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Here Are Those Promised May Flowers

The Inform Awards are out, and I expect some reaction to the jury’s decisions on their awards in the interiors category. The jury was a fantastic and unimpeachable group, so I certainly stand by their decidedly Modern leanings. Each told me that they spent a lot of time going through each entry—Graham Gund, FAIA, said he went through them all three times. Bing Thom, AIA, FRAIC, said he wished there were more entries in the object design category because he enjoyed those projects so. And Jury Chairman L. William Chapin, FAIA, confirmed that making the selections from so many outstanding projects was very, very difficult. In all, they selected 12 projects for awards, including crisp interiors, inventive objects, and transformative landscape architecture.

And speaking of architectural styles, on page 28 you’ll find a look at Bernard Tschumi, FAIA, who is perhaps best known for his rejection of Modernism and Postmodernism and was tagged a few decades ago—along with the likes of Zaha Hadid, Peter Eisenman, Daniel Libeskind, Rem Koolhaas, and Coop Himmelb(l)au—as a Deconstructivist.

The big news a dozen years ago was that the Chesapeake Bay Foundation had received the very first LEED Platinum certification. That was remarkably difficult. What seemed impossible was the Living Building Challenge, which emerged shortly thereafter and called for buildings that are net-zero in energy and water use and mitigate at least as much pollution as they create, provide a healthy and energizing environment inside and out, and are tested for at least a year to prove they perform as promised. Well, the CBF and SmithGroupJJR are pushing the bounds of environmental sustainability once again with the Brock Environmental Center in Virginia Beach. Amidst their hectic, ongoing design and construction schedule, the architect, landscape architect, and client took time out to share their experiences with you (p. 13).

In another interesting project, this one recently completed, we see how a retirement-community client is pushing the boundaries of this burgeoning building type. In the mountains of Montgomery County the Warm Hearth Village and their architect, Summit Studio, created a Village Center that already is bringing together a socio-economically diverse community of retirees.

For the technologically inclined, we have the second of two PowerButton articles on video telecommunications. Marrying business applications to gamer technology might not seem all that new. But that you can do it now is eye opening.

And, finally, the jury selection for the 2013 VSAIA Awards for Excellence in Architecture is well underway just as the submissions announcement is out (see page 4). The five categories are Architecture, Historic Preservation, Context, Residential, and Interiors. Two jury chairs have already confirmed their commitment.

For Architecture we have THoM Penney, FAIA, Chairman/President/CEO of LS3P in Charleston, S.C., which is celebrating its 50-year anniversary.

For Historic Preservation we have Gaines Hall, FAIA. A practitioner in both the Gulf States and Midwest, and a professor at the University of Illinois, he has just completed his dream (sometimes nightmare): a complete restoration of the Frank Lloyd Wright Bradley House.

And don’t forget to visit aiava.org, readinform.com, and now (for the VCA) architectureva.org.

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Announcing the 2013 VSAIA Awards for Excellence in Architecture

The Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects calls architects, interior designers, and preservationists to submit to the 2013 Awards for Excellence in Architecture. Visit VSAIA.org for details.

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Museum Medley
By Margaret Hancock

Travel the Mid-Atlantic this spring to catch a glimpse of rarely shown French drawings, an innovative closet conversion, Minimalist and Conceptual works on paper, and a new take on an old theme.

▼ Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.
philipscollection.org
Laib Wax Room
On Permanent View

The Phillips Collection now boasts Laib Wax Room, the first permanent installation in the U.S. by German conceptual artist Wolfgang Laib. The artist has created temporary rooms in institutions all over the world, from New York’s Museum of Modern Art to the Museum De Pont in the Netherlands. The Phillips’ site-specific work features a 6x7x10-foot chamber—formerly a museum storage closet—in which beeswax, applied like plaster, envelopes the walls and ceiling. The end result is an enigmatic, atmospheric space defined by a naturalistic amber color and a single, unadorned descending lightbulb.

◆ Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore
artbma.org
On Paper: Works from the Cohen Collection
On View Through August 25

For fans of minimalism and conceptualism, this exhibition is a must-see as 20 works on paper present a thought-provoking visual exploration. From floor plans to images merging text and art, the pieces question image and meaning while showcasing diverse drawing mediums. Curated from the collection of Suzanne Cohen, the works feature prominent modern and contemporary artists including Sol LeWitt, Olafur Eliasson, Bruce Nauman, Carl Andre, and Max Bochner.

◆ North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, N.C.
cartmuseum.org
Dwelling: Interiors by Page H. Laughlin and Pamela Pecchio
On View Through July 28

Dwelling pairs two contemporary female artists—a photographer and a painter—as each examines domestic spaces and what role those spaces play in our lives. While imagery of interiors is an often-depicted theme in art, these works move beyond the aesthetic to demonstrate a worthwhile analysis, dissection, and reconsideration of interiors and the elements of everyday living. Exhibition-goers can further contemplate design through the museum’s award-winning architecture and 164 acres of sculptured grounds.

Fralin Museum of Art, Charlottesville
virginia.edu/artmuseum
Corot to Cézanne: French Drawings from the Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
On View Through June 2

The Fralin presents an intimate viewing experience of the historically significant collection of French works amassed by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon and gifted to the Commonwealth of Virginia. The paper-based drawings, rarely on view due to their sensitivity to light, span almost 150 years from the 19th to the early-20th centuries. Works by familiar, celebrated masters including Picasso, Matisse, Bonnard, and Van Gogh are highlights of this one-room exhibition.
Communication is key to connecting with your clients and staff. The most effective methods of sharing information you need to impart to your clientele are highly dependent on an efficient means of communication employed in your office. Communications today do not need to be limited to conversation. Our communications now take place over networks with which computers communicate so that discourse can include information that computers are capable of handling. The technology that’s leading the way to enhancing your client connections is video teleconferencing, or VTC. At its root level, VTC visually connects people together, and now that just about every mobile device and laptop produced today comes with a camera, visual communications are accessible from just about anywhere. But apart from good network connections and sheer convenience the bottom line with any network technology is how useful it can be for you.

Mere face-to-face communications may be a novel and efficient way to connect with your clients, but effective communications are more than just talk. Much of your discourse will include graphics and text, documents with which you and your client or staff would benefit from interaction during discussions. Some forward thinking folks at InfoStrat (infostrat.com), a company devoted to developing strategies for information technologies, are researching the methods in which VTC sessions can enable participants to interact and even be immersed within informational data and media. The research team at InfoStrat is using Microsoft’s Kinect combined with multi-touch technologies integrated with in-house developed software to explore communications using easily accessible VTC utilities like Skype and Link to share and interact with information during conversational sessions.

If you’re not aware of the Microsoft Kinect, it is a consumer grade device that allows motion interaction with Microsoft’s Xbox gaming platform. Interaction is gesture based, which means you don’t use a mouse or trackpad or other navigation device. The Kinect sensor detects your movements and translates it to the movement of an object in an Xbox game. For example, in a soccer game you would actually kick your foot in the air to hit a “ball” in the game. Or you could point in a particular direction and an object would move in that direction in the game. You don’t hold a device in your hand or touch the screen of your computer or gaming screen. You merely make gestures in the air.

This mere consumer grade gaming add-on is not only revolutionizing the way in which we can play games, but how we can work with computer graphics and data. A freely available software development kit can be downloaded with lots of examples of how Kinect can connect with your information. Kinect can recognize the human body and transfer your movements to a digital character. It can recognize facial expressions and transfer them to a virtual mask. You can wave your hand across to flip pages in a slide show. And you don’t need an Xbox to use the Kinect directly with your computer.

Combine this new way of interacting with computer information with VTC technologies, and you have a powerful platform for communications. Research into tele-immersive collaboration for InfoStrat is being championed by Josh Wall, Director of the Advanced Technology Group. This kind of collaboration allows the sharing of computer files while visually connected during a VTC session. Not only do you see and hear the person at the other end, but you can access and work with data and media together in ways that only computer interaction methods allow in what Wall refers to as a “shared glass session.” This is when you are sharing the presentation media, whether it’s on a computer monitor, projection screen, multi-touch table or other technology that is present on either end of the VTC session.

As Wall says: “We’re not talking so much about devices, we’re talking about displaying content. We’re interacting with content. We have content, we have sensors, we have services that are providing the content.” Wall’s team has been exploring different ways in which VTC communicators share and interact with data. They are taking interaction to higher levels than just merely reading a text document or looking at a static image together. Their methods allow real-time editing and manipulat-
The InfoStrat team is dedicated to finding ways to communicate more effectively while overcoming levels of abstraction inherent in VTC communications. “With traditional VTC a level of distraction has been added. Like I’m pointing at a graphic with my cursor but my head’s over here. You see me saying something but my cursor is over there. There’s a disconnect. It’s not natural, it’s not like you see me standing in front of a map and I’m pointing at something on the map. We’re really trying to get at how we can immerse somebody in that, and make it better so that video teleconferencing is better than just face to face.”

In a demonstration of their technology, InfoStrat showed how participants in a long distance VTC session were able to look at and interact with map data of a wildfire scenario. On one end of the connection, the main office for the response team is able to provide real-time locations of a wildfire outbreak to teams in the field. The manager at the office is actually immersed in the image of a map that is visible to all communications participants, and he can point directly to where teams need to react the fastest.

InfoStrat is also exploring the sharing of 3D data and looking at how communicators can become immersed in a 3D model. Wall likens this kind of 3D online experience with the 2D map example above where “you could plant someone in the 3D model and they’re pointing to something inside the 3D model.” They are also looking at real time 3D point cloud capture to automatically produce 3D models of VTC participants for even tighter integration with 3D content. Research is currently being done with InfoStrat’s Point Streamer technology, which would allow spatial data capture on the fly. Wall foresees relevant use of this technology for architects to be able to “do live walkthroughs of people interacting in a space and go back and review in multiple viewpoints.” While it is still theoretically being developed, this technology could revolutionize communications in architecture and other related fields of design and planning.

InfoStrat uses varying levels of interaction for VTC participants to collaborate on data. Granular levels of interaction vary from coarse movements using the Kinect and gesture based movements, to touch screen interfaces and stylus for more precise interaction. InfoStrat is developing a platform for handling this granularity of interaction on a number of different presentation devices they call Converge 360. This system will handle collaborative teleconferencing on all computing platforms from mobile to desktop to allow for multi-site, multiple interaction scenarios.

Wall believes that as far as business communications go, “remote can be better and more productive because the tools are more immediate.” With InfoStrat’s interactive approach to sharing media via VTC sessions, the tools on your computer are inherent in the process and more accessible when communicating through the network. As phone conversations become a thing of the past, and digital tools abound for enhancing workflow, VTC communication methods are quickly becoming the affordable, efficient way to connect.

Will Rourk currently works for the University of Virginia’s Digital Media Lab.
Warm Hearth Village in Blacksburg is a nonprofit senior living community established in 1974 by a Virginia Tech agronomist, Wybe Kroontje and his wife Marietje, who were inspired to create a community where retired people could live surrounded by natural beauty and every resident would receive the respect and dignity that a long life and the wisdom that comes with it deserve.

The Kroontjes put their long-term plan on a 100-year scale, which continues to be a potent force in guiding the community as it grows, says President and Chief Executive Officer Ferne Moschella. The latest addition is the Village Center, a 16,300-sf timber-framed structure designed by Summit Studio.

Summit Founding President Mark C. McConnel, AIA, LEED-AP, used his background in sustainable design to design and specify for the Village Center, although Warm Hearth did not seek LEED certification. "After some initial discussion, the client decided to use the money that would have entailed and devote it instead to the very tight design and construction budget," McConnel says.

For local sourcing of a considerable amount of structural timber and finish wood, the design team turned first to the Center grounds and adjacent woods on the 220-acre property. The team who harvested the wood chose trees individually, using "worst first" logging based on the life cycle of the forest, says Warm Hearth Project Manager Sara McCarter. To cause minimal harm to the land, the logger used draft horses rather than tractors to move logs from where they fell to a portable mill on site.

In addition to the beam material that came from the Warm Hearth property, a benefactor donated trees from an adjacent county, says McCarter, an architecture graduate from Virginia Tech. The logs were milled on site and finished nearby. The side lumber went to a kiln and processor, also in the area, for trim, furnishings, and flooring, she says. Structural insulating panels were also locally sourced.

Now This Is Local Lumber Sourcing

by Douglas Gordon, Hon. AIA
At the Center is community

In very early stages of planning, the Village Center leadership considered membership for access to the center, its pool, exercise room, and other amenities, Moschella remembers. The village has three HUD Section 8 subsidized apartment buildings, townhomes, and single-family homes. In discussions with residents, there was a feeling—especially among the large-home residents—that such a policy would hold the community apart. The final decision—based on the Kroontjes’ founding goals of mobility, accessibility, and affordability—was to make all parts of the center open to all 550 residents of the village.

The hope was to transform the residents’ lifestyle by giving them a place to walk to and an opportunity to get both social and physical engagement. The results have been amazing, Moschella says. “The residents are coming out in droves. They tell me they think it’s beyond wonderful,” she says.

Expansion is part of the plan

The Village Center was part of the original plan, although the orientation was not set, McConnel says. And sitting was based on a number of factors, not the least of which is that it serves as the focal welcoming point to the community.

Through well over 100 meetings from pre-design through construction administration, the design/owner/constructor team worked with the residents to identify and refine amenities. Despite
a tight budget, the only item that had to be left out was a bistro. To provide food service, McConnel worked in a café.

Storage space is always a problem, McCarter says, but the design was able to fit a fairly large energy-efficient humidity-heat recovery system into the interior to heat the pool. In fact, with the 27 geothermal wells beneath the front parking area, there is no exterior mechanical equipment.

Other resource-saving features include thermally tight enclosures and windows, careful orientation to the sun, natural lighting, instant hot-water heaters, low-flow fixtures, no VOCs, and indigenous plantings.

Part of the expansion also is identification of new service opportunities for a burgeoning retirement-age population. Warm Hearth continues to reassess its role in serving this demographic, Moschella says. And one factor that the board sees is a strong desire by some to age in place. Warm Hearth is already helping people beyond the physical facility by providing in-home services in surrounding areas, she says.

As good as it can be

The goal isn’t for the community to be good enough, it is to be as good as it can be, Moschella affirms. To that end, she says of the architect: “Mark may have gotten into more than he signed on for.”

“We met with Virginia Tech’s Myers Lawson School of Construction, and during those talks Mark rethought his approach to getting optimal solar orientation and he went back to the drawing table” McCarter explains. “It was already a great design, but he was resolved to make it better.”

“Yes,” McConnel says, “I chose to do a complete redesign for no additional compensation. From the interior detailing and space adjacencies to the building’s performance and presence within the community, I thought it was important to do it right.”
The Environmental Impact of a Tree

When the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) was building its Philip Merrill Center in Annapolis, Md., in 1998, it achieved LEED Platinum—the first in the world. The foundation has raised the bar even farther for the Brock Environmental Center, now under construction in Hampton Roads.

“The environmental center is to create a cutting-edge ‘green’ facility so in concert with its natural surroundings that it has no impact on the land, air, and water of the surrounding creeks, river, and Chesapeake Bay,” says Christy Everett, director of the CBF Hampton Roads office.

“What LEED Platinum was when we were designing the Merrill Center, the Living Building Challenge is now,” says Greg Mella, AIA, of SmithGroupJJR, the architecture firm for both buildings. “The ideas we were working on 14 years ago were at the edge of what was possible, but we were still focused on doing less harm to the environment. Now we are striving to have a building that is neutral to or actually improves its environment. And the CBF is committed to the challenges that come with innovation like no other client I’ve ever worked with.”

The Living Building Challenge was conceived in 2006 and is promulgated through the International Living Future Institute. The Challenge encourages the design and planning of buildings, neighborhoods, and communities that, like a tree, are net-zero in use of energy and water and waste production; comprise nontoxic, sustainably sourced materials; and are beautiful and inspiring. The idea was to move the goal from incremental improvement to true ecological sustainability and base certification on demonstrated achievement. Living buildings improve people’s health as they take into account the upstream and downstream impacts of building materials.
Saving is earning

Given the cost of renewable energy sources—in this case a 39 kW photovoltaic array and two 10 kW horizontal-axis wind turbines—the design team turned first to maximum energy savings to meet the net-zero energy objective. That included exterior sun shading, a high-performance envelope, daylighting, and natural ventilation. Active systems include 18 300-foot deep wells to support a geothermal heat pump system.

Wind power is seldom appropriate for most of the work SmithGroupJJR does, but this is one exception because of the steady breeze coming off the bay, Mella says. And because the building is one-story, the wind turbines can operate out of the turbulence zone caused by the roof, which balances energy efficiency and site disturbance.

“The use of wind turbines in migratory-bird habitats has received a lot of attention and thought,” he adds. “CBF did extensive research and worked closely with academics and regulatory agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to understand if the project would have a negative impact on bird populations using the site. Fortunately, due to the wind turbines’ small scale, there was no concern from the regulatory agencies and academic community.”

Water neutrality is more of a regulatory hurdle, Mella says: “When it comes to water, it’s a state public health issue, and there are Environmental Protection Agency mandates that make sure the water we drink is safe. The state and EPA don’t differentiate between hand-washing water and potable water, though. To successfully use rainwater for hand washing we have to purify the water to drinking standards. We’re working with the State Public Health Department to try to make that happen.”

Permeable paving and collection will eliminate storm water runoff. The building will collect and store rainwater in cisterns for filtration. That treated water would go to hand washing and mop sinks. The team is also exploring the option of using collected and treated rainwater for showers and kitchen sinks. All storm water is treated on site, including through vegetated swales and rain gardens. Gray water from sinks, showers, and the drinking fountain will go into a collection tank for subsurface wetland treatment. Leachate from the composting toilets goes to a treatment plant where it is converted to a struvite-based fertilizer.

Landscape architecture and the Bay

“The Chesapeake Bay Foundation hopes to create an environmental education/community center here at Pleasure House Point that will engage, inform, and inspire the Hampton Roads community to solve the challenges facing the Bay in innovative, sustainable, and
collaborative ways,” Everett says. “The environmental center will be an active demonstration site for important and relevant restoration projects, including living shoreline, oyster-bed, wetland, and other habitat restoration.”

At one point a 1000-unit housing development had been planned for a 118-acre Pleasure House Point site but fell through. Virginia Beach purchased 108 of those acres and the CBF bought the other 10 for their center. The building and access infrastructure itself sits lightly on one acre. William D. Almond, FASLA, with WPL Site Design, and his team are working on the landscape master plan for both the city’s parcel and the CBF site.

“The city is not looking to turn this into a recreational park,” Mella says. “It’s a preservation area. The site was heavily modified from dredging in the 1970s. The funding to restore the ecological function of the entire parcel is not going to happen overnight. But for the CBF parcel, the landscape design is part of the project. Happily, Billy is involved in both projects.”

Construction on the CBF landscape will begin in August, Almond says. Of the combined site’s mile-long frontage on Pleasure House Creek and the Lynnhaven River, he adds an additional note to the history of the deal: “Wells Fargo knew the property was valuable. They also knew the Trust for Public Land’s record of success and saw an opportunity to sell the property at a substantial discount and create a win-win solution for the bank’s shareholders and Virginia Beach. Although the shoreline is just a small piece of many millions of miles of drainage area that goes into the Chesapeake Bay, the focus here, especially for children, is on education about nature, the Bay, and everything associated with it.”

Almond, born and raised on the Virginia oceanfront adds: “I have in my lifetime witnessed a dramatic change in water quality, and I’m not that old. Look at a map and you’ll see that Virginia Beach is at the bottom of the Bay. So everything from our friends in New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and on down drains out right at Cape Henry. Sediment and pollution eddy around the lighthouse and return back to shore.”

The EPA, from its creation in 1970, has worked to control point source pollution, for instance from factories and mills. And the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act of 1989 has been focused on nonpoint pollution, such as fertilizer and manure runoff. That effort across the Bay watershed includes testing to determine how much fertilizer a field actually needs as well as riparian buffers of naturalized vegetation between waterways and livestock.

“My belief is that water is the next oil,” Almond predicts. “We have limited sources of clean water and it is way more critical than petroleum to basic life. What was important in the late 1970s through ‘90s has changed dramatically, and I attribute that simply to public education.”

And it is to that end that the CBF as a whole is committed. At the Hampton Roads office, specifically, “our vision for this site includes the living building, community partnership, environmental education, and restoration,” Everett says. “Based in this facility, CBF will provide office space for local conservation groups, meeting space for community organizations, and environmental education for students and teachers from across the region.”

**RESOURCES**

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT & CIVIL ENGINEER: WPL Site Design (see ad., p. 39).
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**A Delightful Dozen**

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**Spraycube**

*3rd Year Architecture Studio at Virginia Tech:*
Douglas Cohn, Marcus Confino, Jenna Hoffman, Laura Green, Hanna Joseck, Dave Kolodziej, Ryan McGuinness, Carina Mohammed, Bongchul (Tom) Shin, Witt Smith, John Sturniolo, Nick Swedberg, Rebecca Warren, Jonathan Werstein, James Willis, Professor Joseph Wheeler

This is a low-cost solution for replacing the school's outdated painting facilities. Students had been compensating by doing their spray painting in other areas. As a result, the exterior sidewalks, columns, stairwells, and doorways had become coated in layers of paint and plaster, and fumes were contaminating the building, both inside and out.

The studio design solution is the Spraycube pavilion, a cube in two parts. One is composed of a polycarbonate wall while the other is wood. They are unified through the use of color. The interior workspace is the area for painting, while the void between the two elements creates two doorways. A workbench spans the width of the cube with a gap behind it to allow for ventilation.

Three rotating platforms rest on top of the workbench to facilitate the painting process. The booth is provided with LED lights in between the polycarbonate walls and an overhead light fixture with motion-sensor controls, which makes it clear from a distance that the pavilion is occupied.

**Jury Comments:** This design exercise shows once again that innovative thinking—this time inside the box—can transform the most utilitarian object into an intriguing design item.

*Photographers: Hanna Joseck and Rebecca Warren*  
*Designed for: Virginia Tech School of Architecture + Design*
Lath House
Frank Harmon Architect, PA

The N.C. State Arboretum needed a new open-air lath structure to replace the existing dilapidated shade house adjacent to its Japanese garden. Because the open-air laboratory also shelters infant plants, its design concept is an abstraction of a tree spreading its protective branches. Carefully placed wooden two-by-twos with steel support provide the specific light-to-shade ratio needed for the plants in the four seasons as they develop for replanting within the arboretum.

Thermal performance was an important factor in choosing wood to build the lath house. The designer considered metal and fiberglass for the lath membrane along with wood, and chose wood for its low thermal mass, economy, and appearance. The 8-acre JC Raulston Arboretum is a nationally acclaimed garden with the most diverse collection of cold-hardy temperate-zone plants in the Southeast. As part of N.C. State University’s Department of Horticultural Science, the Arboretum is primarily a working research and teaching garden that focuses on the evaluation, selection, and display of plant material gathered from around the world. Plants especially adapted to conditions in the Piedmont region of North Carolina are identified in an effort to find better plants for southern landscapes.

Jury Comments: This elegantly restrained device cleverly fulfills its specific practical mission while creating a fascinating and creative outdoor space that is both functional and beautiful.

Will Lambeth, Project Designer
Photographer: Tim Hursley
Owner: N.C. State University JC Raulston Arboretum
Contractor: LT Bennett General Contractor Inc.
Structural Engineer: Tim Martin, PE
minibar by Jose Andres (domes)

CORE

Two golden elliptical domes in this fine-dining concept are beautiful and essential elements of the overall design. Their main purpose is to focus the attention on the avant-garde tasting menu at the counter set aside for these seatings. Beyond the counter is an interactive kitchen and culinary experience where guests are meant to observe the bustle and converse with chefs. They feel protected and welcome at the same time.

The forms serve not only to shield guests’ view to the exposed ceiling above, but also to cast them in a warm golden glow and enhance the appearance of the food. The downward form controls sight lines and sound but also curves to simulate a sculptural cocoon that envelops the guest in their experience. The result is a feeling of intimacy and connection to each beautifully presented dish that is placed before them.

Due to an incredibly tight construction schedule and budget, the domes were sourced from a local boat builder rather than being custom cast. Taken from the hulls of an old boat, each was cut into its elliptical form, sanded smooth, and gold leafed on the underside.

Jury Comments: A wonderfully innovative and bold application that uses affordable and readily available fabrication resources to transform what could be a rather amorphous space into two distinctly intimate seating areas.

Project Designer: Christopher Peli
Photographer: Kenneth Wyner
Owner: Think Food Group
Dome Fabricator: Reid Bandy, Bandy Boats
Sapient Corporation
FOX Architects, LLC

The driving concepts to this design were to connect the office’s three divisions and reinforce its corporate brand. At the center is the curved “Connector and Band,” which, together, evoke the agency’s curved logo. The concept also serves as the linking element that unites the office’s two floors and public areas to its dedicated work zones. Additional curved structures in common areas, such as the pantry, further support the identity.

At the entrance a dynamic graphic wall, in signature red, communicates a powerful statement to employees and visitors alike that the company’s people are “Idea Engineers.” The bold color palette also identifies this as a young, tech-savvy company. This is a space where everything has a meaning and purpose.

During early design discussions, amidst an aggressive timeline, the team determined that an open office environment with benching would maximize space use and increase productivity. To support each division’s culture and work further, the team incorporated spontaneous interaction zones and studio space, complete with blackboards for brainstorming. The corporation has implemented the strong identity and workplace concepts nationally.

Jury Comments: The circulation is clearly articulated, with a crisp partnership between the agency’s recognized palette of colors and carefully selected surface materials. The office space is awash with well-delivered natural light. This looks like a very pleasant place to work.

Kelly Sigmund, Project Designer
Photographer: Ron Blunt
Owner: Sapient Corporation
Contractor: Bognet Construction
Design Contributors: Newmark Knight Frank, META Engineers P.C., CPM, and Office Environment of New England
An existing row house in a historic D.C. neighborhood is re-imagined as a modern, light-filled urban dwelling. The compartmentalized interior of the existing house was gutted, and the rear façade and porch removed. The verticality of the new floor layout and open 17 x 30-foot plan provide dynamic interior spaces in sharp contrast to the originally dark, cramped house.

To bring in natural light a new stair and glass bridge system connects all three floors, with a skylight the entire length and width of the new stair opening. The new east-facing rear façade is almost fully glazed. Translucent panels between rooms also infuse natural light.

While the open riser staircases provide transparency, a three-story, wood paneled wall slices through the stairwell, defining adjacent spaces. This wall terminates inside the skylight well, allowing light in to the third-floor bedroom. A ground-level terrace visually enlarges the living room and offers private outdoor space, with a planter with bamboo and black river stone offering greenery. The palette consists of blue Venetian plaster, white terrazzo flooring, clear and dark stained rift-sawn white oak, aluminum, stainless steel, clear and translucent glass, painted steel, limestone, and granite.

**Jury Comments:** Exciting spaces are made all the more so by the shrewd introduction of natural light and sensitive choices of colors and materials. The detailing is wonderful.
**Tred Avon River House**  
Robert M. Gurney, FAIA, Architect

Diverging from cornfields, a quarter-mile pine-lined road terminates at a tract with breathtaking views of the Eastern Shore’s Tred Avon River. The new house is three solid volumes linked together with glass bridges suspended above the landscape. Mostly without fenestration, the central volume is punctuated by a recessed 10-foot-high entry door and narrow sidelights. The contrasting western volume contains a garage while the eastern volume, floating above grade, contains living spaces.

Initially presented as solid and austere, the house unfolds into a 124-foot-long living volume, light-filled and wrapped in glass with panoramic views. A grid of steel columns modulates the space and covered terraces extend the interior. A screened porch provides additional views of the river and overlooks a swimming pool on axis to the main seating group.

Energy-saving elements include a geothermal mechanical system, solar tubes, hydronic floor heating, a concrete floor slab for thermal mass, and large overhangs above the terraces. The house is elevated four feet above grade to protect against anticipated future flooding. It is crisply detailed and minimally furnished to emphasize the picturesque site as the primary sensory experience.

**Jury Comments:** This interior manipulation is highly sophisticated and self-assured without forgetting that its captivating natural surroundings are the project’s most important ingredients.

*Brian Tuskey, Project Architect*
*Photographer: Maxwell MacKenzie Architectural Photographer*
*Contractor: Peterson & Collins*
*Interior Designer: Therese Baron Gurney, ASID*
*Landscape Designer: Lila Fendrick Landscape Architecture and Garden Design*
*Engineer: D. Anthony Beale LLC*
5110½ Offices
Robert M. Gurney, FAIA, Architect

An unused basement located below street-front retail space provided a raw starting point for new offices in northwest Washington. Sloping topography allowed windows at the south end of the 22 x 110-foot space. The entrance is at the rear of the property, a story below the sidewalk.

A series of north/south walls organizes the plan and provides visual penetration through the length of the office. The walls are white, in sharp juxtaposition to the charcoal infused concrete floors. Perpendicular wooden walls and furniture provide a warm contrast. A central glass-enclosed conference room provides acoustical privacy without disrupting the visual axes. A floating wood ceiling extends through all 110 feet of the interior volume and further unites work spaces that are entirely open with the exception of bathrooms and mechanical rooms.

Almost all of the furniture is custom designed. The vast majority of built-in millwork is quarter-sawn white oak and humble black plastic laminate. Along with steel and glass tables, these components continue a theme of contrasting raw elements: concrete floors and exposed brick with more refined oak panels and glass walls. Similarly, light fixtures combine asymmetrically hanging bulbs and carefully placed recessed lights.

This project elevates the perception of “basement space” without employing expensive finishes, materials, and light fixtures.

Jury Comments: This is an elegant and delightful space that reconfirms once again that less really can be more in the right hands.

Photographer: Anice Hoachlander, Hoachlander Davis Photography
Contractor: Bloom Builders
Interior Designer: Therese Baron Gurney, ASID
**308 Mulberry**  
Robert M. Gurney, FAIA, Architect

Lewes, Del., faces northeast into the mouth of the Delaware Bay and contains primarily late 19th century and early 20th century balloon-framed buildings. This house, originally from the early 1800s, is in the heart of the historic district but was in poor condition.

In the redesign, the exterior of the original structure is meticulously restored and an early 20th-century addition was removed. Additions more than doubled the footprint, although the design strategy was to allow the historical two-story house to remain prominent with four additions—one-story pavilions organized around a swimming pool and large cedar—being minimally invasive.

The new pavilions are crisply detailed with cedar walls and roofs that match the historic house, except without overhangs and trim and with large expanses of glass in black steel frames. Brick chimneys and landscape walls add vertical and horizontal elements, completing the composition.

The interiors are decidedly modern with white walls void of trim, casings, moldings, and baseboard and white ash flooring. An open, floating staircase, glass walls, aluminum, and stainless steel contribute to the modern palette. The interior of the new living pavilion is rich with a variety of materials, including mahogany, basalt, white marble, and stainless steel.

**Jury Comments:** This brilliant marriage of the historical and the modern is masterfully executed in concept and detail.

*Brian Tuskey, Project Architect*
*Photographer: Maxwell MacKenzie Architectural Photographer*
*Contractor: Ilex Construction*
*Interior Designer: Theresa Baron Gurney, ASID*
*Landscape Designer: South Fork Studio, Landscape Architecture Engineer: D. Anthony Beale LLC*
Located in Glen Echo, Md., just outside of Washington, this new house is sited on a sloping, wooded lot with distant views of the Potomac River. The house is positioned to preserve a majority of mature trees and is oriented toward the river views and south-facing slope. The house is organized into two volumes connected with glass bridges that span a reflecting pool, which separates the volumes. Secondary volumes intersect and overlap the two larger structures rendering the composition more dynamic. Material changes in the various elements intensify the relationships. Expanses of glass open to a terrace organized around a swimming pool with two “infinity” edges reinforcing the connectivity to the wooded landscape.

The interiors are painted with light. Walls constructed with slender, steel window frames composed in Mondrian-inspired patterns combine with translucent panels, wenge and white oak millwork, and Pompeii Scarpaletto stone to define interior spaces. White terrazzo flooring juxtaposes with the black window frames and unifies the volumes on the main floor.

This house is designed to provide spaces organized to integrate its inherently picturesque site in a way that the architecture becomes subservient to the landscape that surrounds it.

**Jury Comments:** The designer’s sensitive and thoughtful selection of exterior cladding works beautifully with the internal composition of solids and voids. It fits its site like a glove.

**Brian Tuskey, Project Architect**  
**Photographer:** Maxwell MacKenzie  
**Owner:** Lewie Bloom and Nancy Schwartz  
**Contractor:** Bloom Builders  
**Engineer:** D. Anthony Beale LLC
Located at Baltimore’s Inner Harbor, this classic 1960s Modernist office tower dominated a monolithic 1.3 acre granite plinth. The client sought to reestablish the outdated building as the center of downtown Baltimore. Using available resources the team transformed the barren plaza and lobby of Baltimore’s tallest building into a vibrant urban garden. The team has created a showcase for storm-water retention and run-off quality.

Decorative granite sills impeded views from every floor. Repurposing the sills as benches and walls in the plaza below made the building more transparent. The increased daylight also reduced power consumption and created social spaces that provide adequate soil depth for plantings.

The plaza was leaking into the parking garage. To re-waterproof the plaza deck, existing 6’2”-square granite pavers were meticulously removed, cleaned to increase heat reflectivity, and reinstalled atop new waterproofing. Glass fins from the lobby curtain wall were reused as glass pylon lights.

Lush seasonal plantings, 46 tree specimens, and a pristine lawn create a sense of place while reducing the impervious surface by 38 percent. These newly planted trees and understory reduce storm-water runoff, improve its quality, and encourages people to congregate at this prominent location.

**Jury Comments:** This building-as-a-quarry plaza design is an elegant re-thinking of the pocket-park approach that promises to instill exciting vitality back into a sterile urban space and breathe new life into a once-tired building.

Brian Reetz, ASLA
Photographer: Patrick Ross, Patrick Ross Photography
Owner: Lexington MKP Management LP
Contractor: Whiting-Turner
Project Manager: Derek Bujak
Diamond Teague Park
Landscape Architecture Bureau

Located on the Anacostia River in Washington, this new park is a part of Washington’s urban renaissance. It memorializes Diamond Teague, one of 12 employees of the nonprofit Earth Conservation Corps, headquartered on the site, who has been a victim of gun violence.

The one-acre site is the last stretch of naturalized shoreline in a formerly industrial part of the city. The park completes a segment of the Anacostia Riverwalk and links the river with the new Nationals Ballpark. An elevated promenade allows protected access to the shoreline. The 20-foot-wide lighted walkway is bordered by a 10-foot-wide grating near the water where people can stand and enjoy the river. Solid wood benches are from 19th century Tennessee River “sinker logs.”

Aluminum gangways slope from the Promenade to a 20-foot-wide floating “environmental pier.” Between the pier and riverbank float artificial-wetlands mats that support naturally filtering native aquatic plants. The mats reinforce the message that human effort is required to remediate the river.

Jury Comments: An innovative design strategy that introduces people to the eye-opening wonders of a previously inhospitable riverfront, this project promises to be a very important part of the Anacostia River redevelopment, which endeavors to establish genuine cross-river connections.

Design Team: Jonathan Fitch, Lanshing Hwang, Doug Pardue
Photographer: Allen Russ, Hoachlander Davis Photography
Owner: District of Columbia Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development
ODMED Project Manager: Judy Greenberg, Project Manager
Anacostia Waterfront Corp: Uwe Brandes, Exec. VP
Civil/Electrical Engineer: PB Americas Marine Structural Engineer: Moffat and Nichol Landside Structural Engineer: Robert Silman and Associates
General Contractor: Fort Myer Construction
Construction Manager: Mckissack and Mckissack
Plants: Signature Horticultural Services
Floating Wetlands: Blue Wing Environmental Solutions and Technologies
Hardscape Gratings: Ohio Gratings Inc.
Gangways: Gator Dock and Marine
Lighting: Toe and Hand Rails, Luxrail by Cooper Lighting; Promenade Post Top, Schréder North America; Custom Poles, Millerbernd
Trash Receptacles: Landscape Forms
Large outdoor gathering spaces foster a sense of community on this large high-security campus. The design enhances views from inside the building and provides opportunities for staff interaction.

The buildings, plantings, and hardscape are integrated axially. Grading reinforces this alignment. The sweeping S-curve main entry drive captures the ceremonial lawn, providing a grand sense of scale. Plantings along the curve direct views toward the main entry while also directing vehicles to the garage access.

The precast concrete paving for the entry courtyard and accent bands lead people toward the main entrance. The 11,000-sf paved terrace features waves of integrally colored concrete, a continuation of the terrestrial theme within the building.

The 4-foot-deep water feature cascades over an infinity edge to a storm-water basin below. The feature collects surface rainwater and has a capacity equivalent to 14 Olympic-sized pools. This water is treated and used for irrigation, the cooling tower, and emergency sprinklers.

The green roof areas on campus are designed to be an extension of the adjacent landscaping, continuing the lawn upward to become the roof plane. Natural screening elements include berms with dense shrubs and deciduous and evergreen trees, which inhibit clear views into the site from outside the secure perimeter and minimize direct views of maintenance and infrastructure elements within.

**Jury Comments:** This heroically scaled landscape goes beyond simple horticulture to provide a walking park, environmental resource, and an unobtrusive yet effective security strategy for this massive campus.

**Photographers:** James West, JWest Productions, and David Whitcomb, RTKL (©RTKL)

**Owner:** National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

**Contractor:** Clark/Balfour Beatty Joint Venture

**Associate Civil Engineer:** Greenhorne & O’Mara Inc.

**Traffic Engineer:** Street Traffic Studies Ltd.

**Irrigation Consultant:** Irrigation Consultant Services Inc.

**Fountain Consultant:** Hydro Dramatics

**Landscape Installation:** KT Enterprises
The latest book from proto-Deconstructivist Bernard Tschumi, FAIA—Architecture Concepts: Red Is Not a Color—is a study in contradictions and in the personal development of an icon of iconoclasm.

The four-inch-thick tome may look like a crimson Time Savers Standard on the outside, and quirky typography and somewhat unsettling use of the second person voice throughout might intimidate some. But once one gets comfortable with flipping back and forth between theoretical essays and the well-illustrated, fun-to-follow illuminations of what an architectural concept is and isn’t in Tschumi’s mind, then the underlying approach he takes in this book becomes downright welcoming.

As the title indicates, the concept of Red Is Not a Color is the meaning of concept. A generous selection of essays shows the evolution of defining architecture as well. Architecture is not the understanding of form, he writes, but a form of understanding, similar to the problem-solving construct of, say, a scientist or film director. And, he contends, a building can provide firmness, commodity, and delight and still fall short of being great architecture. What all great architecture does have in common is an informed and consistent concept. And that’s where the title comes in.

One of Tschumi’s earliest well-known works, the Parc de la Villette contains 26 steel follies, each unique and yet, through materials, form, and redness, recognizably similar. Soon enough after winning the competition for the 125-acre park superimposed on the grounds of a former abattoir district of Paris, common questions to the French Swiss architect were: Why the color red? Will red be a signature color for you in the future? These questions entirely missed the point of the design concept. Having a regular grid onto which the follies are positioned and their tint, he explains, was a conscious decision, but a decision apart from the concept of movement through the park and connection with the various amenities and spaces that directed the events that would occur there. The red follies appear only through the trees.
as one approaches or at a distance, depending on the season, and themselves become part of the experience. So even though it is probably the best hue for the purpose, the red is not a color but one part of a larger meaning. (Tschumi goes back and forth a bit on whether architecture concept and parti mean the same thing. Ultimately, it seems, he considers parti—like form and context—to be a necessary sub-element of concept. But I feel more comfortable leaving the parsing of this text to those more practiced at it.)

Following a user’s guide to the book and discussion of some basic principles, Tschumi begins a very introspective critique of his life’s work, beginning with his early architecture ads. (Some will remember, for instance the disconcerting b&w image of a hapless, defenestrated and still-falling man under the headline: “To really appreciate architecture, you may even need to commit a murder.”)

The thought process behind each of an extensive series of theoretical and built-design exercises is made personal for the reader by Tschumi’s use of “you” instead of “I” as he explains his unfolding and iterative realizations. “You imagine a number of these glass houses distributed among the rooftops of New York City,” he writes in Urban Glass House. “The project is also about the juxtaposition of the old and the new, a theme that you keep exploring in other projects.” Text and imagery are constantly intertwined throughout the book so that the result is sort of like touching Peter Pan’s hand and flying off into the fantastical world of another.

In the final estimation, though, this is a critical autobiographical evaluation of the work (till now, anyway) of an amazing architect.

And Tschumi, of course, is no stranger to architectural criticism. (The UIA Jean Tschumi Prize for design criticism is, after all, named in honor of Bernard’s father.) And this book gives Tschumi the opportunity to explain why he did what he did with, for instance, the New Acropolis Museum in Athens. In that particular section— “Concept, Context, Content”—the architect begins with the severe constraints of the site: physically tight, historically invaluable, and in direct view of the Parthenon. He then devotes 44 pages and 106 illustrations explaining the development of the design solution. “The design process is not so much about contextualizing a concept as it is about conceptualizing a context,” he writes in a typical re-twisting of words.

No doubt there are many years left in Tschumi’s creative career. This is, then, a captivating mid-career retrospective that can be thumbed through, read, put down, and returned to over and over again. A word of warning, though: Once you think you’ve finally pinned down the true essence of this mercurial mind, you read another section, even at random, and find that you have to rethink the entire thing all over again. And, yet, you enjoy it.

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  Architects: 4
  Other Professionals: 1
  Administrative: 1
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  Interior Designers: 85
  Architects: 97
  Planners: 16
  Technical: 14
  Administrative: 40
  Total: 252

  **Recent Projects:**
  815 Connecticut Avenue Building Repositioning, Washington (Excellence in Construction, AGC of Washington); Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute, Hampton (Institutional/Public Buildings Award—Hampton Roads Association for Commercial Real Estate); Volkswagen Group of America U.S. Headquarters, Herndon, Va. (Award of Excellence, AIA DC Chapter, Object Design Award, Inform Awards; Gold Award, IIDA MAC); Choice Hotels International Global Headquarters, Rockville, Md.; IBM Dulles Station West, Herndon, Va. (Merit Award for Exceptional Design, Fairfax County Architectural Review Board).
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Interior Designers 4
Architects 10
Other Professionals 5
Total 23

Recent Projects:
ARCenter for the Greater Richmond ARC, Richmond (2011 Virginia Society AIA Honor Awards Citation; 2011 AIA Virginia Lily Award & Honor Award); Bedford Springs Resort, Bedford, Va. (2009 National Preservation Honor Award; 2009 AIA Richmond Honor Award; 2009 AIGA Best in Category-Environmental/Exhibit Design, Signage & Artwork; 2009 PA Historic Preservation Award by Preservation PA; 2008 Society of Travel Writers Phoenix Award; Bryan Innovation Lab, The Stewart School, Richmond; Bon Secours Washington Redskins Training Center, Richmond; Cary Street Residence, Richmond (VA-ASLA Honor Award 2011).

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Firm Personnel by Discipline:
Landscape Architects 171
Interior Designers 86
Architects 547
Engineers 3,571

Recent Projects:
College of William & Mary Miller Hall at the Mason School of Business, Williamsburg (2010 Palladio Award); Rockingham Memorial Hospital Women’s Center, Harrisonburg; Sculpture & Memorial Garden for Seal Team 4, Joint Expeditionary Base, Norfolk; University of Virginia Bavare Hall at the Curry School of Education, Charlottesville; Crossroads Pre K-8 School, Norfolk; University of Maryland Washington Information & Technology Convergence Center, Fredericksburg; College of William & Mary Integrated Science Center Phase 3, Williamsburg.

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Firm Personnel by Discipline:
Landscape Architects 3
Interior Designers 6
Architects 9
Planners 5
Technical 9
Administrative 2
Total 34

Recent Projects:
Roanoke College Master Plan Update and Landscape Master Plan, Roanoke; Shenandoah University Landscape Master Plan and Sarah’s Glen, Winchester; Virginia Commonwealth University—School of Pharmacy, Richmond (Interior Design Excellence Award); Gayton Library Interior Renovation, Richmond; Liberty University Tower Theater, Lynchburg (Interior Design Excellence Award—First Place).

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Landscape Architects 5
Interior Designers 16
Architects 3
Engineers 115
Planners 5
Technical 179
Other Professionals 43
Administrative 60
Total 498

Recent Projects:
City of Virginia Beach Sustainability Plan, Warrior Transition Unit at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Md. (2012 ACEC VA Awards, 2012 APWA VA Awards, 2011 ECHR Outstanding Engineering Achievement Awards); Virginia Tech Ambler Johnston Residence Hall, Blacksburg (will be LEED Silver Certified by USGBC); Student Success Center, Old Dominion University, Norfolk.
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Landscape Architects
Interior Designers
Architects
Planners
Technical
Other Professionals
Administrative
Total

Recent Projects:
Staunton Crossing, Staunton; Sauer Center, Richmond; Richmond on the James, Richmond; Staples Mill Centre, Richmond; Interbake, Richmond.

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Planners
Technical
Other Professionals
Administrative
Total

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Interior Designers
Architects
Engineers
Planners
Technical
Administrative
Total

Recent Projects:
Brown & Greer Office Building, Richmond; Hilton Garden Inn, Virginia Beach; Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk; Mount Trashmore YMCA Renovation, Virginia Beach.

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Firm Personnel by Discipline:
Landscape Architects
Technical
Administrative
Total

Recent Projects:
Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems 7th Floor Children’s Garden, Richmond; Washington & Lee Belfield Estate Gillette Garden Restoration, Lexington, Va.; St. Joseph’s Villa Pedestrian Commons, Richmond; Virginia Commonwealth University Grace Street Student Housing, Richmond; Virginia Historical Society Master Plan Update, Richmond.

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Recent Projects:
Lake Taylor Athletic Fields, Norfolk; Little Island District Park Improvements, Virginia Beach; Colonial Beach Business District Revitalization Plan, Colonial Beach, Va. (CEPAV Award); Stumpy Lake Canoe/Kayak Improvements, Virginia Beach; Waterside Drive Streetscape Improvement, Norfolk.
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Landscape Designers 1
Technical 2
Administrative 1
Total 6

Recent Projects:
Christopher Newport University Saunders Fountain Plaza, Newport News; Carlton at Greenbrier Apartments, Chesapeake; Indigo 19 Apartments, Virginia Beach; Spring Water Apartments, Virginia Beach; Shady Grove YMCA, Richmond.

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Architects 1
Other Professionals 2
Administrative 2
Total 22

Recent Projects:
The George Washington University Comprehensive Signage Plan, Loudoun County, Va.; Rhode Island Row, Washington (ULI 2012 Model of Excellence, Delta Associates 2012 Best Transit-Oriented Community); The Shops at Willow Lawn Renovation, Richmond; The Flats at Atlas District, Washington (Gold Nugget Award of Merit—Infill Redevelopment); Heritage Shores, Bridgeville, Del.

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Firm Personnel by Discipline:
Landscape Architects 9
Engineers 210
Planners 2
Administrative 14
Total 235

Recent Projects:
Bon Secours/Redskin Training Facility and Park, Richmond (LEED anticipated); Meadowville Technology Park Mater Plan/Amazon, Chesterfield County, Va.; Social Security Administration Data Center, Urbana, Md. (LEED Gold anticipated); Henricus Park Master Plan and Transportation Access Study, Chesterfield County, Va.; George Mason University Life Sciences Building, Fairfax (LEED anticipated).

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Graduate Landscape Architects 2
Civil Engineers 2
EITs 1
Other Professionals 11
Administrative 4
Total 24

Recent Projects:
Kellam High School, Virginia Beach (LEED Gold pending); Virginia Beach Law Enforcement Memorial, Virginia Beach (Inside Business Award of Merit from HRACRE; Virginia Beach Planning Commission Design Honor Award in Public Facility 2012); Oceanaire Resort Hotel, Virginia Beach (Virginia Beach Planning Commission Design Honor Award in Commercial Development); Chesapeake Bay Foundation Brock Environmental Center, Virginia Beach; JT Grommet Island Park, Virginia Beach (Award for Excellence from HRACRE Best Recreation 2011).

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Architect: Baskervill, Richmond
Project: Office Tower, 10th & Byrd

This proposed mixed-use tower creates a variety of office spaces above, with welcoming public spaces at street level, connecting pedestrians to the Canal Walk. Tel: 804.343.1010 / Baskervill.com

Architect: Bowie Gridley Architects/Perkins + Will Joint Venture, Washington
Project: Ballou Senior High School, Washington

The 360,000-sf school is organized into three wings: Mind, housing classrooms and labs; Body, housing gymnasium, a natatorium, and fitness areas; and Spirit, housing visual/performing arts. Tel: 202.337.0888 / www.bowiegridley.com

Project: Armada Hoffler Office Building Tower, Virginia Beach

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Architect: Mitchell/Matthews, Charlottesville  
Project: Tyler Hall at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg

A full renovation of a 1926 academic building on the Ancient Campus at William and Mary restores the building to its original character. Tel: 434.979.7550 / www.mitchellmatthews.com

Architect: SFCS, Roanoke  
Project: City of Roanoke Main Library Renovation

SFCS and Dewberry are renovating the first floor and adding a terrace to the east side of the library, which will face Elmwood Park Amphitheatre. Tel: 800.873.2788 / sfcs.com

Architect: Moseley Architects, Richmond  
Project: Henrico East Clinic, Henrico

This new, 13,500-sf facility will house medical and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) clinics, consultation and conference space, and office space for health department staff. The building design targets LEED Silver certification. Tel: 804.794.7555 / www.moseleyarchitects.com

Architect: ODELL, Richmond  
Project: Turtle Creek Hotel, Dallas

Overlooking an urban park, this mixed-use project includes a 300,000-sf Class A office tower, 200-key conference hotel, retail, and shared parking. The formal interplay between plinth and tower creates a distinctive elevated semi-public space at their intersection. Tel: 804.287.8200 / www.ODELL.com
Architect: SK+I Architecture  
Project: The Apollo on H Street, NE Washington  
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Architect: Wiley|Wilson, Richmond  
Project: Great Dismal Swamp Exhibit Design and Site Improvements—Phase I, Suffolk  
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FOX Architects designed their new McLean office with three goals in mind: Communicate, Collaborate, and Concentrate, says Managing Principal Sabret Flocos, IIDA, who led the effort to replace a cramped office with one that promotes fluidity, casual collaboration, and wellness.

The new office boasts three times more collaborative work area and includes a Design Lab and Ideation Center, two technical help desks, and a library. Expansive windows introduce natural light throughout the suite. Zones of comfort include a “family room,” a recharge lounge, and a private wellness room with couch and aromatherapy. Appealing to all five senses is energizing.

FOX analyzed how people were using their old space and brought in third-party observers as confirmation. Analysis showed a need for more support spaces and conference rooms. It also showed that trading individual workstation space for greater lab space would increase productivity. The 2,643 sf of support space actually reduced the overall square feet required per individual.

The Design Lab is the defining element of the new space, according to FOX Virginia Studio Manager Damon Josue, IIDA. “The adaptable space promotes interaction, kinetic energy, and greater innovation,” he says. “We recognized the need for more work space where we could move around and draw on whiteboards. Our fondly remembered college studios served as inspiration.”

The Design Lab holds four large working tables for spreading out work and informal discussions. Two 47-inch flat screens can be used to display from any of the design workstations or a laptop or smart device with Bluetooth.

“Design excellence is influenced by one’s ability to think, communicate, and present ideas visually,” Project Manager Jonathan Handel observes. “Our new office supports that interaction with clients and partners.” The open sharing of concept development is out there for everyone to see and perhaps participate in, adds Project Manager Dave Denny.

The focal point on entering the office is a white, sculpted wall. The long hallway to the office space is made interactive with pivoting panels that sound piano notes when moved. Panels feature images of FOX work. And, as an additional backdrop, FOX Graphic Designer Sean Causley created a dramatic wall with a multi-colored array of strokes pulled from elements of past FOX projects.

“The entire design process was a true collaboration,” Flocos says. “Every designer played a role in the success of the design and continues to provide input. The space is evolving as we live in it.”

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