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It's hard to change from the "Old Days" when the forest was so vast and went on forever. Back then, our job was to try our best to meet the demand for lumber with equipment and saw-mills that were horribly slow and took sheer brute force to get ANY production at all. The lumberman had a do or die attitude towards a job that was bred into him, generation after generation.

There were two major changes in the past 25 years that have brought our industry to the precipice we now stand on. The first is technology: It's not *us* any longer — it's the machines that are all-powerful and have such output that suddenly the destruction of the forest is possible.

The second change is the people in charge of the large timber conglomerates. Most aren't lumbermen anymore; they're businessmen interested in short-term profits.

We've got to view the forest not merely as a stand of trees but a total environment. We've got to have the courage to say: "Now look here, you folks that want wood, there's just so much cutting that we're going to be doing this year. And we can't send any more logs, burls, or any-thing else to Japan unprocessed. We've got our own mills and men to look out for.

We can't clear-cut just because our industry and the Forest Service say it's a better way to log; it's merely a *cheaper* way to log. I feel selective logging can be done easily. I've done it, and I've even logged selectively with High-Lead. It just takes more set-ups. Of course, it's going to mean that the lumber is going to cost more to accom-modate these changes, but this is what has to happen happen.

Builders who are expecting cheap lumber in ever-increasing abundance are in for a rude shock ... especially with respect to first-growth redwood. There are initiatives on the ballot in California this year that, if passed, will sig-nificantly reduce logging of virgin timber in our state. Similar initiatives are likely in Oregon and Washington.

Managing our forests for long-term sustainable logging is going to mean scarcer, more expensive lumber. But if there are to be forests for our grandchildren, we have no choice.

> - Eric Hollenbeck Blue Ox Millworks Eureka, Calif.



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## profile

# Architecture In Their Genes

■ In 1931, Nicholas Holmes, Sr., hung out his shingle in Mobile. Fifty-nine years later, the firm of N. H. Holmes, Architect, is still running — with son Nicholas, Jr., and grandson Nicholas, III, at the helm. Under their stewardship, it has become one of the South's premier preservation firms — while also setting a HABS record.



#### **BY CLEM LABINE**

f you walk into the offices of N. H. Holmes, Architect, in Mobile, Ala., and ask for "Nick Holmes," you're likely to get a puzzled stare. That's because the receptionist isn't sure whether you're referring to Nicholas Holmes, Sr., the founder of the firm, or Nicholas Holmes, Jr., or Nicholas Holmes, III.

Nicholas, Jr., and Nicholas, III, son and grandson of the founder, are in charge of the firm today. When asked how people solve the nomenclature problem with so many Nicks involved, Nicholas, Jr., says with a chuckle: "People often refer to us as Nick One, Nick Two, and Nick Three."

Nicholas Two and Three both have the quiet, soft-spoken tones that you might expect from gentlemen schooled in Southern etiquette. Though their manner is quiet, their work speaks eloquently for them. Among the current projects of N. H. Holmes, Architect, is the highest-visibility job in the state of Alabama: The \$25-million restoration of the State Capitol in Montgomery. In addition, they are co-managing a design competition for a proposed Mobile County/City Building, as well as designing a dozen smaller projects.

Although the firm has a gilt-edged reputation in architectural preservation, it isn't the company's bread-and-butter. There simply isn't enough preservation work in Alabama to keep a firm busy on historical projects alone. In fact, over the years only about 30% of the billings of N. H. Holmes, Architect, have been generated from preservation and restoration jobs.

### The Old Influences The New

With roughly 70% of their revenue coming from work on new schools, banks, offices, and industrial facilities, the firm's designers can certainly be labeled "contemporary architects." But their work on historic buildings has had a clear influence on their new designs.

"We have a feeling for architectural embellishment," says Nicholas Two, "and that gives our new work a softer, less harsh look than much modern design. We like to think that our new buildings look at home and comfortable in their environment."

Nicholas Three elaborates: "Having a historical perspective makes us suspicious of design fads. We're not trying to put up trendy 'datable' buildings; we strive for a more classic, timeless appeal. For example, by conscious choice we have never designed a building that could be labeled Post-Modern."

Aesthetics aside, there is also a very practical benefit that comes from combining preservation work with a contemporary practice. "When you work with a lot of old buildings," observes Nicholas Three, "you see some very dramatic examples of what works over time and what doesn't. You see types of joints that fail, and the way materials age. I feel our new buildings are based on sound knowledge of practical functioning not flights of fancy." The firm's reputation as top restoration architects has had another unexpected consequence: N. H. Holmes, Architect, is the firm most people in southern Alabama think of when there are emergency repairs to be made. One notable example was when Hurricane Frederic struck coastal Alabama with devastating force in September 1979. The firm was requested to manage the hurricane damage repair to all the public schools in Mobile county. A team of architects under Nicholas Holmes, Jr., prepared bid documents and supervised about \$10 million of repair work.

### A Long Corporate Memory

Management consultants define "corporate memory" as the ability of people in an organization to retain information about policies and projects from the organization's earliest years. The inter-generational connections of N. H. Holmes, Architect, give it an unusually long "corporate memory."

One case history shows how this "corporate memory" can come into play: After Hurricane Frederic, the firm was selected to perform architectural work for the repair of Mobile City Hall. The first priority, of course, was to secure the building with temporary walls, roofs, and window closures.

Nicholas Two recalled that the building had been documented by HABS in the 1930's, and so they quickly obtained copies of the drawings. "It was rather spooky," he says. "Son Nicholas the third and I hard at work using HABS drawings made in 1935 by N. H. Holmes, my father." Those old HABS drawings saved the architects a great deal of time and helped avoid further rain damage.

#### Setting A HABS Record

Besides heavy involvement with preservation activities on both the state and national level (both, for example, are active in the AIA's Committee on Historic Resources), the family Holmes has achieved a unique distinction: They are the only set of grandfather-father-son architects to have delineated drawings for the Historic American Buildings Survey.

There is a note of gratitude in Nicholas Jr.'s voice when he speaks of the role that HABS has played — both in helping preserve Alabama's architectural heritage, and in helping his father's firm survive. "The depression hit hard in Alabama. My father's architectural practice netted \$1,225.50 in 1931 — and then things *really* got bad! In 1934, the Historical American Buildings Survey was started as a Federal program to get unemployed architects back to work. Under this program, during the mid-1930's my father was busy scurrying through all

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Nicholas Holmes, III (left) and Nicholas Holmes, Jr. (right), flank a portrait of Nicholas Holmes, Sr., portrayed in the traditional smock he always wore in the office. (The smock was popular work garb earlier in the century for both architects and painters.)

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Ms. Waite shows us both the ways that wrought and cast iron were manufactured and how they were used architecturally. There's also a very useful chapter on how to preserve and restore ironwork, written by John G. Waite. The book is lavishly illustrated, both with photos of surviving ornamental iron and with pages from period ironwork catalogs. Most of the photos and manufacturing histories are taken from the Albany-Troy, N.Y., area. . . but the examples are typical of ironwork throughout much of the U.S.

Students of architectural iron will want this volume, of course. But with today's reviving interest in ornamental iron, this book is also a valuable design source for anyone working in restoration or traditionally styled new construction.

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## Division 12 FURNISHINGS

The Sparkling World Of Art Glass

## ♦ by Eve M. Kahn



rt glass is one of the oldest architectural art forms: It first appeared on Christian basilicas in the 3rd and 4th centuries. It blossomed on the great Gothic cathedrals of the 12th and 13th centuries, and then traveled to America in the mid-19th century, where designers revolutionized it. And many innovations still come from the U.S.

Etched, beveled, and carved glass first appeared on American homes in the mid-19th century, while churches of the era typically imported richlycolored and painted windows from Europe. Toward the end of the century, stained glass became a residential necessity, and even modest dwellings contained at least a stained-glass transom or a stairway lite, as did many small commercial buildings. Major American glass studios appeared, making opalescent and other spectacular windows for churches and elegant homes. The popularity of these ornate designs and colors waned in the 1920's, and not until the 1970's did art glass make a residential and commercial comeback. Churches, however, have continued to use art glass, typically in brilliantly colored, abstract forms.

Like so many reborn traditional crafts, stained glass has now become almost commonplace. An art-glass studio occupies a storefront on many small-town Main Streets, and traditional- and not-so-traditional homes around the country boast beveled, etched, leaded, or stained panels, usually surrounding the entries. Glamorous hotels, casinos, and shopping malls also commission art glass. Restoration is, of course, big business as well, because the thousands of windows installed between 1870 and 1920 now need repair. New glass types have been invented, such as dichroic glass (it changes color as you move around), and old glass formulas have been revived, including iridized glass, on which the surface resembles a soap bubble.

A few words about protective glazing, one of the biggest headaches in restoring or building large stained-glass panels: In the 1970's, it seems every urban church nervously tacked Lexan panels over its windows. Lexan does not break, so experts still agree that it suits neighborhoods prone to heavy van-

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dalism. However, Lexan's drawbacks are substantial. It covers a window's intricate texture with a matte, 'blind' surface. It can yellow and require replacement after a few years. And it is more expensive than glass. The best alternatives are leaded panes (see The Greenland Studio's solution, page 9) or sheets of tempered or laminated glass.

For information on choosing an art-glass studio and specifying windows, the Stained Glass Association of America publishes a free brochure: SGAA, 4050 Broadway, Ste. 219, Kansas City, MO 64111 (800) 888-7422. Professionals involved in large restoration projects may want to send \$5 for Julie Sloan's booklet, "Restoring Stained Glass: Terms, Potential Problems, & Suggested Approaches" (available through McKernan Satterlee Assocs., Tonetta Lake Rd., Brewster, NY 10509 (914) 278-2187). Ms. Sloan is a consultant who documents stained glass, produces specifications, estimates costs, and oversees restoration.\*

## Who's In This Special Report

There are several hundred art glass studios in the U.S., so to publish a list of only 28 obviously requires some arbitrary decisions. We based our selections on: (1) Companies that will execute traditional designs and/or restoration; (2) Companies that seemed particularly interested in serving the needs of professionals involved with historical work; and (3) Companies that supplied us with sufficient information about their capabilities.

The art-glass studios listed in the SourceList on pages 11 and 12 fall into two basic categories: Those that opened in the '70's in response to stained glass's rebirth, and those that have been around since its turn-of-the-century heyday. Some concentrate on restoration work while others prefer new projects. Most are small, typically employing less than a dozen people. Some perform all work in house, while others send glass out to be bent, beveled, or etched. And all possess large inventories of old and new glass types.

If you need information immediately, call or write these companies directly. We've provided all contact information in the SourceList. (Please mention TRADITIONAL BUILDING.) If you simply need information to update your files, you may find it more convenient to use the enclosed Product Information Card or the Form on page 38.

## **Inherited Art Glass**

Michael Padovan grew up in the stained-glass business, helping his father. "He put me to work cementing windows," Michael recalls. "I resisted at first, and then I grew to love it." He has run Jersey Art Stained Glass Studio for 19 years, producing windows mainly for restaurants, homes, and churches.

Two recent projects show his versatility: He built a variety of Tiffany-style Mediterranean landscape windows (shown) for a San Juan restaurant, and for a New Jersey banquet hall he assembled a series of Prairie School beveled- and clear texturedglass panels.

For more information on Jersey Art Stained Glass Studio, see the pullout SourceList in this section. —EMK





William J. Pike worked for Tiffany in New York City before founding his own studio in Rochester, N.Y., in 1908. "We come from a great heritage," says Pike's grandniece, Valerie O'Hara Murray, who now runs the firm with her father James O'Hara as consultant.

Most of their work is local and ecclesiastical; shown is one of six triple-lancet windows that Pike Stained Glass produced for an Avon, N.Y., church. They also design and repair commercial and residential projects, including a pair of 6-by-10-ft. Victorian skylights for a Rochester steak house and 32 etched-glass panels for a ski

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lodge in Swain, N.Y. For more on Pike Stained Glass Studios, see the SourceList. —EMK



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## The Don of Domes



Allen Dragge worked for Buckminster Fuller before founding Reflection Studios in 1980, and apparently the patron saint of geodesics had an effect on Dragge's current efforts: He specializes in restoring stained-glass domes. He's worked on them for the Hibernia Bank (shown), Olympic Club, Carnegie Library, and Sheraton Palace ("about the size of a football field," he reports), all in San Francisco. He also rebuilt the 38,240-piece dome at Redwood City's San Mateo County Courthouse.

None of these projects suffered much damage in the earthquake. "The courthouse lost two parapets and 40% of the interior plaster," Dragge says, "but the dome held." His secret: A suspension system that absorbs shocks but doesn't detract from the dome's appearance. (He won't share more details of this invention.) He has also developed a rigging apparatus that enables his crews to dismantle and re-install skylights without filling the room below with scaffolding. "It's like the daring young man on the flying trapeze — with a safety net," says Dragge.

For more on Reflection Studios, see the SourceList in this section.—EMK

## JEWELED GLASS

Few stained-glass artisans press their own jewels anymore, but Val Sigstedt still does. Proprietor of Sigstedt Studio, he's been studying glass since he apprenticed with a master in 1948. He's best known for his jewel-filled pieces for Tavern on the Green in New York and Maxwell's Plum in San Francisco, but in the past year he's ventured far from those convivial places.

Mr. Sigstedt designed and built five stained-glass murals for the Graduate Hospital Imaging Center in Philadelphia (shown). Patients often spend up to an hour in rooms there, motionless, while machines study them. Sigstedt's works incorporate peaceful foliage, landscapes, and jewel-studded rivers with interpretations of the images the Center's machines produce — from single cells to brain vessels. He also accepts residential commissions, and especially enjoys designing Tiffany-style windows so well that "they're indistinguishable from the real thing."

For more on Sigstedt Studio, see the pullout SourceList. —EMK



## Glass from Down Under

Fraser Studio opened in 1988, after David Fraser had apprenticed for ten years with a Yugoslavian-trained stained-glass master. This spring, Fraser received one of his most intriguing assignments so far; it came, literally, from underground. A local congregational church discovered six and then forgotten," Fraser says. "The Gothic frames are 13 ft. tall and only a little decayed, and the glass is pristine." He plans to restore the windows so that the church can sell them (contact him for prices and other details). Fraser also undertakes new work, mainly residential and ec-

## **ALWAYS LEARNING**

Marchese & Hamersma is a 57-yearold art-glass studio that's belonged to John and Richard Civitello since 1984.



The father-and-son team have about 85 years' glass experience between them. "Eventually you get to be an old master craftsman," says son Richard. "I'm not there yet, but my dad is, and even he's still learning."

Their specialty is ecclesiastical and residential work, mainly in the mid-Atlantic area. "We'll do traditional, abstract, Byzantine, Edwardian . . . whatever," Richard says. Shown are some sparkling beveledand stained-glass units they installed in a Carlstadt, New Jersey, restaurant. For more information on Marchese & Hamersma, see the pullout SourceList in this section. —EMK geometric c.1870 stained-glass windows buried in its basement.

"They were taken out when the church was remodeled in 1927 clesiastical.

For more information on Fraser Studio, see the pullout SourceList in this section. —EMK



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## **ENGINEERING SKILLS**



Joseph and Richard Lamb may never have become as famous as their contemporaries, John LaFarge and Louis Tiffany, but the Lambs may also have built a better window. "They came to the business with a working knowledge of glass," says Donald Samick, who bought Lamb Studios from the family in 1970. "LaFarge and Tiffany were painters first. The Lambs knew how to engineer a window that would last. I've restored a number of their works; I admire them, and I try to emulate them." He recently rebuilt the 1905 Lamb work shown for Wells College.

Samick has adapted the company to the modern world "mainly in the business end," he says. For design ideas, clients can sift through stacks of the Lambs' original sketches.

For more information on Lamb Studios, see the pullout SourceList in this section. —EMK

## Working With The Greats



tural woodworking division, which has rebuilt hundreds of wood window frames for historic buildings on the East Coast; it is currently working on the South Street Seaport Museum.

Their most demanding restoration projects at the moment include the c.1913 Coty building's facade in Manhattan — a three-story slab of Lalique cast glass and steel — and the rotunda at New York City's Municipal Building.

Owner Mel Greenland divides his time between Greenland's Manhattan headquarters and an in-house workshop at the Church of St. Ann and the Holy Trinity in Brooklyn, whose 60 c.1847 windows were the first complete figural stained glass window ensemble created in the U.S. One of Greenland's most difficult tasks there was choosing protective glazing: "We didn't want the 'blind eye' look of Lexan or of a single cover sheet, and we wanted to uncover the Gothic tracery. So we borrowed an idea from Canterbury Cathedral: We used diamond-paned hand-blown glass and fitted it very close to the tracery. You can see the diamond pattern from inside on a sunny day, but it's not overbearing, and the outside looks so graceful.'



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## Wagnerian Windows



Greenland Studio's resume is impressive. They have restored dozens of Frank Lloyd Wright, John LaFarge, and Tiffany windows. For museums around the country, they have designed art-glass exhibits and conserved windows up to 600 years old (shown is a c.1900 work they restored for the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts). And in 1984 they established an architec-

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For more information on The Greenland Studio, see pullout the Source-List in this section. —EMK In ten years of restoring ecclesiastical art glass, Joseph Beyer of Beyer Stained Glass has learned about the different types that came to America in the mid-19th century. "Catholic and Lutheran churches tend to have German windows, and Episcopal churches often have English windows," Beyer says. "The styles are very different. The English ones have a William Morris/Arts and Crafts feeling, while the German ones are almost Wagnerian: They're overblown, with big-breasted women and heavy chiaroscuro painting."

Beyer can repair and reproduce all kinds of windows; he rebuilt the church triptych (shown), which included painted faces, rippled glass, and up to three layers of plating. The studio also works on new commercial and residential projects. In progress is an etchedglass panel depicting movie stars, which will hang near a popcorn booth at a Philadelphia theater.

"We prefer to get involved during the design stage," Beyer says. "We can help architects translate scribbles into specs — we know what's a good idea and what's impossible with glass."

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- Architectural Antiques Exchange 715 North 2nd Street, Dept. TB, Philadelphia, PA 19123 (215) 922-3669
- Florida Victorian Architectural Antiques 901 West First Street, Dept. TB, Sanford, FL 32771 (407) 321-5767
- Great American Salvage 34 Cooper Square, Dept. TB, New York, NY 10003 (212) 505-0070. Other showrooms: Montpelier, VT (802) 223-7711; New Haven, CT (203) 624-1009; Sag Harbor, NY (516) 725-2272; Jacksonville, FL (904) 396-8081; Middleburg, VA (703) 687-5980
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- United House Wrecking 535 Hope Street, Dept. TB, Stamford, CT 06906 (203) 348-5371
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Newe Daisterre Glas (middle English for "morning-star glass") wears many hats. They can etch, bevel (shown), and slump glass in house; they can mill wood; and they often supervise the installation of their own and other people's stained glass.

Owner Alfred Brickel will not use Lexan: "Even the improved formulas don't last more than five years," he says. He recently installed some tempered-glass storm windows on St. John's Cathedral in Cleveland. "To match the sandstone, we baked white sand into the aluminum frames," Brickel says. "When the sandstone surface ages, the frames will too." Another current project is the rebuilding of some Tudor diamond-paned windows at an Ohio house built in 1475 (yes, 1475; it was shipped here from England.)

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Beyer Stained Glass 1915 Greene St., Dept. TB Philadelphia, PA 19199 215) 848-3502	Free Circle No. 451			×	×		*	60%	4
Boulder Stained Glass Studio 920 Arapahoe Ave., Dept. TB Boulder, CO 80302 303) 449-9030	Free		×	*	×	×	*	15%	4
Casola Stained Glass Studio 1000 Metro Pkwy., Suite 11, Dept. TB t. Myers, FL 33912 813) 939-0055	Free Circle No. 452		×	×	×	×	*	25%	4
Conrad Schmitt Studios 405 S. 162nd St., Dept. TB New Berlin, WI 53151 414) 786-3030	Free Circle No. 453		×	*	×	*	*	50%	11
Cummings Studios ox 427, Dept. TB Jorth Adams, MA 01247 113) 664-6578	Free Circle No. 454		*	*	×	*	*	60%	13
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Louisville Stained Glass 4781 Paoli Pike, Ste. 2, Dept. TB Floyds Knobs, IN 47119 (812) 923-7345	Free		×	*		*	*	35%	5
Marchese & Hamersma 255 Crooks Ave., Dept. TB Clifton, NJ 07011 (201) 340-7575	Free Circle No. 458		×	*	×	*	*	50%	5
Melotte-Morse Stained Glass, Inc. 213 S. 6th St., Dept. TB Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 789-9523	Free		×	*	×		*	75%	2
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Pike Stained Glass Studio 180 St. Paul St., Dept. TB Rochester, NY 14604 (716) 546-7570	Free Circle No. 460		×	*	×	*	*	50%	7
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When she's not building new artglass windows, Barbara Arrindell of Golden Age Glassworks restores and sells antique pieces. "I study them, too," she says. "I've learned a lot about using color and texture. The old craftsmen could even use ordinary rippled shower glass and have it look beautiful; they'd put strips of it into a design and create a play of clear textures."

Working mainly on churches and homes, Ms. Arrindell can employ traditional styles ranging from Middle Eastern to Prairie. Shown is a magnolia-tree window she installed in a Connecticut residence. She has access to expert glass painters and bevelers, and saves all the design work for herself. "It's like solving giant puzzles," she says. "I never got enough of that as a kid. If I had, I'd be an accountant now."

For more information on Golden Age Glassworks, see the pullout Source-List in this section. -EMK

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## **Art-Glass Innovators**

Harold W. Cummings founded Cummings Studios in 1922, and he soon pioneered lucent mosaics: He



poured hot lead over a field of glass chips. Now run by his son and granddaughter, the firm pursues restoration work as well as new techniques. "We've looked into restoring the lucent mosaics," says Christie Cummings Shelburne. "They're going to be tough; they're a horse of a different color.'

Cummings Studios specializes in large projects for commercial, civic, and ecclesiastical buildings around the country. They work with a number of well-known designers, including David Wilson, Albinas Elskus, and Hilda Sachs (shown is the traditional-looking vine-patterned windows Ms. Sachs designed for H. H. Richardson's Senate Chambers in Albany, N.Y.). Currently Cummings is repairing dozens of stained-glass panels at Harvard University's Memorial Hall, where the literary figures and gods that gaze down on test-taking students have been unrecognizably dirty for decades.

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drawings. "We use them to research different religions and subjects - from flowers to astronauts," says Gussie Willet, the founder's granddaughter-inlaw and wife of the president, E. Crosby Willet.

The company's work is mainly institutional and commercial - "Our overhead doesn't allow us to do little door lites," Mrs. Willet says — and appears in all 50 states and in 14 countries. Some of Willet's craftspeople have worked for the company for decades, and among their achievements are the windows at West Point's Cadet Chapel (shown). Two windows were installed annually from 1910 to 1976, the longest continuous commission in the history of American stained glass.

Willet concentrates on new work while Hauser Studios, which purchased Willet in 1977, undertakes large restorations. (Hauser Studios of Stained Glass, 177 Lafayette St., Winona, MI 55987 (800) 533-3960.)

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Sunburst Stained Glass is located not far from Kokomo Opalescent Glass Co., a manufacturer founded in 1888 that has begun to reproduce their turn-of-the-century glass colors. "We work closely with Kokomo," says Sue Colvin, Sunburst's owner. "If we need a piece made with one of their old formulas, they'll do it for us."

Sunburst houses three divisions: Kitchen cabinet door inserts; new work (about one third

commercial and residential, the rest ecclesiastical); and restoration (mainly ecclesiastical). For cabinet doors, "we can match paint or wallpaper samples," Colvin says. Their restoration work ranges from single windows — the c.1910 piece shown was "in pretty sad shape" until Sunburst rebuilt it for a local hospital — to whole buildings.

For more about Sunburst Stained Glass, see the SourceList. -EMK



## **FIELD WORK**

repair. When Shenandoah recently restored a stained-glass skylight at the Library of Congress, the Capitol's assistant architect, William Ensign, commented, "It took great skill to match the colors. The repair work isn't noticeable."

For more on Shenandoah Studios, see the SourceList in this section. -EMK



## Covering the Bases





Architects Ralls Melotte and Richard Morse have divided Melotte-Morse into three divisions: architecture, asbestos abatement, and stained glass. Architecture and glass occasionally overlap, for example when the firm designs a church, but usually the stained-glass section is involved in its own large-scale projects.

Two recent assignments involved repairing 287 zinc-camed windows for Frank Lloyd Wright's Dana-Thomas house in Springfield, Ill., and rebuilding the colorful 19thcentury dome (shown) at the Illinois State Capitol. To reach the 9,000piece, 26-ft.-dia. dome, Melotte-Morse built a platform 118 ft. above the rotunda floor. From the platform, workers still had to climb a 315-step spiral stair to reach the stained-glass panels in order to lower them for shop repairs.

For more information on Melotte-Morse Stained Glass, see the pullout SourceList. -- EMK

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## **Subliminal Stained Glass**



Larry Casola spots stained glass everywhere. "You can't turn on the TV anymore without seeing it," he says. "It's in the background in all the ads, the soap operas, even 'The Cosby Show.'" These subliminal suggestions, he adds, are influencing the booming Florida construction business that Casola Stained Glass services.

"We've been building windows for model homes and private homes," he says. "Textured glass is very popular, because it doesn't overpower the room; we've got 30 varieties on hand." He also works on commercial and ecclesiastical structures, in any style. The Victorian units (shown) appear in a Brooklyn, N.Y., house.

For more information on Casola Stained Glass, see the pullout SourceList in this section. -EMK

## **Something Different**

Great Panes just finished their 1,000th custom window. The 10-year-old company works mainly in the Baltimore/Washington area; the peacocks shown hang in an Owings Mills, Md., home. The studio almost never duplicates any pieces it has previously produced. "People want to make their house stand out," says owner Len Berkowitz. "They ask for something unique."

Among the company's ecclesiastical projects is a 6-by-16-ft. traditional religious scene for a local Korean Presbyterian church. For a 19th-century church the studio restored six 3-by-15-ft. windows, and for a Baltimore elementary school, they're currently creating a very contemporary 20-by-18-ft. fused glass mural.

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He and his staff (including three in-house designers) have produced windows for buildings around the world. Their work ranges from traditional painted pieces (shown) to hard-edged concoctions of mirrors, lenses, and dichroic glass. Most of their restoration work takes place on site in Massachusetts, but "we also get mysterious crates of glass all the time, from all over," Hovey says.





Cambridge, Mass., studio. "They're the kind of people who like to go their own way," Hovey says.

soil." He knew how spectacular

stained glass could be, having studied it with masters around the

country for 8 years, but he had a tough time convincing architects and

designers that this old art form could

beautify new buildings. His first as-

signments came from academic- and art-minded homeowners near his

For more information on Lyn Hovey Studio, see the pullout SourceList in this section. —EMK

## Landmark Glass

Rohlf's Stained & Leaded Glass Studio has restored stained glass at five of New York City's most familiar buildings: Riverside Church, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity Church on Wall St., Carnegie Hall, and the American Airlines terminal at Kennedy Airport, which once housed the world's longest stained-glass window.

Now run by the second and third generation of Rohlfs, the 70-

year-old firm has worked on important structures around the country. Their English branch handles domestic and export commissions and is headed by Frederick W. Cole, who supervised the restoration of Canterbury Cathedral's stained glass for 12 years (and designed the traditional piece shown on the left).

For more on Rohlf's Stained & Leaded Glass, see the pullout SourceList in this section. —EMK

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## MORE THAN PROTECTION



Partners since 1983, Tage Jakobsen and William Miles of Artisan Glass Works have watched their customers evolve. "There's much more understanding of restoration standards and technology today," says Miles. "People understand why we won't cover up problems with protective glazing."

While Artisan also tackles new projects in contemporary and traditional styles, their restorations tend to be their most demanding assignments. They recently rebuilt 16 c.1914 opalescent windows for a firegutted chapel at Andrews Air Force Base, near Washington, D.C. Shown are Mr. Miles and workman George Kearson re-installing one of five c.1905 skylights at the Maryland State House.

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## The Big Time

Conrad Schmitt Studios, located in New Berlin, Wisc., executes all sizes of stained-glass commissions, but their present projects tend to be substantial. The studio maintains over 900 glass colors and textures in its inventory, some of which were recently used to repair the Tiffany operates as a full-service decorative arts workshop.

Also in progress is 720 sq.ft. of new stained glass for the All Faiths Chapel at Father Flanagan's Boystown in Omaha, Nebraska. Each piece will be painted, and the finished building will resemble a 13th-century



windows at the King Ranch in Kingsville, Texas. The studio is now involved in a 3-year restoration of the University of Notre Dame's Sacred Heart Church, which will include the windows as well as the interior. The company was founded and still cathedral. Shown is a triptych from Milwaukee's Immanuel Presbyterian Church, which required a year to research and repair.

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manner of antebellum structures with sketch pad and folding rule," recalls Nicholas Two.

Continuing the tradition, in 1975 Nicholas Three spent the summer months in Talequah, Okla., doing the same things in the governmental buildings of the Cherokee Nation that his grandfather had done 40 years before.

Because of this close family association with HABS, Nicholas Two established a new company policy: When the firm makes measured drawings of an historic structure, the drawings are usually made according to HABS standards. This allows the owners of the property to donate the drawings to the HABS collection in the Library of Congress.

Nicholas Two and Three also maintain close connections with their alma mater — the architecture school at Auburn. One recent project was to promote interest in measured drawings of historic buildings among Auburn students. Working with Robert Kapsch, head of HABS, Larry Oaks, Exec. Dir. of the Alabama Historical Commission, and Robert Gamble, Architectural Historian with the Commission, Nicholas Holmes, Jr. helped interest the Architecture Dept. in setting up a course on measured drawings done to HABS standards. The course has proved tremendously popular and has resulted in several Peterson prizes for Auburn students. (The Peterson Prize is awarded annually by the AIA's Committee on Historic Resources for the best student work in delineating HABS drawings.) In 1989, nine students from Auburn worked on HABS summer teams more than any other architecture school.

And through Nicholas Three's efforts, the Alabama AIA now awards the annual Burkhart Prize for the best HABS drawing produced by an Auburn or Tuskeegee student.

#### Architecture In The Gene Pool

In the case of both Nicholas Two and Nicholas Three, it was far from a forgone conclusion that they would go *continued on next page* 



The Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery was rebuilt in 1851 by architect Barachias Holt after an 1849 fire destroyed the original building. The East Wing was added to the rear of the building in 1885. South and North Wings were added in 1907 and 1912 after the Lockwood plan was declared the winner of a design competition. Charles McKim of McKim, Mead, and White was then consulted and had great influence in the final design of the wings.



The firm of N.H. Holmes, Architect, designed an expansion of the Capitol's East front, which is now under construction. The Holmes' neoclassical design includes a colonnaded porch that extends the front 50 ft., as well as 1-story additions to each side of the porch that house an auditorium, gift shop, and mechanicals. The stucco-on-brick construction echoes the original building.



Mobile City Hall, built in 1857, was devastated by Hurricane Frederic. The Holmes firm did three complete sets of drawings for its repair: (1) Drawings for temporary repairs; (2) A full set of drawings for the insurance adjusters; and finally (3) A set of drawings for the restoration that, among other things, removed many decades of accretions.

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into the architecture business. In fact, both initially resisted the idea. The fact that they both ended up as architects suggests that there must be an architect gene somewhere in the Holmes DNA.

Nicholas Two originally set out to study chemistry. "I had watched my father struggle during the Depression," he recalls, "and concluded that architecture was a *very* risky profession." But World War II interrupted his chemistry studies. Serving in the Army from 1943 to 1946 changed his perspective on careers; he decided he wanted to be in business for himself — and architecture didn't look so bad after all. After graduating with an architecture degree from Auburn, Nicholas Two



The Holmes' elementary school classroom building for the U.M.S./Wright school uses an arcaded walkway for exterior circulation, recalling antebellum southern homes.



A Tax-Act rehabilitation in downtown Mobile converted an old Grant's department store to offices. Aluminum and enamel storefronts had to be removed from the facade; the Holmeses designed a new front similar to the original.



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Nicholas Three went through a similar odyssey. He originally graduated from Auburn with a B.S. in Forestry. "But after working in forestry for a while I realized that if I didn't own the forest I would always be working for someone else." So he went back to Auburn and in 1978 emerged with a B.S. in Environmental Design along with a Bachelor of Architecture. Late in the same year he joined his father's firm.

When asked if all this family togetherness doesn't get claustropho-

bic at times, both father and son demur. Nicholas Two points out: "We each have our own set of clients, and serve in mutually supportive roles on each other's projects." Nicholas Three adds: "We focus on solving functional problems — the real problems of architecture, and have respect for each other's opinions."

However they worked out the inner dynamics of a family business, they clearly have hit on a winning formula. There's only one major question in the firm's future: Have either of Nicholas Three's two daughters, Kate (8) and Clara (6), inherited the Holmes architecture gene?\*





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