Today's News - August 12, 2004

All the big names showed up for information session re: WTC cultural buildings, but will they take the risk? -- New Urbanism: Andrés Duany on the lessons to be learned from Celebration, Florida. -- A daring development in Minnesota in a town that loves its McMansions. -- Bangkok canals losing out to urban sprawl. -- High Line master plan team selection "marks a critical step in one of the most compelling urban planning initiatives in the city's recent history" (and marks Nicolai Ouroussoff's NYT debut). -- A healing garden in San Francisco straight from the heart. -- A "one-man wrecking crew driven to transform an industry that consumes 40 percent of the world's resources." -- A Los Angeles fan club for a little-known Modernist. -- Princess Diana's fountain reopens, but some say it is still flawed. -- Michael Graves best design: His own company. -- An island for art in Japan. -- Venice Architecture Biennale will be more than pretty pictures. -- Architects pay homage to projects never built. -- Winner of Henry C. Turner Prize for Innovation in Construction Technology to be honored.

Plan May Be Too Much of a Good Thing: "Risk-taking"...a quality LMDC says it will seek in choosing architects for the cultural buildings at the new WTC...The question is whether any architect will risk a prospective commission by challenging the current planning orthodoxy. - New York Times

The Celebration Controversies: Andrés Duany weighs the pros and cons of this high profile - perhaps the best known - New Urbanist town - International Network for Traditional Building, Architecture & Urbanism (INTBAU)

Rancor in the Grass: Mayo Woodlands is winning awards for its daring approach but getting the cold shoulder from conservative Rochester [Minnesota], which loves its McMansions. - Shane Coen; David Salmela; Tim Alt [images] - New York Times

Bangkok's canals, once its lifeline, losing ground to urban sprawl (AP) - Magic Eyes; Sitthawan Silapacharana - Environmental News Network

Gardens in the Air Where the Rail Once Ran: A team of New York-based architects led by Field Operations and Diller, Scocfield & Renfro...selected to design [High Line] master plan... By Nicolai Ouroussoff [images] - New York Times

Delaney's delight: Noted S.F. landscape architect's latest healing garden comes straight from the heart - Topher Delaney/SEAM - San Francisco Chronicle

Organic Architect Does It With Principle: Think of him as a one-man wrecking crew driven to transform an industry that consumes 40 percent of the world's resources. - Eric Corey Freed/organicArchitect (oA) - San Francisco Chronicle

The door-to-door connection: A group of Angelenos finds a common link: They live in the small, distinctive homes designed by little-known Modernist architect Harwell Harris. [images] - Los Angeles Times

Diana fountain to come back on stream as expert [Rory Coonan] slams 'blunder' - Kathryn Gustafson - Guardian (UK)

A Design for Living: After Michael Graves fell ill, his business had one of its best years ever. This great designer's greatest design may be his company. - Fast Company

Japan's lord of the isles puts art hoard on show at visionary museum - Tadao Ando - Guardian (UK)

Architects Get Physical at the Venice Biennale: ...will be more than just a collection of drawings and photos. By Fred A. Bernstein - Kengo Kuma; Peter Eisenman; Ron Arad; Studio Gang Architects - New York Times

Firm's Web site pays homage to 'phantom projects': Architects recall unrealized dreams of Twin Cities buildings that were never built. - Bentz/Thompson/Rietow; DLR Group; Damon Farber Associates - Finance and Commerce (Minneapolis/St. Paul)

Engineer Charles A. DeBenedittis to Receive 2004 Henry C. Turner Prize for Innovation in Construction Technology; Reception and Program on September 27 at National Building Museum - Yahoo News

A Flexible Future: UCSF Genentech Hall: Flexible laboratories, informal gathering spaces, and a soaring atrium emphasize collaboration among researchers. - SmithGroup [images] - ArchNewsNow


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