With hues recalling early Renaissance art, McCallum's paintings on boards are filled with animals and birds in Edenic gardens. In contrast, Moss’s semigraphic bronzes have a universal appeal as they recall past cultures and civilizations. Her work is found in the National Museum of Scotland and the Smithsonian collections, among others.

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Art Works: The PaineWebber Collection of Contemporary Masters
Minneapolis Institute of Arts
Through Sept. 15
Seventy objects sample the extensive corporate collection of PaineWebber, which numbers approximately 650 paintings, sculptures, works on paper, prints and photographs. On display are works by such illustrious artists as Andy Warhol, Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg and others.

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Wild Design: Designs for the Wild
Walker Art Center
Minneapolis
Sept. 7–Jan. 5

From exotic tents and parkas to bicycles and high-tech hiking shoes, this exhibit looks at some of the durable, colorful, sometimes provocative objects that have been created for outdoor adventure. The pieces, removed from their commercial use, will be arranged in such a way as to reveal their aesthetic artistry. For instance, bicycles will be disassembled to emphasize their attenuated parts, while hiking and climbing shoes will be posed to reveal their sculptural qualities.

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Helen, Gerhard Richter, 1963

Harvest: Harriet Bart's Weisman Sculpture Plaza Commission
Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis
Through Oct. 6
On view is the second in a series of three commissioned sculptures for the Weisman's plaza. Working drawings, models and related work will explain the evolution of Bart's work. The commissioning program, sponsored by the Jerome Foundation and the R.C. Lilly Foundation, is designed to encourage emerging Minnesota artists.

For more information, call (612) 625-9494.

ROOM
The Soap Factory
Minneapolis
Through Oct. 13
In this site-specific exhibit, 24 local artists working in a variety of media respond to the space—or “room”—of the National Security Soap Factory building. The curators envision the exhibit as a “20-years-later” response to a 1976 exhibit called ROOMS (P.S. 1), mounted in a defunct elementary-school building in Brooklyn, New York. The artists have considered emotional, psychological, poetic and socio-political issues in creating their pieces.

For more information, call (612) 623-9176.
Northern Woods Exhibition
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Oct. 17-20
This exhibit by the Minnesota Woodworkers Guild features more than 65 pieces of handcrafted furniture by area woodworking artisans. Woodworking demonstrations also will be given.
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Building for Air Travel:
Architecture and Design for Commercial Aviation
The Art Institute of Chicago
Oct. 19-Jan. 5
Highlights of this exhibit—which traces the evolution of architecture and aviation design—will be two large cutaway models from 1939 of Boeing 307 and 314; renderings from industrial designer Walter Dorwin Teague from 1945-46 of a Boeing 377 interior; and drawings and models from new airports under design and construction. Also included is a special installation by Chicago architect Helmut Jahn, in which curved aluminum ribs will convey the image of an aircraft under construction. A 240-page book with color photos will accompany the exhibit.
For more information, call (312) 443-3600.

The Photomontages of Hannah Höch
Walker Art Center
Minneapolis
Oct. 20-Feb. 2
More than 100 pieces span the career of this photomontage artist, including representations from Höch’s politically engaged period as a Berlin Dadaist from 1918-1922 through the Weimer period, in which she addresses gender, race, class and technology issues, to her more abstract work. Throughout her career, her work steadily evolved from social commentary to surrealism and abstraction.
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Poetic Horizons:
The Landscape Tradition of Britain, 1750-1850
 Minneapolis Institute of Arts
Oct. 27-Jan. 19
More than 200 pieces—paintings, drawings, watercolors, prints, books, textiles and decorative arts—will showcase Britain’s golden age of landscape. Of particular note are three paintings receiving star billing: Thomas Gainsborough’s “The Harvest Wagon” (1767); John Constable’s “The Leaping Horse” (1825); and J.M.W. Turner’s “The Ponte delle Torri, Spoleto” (ca. 1840-50). Other featured artists include Richard Parkes Bonington, George Chinnery, Samuel Palmer and Joseph Wright of Derby.
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Between Fences
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John Cuningham
Interview by Camille LeFevre

Anthony Falls. In the fall of 1995, buoyed with enthusiasm for river-front renewal, John Cuningham, president of the Cuningham Group, tours three urban river-front projects in the Netherlands for ideas to bring home. In February 1996, the Cuningham Group sends out a “Call for Visions” request to approximately 40 architects, landscape architects and urban planners across the United States and the Netherlands. The request is for creative and comprehensive approaches to developing the river front from Washington Avenue across the Mississippi River to Main Street S.E., and from Third Avenue S. to I-35W. Fourteen visions—some quite fanciful, others practical—are submitted.

In April, an Urban Design Advisory Group is formed. Lead by Paul Farmer, Minneapolis director of city planning, the group’s mission is to help formulate possibilities and opportunities for river-front revitalization. In May, Farmer presents a compilation of the “Call for Visions” submissions, titled The Minneapolis Riverfront: Vision and Implementation, to members of the Minneapolis City Council. Several days later, a seminar titled “Successful Urban Riverfront Redevelopment” is presented in conjunction with the national AIA Convention to a standing-room-only audience.

Now citizens of the city are abuzz about the river, due to Cuningham’s project, as well as such river-front initiatives as the opening of the Historic Stone Arch Bridge and architect Scott Wende’s community-based river-front master plan, which won an AIA Minnesota Honor Award in 1995.

Architects Minnesota talked with Cuningham about Minneapolis’s relationship to the Mississippi River, why the river virtually has been ignored for 30 years, and how the designs submitted to “Call for Visions” cast the river front and our relationship to it in a new context.

Why have Minneapolitans, for the most part, turned their backs to the river?
During the AIA charrette at our office, a poet said “The river is the source of life.” That was a profound statement. The river was the original economic source of life of the city, and of course water is the source of human life. In every place except downtown, in both Minneapolis and St. Paul, water is the source of the greatest property values. Look around Lake Calhoun, Lake Harriet, Lake of the Isles. The river, on the other hand, is empty. It’s abandoned. The river is invisible in Minneapolis. Many times we bring out-of-town guests to the river and they’re surprised to learn the Mississippi flows through Minneapolis. As a city we’re not identified with the river very strongly, even though it’s our reason for being.

What will it take to turn the Minneapolis Mississippi river front, a natural area re-shaped through centuries of use—as a waterway, a trade route and then an industrial corridor—toward a new human use?
Some steps have already been taken. One is the establishment of the riverside park and people’s discovery of this park. So to change the river front means to change people’s perceptions of it and ways of thinking about it. The park is a great first step. The next step is to create the river front as a place to live. Right now, with exceptions like La Rive, people can’t conceive of such a thing. The river is almost invisible and almost inaccessible. One of the things we noticed about the designs handed in by architects from out of town was their tremendous development of accessibility to the river; boulevards, walkways and access to the river. They just grabbed onto that. They immediately saw the ways in which we’re blocking the river.

In the designs submitted, what else stood out to you in terms of how the designers imagined the river in concert with development? Celebration. They wanted to celebrate the river. They wanted to bring the river into the town, create boulevards that ended in monuments on the river and things like that. Okay, so tell me if you were at Seventh and Nicollet how you would walk to the river? That’s not much of a walk. Now what if I said we’re going to walk to the river, and first we’re going to walk down this tree-lined boulevard, and at the end you can see an obelisk or fountain, and then there is this marvelous view of the falls with sound, volume and energy. You’d say, “Oh, I want to see that.” Now, where are you going to observe the falls? The Stone Arch Bridge. Look at how it’s used. It’s a magnet. People are walking and running and roller blading and biking. A year and a half ago you couldn’t get on it. Where did these people come from? They’re here because it’s a fabulous place to look at the river.
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To stay ahead in the evermore complex building and design world, architects have forged professional relationships with allied professionals to ensure a competitive edge

By Camille LeFevre

Traditionally, architects and the professionals they encounter in related disciplines—such as engineers, interior designers and contractors—have endured adversarial relations: at best cool, and at worst, hostile. Through the years, sparks of all sorts have inflamed the fires of mutual discontent, including misunderstandings over styles of thinking and approach, conflict over areas of responsibility, clashes in concept and execution, lack of communication, debates over licensure, and disagreements on fee structure and payment.

Of course, there have always been exceptions to the rule. There are architectural firms that for decades have worked with landscape architects, engineers and interior designers as colleagues, rather than rivals. “A&E”—architecture and engineering—firms house both talents under one roof. Negotiated contracts require the combining of skills and talents. Two firms with complementary skills will join forces to secure a commission.

The rule, however, is changing. The business climate in which architects practice today is much different from even a decade ago. The design-build process, out-sourcing, increasingly competitive commissions, and the complex task of completing buildings that fulfill environmental, safety, acoustical, disability and computerization concerns have placed new demands on architects. As a result, many architectural firms are trading their swords for plowshares, forging partnerships with engineers, contractors, interior designers and others in order to rethink their methods of service delivery and meet consumer demand.

“It is difficult to accept the overarching changes in the building industry, but architects just don’t have the breadth of knowledge that we used to have when things were much less specialized in the building profession,” says Tim Alt, Altus Architecture, Ltd., who works with builder Bruce Bren and interior designer Billy Beeson. “You have to accept the fact that unless you want to devote 24 hours a day to staying abreast of everything that’s state of the art, you’re not going to know it, therefore you’re not providing the best service you can to your clients to keep their business.”

“Everybody is seeing a need to provide expanded services,” concurs Alexander Ritter, principal, RSP Architects, whose firm competes with—but for 12 years also has partnered with—Setter, Leach & Lindstrom, an A&E firm. “Very often we have teams with 10 to 15 various consulting disciplines—real estate, acoustics, lighting, energy resources, financial people. A lot of that is driven by the technical aspects of building today. Part of it is driven by a desire to offer a broader, full-service consulting arrangement with owners.

“One of the arguments about the marginalization of the architectural profession is that we’re brought into the process after many decisions have been made that we should have been involved in. And yet quite often owners don’t look at us as having valuable input into that part of the process,” Ritter continues. “Part of what you’re seeing today is a recognition of the value of having architects involved early on, along with a broadening of the kinds of services practices offer.”

To fulfill new marketplace demands, says Alt, “architects have to be much more clever resource managers and team builders, and be more entrepreneurial. I still favor the traditional client-architect relationship: the client is able to see more directly how your efforts matter and the time it takes to do what you need to do. But we’ve got to look pretty squarely at what’s out there. We need to go out and seek mutually

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This large, beautiful room is the centerpiece of what was once an exclusive hunting lodge. Built in 1930, the property was converted to a single family residence in the early Fifties. But 40 years of paint, plasterboard and paneling had all but hidden its original elegance.

So, when new owners began renovating it in 1991, they asked architect Katherine Cartrett of Mulfinger, Susanka and Mahady to recapture the original rustic charm of the place. They asked her to use only the finest high performance building products available. Given those terms, it's not surprising that, when the subject of windows and doors came up, the owners asked to talk with Marvin.

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In our youth-dominated culture, older buildings have taken a beating. Too often we perceive old as being useless, dispensable. Look around our downtowns. Asphalt parking lots stretch from street to avenue where architecture once rose. In Minneapolis, city officials leveled an entire section of downtown—the Gateway District—in the early 1960s because the "seedy" bars and flop houses proved an embarrassment to civic leaders. Of course, some buildings hardly warrant a footnote in architectural history. But the memory of those few gems wrought asunder still reverberates with preservationists.

While it's true that some buildings simply outlive their usefulness, others indeed have life left in them if only we would think creatively about reuse potentials.

In this issue, we review several buildings that won last-minute, death-row reprieves. The Longfellow House and the west wing of the Gillette State Children's Hospital were in pretty sorry states before the right clients stepped in. Today, each has a new mission and a story to tell.

Perhaps that is one of the more prosaic reasons to save and preserve architecture; because architecture is a living and evolving narrative of our heritage. Nothing beats returning to the original source for a hands-on history lesson. The surrounding zoological garden may be gone from the Longfellow House, but the renovated house remains a living monument to the eccentric R.F. Jones, who introduced exotic animals to Minnesota. The sprawling campus of the Gillette Hospital is dust, but the west wing still stands to tell the story of the children who fought seemingly insurmountable odds there.

Touring historic architecture helps illuminate societal changes as we uncover an era's attitudes toward government, God, citizenship and individual rights. Walk through the Minnesota State Capitol and feel the power and glory of government. Observe the marbles and stones, the columns and murals, the carved statues and gold leaf. Look up and gasp at the rotunda's soaring height. Walk along the corridors and listen to your heels click across the hard-surface floors. The place ignites the senses.

We should be grateful that the Capitol was built at the turn of the century when its grandeur was financially feasible. Today, that original $4.5 million price tag will get you the front steps, and maybe a column or two.

The knowledge that we live in a technologically advanced society makes the State Capitol all the more remarkable. How did they build it with the day's less sophisticated technology? Yet they did build it—just as they built the great cathedrals of Europe hundreds of years ago, and the temples and pyramids of the ancient world thousands of years before.

Today we assume all too much. We assume that the cold-hard facts of technology and science and medicine easily will solve our problems. In earlier times, people looked to some higher order—some greater power—for guidance and salvation. The soaring interiors of Gothic churches reached heavenward. The Beaux Arts civic buildings in early 20th-century American cities became temples to democracy. Craftsmanship was present in the ornate detailing. We're still building temples today, but they're temples to commerce sheathed in glass—and the craftsmanship is all in the thermopanes.

History lives in architecture. Yet as our society continues to build on history, we only can wonder what future generations will conclude after touring our present-day architecture.
Miller-Dunwiddie’s on-going renovation of the State Capitol ensures that Minnesota’s most important landmark will continue to glow.

The Minnesota State Capitol is a work in progress. Yes, that’s right, a work in progress. For those who know the Capitol only as they glimpse it from the rear-view mirror as they speed along Interstate 94, or for those who simply haven’t visited this Minnesota landmark in some time, you may have missed all the goings-on about the place. This executive masterpiece designed by Cass Gilbert is clad in some pretty sturdy stuff, but time and weather have pecked at its marble façade.

Yet with Miller-Dunwiddie working in the background, you never will notice the deterioration. Miller-Dunwiddie drew up a comprehensive preservation plan in the mid-1980s that details necessary maintenance and restoration work. And for the past 10 years the Minneapolis firm has been involved in on-going restoration and renovation of the Capitol, updating life-safety and accessibility features, replacing leaking roofs, repairing crumbling marble, restoring legislative chambers and renewing public spaces. According to Craig Lau of Miller-Dunwiddie, once the restoration is done, the maintenance continues.

If Miller-Dunwiddie has a due date, then it’s the Capitol’s centennial celebration in 2005. That gives the firm about 10 more years to complete a roster of items, many of which have yet to be funded through the state.

For the Miller-Dunwiddie team, the Minnesota State Capitol offers constant architectural surprises and pleasures.

Sitting regally atop its downtown St. Paul site, which it has commandeered since first opening to the public on Jan. 2, 1905, the Capitol holds fast in the state’s psyche. This is the place you bring out-of-town visitors to boast about the state’s grand and glorious architecture. As you climb the 50 granite steps up to the front entrance, you feel as though something important is happening. How can you not? The white marble façade, classical columns, carved statues, gold-leafed Quadriga and marble dome topped with a columnar lantern are worthy of a Renaissance palace.

Inside, the visual show really gets going. Here Gilbert used more than 20 varieties of stone in the halls, stairways and chambers. Two grand staircases lead to the east and west

By Eric Kedalis
corridors, connecting to the Senate, House and Supreme Court chambers. The interior itself is like a museum. Throughout are artist-commissioned murals—in the corridors, chambers, reception rooms. Stand in the center of the rotunda and look up to the dome interior. You'll see four murals at the dome's base relating the story of "The Civilization of the Northwest." Scanning the vaulted corridor ceilings you'll also see hand-painted arabesques depicting Minnesota-grown grains and fruits.

Cass Gilbert's building is Minnesota's third go-'round at a State Capitol. The first Capitol, finished in 1854, burned in 1881. LeRoy Buffington designed a replacement, which proved inadequate almost immediately upon its completion in 1883. The state then began planning for a new Capitol. The Board of State Capitol Commissioners launched a design competition in 1894, from which five finalists emerged from 56 entries. Yet all five drew lackluster response from the architectural community. The Board discarded the five finalists to announce a new competition in 1895, out of which came Gilbert's design.

When the $4.5 million Capitol opened its doors, praise flew in as it gathered national press. Minnesotans could stand tall. No longer was the state some rough-and-tumble, frontier outpost. This was a sophisticated place with a sophisticated Capitol to prove it.

Miller-Dunwiddie has worked within the parameters of the building's history. Knowing that the Capitol is as much about Minnesota as the North Woods or 10,000 lakes are, the firm has sought to retain the Capitol's place in the public esteem.

Visit the Capitol and you'll experience the results of Miller-Dunwiddie's work. Of course, you won't notice it right away. That's the mark of good restoration: It's invisible. But the accomplishments are there. The copper roof and skylights, for instance, are new and many of the marble balustrades have been replaced. The Senate and House chambers are restored to like-new condition, and behind-the-scenes offices have been upgraded. Mechanical, life-safety and accessibility features—rarely on the public mind except when something goes wrong—have been a big part of the firm's work. One of the most significant improvements is the addition of an accessibility ramp entrance on the ground level. And the gold-leaf Quadriga, designed by Daniel Chester French and Edward Potter in 1907, has been returned to its perched above the main entrance after a Connecticut company undertook a $600,000 restoration.

But much work still lies ahead. The lantern, for instance, is crumbling and restoring that will be next year's big job, as well as fixing the corroded exterior terraces and repairing some of the exterior detailing. On 1998's horizon is renovating the cafeteria, which right now is about as dreary a little room in the basement as you could imagine. Other renovation will continue until, essentially, the whole building has been combed through.

And with on-going care, the Capitol should last another 100 years and beyond.

**Minnesota State Capitol**
**On-going restoration**
**St. Paul**
**Miller-Dunwiddie**

*Gilbert employed more than 20 varieties of stones inside. Miller-Dunwiddie renewed the Senate Chambers (above) and a senate lounge (right) to Gilbert's original vision. Four murals encircle the rotunda (top). Columns line a corridor leading to the Supreme Court (opposite). Plans include renovating these public spaces.*
Capitol winners

Inspired by the grandeur of classical architecture, the top-ranked entries in the 1895 Minnesota State Capitol design competition reflected the era's taste for Beaux Arts formality.
In American Indian culture, the circle is the symbol of life, in which past, present and future unfold along the same continuum with no beginning or end. The Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Ojibwe divide the “Circle of Life” into four quadrants, with the northeast signifying the spirit, the southeast education, the southwest government and the northwest environment.

Dovolis Johnson & Ruggieri of Minneapolis developed its master plan for the tribe’s reservation near Hayward, Wis., based on the concept of the Circle of Life. Various tribal buildings—from the existing headquarters to the just-completed gym-and-cafeteria addition, future new high school and multimedia studio—fall along the perimeter of a circular path.

Dean Dovolis says that approaching the gym-and-cafeteria addition and school remodeling was unlike any previous project that he and his firm have undertaken. The firm needed to bring the existing school up to life-
For this gym-and-cafeteria addition, the architects used traditional American Indian forms and imagery. A colorful design along the wall (opposite) resembles a bead pattern, while the entrance is designed to reflect an eagle's perch. Rough-cut logs (above and left) form an outdoor room.

Safety and ADA codes, which are fairly perfunctory tasks, but the architects also had to design the addition in an architectural language that reflects the Ojibwe's traditional attitudes toward community and education, nature and color. Rather than discussing the nuts-and-bolts of square feet and such, the Ojibwe talked in terms of spirituality and specific places for experiences, Dovolis says.

Thus Dovolis Johnson & Ruggieri's challenge was to make tangible the sometimes intangible spiritual belief
concepts of the culture. The exterior detailing lifts various Ojibwe symbols. Angled window mullions, for instance, take the shape of tree branches in representation of nature, while the bricks' gradation from dark-to-light tones reflect the earth and the building's connection to it, as though emerging from "mother earth." A floral bead pattern in the brick, winding around the entire school, is based on an ancient pattern sewn by tribal elders. "The pattern wraps around the school as though the building is part of nature," Dovolis says.

Paramount in Ojibwe culture is the eagle, demonstrating respect and honor to all who cross under its path. The architects designed the main arched gym entrance to resemble an eagle perch, with brick staggered to a peak and topped with a carved wooden eagle.

Similar imagery is carried inside, as well. The circle with four colors—white, yellow, red, black—is found in floor inlays and painted above doors to symbolize earth and the north/south/east/west sky. The floral bead pattern repeats along the gymnasium walls and light-filled atriums emphasize the connection between indoors and outdoors, earth and sky. Also, classrooms have been opened up and capped with skylights to allow for the interplay between outside and inside environments.

Dovolis says that true to the spirit of the Ojibwe people, the addition was a community project. Members of the reservation helped with the construction and students developed wall art. The total involvement of architects and tribal members makes the expanded school a true part of the Ojibwe community.

E.K.

Lac Courte Oreilles
Ojibwe School
Renovation and Addition
Near Hayward, Wis.
Dovolis Johnson & Ruggieri
The Longfellow house in Minnehaha Park made a short trip across the street (opposite) from its original site before undergoing renovation.
The historic Longfellow house has defied the wrecking ball to become a showpiece at Minnehaha Park

For years, the Longfellow house lay in disrepair along Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis. Originally built as a private family home, the house functioned as a branch of the Minneapolis public-library system from 1936 to 1967 before serving such less illustrious functions as a park warming shelter and a Halloween “haunted” house. In time, the house stood abandoned, except for occasional transients seeking shelter. The wrecking ball seemed a sure bet as highway construction lapped at the house’s front stoop.

Today, the bright yellow house is reborn, thanks to the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, which owns it; the Longfellow House Restoration Group, which fought to save it; and the Kodet Architectural Group, which renovated it.

Despite its name, the Longfellow house was never the home of famed American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Instead, it was the home of an eccentric Minneapolis philanthropist and entrepreneur named Robert F. Jones. Known as “Fish” because he once ran a fish market, Jones was frequently seen about town in his top hat, high-heeled boots, gold-headed cane, a Vandyke beard and Prince Albert frock coat with Russian Wolfhounds in tow. He built this two-thirds-scale replica of his favorite poet’s Cambridge, Mass., house in 1907 to form the centerpiece of his private 4.6-acre botanical gardens and zoological park, a stone’s throw from Minnehaha Falls, commemorated in Longfellow’s “The Song of Hiawatha.”

And what a zoo it was. Amidst the lush flora and fauna, Jones’s zoo included monkeys, gnus, hippos, kangaroos, apes, bears, camels and exotic birds, along with panthers, tigers and lions—booty from
his frequent European and Asian travels. A miniature railway encircled the gardens, which included a sandstone sculpture of Longfellow. When Jones died in 1930 at age 79, his daughter maintained Longfellow Gardens until 1934, eventually selling many of the critters to Como Park Zoo in St. Paul. The city, to which Jones had deeded the property before his death, converted the house to a library in 1936.

Top of the city's agenda was to move the house from the southwest intersection of Minnehaha Parkway and Hiawatha Avenue to a new locale between Hiawatha and parallel railroad tracks. With that done, the architects could get down to the business of renovation.

After years of neglect, the interior was a mess, with extensive fire and water damage, along with dry rot. In addition, the house lacked life-safety and accessibility features necessary for a public building. Because the project is an adaptive reuse rather than a strict restoration, the architects bypassed much architectural detective work typical in restoring a building to an earlier era. Instead, they
modified the interior layout to create a multifunctional space with meeting rooms and offices on the second level, and an interpretive center for the public on the main floor. The interior now has the clean efficiency of a new building, with the addition of an elevator, proper life-safety features, open floor plan for exhibits highlighting the Minnehaha area, and a new basement with public rest rooms and storage.

With the main stairwell and exterior features, however, the architects stuck closer to the original architectural context. They salvaged pieces of the vestibule walls and stairs where possible and replicated the rest where damage was too extensive. Outside, the Kodet team repaired the walls where needed and reshingled the roof with historically accurate material. New windows reflect the original aesthetic, while dentils, the chimney and trim were rebuilt using salvaged fragments or old photographs as a guide.

Exhibits have yet to be installed and new landscaping is on the horizon. Yet as is, the renewed Longfellow house is another prize in Minneapolis’s extensive park system. E.K.

R.F. Jones (Longfellow) House
Minnehaha Park
Minneapolis
Kodet Architectural Group
Architectural education

The remnants of an old children’s hospital have found a new mission as a home for educational outreach programs
The restored west wing of the Gillette State Children's Hospital by Phalen Park in St. Paul is a bit like the story of the "little train that could." Despite seemingly impossible odds, this bite-size, one-story structure has huffed and puffed its way to success. Today the restored yellow-stucco building with clay-tile roof is an example of historic preservation done right, in an era when the wrecking ball swings all too freely.

Now known as the Humanities Education Center for the Minnesota Humanities Commission, which sponsors statewide educational programs for teachers, the building has remained true to its original intent as a place of learning. Educational, governmental and cultural groups use the building for meetings and retreats.

The 21,000-square-foot, T-shaped building is the remaining structure of the sprawling Gillette State Children's Hospital complex, established in 1897 as the nation's first state-funded hospital pro-
Among the architects' tasks was restyling the interior lobby and renewing such finer items as the plaster figurines (above) and reliefs along the lobby wainscoting. The auditorium (opposite top) now serves as a multiuse space.

Providing free care for children with disabilities, the hospital eventually constructed more than 10 interconnected, Spanish Colonial-style structures by Clarence H. Johnston on 13 acres along the southwest corner of Phalen Park. The west wing, perhaps the most architecturally significant of the group, was completed in 1925, also by Johnston.

The wing was named Michael Dowling Memorial Hall, in honor of a prominent state legislator who lost his hands and feet to frostbite at age 14. He became an ardent advocate for the rights of people with disabilities.

In the daunting world of children's hospitals and medical care, Dowling Hall was designed with heart and soul. This was an education building, a refuge for the children where they could complete their academic studies and learn occupational skills. The wing included classrooms, as well as an auditorium with stage and dressing room for performances.

The building's detailing, restored by Finn-Daniels Architects with Justin Properties, Inc., was surely designed with children and education in mind. Above the main entrance, framed by two marble columns with sculpted children's faces on the capitals, is a relief of a woman reading to two children. Along the ceiling of the vaulted central atrium are cast-plaster figurines of American Indians, pilgrims and redcoats. Also in the atrium and corridors, which are lined with clay-tile floors bordered with green-verde marble, is terra-cotta wainscoting in which reliefs depict such various scenes from American history as the Boston Tea Party or the Mayflower sailing to the new world. Children in wheelchairs surely had an eye-level view of these lively scenes. In the multiuse commons area, originally the auditorium just beyond the atrium, more cast-plaster figurines hide out along the ceiling, reading books, singing or gazing at a globe.

When Gillette Hospital moved to downtown St. Paul in 1977, the entire campus was razed in 1979 except the west wing. Various organizations and developers eyed the property, but no one took the bait, leaving the building to extensive deterioration until the Minnesota Humanities Commission stepped in.

The renovated building provides offices and meeting space for the Humanities Commission's three main functions: The Teacher Institute, which conducts
seminars and professional-development programs for K-12 teachers; MOTHER-EAD/FATHER-EAD-MN, a literature-based family reading program providing training to educational and social-service agencies; and the Grants and Community Program, which assists groups in planning and conducting study projects, speakers bureaus and such.

Finn-Daniels and Justin Properties worked within the building’s historic character while reconfiguring the interior spaces for new uses. Exterior work entailed repairing the stucco façade, polishing the marble columns, enclosing the vestibule with outer glass doors and replacing the tile roof.

Inside, Finn-Daniels and the renovation team replastered the atrium ceiling, renewed the terra-cotta reliefs, repaired the gnomes and figurines, carved 14 private offices out of former classrooms, expanded the original library to accommodate a new library and smaller activity room, and converted the auditorium into a multi-use commons space for dining, receptions or meetings. Below, they transformed the unfinished basement into 24 overnight guest rooms.

With its rebuffed surfaces and realigned goals, the west wing of the old Gillette Hospital will continue to serve children just as it did 70 years ago. E.K.

The west wing, now the Humanities Education Center, is the sole survivor of the Gillette Children’s Hospital complex. More than 10 connected buildings (above) designed by Clarence H. Johnston rambled along 13 acres on the southwest corner of Phalen Park. The west wing, completed in 1925, was perhaps the architectural prize of the bunch. As an education building, this is where children came to forget their troubles, complete their schooling, and have some fun. Here children gather in the courtyard (below left) and in the library (below right). The building originally wore a cupola (above), long-since gone. The lobby, now with its restored figurines and reliefs, looks as it did when it first opened.

Humanities Education Center
Near Phalen Park
St. Paul
Finn-Daniels Architects
The Minnesota Judicial Center, a multiphase project by The Leonard Parker Associates, Architects, Inc., of Minneapolis, was many years in the making—nearly 90 years, in fact.

It started after Cass Gilbert completed the Beaux Arts State Capitol, when in 1907 he conceived of a grand mall in which a legislative office building and a judicial building would flank the Capitol, symbolizing our three branches of government. The Judiciary, however, opted to stay within the Capitol itself, and land originally slated for a judicial center went to the Minnesota Historical Society. Over the years, the Judiciary found itself cramped for space and snatched the space it needed from several buildings around the Capitol grounds. Meanwhile, the Historical Society, likewise bursting at the seams in its 1915 classically inspired building by Clarence H. Johnston, also needed a new home.

Years in the making, the Minnesota Judicial Center is in full session with the completion of the final phase.

When a program and site study by TLPA identified the Historical Society site as an ideal location for the new Judicial Center, the Historical Society opted to build its new home near the Cathedral of St. Paul, leaving its old halls to the revered black-robed judges.

The renovation of the Judicial Center progressed in steps as the Historical Society awaited completion of its new home. First came the 150,000-square-foot, apse-shaped addition with new courtrooms and offices in 1991; then came an outdoor plaza designed in collaboration with artist Richard Fleischer; finally came the renovation of the existing building once the Historical Society moved across the Mall to its new facility in late 1992.

Completed in 1995, the Minnesota Judicial Center is whole as never before, a proud and worthy combination of new construction, restoration and adaptive reuse. All along, The Leonard Parker Associates, Architects had conceived the final-phase, 73,600-square-foot renovation as being important to presenting a ceremonial public entrance to the Judicial Center. "We wanted to create a grand image for the public entering the building," says Ray Greco of TLPA.
The Minnesota Judicial Center is a multiphase project by The Leonard Parker Associates, Architects, Inc., which includes an addition (opposite top) to the historic 1913 building (above). In this final phase, the architects renovated the original building, restoring the exterior to its 1913 condition.
And a grand entrance the architects have created. The original granite building is a handsome and dignified presence on the Capitol Mall. In the finest tradition of Beaux Arts architecture, stone steps lead to a columnar entrance, presenting a ceremonial sense of arrival.

The architects found Johnston’s building structurally sound, thus only some routine exterior cleaning was necessary to bring the façade up to snuff. In fact, the original building and addition blend quite seamlessly together with their matching granite facing and compatible architectural detailing and vocabulary.

The public will discover the most significant changes inside. To convert the interior from an archival resource center with four floors of stacks to a public entrance hall with private offices along the periphery, the architects gutted the central stacks area, removing the main staircase and retaining only the central corridors that run parallel with the building’s front façade. This move enabled the architects to carve a skylit courtyard out of the center, from which a rebuilt staircase leads from the front door directly to the Appellate courtroom on the second level. Stairs then wrap to the upper and lower levels along the periphery.

Despite the changes, the architects retained much of the original detailing and character. Hand railings from the old stairs now line the new; marble steps match the central corridor’s original marble; and sconces respect the classical persona.

The restored first-floor corridor—buffed, polished and shiny like new—leads to other major changes. The old media-resource center at one end of the corridor has been converted to two smaller hearing rooms, lined in red oak and plush deep-red carpeting. At the corridor’s other terminus, the former reference room is now an open meeting room. Look up and you’ll discover a renewed plaster ceiling with finely crafted detailing.

Looking up, in fact, is a way to discover the building’s many pleasures, including “Falling Water.” This art-glass skylight by Michael Pilla and Pat Benning provides glittering contrast to the interior’s formality.

With the completion of the Judicial Center, The Leonard Parker Associates, Architects, Inc., has realized Cass Gilbert’s vision: to accomplish a tripartition of public buildings at the head of the Capitol Mall representing the three governmental branches. In scale and detailing, the Minnesota Judicial Center is a worthy companion to Gilbert’s majestic State Capitol building.

E.K.

Minnesota Judicial Center, Phase II
Renovation and Restoration
Capitol Mall
St. Paul
The Leonard Parker Associates
Architects, Inc.

The interior displays the building’s most dramatic changes. Here the architects gutted the space (with the exception of the front corridor) and reconfigured a new central staircase (opposite). Other work includes new hearing rooms (top right), a restored central corridor (top left) and a multifunctional room (above) with an ornate plaster ceiling.
There's a rumor going around town that folks at The Leonard Parker Associates, Architects, Inc., are "too old-fashioned."

"Sure, somebody said that to me recently," says Leonard Parker, who's less interested in debunking the myth than he is in confirming, again, what TLPA is all about—and has been for almost 40 years. "He said, 'Leonard, students want to go to younger firms because you guys are too old-fashioned." Old-fashioned?" Parker pauses momentarily to choose his words. "We're modernists. We've resisted the trends that come along in architecture, and those who take the short view tend to think it's old hat what we do. Younger people often think we should be jumping on the latest bandwagon. That's not what we do."

Doing "what we do" has earned TLPA more than a little recognition over the past 39 years, since Parker left Eero Saarinen and Associates to hang out his own shingle in Minneapolis in 1957. Having now collected 84 awards (and counting), including the 1995 Firm Award from AIA Minnesota, TLPA is hardly a firm without a philosophical center. This is the firm that brought us the elegant Jewish Community Center of St. Paul (winner of AIA Minnesota's 25-Year Award in 1989), the much-heralded Minneapolis Convention Center, the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Judicial Center addition and renovation in St. Paul. But, as millennium approaches and Leonard Parker steps down as both fiscal and design principal, just what does the future hold for TLPA? Will it, in fact, even still be "TLPA" by century's end? And what of the people—now 40 strong—who do so much of the work that bears just one man's name?

Corny though it may sound, the word "family" frequently pops up when partners talk about their tenure at this Minneapolis firm. Indeed, there's a strong sense of unity, a palpable feeling of camaraderie among the nine principals—Leonard Parker, Gary Mahaffey, Francis Bulbulian, Stephen Huh, Ray Greco, Ken Jandura, David Dimond, Rob Reiss and Carol Schu.

"I started here as a student, left, and then came back," says Dimond, who was recently named a vice president of the firm and is one of the partners who Parker believes will be a key leader in design in years to come. "It's like a family here."

Bulbulian, executive vice president, echoes the thought. "When I rejoined the firm in 1972, I came because I wanted to be part of a firm rather than just a designer at another firm. I think there are many opportunities to be just another designer, but not so many chances to really be a part of a group like this."

The "group" is now headed up by Mahaffey, who was named president of TLPA last year after 30 years with the firm. Mahaffey, a quiet-spoken man with a keen grasp of the issues that face the firm, calls his role transitional.

"Historically, this has been a firm with design leadership," says Mahaffey, "and I hope this will continue as a strong design firm. My experience is of value as we move into new markets, as we begin to bring new people into the firm to strengthen our technological skills, and as we complete the transfer of ownership."

In a nutshell, Parker initiated a transfer of ownership in 1983 by setting up a five-year agreement with senior
firm members for purchasing TLPA stock. With the third round of stock options just being completed, Parker is no longer a majority stockholder and, by the year 2000, ownership of the firm will be totally in the hands of others.

Far from resting on past laurels—or languishing in the shadow of one man—the partners and associates of TLPA are aggressively carving out new territories for the firm. New initiatives are the order of the day. Says vice president Jandura, "As one of the newest partners, I came because this is a tight, close organization, and because of the quality of design done here." Jandura has a strong marketing bent and, having spent five years with a justice planning firm, intends to make TLPA "one of the top justice design firms in the country." He also is leading the firm's K-12 school-building and detention-facilities marketing efforts.

Executive vice president Huh is the force behind TLPA's recent foray into the international market. Huh joined the firm as a student in 1972, having formerly held a position with the Korean government. Now director of quality management, Huh supervises the production of construction documents and specifications for most TLPA projects. He also has succeeded in cementing the firm's relationship with many key Korean clients. Since the firm won a competition to design the South Korean Embassy in Ontario, Canada, three years ago, TLPA is designing several major buildings in Korea, including the Taegu World Trade & Exhibition Center in Taegu, and the KEPCO Cultural Center.

To facilitate projects in the Pacific Rim, TLPA has already established a joint-venture office, called COPA, with several Seoul-based architects and engineers.

"Our work in Korea has allowed us access to different building types that we can now bring back here," Mahaffey says. And while the firm is celebrating its recent successes in Korea, the potential hazard, cautions Mahaffey, is that "we'll have to double our efforts to gain new clients in this country."

In addition to its recent strong emergence in the Asian market, TLPA launched a new interior-architecture department two years ago. Offering full service for interiors, the department is headed up by co-directors Colleen Nelson and Sara Rothholz Weiner, the latter one of two TLPA associates currently teaching at the University of Minnesota. According to Mahaffey, the interiors department offers the firm significant profit potential. While the bulk of interiors work completed so far has been on in-house projects, this year's marketing effort is geared toward generating out-of-house work.

A third major initiative, launched four years ago in tandem with Setter, Leach & Lindstrom of Minneapolis, is the Convention Center Design Group (CCDG). Marketing convention work under the CCDG logo, the two firms designed a convention center in Sioux Falls, S.D., now under construction, and have just finished the feasibility study for a facility in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

As TLPA looks forward to
celebrating its 40th year, the partners are unified in their commitment to maintaining the firm’s design orientation—even at the expense of the bottom line. “Sometimes the profit margins have to suffer,” says Mahaffey. “It’s more important to produce a quality product than it is to make money.” Senior vice president Greco, who has been at TLPA since 1980, agrees with Mahaffey. “I’m here because of the quality of the work, because the people here share a common goal of design excellence. We have the energy and the expertise to produce outstanding buildings.”

Unified behind the common cause of good design, are there nonetheless necessary changes that the partners see? Is the firm too staid, too expensive, too much of a prima donna, or too wrapped up in the reputation of Leonard Parker—all criticisms that the partners have heard leveled against TLPA over the years?

While the firm has not hired an entry-level person in three years, the presence of two “youngish” (to quote Parker) associates at the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture will go a long way to bringing in new blood, agree the partners. And Mahaffey says the firm prefers to explore new associations on a specific city-by-city basis. Bulbulian points out that “establishing branch offices requires strong specialties. But if you’re selling design, like we are, you can’t do it out of half a dozen offices at once.”

As to being too expensive, the partners trip over one another to refute that “misconception.” Jandura points out that overall construction costs over the past 10 years averaged 3.9 percent less than projected, indicating that the firm knows how to control costs. “The budget is always one of the parameters for the project,” he says. “Design it beautifully, but design it on budget.”

As the transfer of ownership is completed, the new owners will have a five-year option of keeping the firm name after Parker is completely bought out. So, within 10 years it is quite likely that a new moniker will hang from the sign. “Our clients are already aware that this firm is not all Leonard as some people apparently think,” says Huh. “I don’t think that’s going to be an issue.”

In truth, there seems little about this group of eight men and one woman that lends credence to the idea that TLPA is only about Leonard Parker. Each of the partners has his or her own focus, be it project management, design, quality assurance or financial management. And, as Bulbulian says, the day a new employee starts at TLPA he or she is seen as a potential partner, a philosophy that keeps the group cohesive. And what of Leonard Parker himself, as he disengages from his financial bonds with the firm?

“I have no plans for retirement,” says a definite Parker, who continues to serve as CEO and Chairman of the Board of TLPA. “I am having too much fun.”

Also on TLPA project roster are The Jewish Community Center Expansion (top) in St. Paul KEPCO Cultural Center (left) in Seoul Korea, and the St. Cloud State University Library (above) in Minnesota.
Japan is an amalgamation of cultures, traditions and technologies—both Eastern and Western—all curiously blended into something uniquely Japanese. Nowhere is this juxtaposition better experienced than in the ancient capital of Kyoto. This sprawling urban agglomeration of several million people lies an hour by high-speed express train from Osaka’s glittering new Kansai International Airport (designed by Renzo Piano in 1994, the newest gateway to Japan and the 21st century). It often comes as a surprise to first-time visitors that having exited the pulsating labyrinth of Kyoto Station, one does not immediately step back in time to Kyoto of several hundred years ago, into a city filled with the postcard images ingrained in our minds of vast wooden temples and pristine gardens.

Absolutely not. Nothing in this up-to-the-minute society remains static for long. Instead, one seemingly encounters yet another typical Japanese city: a gray, tightly packed assemblage of concrete and brick bound together with an amazing jumble of overhead telephone and electric lines and fanciful splashes of neon. But the visitor should not be intimidated. Coupled with its high-tech aspect, Kyoto is indeed a place of inestimable charm and beauty.

Typical of Japan and the Japanese way of thinking, the charms are revealed slowly, often hidden behind walls or obscured by garden gates. One needs a bit of perseverance in the search, but the joys of discovery are all the richer and more powerful for the effort. After a week or two of exploring, revisiting favorite old haunts as well as probing deeper into myriad layers to seek out new ones, I leave Kyoto knowing it’s an intensely livable city, one offering a high quality of urban life.

Contained by verdant hills on three sides, the city, which served as the Japanese capital from 794 to 1868, is laid out on a Chinese ground plan. Unlike Tokyo, several hours by train to the northeast, Kyoto is easy to navigate, with distant Mt. Hiei and nearby Kyoto Tower serving as reference points. Because the urban fabric is so tightly knit and nearly every square meter of land put to use, the city is best explored on foot. By walking, one begins to discover the essence of the place, calling on all the senses for guidance and interpretation. The walker’s pace is appropriate, for Japan presents a renowned and highly refined aesthetic.
based on the miniature and the minimal; only by moving slowly can the city fully be savored. Once off the bustling and crowded main boulevards, the character of the city quickly changes as streets become more and more diminutive, often barely wide enough for a car to navigate. This situation, by the way, creates interesting and complex logistical problems when it comes to the physical act of building on sites as small as 500 or 600 square feet. As a result of the diminutive streetscape, there is a strong sense of neighborhood and a remarkable sense of quiet and calm, with pedestrians and cyclists in much larger numbers than cars. One sees firsthand that people know and talk to each other. Shops and services are within walking distance. Tiny gardens are everywhere, often offering no more than a tantalizing glimpse through a bamboo gate, and streets are immaculate and remarkably safe. Frequently found on the ground floor of houses—many constructed of wood—are small commercial and light-industrial ventures for their occupants, as well as studios and workspaces for the highly venerated arts and crafts, for which Kyoto is justifiably famous.

It’s one of travel’s great pleasures to wile away a few hours or days aimlessly exploring these lively, well-scaled neighborhoods: watching colorful little knots of brightly uniformed toddlers each with back pack and lunch box in tow, making their way to school in the morning, the air redolent with the smell of freshly baked bread from the local bakery; the deep sonority of a distant temple bell or the resonant and hypnotic monotone of monks chanting at a centuries-old Buddhist temple; a meticulously maintained neighborhood shrine, its altar brimming with flowers and fresh fruit; the surprise of coming upon a several-block-long covered shopping street gaudily festooned with plastic cherry blossoms or crimson maple leaves depending on the season; the smell of aged wood; the precision and order of it all; and surprisingly frequent sights of such arresting beauty that they momentarily take one’s breath away.

Certainly the visitor, especially a first-time visitor, should spend time in the dozen or so temples and gardens for which Kyoto is world renowned. Join the herds of organized, camera-laden tour groups and flag-waving guides and enjoy the experience for what it is, for these are national treasures that have gained fame and popularity for a reason. But also take a day on your own and a map, embarking early in the morning to traverse the city on foot through its small-town neighborhoods, and ferret out some of the lesser-known shrines and gardens nestled in the forested hills, places where you can find yourself alone and in another world. For here it is still possible to step back in time to the Japan of old, where the loudest sounds are stands of bamboo rustling in a light breeze and pure, clear water trickling from a hewn-stone basin. It’s a day and an experience not soon forgotten. The contrasts are remarkable, and the beauty and solitude are intoxicating.
McMonigal Architects
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Gordon Transformation
An exquisite Edwin Lundie designed home on Lake Minnetonka was expanded with a two-story lakeside addition for family room, screened porch and master bedroom suite. The children's rooms were tucked under a steeply pitched roof over the original house. Despite doubling in size, the house retains its picturesque, cottage look. Designed by Michaela Mahady, Laurel Ulland and Christy Rutten. Construction by Kyle Hunt & Partners.

Kitchen Addition
Crocus Hill Neighborhood of St. Paul, MN
This beautiful turn of the century Victorian home desperately needed a new and more spacious kitchen to accommodate the needs of its present day residents. By matching the existing tall ceilings and adding a beam pattern to define the activities below, the new kitchen has a feeling of informality that blends in with the formality of the house. Designed by Sarah Susanka. Construction by As You Like It.

Rogers-Grant Residence
Afton, MN
A new entrance, family room and couple's realm have been added to this farm house originally designed by a railroad engineer. Planned around an outdoor pool, these spaces reinterpret the flow of the house, opening rooms to the garden, pool, and prairie beyond. A link truss opens the space to the couple's realm. Designed by Dale Mullinger & Marzio Rovere. Construction by Hagstrom Builders.

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43 Main Street SE, Suite 410, Minneapolis, MN 55414 (612) 379-3037  http://www.ghm.com/msm
up close
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Why was the Mississippi River so potent to designers?
We went up in a helicopter and shot videotape of the river, sent the people tape and boom. The people from the Netherlands kept asking us, “Why doesn’t anybody live here?” And I said, “I don’t think anybody has thought of it.” When we begin to spin the dreams, people say “Oh, I’d live there, that sounds neat, it sounds like fun.” La Rive is terrific. There’s a book in which researchers try to teach a monkey to peel a banana, and it goes back with the rest of the monkeys and forgets how to peel a banana. Then they teach two monkeys how to peel a banana, put them back with the others, and they forget. The researchers finally discover that they have to teach about 20 monkeys, and then those monkeys will teach the rest. Well, La Rive is like one monkey. There isn’t enough of it. It’s too isolated. It’s a good idea that will gain momentum. We’ve got some people living there and they love it, we’ve got the park and the water, but there’s still not a critical mass.

Why did you take the unusual step of requesting design ideas before Minneapolis had issued any sort of request or plan for such input?
We felt it would be a stimulus and we wanted to call attention to the river in a public way. It’s a first step.

How will the Urban Design Advisory Group keep the issue of river-front development alive in the minds of Minneapolis and policy makers?
The Urban Design Advisory Group, under the auspices of the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota, will become a public forum for discussing uses on the river. We’re trying to bring the public and private together. What we’ve done is simply a private initiative, in a lot of ways in assistance and support of the public initiative. We knew the city had plans for the river front and hooray for the plans. But we had to ring the gong, sound the alarm. Plans? We’ve got drawers full of them. You’ve got to get people excited. And the response to this has just been tremendous. It’s an idea whose time has come. This is the beginning, not the end.

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I invite you to contact these firms to discuss with them your specific project needs.

Peter A. Rand, FAIA
Publisher

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**LEGEND**

AIA American Institute of Architects
APA American Planning Association
ASID American Society of Interior Designers
CCS Certified Construction Specifier
CID Certified Interior Designer
CSI Construction Specifiers Institute
FAIA Fellow, American Institute of Architects
FASID Fellow, American Society of Interior Designers
FCSI Fellow, Construction Specifiers Institute
IIDA International Interior Designers Association
PE Professional Engineer

**AFR DISK ASSOCIATION inc.**
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St. Paul, MN 55102
Tel: 612/224-1358
Fax: 612/224-6621
Established 1988
- Angela DeLong Gatzlaff
  AIA
- Burnell D. Olson
  AIA
- Firm Personnel by Discipline
  Architects 3
  Interior Designers 1
  Other Technical 1
  Administrative 2
  Total in Firm 9
- **Interior Work %**
  Housing/Multiple 10
  Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 20
  Medical/Health Care 10
  Churches/Worship 10
  Municipal 10
  Education/Academic 30
  Accessibility/ADA 10
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**ANENY KELL ARCHITECTS**
821 Raymond Avenue, Ste. 400
St. Paul, MN 55114
Tel: 612/265-6956
Fax: 612/265-0079
Established 1976
- Ronald W. Ankeny
  AIA, CID
- Duane A. Kell
  AIA, CID
- Firm Personnel by Discipline
  Architects 12
  Interior Designers 3
  Other Technical 5
  Administrative 4
  Total in Firm 24
- **Interior Work %**
  Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 20
  Retail/Commercial 20
  Medical/Health Care 20
  Municipal 15
  Education/Academic 15
  Industrial/Warehousing 10
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**ARCHITECTURAL ALLIANCE, INC.**
400 Clifton Avenue S.
Minneapolis, MN 55403
Tel: 612/871-7212
Fax: 612/871-7212
Established 1970
- Sherry L. Cooper
  AIA
- Thomas J. Decicello
  AIA
- Donald L. Hanner
  AIA, CSI
- Dennis W. LaFrance
  AIA
- Carl J. Remick
  AIA
- Firm Personnel by Discipline
  Architects 47
  Interior Designers 7
  Other Technical 3
  Administrative 10
  Total in Firm 67
- **Interior Work %**
  Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 40
  Retail/Commercial 20
  Medical/Health Care 10
  Municipal 10
  Education/Academic 10
  Airport 10
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**ARMSTRONG, TORSETH, SKOL AND RYDEEN**
4901 Olson Memorial Highway
Minneapolis, MN 55422
Tel: 612/545-3731
Fax: 612/525-3289
Established 1942
- James E. Rydeen
  FAIA
- Paul W. Erickson
- Kenneth E. Grabow
- Tammie S. Magney
- Paul L. Snyder
  AIA
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**FREDERICK BENZT / MILO THOMPSON / ROBERT RIELOW, INC.**
2600 Foshay Tower
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Tel: 612/332-1234
Fax: 612/332-1813
E-mail: hbr@hbr-architects.com
Established 1971
- Milo H. Thompson
  FAIA, CID
- Robert G. Rietow
  AIA, CID
- Robert J. Zimmerman
  AIA, CID
- R. Bruce Cornwall
  AIA
- Firm Personnel by Discipline
  Architects 11
  Interior Designers 2
  Other Technical 6
  Administrative 2
  Total in Firm 21
- **Interior Work %**
  Housing/Multiple 5
  Residences/ New & Remodel. 5
  Retail/Commercial 20
  Churches/Worship 30
  Municipal 5
  Education/Academic 30
  Libraries 5
- Plymouth Community Library, Plymouth, MN; Metropolitan State University Administration and Student Services Building, St. Paul, MN; Dayton's Southdale, Edina, MN; Wooddale Church, Eden Prairie, MN

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### Boorman Kroos Pfister Rudin & Associates
222 North Second Street
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Tel: 612/339-3752
Fax: 612/339-6212
Established 1978
- J. Owen Boorman
  - Allied Arts Board Offices, Education/Academic, Medical/Health
- Peter J. Pfister
- David R. Kroos, Allied
- Vicky Johnson Smith
  - Allied
- Firm Personnel by Discipline
  - Architects: 13
  - Interior Designers: 6
  - Engineers: 6
  - Other Technical: 4
  - Administrative: 6
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  - Rapids, MN; Metropolitan Mosquito
  - Control District Headquarters,
  - Minneapolis, MN; Lake Elmo State
  - Bank, Lake Elmo, MN |

### BWBR Architects
400 Sibley Street, Ste. 500
St. Paul, MN 55101
Tel: 612/222-3701
Fax: 612/222-8961
Established 1951
- C. Jay Sleiter
  - Allied
- Wilford F. Johnson
  - Allied
- Terry L. Anderson
  - Allied
- Donald Thomas
  - CID
- Firm Personnel by Discipline
  - Architects: 56
  - Interior Designers: 5
  - Other Technical: 3
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  - Engineering, University of
  - Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN; State
  - Arts Board Offices, St. Paul, MN;
  - Ramsey Pediatrics Unit, St. Paul,
  - MN; Augsburg College Library,
  - Minneapolis, MN |

### Cuningham Group
201 Main Street SE, Ste. 325
Minneapolis, MN 55414
Tel: 612/379-3400
Fax: 612/379-4400
Established 1968
- John W. Cuningham
  - Allied
- John H. Hamilton
  - Allied
- John E. Quiter
  - Allied
- Thomas L. Hokens
  - Allied
- Richard Solberg
  - Allied
- Firm Personnel by Discipline
  - Architects: 114
  - Interior Designers: 7
  - Other Technical: 30
  - Administrative: 35
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| Rainforest Cafe - Disney World, Orlando, FL; Grand Casino Biloxi
  - and Gulfport Hotel Executive Suites, Biloxi and Gulfport, MS; Hopkins
  - North High School, Hopkins, MN; The Meaning Store - Mall of
  - America, Bloomington, MN |

### Ellerbe Becket
800 LaSalle Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Tel: 612/376-2271
Fax: 612/376-2000
Established 1909
- Robert A. Degenhardt
  - PE
- Randy Wood
  - PE
- Gregg Judge
  - AIA
- Rick A. Lincorne
  - CID
- Jean Powner
  - Firm Personnel by Discipline
    - Architects: 273
    - Interior Designers: 38
    - Engineers: 159
    - Other Technical: 104
    - Administrative: 123
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| C. A. Stadia,
  - Arenas, Convention Centers |
| Star Tribune Interior Renovation,
  - Minneapolis, MN; University of
  - Minnesota Carlson School of
  - Management, Minneapolis, MN;
  - Science Museum of Minnesota,
  - St. Paul, MN; North Memorial
  - Medical Center, Robbinsdale, MN |

### Edgans Associates: Architects, P.A.
310 W. Becker Avenue
PO Box 956
Willmar, MN 56201
Tel: 320/235-0860 or 800/650-0860
Fax: 320/235-0861
Email address: engan@architects@willmar.com
Established 1979
- Richard P. Edgans
  - AIA, CID
- Jeffrey M. Nagel
  - AIA, CID
- Cynthia L. Herding
  - CID
- Firm Personnel by Discipline
  - Architects: 2
  - Interior Designers: 1
  - Other Technical: 4.5
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| Cokato Medical Clinic, Cokato, MN;
  - Paynesville Community Hospital,
  - Paynesville, MN; Gloria Dei
  - Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls,
  - MN; State Academy for the
  - Deaf, Faribault, MN |

### Edward Farr Architects Inc.
8900 Normandale Lake Blvd., Ste. 150
Bloomington, MN 55437
Tel: 612/831-6460
Fax: 612/831-6470
Established 1991
- Edward A. Farr
  - Allied
- Firm Personnel by Discipline
  - Architects: 3
  - Interior Designers: 1
  - Other Technical: 1
  - Administrative: 1
  - Total in Firm: 6

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| Colle & McVoy, Marketing Communications
  - Agency, Bloomington, MN;
  - ExecuTrain, Training Center and
  - Corporate Offices, Bloomington,
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  - Facility, Golden Valley, MN;
  - Lawson Software Training and
  - Sales Offices, Bloomington, MN |
**HGA INTERIORS**  
1201 Harmon Place  
Minneapolis, MN 55403  
Tel: 612/337-4100  
Fax: 612/332-9013  
Established 1953  
Other Offices: Milwaukee,  
Rochester (MN)  
-  
**Firm Personnel by Discipline**  
Architects 102  
Interior Designers 10  
Engines 67  
Other Technical 54  
Administrative 54  
Total in Firm 287  
-  
**Interior Work %**  
Office/Building/Facilities 10  
Retail/Commercial 5  
Industrial/Manufacturing 10  
Healthcare 30  
Churches/Worship 5  
Municipal 10  
Education/Academic 20  
Arts Centers 10  
Mayo Foundation, Rochester, MN:  
University of California-Davis Tower  
II, Sacramento, CA: Chaska High  
School, Chaska, MN: General Mills,  
Golden Valley, MN  
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**HORTY ELVING & ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
505 East Grant Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55409-1490  
Tel: 612/332-4422  
Fax: 612/344-1282  
Established 1955  
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**Firm Personnel by Discipline**  
Architects 9  
Interior Designers 3  
Engines 3  
Other Technical 4  
Administrative 31  
Total in Firm 51  
-  
**Interior Work %**  
Housing/Multi Family 10  
Residential/New & Remodel 5  
Office/Building/Facilities 25  
Retail/Commercial 5  
Medical/Health Care 15  
Churches/Worship 5  
Municipal 15  
Education/Academic 15  
Architectural Interpretive Centers 5  
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Architectural Interpretive Center for  
Mitchell Prehistoric Indian Village,  
Mitchell, SD; South Dakota Art Museum  
at South Dakota State University,  
Brookings, SD; Comprehensive Remodeling of  
Weiner Memorial  
Medical Center, Marshall, MN;  
Marshall Municipal Utilities Office and  
Warehouse, Marshall, MN  
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**KODET ARCHITECTURAL GROUP, LTD.**  
15 Groveland Terrace  
Minneapolis, MN 55403  
Tel: 612/577-2737  
Fax: 612/377-1331  
Established 1983  
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**Firm Personnel by Discipline**  
Architects 10  
Interior Designers 5  
Engineers 7  
Other Technical 38  
Administrative 2  
Total in Firm 47  
-  
**Interior Work %**  
Housing/Multi Family 5  
Residential/New & Remodel 5  
Office/Building/Facilities 15  
Retail/Commercial 10  
Medical/Health Care 5  
Churches/Worship 5  
Municipal 10  
Industrial/Mfg/Warehousing 25  
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James & Co., South St. Paul, MN;  
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Resources, Minneapolis, MN  
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**L & M ASSOCIATES, LTD.**  
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Edina, MN 55439  
Tel: 612/944-7576  
Fax: 612/944-7565  
Established 1991  
-  
**Firm Personnel by Discipline**  
Architects 2  
Interior Designers 1  
Other Technical 3  
Administrative 2  
Total in Firm 8  
-  
**Interior Work %**  
Housing/Multi Family 10  
Residential/New & Remodel 5  
Office/Building/Facilities 25  
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The Museum Company, National  
and International Locations;  
Reading Glass Company, National  
Locations; Nordic Track, National  
Locations  
-  
**MONIGAL ARCHITECTS**  
125 SE Main Street, Ste. 345  
Minneapolis, MN 55414-2143  
Tel: 612/331-1244  
Fax: 612/331-1079  
Established 1984  
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**Firm Personnel by Discipline**  
Architects 3  
Interior Designers 1  
Other Technical 1  
Administrative 1  
Total in Firm 6  
-  
**Interior Work %**  
Housing/Multi Family 20  
Residential/New & Remodel 45  
Churches/Worship 5  
Municipal 15  
Education/Academic 10  
Accessibility/ADA 5  
-  
The Cedars Highrise Modernization,  
Minneapolis, MN; Haagland  
and Struthers Remodeling and Addition,  
Minneapolis, MN; Mt. Airy  
Community Center, St. Paul, MN;  
Riser Residence, Stillwater, MN
Established 1989
Firm Personnel by Discipline
Architects 24
Interior Designers 5
Other Technical 3
Administrative 3.5
Total in Firm 35.5

Residences/New & Remodel. 15
Office Buildings 30
Municipal/Libraries & Museums 35
Education/Academic 29

Sahara West Library and Art Museum, Las Vegas, NV; SEI Corporate Headquarters, Pennsylvania; Bakken Museum Addition and Remodel, Minneapolis, MN; Hibbing Colleges Consolidation Project, Hibbing, MN

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MOHAGEN ARCHITECTS, LTD.
1421 East Wayzata Blvd.
Wayzata, MN 55347
Tel: 612/473-1985
Fax: 612/473-1340
Established 1989

Todd E. Mohagen AIA
Lyn A. Berglund ASID, CID

Firm Personnel by Discipline
Architects 4
Interior Designers 1
Other Technical 1
Administrative 1
Total in Firm 7

Office Blds/Banks/Financial 75
Retail/Commercial 5
Medical/Health Care 20

Anchor Bank, Wayzata, MN; HealthEast MacAlister Groveland Clinic, St. Paul, MN; Radisson Conference Center, Plaza Vill, Minneapolis, MN; Foursome Menn Store, Wayzata, MN

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Tel: 612/595-5775
Fax: 612/595-5773
Established 1922

Jack Hunter PE
Jerry A. Turner AIA
Mark L. Hansen AIA
Mary E. Deeg IIDA, CID
Robert C. Kilgore PE

Firm Personnel by Discipline
Architects 16
Interior Designers 2
Engineers 27
Other Technical 53
Administrative 20
Total in Firm 118

Office Blds/Banks/Financial 20
Medical/Health Care 50
Municipal 10
Industrial/Manufacturing 20

Barnett Medical Center Facility
Master Plan, Grantsburg, WI;
Hoffman Mount Sterling Manufacturing Facility, KY;
National Computer Systems (NCS) Space Planning, Lawrence, KS;
HealthEast/St. Johns Hospital
Addition/Expansion, Maplewood, MN

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Minneapolis, MN 55403
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Fax: 612/871-6868
Established 1957

Leonard S. Parker FAIA
Gary Mahaffey FAIA
David Dinand AIA
Sara Weiner
Colleen Nelson CID

Firm Personnel by Discipline
Architects 15
Interior Designers 7*
Other Technical 7
Administrative 5
Total in Firm 32
*Five included under Architects

Office Blds/Banks/Financial 10
Municipal 10
Education/Academic 25
Convention Centers 10
Libraries 20
Justice Facilities 25

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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Architects 9
Interior Designers 2
Other Technical 7
Planner 1
Administrative 2
Total in Firm 21

Housing/Multiple 10
Retail/Commercial 15
Hospitality & Entertainment Gaming Facilities 75

Spirit Mountain Casino, Grand
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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Architects 34
Interior Designers 4
Engineers 50
Other Technical 6
Administrative 18
Total in Firm 112

Office Buildings/Banks/Financial 30
Retail/Commercial 30
Municipal 20
Education/Academic 20
Industrial/Design Build 20

Chisago Lakes Regional Hospital, Wyoming, MN; Hennepin County Medical Center, Perinatal, Minneapolis, MN; US Foodservice, Biggers Division, Fort Mill, SC; Ellsworth Air Force Base, Consolidated Base Support Complex, SD
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David A. Shea III AIA
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James L. Ruckle AIA
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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Architects 18
Interior Designers 17
Interior Architects/Designers 23
Marketing 3
CADD Managers 2
Administrative 7
Total in Firm 70
—
Interior Work %
Housing/Multi 5
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 40
Retail/Commercial 35
Medical/Health Care 5
Restaurants 10
Recreational (Fitness Centers, etc.) 5
Life Time Fitness, Plymouth, MN;
Toys 'R Us, Multiple National Locations; Jessica McClintock, 16
National Locations; Lawson Software, Minneapolis, MN
Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary
School, Little Falls, MN; Champion Paper Executive Training Facility, Sarrel, MN; The Bluffs of Stillwater
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Established 1977
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Steven A. Kleineiman AIA, CID
Steven W. Heil IV IDA, ASID, CID
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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Architects 3
Interior Designers 1
Other Technical 6
Administrative 1
Total in Firm 12
—
Interior Work %
Residences/Remodel. 20
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 15
Retail/Commercial 5
Industrial/Interior Design, Space Planning 25
Merrill Corp., San Diego, CA;
Seasonal Specialties, Eden Prairie, MN;
PNG, Wixom, MI; Caseworks,
Sank Rapids, MN

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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Architects 70
Interior Designers 9
Administrative 20
Total in Firm 99
—
Interior Work %
Housing/Multi 5
Residences/New & Remodel. 5
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 15
Retail/Commercial 15
Medical/Health Care 20
Churches/Worship 5
Municipal 20
Education/Academic 15
Woodbury Eye Clinic (St. Paul Eye
Clinic Group), Woodbury, MN;
Viking Shopping Center, Alexandria,
MN; France Place Lobby, Eden, MN;
Zumbrota-Mazeppa public Schools
Additions and Remodeling,
Zumbrota, MN

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Other Offices: Minneapolis/St. Paul,
MN (612/352-3634)
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James M. Wohalan
Eugene C. Nelson AIA
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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Architects 83
Interior Designers 5
Engineers 59
Other Technical 3
Administrative 40
Total in Firm 190
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Interior Work %
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 20
Retail/Commercial 20
Municipal 10
Education/Academic 20
Industrial/Advanced Technology 30
FSI International Manufacturing
Facility, Chaska, MN; West Ridge
Market Mixed Use Community,
Minnetonka, MN; Como Park
Conservatory Restoration, St. Paul,
MN; Minneapolis Fire Department
Station No. 7, Minneapolis, MN

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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Architects 7
Interior Designers 15
Other Technical 3
Administrative 7
Total in Firm 32
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Interior Work %
Residences/New & Remodel. 5
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 55
Retail/Commercial 20
Medical/Health Care 5
Municipal 5
Education/Academic 5
Planning 5
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Green Tree Financial Corporation,
St. Paul, MN; Green Tree Financial
Corporation Operations Center,
Rapid City, SD; 1300 Lagoon
Building, Uptown Minneapolis, MN;
Laurentian Environmental Learning
Center, Britt, MN

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Madison, WI; Lake County, Indiana
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Lewis T. Moran
Nancy G. Schultz AIA
Bradley E. Forbook AIA
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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Architects 20
Interior Designers 1
Engineers 145
Other Technical 86
Administrative 62
Total in Firm 314
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Interior Work %
Housing/Multi 5
Residences/New & Remodel. 5
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 15
Retail/Commercial 15
Medical/Health Care 20
Churches/Worship 5
Municipal 20
Education/Academic 15
Woodbury Eye Clinic (St. Paul Eye
Clinic Group), Woodbury, MN;
Viking Shopping Center, Alexandria,
MN; France Place Lobby, Eden, MN;
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Wayne Bishop AIA
Ron Smith
Kim Williamson CID, ASID, IDA
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Architects 21
Interior Designers 15
Other Technical 9
Administrative 4
Total in Firm 49
—
Interior Work %
Housing/Multi 5
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 45
Retail/Commercial 15
Medical/Health Care 10
Entertainment/Casinos 25
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Minnepasco Corporate Offices,
Minneapolis, MN; IFG/Dain
Bosworth, National Locations: Toro
Corporation, Bloomington, MN

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Norman Glewwe AIA
Kevin Sullivan
Jill Smith
AIA
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Firm Personnel by Discipline
Architects 45
Interior Designers 3
Engineers 16
Other Technical 5
Administrative 12
Total in Firm 81
—
Interior Work %
Office Bldgs/Banks/Financial 15
Retail/Commercial 5
Education/Academic 60
Justice Facilities 10
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Station, St. Paul Park, MN; High
School #4, Apple Valley, MN; Falcon
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- Paul D. Albitz, ASID
- Marilyn O. Albitz
- Abigail O. Hendricks
- David P. Albitz
- Daniel P. Albitz
- Firm Personnel by Discipline
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  - Administrative: 1
  - Total in Firm: 5
- Interior Work %
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  - Residences/New & Remodel: 20
  - Office/Commercial: 10
  - Medical/Health Care: 20
  - Churches/Worship: 5
  - Recreational (Golf, etc.): 2
- Jans of London Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Carrilon Hotel, Lima, Peru; Thunderbird Motel, Bloomington, MN; Normandy Hotel, Minneapolis, MN

**BDH & YOUNG SPACE DESIGN, INC.**
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Established 1971
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- Jill Breccorn, CID
- Darcy Field, CID
- Kathy Young, CID
- Patrick Giordano, AIA
- Firm Personnel by Discipline
  - Interior Designers: 11
  - Architects: 2
  - Technical: 2
  - Administrative: 3
  - Total in Firm: 18
- Interior Work %
  - Residences/New & Remodel: 5
  - Office/Commercial: 50
  - Medical/Health Care: 10
  - Airlines/Commercial: 10
  - Hotels: 15
  - Medical/Health Care: 5

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Fax: 612/377-6330
Established 1982
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- Firm Personnel by Discipline
  - Interior Designers: 4
  - Architects: 25
  - Administrative: 75
  - Total: 105
- Interior Work %
  - Residences/New & Remodel: 5
  - Office/Commercial: 35
  - Medical/Health Care: 30

**E design**
1422 West Lake Street, Ste. 300
Minneapolis, MN 55408
Tel: 612/322-1211
Fax: 612/322-1006
Established 1986
- Debora Emert, IIDA, CID
- Claudia Reichert, IIDA, CID
- Richard Sutton, AIA, CID
- Firm Personnel by Discipline
  - Interior Designers: 6
  - Architects: 1
  - Administrative: 1
  - Total in Firm: 8
- Interior Work %
  - Office/Commercial: 90
  - Retail/Commercial: 5
  - Education/Academic: 5

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- David C. Norback, AIA
- Firm Personnel by Discipline
  - Interior Designers: 13
  - Architects: 54
  - Other Technical: 24
  - Accessibility Specialists: 2
  - Administrative: 15
  - Total in Firm: 108
- Interior Work %
  - Office/Commercial: 75
  - Retail/Commercial: 10
  - Medical/Health Care: 5
  - Education/Academic: 5
  - Government/Military: 5

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This new emphasis on a collaborative or team approach to architecture, some argue, is removing the architect from his or her long-held role as master builder. “The old view of architect as team leader—everyone works for you, that traditional role of master architect—is going away,” says Gary Wheeler, interior designer and president, The Wheeler Group, a full-service architecture and interior-design firm. “Now we’re looking at teams in which people work with you. It’s decentralizing the practice of architecture as the center of the universe and making the design process a more collaborative effort.”

“The art and craft of design is still a critical piece, as well as how you do that within the context of a team,” says Dan Spencer, architect and senior vice president, The Wheeler Group. “You really have to be someone who not only listens but really hears what people are saying. Architects are the ones who glean out the essence and pull that into the design of a project. That’s really the art and craft of design: How you take the multitude of ideas and issues you have to deal with on a daily basis and make something out of it. It’s a very complex problem but also exciting and challenging.”

“The architect’s previous pedigree as master builder is now being fulfilled as team leader in the process of design,” Alt adds. “The design process the architect is educated under is superior to most people’s training that is task specific: meaning the design process doesn’t change if you’re designing a shoe or a store or a skyscraper—the information changes, and the perfection of the form is based on the perfection of the information.”

Architects are well-suited to assuming a leadership position within design teams for other reasons, as well. “Architects are better trained at project management and taking the lead role, as they bring to a team the sense of a whole project,” says Dean Rafferty, president, Michael Cooley Erickson, an engineering firm that has worked with architects and owners for 50 years. Still, Rafferty adds, architects leading design teams are being challenged to design “with people from all aspects who have worked under different systems in the past.”

“I think everybody is fairly flexible,” he continues. “However, we certainly resisted design-build for a number of years because there are some delivery systems where someone asks us to do a limited amount of work, pays a minimal fee and assigns us a lot of responsibility or risk. We have to evaluate each one independently to know what the situation is. I don’t see these different delivery systems or hybrids, some of which haven’t even fully developed yet, as particularly frightening if we all understand our responsibilities.”

Chief among those responsibilities is the fulfillment—from all team members involved—of three important criteria, according to Leonard Parker, president, The Leonard Parker Associates, Architects, Inc. “One of the keys to any association that’s going to work is that the skills that each of the participants brings to the partnership, association or joint venture need to be complementary,” says Parker, whose firm has collaborated with engineers, interior designers, artists and landscape architects, as well as acoustical, electronic, communications and data consultants. Parker’s firm teamed with Setter, Leach & Lindstrom to win the commission for the Minneapolis Convention Center. The partnership was so successful that the two firms created a third firm to handle convention-center work, the Convention Center Design Group.

“Second, you have to be honest in your dealings,” Parker continues. “You can’t be taking advantage of your partners even if you’re in a position to do so. Partnership is based on good, fair, honest dealings.” Third, he says, is “recognition and respect for each other’s skills.” Communication, adds Rafferty, a member of AIA’s Consulting Engineer Council, is another criterion. “The architect is a more creative person, the engineer tends to be more detailed,” he offers by way of example, “and it’s important to understand where each team participant is coming from so you can respect each other’s project concerns. Some of the systems we get involved with are complex and can be prone to problems when starting up. It’s important that each person take ownership of those problems and fix them.”

One thing architects still need to take ownership of is public perception of their abilities and services. Clients play a bigger role in the design process today than ever before, Spencer says. “They aren’t as shy about speaking up, they’re demanding more from architects and if we’re going to work with them we have to do more.” At the same time, the growing number of partnerships and team approaches is making architects more accessible to the public, Wheeler says. “In our surveys, the number one reason people don’t use architects or designers is fear: Fear of being told what they’re going to do, fear of being too expensive, fear of not knowing how to work with an architect or designer. We need to further demystify the process and help clients engage in the process by making ourselves more accessible.”

In addition, the lay person, concerned as he or she is with social, political, environmental and safety issues, also needs to be educated about the importance of architecture in his or her life. Again, this responsibility belongs to architects and the professionals with whom they partner to serve the needs of public and private realms. “Engineers, architects, interior designers, landscape architects, urban planners—all of us have to engage the world and become significant or we’re all going to be in deep trouble,” Wheeler says.

“As we become more aware as a profession of the needs of clients and how to be able to provide clients with whatever service they need,” Ritter concludes, “architects must partner where we need to, and structure teams to legitimately provide that service. Otherwise, somebody else will.”

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Project designer: Mark Finnemann
Project team: Drew Magnuson, Scott Wielting
Structural engineer: McConkey & Associates
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Electrical engineer: Emanuelson-Podas
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Landscape architect: Colleen Moran
Lighting consultant: John Neal
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Mechanical engineer: Ericksen Ellison & Associates
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On-going Restoration
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n 1944, when a terra-cotta chunk fell from the front doorway of the Walker Galleries and narrowly missed striking some visiting children, the near disaster signaled the urgent need for changes to the 14-year-old art museum. The Walker’s director, Donald S. Defenbacher, engaged the Minneapolis firm of Magney, Tusler and Setter to completely redesign the building’s crumbling exterior, originally designed by Long and Thorshov. “The old design was neither a faithful replica of a famous building nor an example of architectural integrity,” Defenbacher said.

The $23,000 refacing, completed in October 1944, presented a new look to museum visitors. Replacing the poured-concrete and ornate terra-cotta façade of old was a more modern front of southern Minnesota limestone and polished red granite. Eventually Jacques Lipchitz’s bronze Prometheus (now displayed in the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden) was installed near the entry.

The words Walker Art Center stood above the door, representing a change in the museum’s focus that had taken place just a few years earlier. No longer simply a gallery to house T.B. Walker’s eclectic collection, it became a Works Project Administration-supported institution with a lively program of public events, classes and exhibitions.

The building served well through the Walker’s shifting emphasis to contemporary art in the 1950s. By the end of the 1960s, however, it had become too cramped to shelter the institution’s burgeoning performing-arts program, and architect Edward Larrabee Barnes’s expansion and remodeling proposal was considered too expensive. Instead, Barnes was asked to design a completely new facility.

In March 1969, the museum hosted its final bash before falling to the wrecking ball. Despite subzero weather, hundreds of art lovers stayed into the wee hours to dance, paint the gallery walls with graffiti and say good-bye to the Walker’s old home. The current galleries opened on the same site in 1971.

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