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profile

MELVYN GREEN: SHORING UP THE WORLD

Only recently has Melvyn Green, historic-preservation structural engineer, realized that he cannot save every building in America. "I just don't have time," he admits sadly. He has found ways, however, to appease his crusading urges: Writing codes and lecturing. "If I can share my knowledge to help others avoid mistakes," he says, "that's the next best thing to being there."

BY EVE M. KAHN

n addition to composing dozens of building restoration and seismic-reinforcement guidelines for districts, towns, states, and regions, his Los Angeles-based eight-person firm has tackled a dazzling array of hands-on projects, from adobe missions to terra cotta-clad skyscrapers. A significant few are located east of the Mississippi, and the rest could exist only in the West: A c.-1900 beet sugar factory in Arizona, for example, or a 1908 citrus-fruit packing house in Riverside, Calif.; the c.-1800 San Gabriel Mission in San Gabriel, Calif., one of the state's oldest buildings; houses built by the man who brought citrus to the region or by the founders of the Kimberly-Clark paper empire; the c.-1900 headquarters of Death Valley Scotty, a colorful desert gold miner; and an 1877 Nevada school-turned-museum whose rehabilitation was partially funded by the proprietor of the notorious Mustang Ranch. ("We wondered if we should raise our fee, since the money comes from prostitution," Green jokes.)

The more bizarre the project, the better he likes it. He's made structural recommendations for a roller coaster in La Jolla; completed a preservation study of an outdoor folk-art environment in Cambria Pines, Calif., which is made of everything from masonry to old tires; and given the National Trust for Historic Preservation advice on restoring Los Angeles' cement-and-scrap Watts Towers. He is currently helping the city adapt an 1896 railroad bridge for trolley use. "They want to know how to widen it to two tracks and upgrade it for quake safety while preserving its character. That's a whole series of challenges no one's ever dealt with before."

"Mel likes odd projects, quirky projects, or else he gets bored," says his partner, preservation designer Anne Watson, who also describes him as "the ideal partner for a preservationist like me. He's very good at what he does, he's committed to architecture which is unusual in an engineer, and he lets me make the aesthetic judgments — he's a real team player."

"He sometimes comes to me and says, 'I don't know what to do about such-and-such a feature of a building; I don't know how to make it work structurally without spoiling it aesthetically," she continues. "And I respond, 'I'm sure you'll think of something,' and he always does, after he stews for a while."

An Angelino since the age of three, Green became fascinated with old buildings, bridges, and dams in his teens. "And I've never looked back," he says. While studying for his B.A. at the University of Arizona in the late '50s, he became "the first and maybe only engineer in history to take an architectural history course." A few years working on bridge design for the state of California led to a year designing missile silos, a stint which led him back to the security of public service. "I was a Depression-era kid," he recalls. "I was always told you should get a steady job so you don't end up in a bread line. Defense work was not reliable; it depended upon some politician's whim."

He next served as assistant director of building and safety for the city of El Segundo, a Los Angeles satellite "with a nighttime population of 15,000, a daytime population of 100,000, and a lot of aerospace industry, so there were very few old buildings or residential buildings." His boss, Bob O'Bannon, author of *Building Department Administration* (the definitive textbook in the field), became his mentor. "Bob understood the human aspects of building departments, that it's not all steel and concrete. It's also people who need help,"



says Green. O'Bannon left the department in 1966; Green took over his job, left it in 1969, briefly ran a construction-materials quality-testing lab, and then set up his own structural-engineering consulting shop. He also found time to work with the National Bureau of Standards on prefabricated housing and with the Department of Energy on the Model Energy Code that 46 states have adopted, projects he describes as "more evidence of my mission to save America."

Along the way, he kept in close touch with his mentor. In 1972, he helped O'Bannon write a speech for a National Trust conference on building

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Green is designing invisible seismic bracing for the San Gabriel Mission, one of California's oldest buildings



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Poring Over Interior Molded Ornament *Which* material gets poured into a mold to cast an architectural element is a decision that the designer must make. *How* to choose that material requires a lot of research. Here's a start.

BY JUDITH SIEGEL LIEF

By now, there are many materials and mixtures to choose from when specifying interior molded ornament. Which one and how to choose depends on the size of the piece, where the piece(s) will be installed, how many pieces need to be fabricated, and whether or not historical accuracy is a priority.

Architectural ornament can be among the most aesthetically pleasing features of a project, yet because it is one of the last aspects of a job, it is likely to get shortchanged when costs run over budget. If there's pressure to cut costs, make sure the client understands the trade-offs. Choices that are made now are ones that a building owner (and future owners) will have to live with for years. Writing careful and complete specifications is still the best way to ensure that a job will get done with the least amount of last-minute panic.

Material Matters

The roster of suitable materials includes: Plaster; composition (compo) — a centuries-old traditional material typically consisting of animal-hide glue, burnt sienna, oil, whiting, and water; rigid and flexible polyurethane foam; and polyester. Reinforcing materials can include: Sisal, burlap, and fiberglass. Only an exact historical installation will demand plaster or composition — the only historically authentic materials. Otherwise, all materials are fair game.

There are several factors to consider when specifying a material to be used for interior molded ornament. Sometimes a job will speak for itself: A high-end restoration that needs to be historically accurate will demand the use of plaster ornament. After all, plaster is a historical material and it meets all building codes. The families of polymers especially polyurethane and polyester - have made a significant contribution to the historical ornament market; they're light in weight, can be made flexible, are more easily mass produced, and still present crisp detail while retaining the finished qualities of plaster or wood. However, they will not necessarily meet code for fire ratings; unless carefully formulated, they will burn (and some emit toxic fumes.)

Decorators Supply is a 100-year-old manufacturer with a huge inventory of plaster and composition ornament. Jack Meingast, its sales manager, thinks "people have a fear of plaster; they're afraid it'll crack. In fact, reinforced plaster is quite strong."

David Flaharty, a sculptor who has created interior ornament on such blue-chip jobs as the State Dept. in Washington, D.C. and the Metropolitan Museum in New York City, works almost exclusively in plaster. He appreciates the purity of the material and tries to avoid the toxicity of casting polymers (but can be talked into using them if absolutely necessary).

Giannetti Studios' president, Bob Giannetti, lauds the advantages of GRG (glass-fiber reinforced gypsum). "It's thin, light, strong, can be lifted easily, and has a Class A fire rating." It's useful for large projects like a coffered ceiling. Because it's much harder than molding plaster, it's well suited for pilasters, columns, and bases. Michael Surface, president of Kansas-based The Crowning Touch, works primarily in polyurethane foam. He thinks the flexibility that it offers is unsurpassed for use on domes, bay windows, and radius moldings. "It bends so easily on curvatures while retaining its detail."

On the other hand, James Ty Clark of Classic Carvings, Chicago, believes polyester offers great durability, crisp detail, and fast mold cycling. Additionally, the recipes or "mix designs" can be reproportioned to adjust density for greater flexibility or strength. Because polymers are very durable and will not chip (the way plaster can), they're useful for high-traffic situations. Because polyester — like some other materials — has a fast molding cycle, it's beneficial when many castings

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Another factor to consider when specifying materials are: Is the design available from a catalog or does an original need to be created? As you can see from the SourceList (pp. 10, 12, 14), there are hundreds of stock designs available; for example, Decorators Supply offers over 1,700 designs. Obviously, custom pieces tend to be more expensive than stock. Other price considerations (besides material specified) are: The number of pieces to be created and the speed of mold cycling - that is, how long it takes a material to set and how quickly a mold can be reused.

spread number.

Hiram Ball, president of Ball Consulting, is a raw material supplier of, among other things, Jesmonite ---a (mostly exterior) formula of gypsum and polymer with a Class A fire rating of 25. Ball explains the ASTM E-84 Tunnel Test: A manufacturer must create the exact recipe that will be used on a project in a 2- x 24-ft. log. The testing lab mounts the sample in a calibrated tunnel. They introduce a flame source at one end and monitor what happens over a period of time and then, depending on how quickly the flame spreads, assign a number, which can range from 1 to 200. Classifications run accordingly: Class A (or I) 0-25, Class B (or II) 26-75, Class C (or III) 76-200. Beware: Fire ratings are very tricky. A material's suitability for a particular application may depend on the way the building code is written. For instance, a Class C material,

vertical exit way - a location with the strictest code - might be quite suitable in a hotel room, where the codes are more liberal.

are needed in a short amount of time.

The one material we've omitted from the chart above is polystyrene foam, which we don't consider a suitable material for most professional jobs: It emits toxic fumes when burned, can be easily crushed, is not a historical material, and, most important, does not hold sharp detail.

Design/Specification

As always, it's important to communicate carefully with suppliers. Dave Talbot of Architectural Reproductions maintains there's no substitute for clear specifications in "the traditional steps of shop drawings, submittals, and approvals. Additionally, clients are demanding more from manufacturers in the area of detailed design and engineering."

Fire Rating

Code on most public jobs requires a Class A fire rating, which means that a flame will spread very slowly or not at all. Plaster and gypsum, for example, have Class A (or Class I) fire ratings; they will not burn. The addi-

Aesthetics

All of the materials listed in the chart hold crisp detail. Still, it's difficult to quantify what constitutes good detail. Dave Talbot muses, "How crisp is crisp on an acanthus leaf?" The best way to know how a material will look is to examine sample pieces.

Strength/Durability

Most materials can be reinforced to increase strength. But it's important to know where a piece will be mounted when choosing a material. Because plaster and gypsum may chip, they're less suitable for hightraffic areas. Composition and the polymers are quite durable, and they can endure surface impact unscathed.*





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Art Nouveau I ceiling panel #TL-0006; gypsum. Above View



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Plaster medallion. David Flaharty, Sculptor





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special report

Beating The Asphalt Shingle Blahs While providing an economical roof, asphalt shingles just don't

While providing an economical roof, asphalt shingles just don't have sufficient texture and character to look pleasing on traditional structures. Here are some good-looking alternatives.

BY CLEM LABINE

ention the need for roofing to most contractors and you'll get the reply: "What kind of asphalt shingles do you want?" This response is not surprising: Asphalt shingles represent an overwhelming 77% of today's roofing market on a square footage basis. By contrast, metal, clay, and concrete materials total a mere 8% of the roofing market, with wood shingles bringing up the rear at 1% market share.

But for traditional buildings, having that 9% of specialty materials available is critical. On most old and historically styled new buildings, the bland flatness of asphalt shingles just doesn't make it. (Recognizing that problem, CertainTeed has just come out with an extra-thick asphalt product called "Grand Manor Shangle.") Fortunately, the roofing market is big enough so that a 9% market share can support a lot of exciting product development in specialty materials — especially in concrete roof tiles.

Most of the traditional roofing materials are more durable than asphalt shingles - and more expensive. Thus, they find favor with building owners who have a long-range view and/or who put high value on aesthetics and durability. This breaks down into three basic market segments: (1) Restorations and additions to old buildings; (2) Institutional, government, and commercial structures; (3) High-end custom homes. When you're spending over \$1 million on a house, a roof that costs \$10 per sq. ft. doesn't add much proportionately to the cost. But premium-quality materials can add durability, provide a distinctive look, and offer low maintenance costs. The amount of roof that you see from the street is also a factor: Highvisibility roofs benefit more from a distinctive material than do roofs that comprise a smaller part of a building's visible elevation.

In the roofing business, salvage materials are more important than in other areas of building products. Occasionally, you need only a few



square feet of tile to repair an old roof ... and you can't find new tiles that will match. Or maybe you're planning an addition to a building that already has a slate or clay tile roof. Sometimes recycled materials give the best match. Some roofing producers, such as Vande Hey-Raleigh, have large supplies of salvaged tiles (concrete and clay) on hand, as well as natural slate. And many of the major roofing installers also have large inventories of recycled tiles and slates.

Who's Included In This Report

We haven't included suppliers of wood shingles in

this report; that was covered in the March/April 1991 issue. And although we are including metal shingles and tiles, we haven't included suppliers of flat metal standing-seam roofs.

Most of the companies included on the following *SourceList* are manufacturers, but we've also listed a few major roofing installers because they also maintain a large inventory of salvaged material, which can be very handy for repair and restoration jobs. The companies listed were selected from respondents to a detailed questionnaire those most interested in serving the special needs of historical architects and contractors.



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CARVED ARCHITECTURAL ORNAMENT Whether carved by hand or carved by machine, ornament that's been shaped under a hardened steel edge has a character and clarity that you don't find in molded ornament. But carvers are more skilled at executing some styles than others.

BY CLEM LABINE

hen one thinks of hand carvers, one's mind automatically conjures up visions of the legions of anonymous artisans who carved figures for the Gothic cathedrals. Looking upon those medieval carvings today, people are likely to exclaim: "They don't do work like that any more!" While it's true that there are no longer legions of hand carvers around, they certainly do exist - as this survey shows. And if the budget permits, you can get hand carving created today that will rival the work done in any previous era.

In addition, technology has had a major impact. Multiple-spindle carvers, such as those used by Raymond Enkeboll Designs, can turn out crisply carved wood embellishments - and at moderate prices.

And in the high-tech arena, we've found one firm that's creating largescale sculpture using CAD software to control cutters. Bill Kreysler, head of William Kreysler Associates, says: "We go directly from CAD output to the final carved object. No one else I know of has the ability to scale up CAD designs to the extent we do." (See page 38.)

Although we include some stone carvers on the SourceList (p. 32), we're going to confine our comments here to wood carving shops. Many of the principles that apply to selecting a wood carving studio apply to other carvers as well.

Types Of Wood Carvings

Wood carvings come in several levels of sophistication — and cost:

(1) EMBOSSED MOLDINGS - These can simulate simple carved moldings, although technically they aren't carved, since no material is removed during manufacture. Essentially, a heated roller presses a pattern into wood fibers that have been softened with moisture. Obviously, moldings produced in this fashion are the most economical.

(2) MACHINE CARVINGS — A variety of machines will carve wood mechanically, following a master guide or pattern. Some use mechanical chisels, others employ round cutter heads. Some beautiful moldings can be created in this way - carvings that to the untrained eye appear hand done. Stock machine carvings are relatively economical; however, the cost mounts if you need custom machine carvings because you have to pay for creation of the expensive master pattern.

(3) HAND CARVING — With hand carvings, the pattern emerges from the wood under blows from just a chisel and mallet. There are few limitations to line and undercut; just about anything a designer can conceive, a skilled carver can produce. Of course, hand carvings represent the most expensive type of architectural embellishment. On the other hand, for small quantities, hand carving can be less expensive than tooling up for machine carving.

Artist Vs. Production Shop

There are two basic types of carvers: Those who think of themselves as artists, and those who consider themselves production craftsmen.

The artist-oriented shop is primarily interested in producing one-of-akind works; the client is paying for the artist's creative expression. By contrast, the production-oriented shop is geared more towards the creation of traditional ornament - architectural embellishments that will enhance an overall design rather than become the focus of attention.

Both types of shop fill a need (and some of the larger shops can fulfill both roles). Just make sure you match the orientation of the shop to the needs of your job.

A good production carving shop will be able to supply detailed design and working drawings of carving that conforms to historic norms. Since many interior design and architectural firms don't have designers fluent in the fine points of traditional ornament, carving shops find it essential to be able to furnish detailed design service.

Of course, fair's fair: You should expect to compensate a carving shop for working drawings. Ian Agrell, a partner in Agrell & Thorpe, points out: "I'm happy to provide thumbnail sketches for free, but beyond that, we bill for design service at our regular hourly rate." This policy is only prudent, since every now and then a client will obtain working drawings from one shop, then peddle the drawings around to other shops looking for the lowest price.

What Are Those Chisel Marks?

If hand carving is involved, make sure the client understands that a handcarved product looks different from a machine-produced item. In a world accustomed to plastic laminates, on more than one occasion a client has expressed dismay to see chisel marks on a hand-carved piece. The client was expecting to see the smoothness of a polymer surface, not evidence of the human hand. Although hand-carved pieces can be sanded to perfect smoothness, that's an option that must be specified.

Selecting A Carving Shop

When selecting a shop for hand carvings, Anthony Lombardo, president of Architectural Paneling, Inc., stresses the importance of determining the background of the carvers who will be doing the work. "Carvers who learned their craft in Europe are the best," Lombardo asserts. "There is no substitute for the skills you acquire when you learn your trade as a young person . . . and that's what the European apprentice system develops. For example, for carving cherubs, the Italian or French carvers are absolutely the best."

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TRADITIONAL BUILDING

TRADITIONAL BUILDING'S CSI# 09540 RCHITECTURAL CARVINGS SourceList

COMPANY	SPECIALTY	Literature	Hand Carvings	Machine Carvings	Materials	Stock Elements	Custom Carving	% Custom
Agrell & Thorpe 10 Liberty Ship Way, #4116 Dept. TB Sausalito, CA 94965 (415) 332-7563	Classically trained British carvers create a full range of custom architectural embellish- ments, carved by hand in most types of wood. Among their work: Architectural capi- tals, carved paneling, brackets, Gothic tracery, lecterns, pulpits, and choir stalls. Restoration services.	Free Write in No. 723 Free video avail- able	V		All wood types		v	100%
Architectural Conservation 6 Sarnowski Dr., Dept. TB Scotia, NY 12302 (518) 370-0712	Custom studio deals in all phases of architec- tural sculpture and ornament; can carve originals from photos or drawings. Also pat- tern-making, mold-making, and casting. Duplicates or restores historic ornament.	Free Write in No. 641	~		Many materials		~	100%
Architectural Paneling 979 Third Ave., Dept. TB New York, NY 10022 (212) 371-9632	Complete design and manufacture of custom built-in furniture and complete paneled rooms. Also: Carvings, moldings, book- cases, fireplaces, and overmantels available in all woods.	Free Write in No. 530 Video \$20; refundable	~		All wood types	~	~	50%
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Art Home Studios 64 Huron St., Dept. TB Brooklyn, NY 11222 (718) 383-0603	Offers complete sculptural and architectural services, both carved and molded ornament. Staff sculptors and carvers are able to form a wide range of materials to match historic originals or architect's design. Small jobs or large.	Free Write in No. 643	~		Various			100%
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Cathedral Stone Co. 2505 Reed St. N.E., Dept. TB Washington, DC 20018 (202) 832-1135	Custom production of architectural carvings in limestone, sandstone, marble: Column capitals, pilasters, fireplaces, etc. All types of interior and exterior relief carving.	No literature	~		Limestone, Marble, Sandstone		~	100%
Creative Sculpture Design P.O. Box 33077, Dept. TB Kansas City, MO 64114 (816) 353-3385	Specialist in conservation and restoration of historic buildings, monuments, and sculpture. Can re-create damaged or missing areas of metal or stone. Cleaning, repair, and restora- tion services. Also: Site-specific sculptural commissions.	Free Write in No. 638	~		Various		~	100%
Cumberland Woodcraft P.O. Drawer 609, Dept. TB Carlisle, PA 17013 (717) 243-0063	Complete line of architectural carvings, in- cluding capitals, rosettes, ornaments, and custom carvings. In addition to carvings, the firm offers a complete line of fretwork, cor- bels, wainscoting and paneling, buttresses, and railing systems. Also: Bars, bookcases, mantels, and more.	Free Write in No. 131	~	~	All wood types	~	~	15%
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Raymond Enkeboll Designs 16506 Avalon Blvd., Dept. TB Carson, CA 90746 (213) 532-1400	Elegant carved architectural accoutrements, including balusters, newel posts, onlays, rosettes, panels, moldings, crowns, mantels, corbels, and more, in many designs and styles.	Free Write in No. 577	~	r	Maple, Oak	~		5%
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Kreysler & Associates P.O. Box 173, Dept. TB Penngrove, CA 94951 707) 765-1102	Architectural sculpture and molding shop with broad capabilities. Has a technique for using CAD files to drive cutters, allowing designer to go straight from computer model to final carved object. For certain jobs, tech- nique is cheaper than molding.	Free Write in No. 739	~	~	Various		~	100%
Larkin Company 210 Carter Dr., Unit 4 Dept. TB West Chester, PA 19382 215) 696-9096	Architectural woodwork shop turns out a wide range of mantels, both standard and custom. Many of the mantels incorporate hand carving, which can be customized as client specifies. Standard woods include: Cherry, oak, walnut, and mahogany.	Free Write in No. 537	~		All wood types	~	~	30%
Meeting House Restoration 11 Waterman Hill, Dept. TB Quechee, VT 05059 802) 295-1309	Specialist in museum-quality restoration of antique furniture; reproduction of architec- tural woodwork and embellishments, includ- ing carvings.	Free	~		All wood types		~	100%
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Ricketson Woodwork 100 Bidwell Rd., Dept. TB S. Windsor, CT 06074 (203) 289-1222	Major full-service architectural woodwork shop that provides design and production of all traditional millwork. As part of their ser- vice, the firm provides all types of wood carv- ings, including relief, pierced tracery, incised capitals, rosettes, and running patterns.	Free Write in No. 719	~	~	All wood types		~	100%
Seekonk Studios 54 Seekonk Rd., Dept. TB Gt. Barrington, MA 01230 (413) 528-9135	Sculptural studio concentrates on carving ar- chitectural and sculptural forms from original samples or drawings. Works in any carvable material, such as wood, plaster, or stone.	None	~	~	Any material specified		r	100%
Smither Studios Rt. 3 Box 292A, Dept. TB El Dorado Springs, MO 64744 (417) 876-5967	Offers complete restoration of limestone carv- ings. Also does custom carving, from Gothic and Art Deco architectural embellishments to one-of-a-kind sculpture.	None	~		Limestone		~	70%
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Wilson & McCracken 5255 Butler St., Dept. TB Pittsburgh, PA 15201 (412) 784-1772	Major full-service architectural woodwork shop provides design and production of all traditional millwork. All types of wood carv- ing, including relief, chip carving, pierced tracery, incised capitals, running patterns, and sculptural figures.	Free Write in No. 753	~	~	All wood types		~	100%

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ARCHITECTURAL CARVINGS PORTFOLIO (Consult *SourceList* for contact information about companies illustrated.)



Custom hand-carved wood mantel from William H. Jackson



This Corinthian capital was carved in limestone by Manuel Palos



Architectural wood moldings hand-carved by Frederick Wilbur



Elaborate 11 ft. x 9 ft. carved picture frame in Honduras mahogany created for the Frick Foundation by Wilson & McCracken







Carved marble "Dutchmen" inserted into damaged Georgia marble columns by craftsmen from Pietra Dura during restoration of Brooklyn Borough Hall



Carved white oak doors with gold leaf and limed oak finish by Oak Leaves Studio



An elegant Rococo hardwood detail carved by Agrell & Thorpe

Acanthus leaf wood carving by Dimitrios Klitsas

Classical hardwood doorway carved by Kenmore Industries



Deteriorated cast concrete bas-relief sculpture was restored with epoxies by Creative Sculpture Design & Restoration

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ARCHITECTURAL CARVINGS continued from page 31

When evaluating samples of a shop's work, be sure the example is the same style as the work you're commissioning, stresses British-trained Ian Agrell. Carvers are more accomplished in some styles than others, he observes. "For example, in our shop I prefer to do the Gothic carving, while my partner, Adam Thorpe, enjoys the Rococo work."

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In evaluating samples, there's also no substitute for experience in discerning the differences between excellent and mediocre work. In a panelled room, for example, it's not just individual carvings you're evaluating, but also the way the whole ensemble relates: Proportions, sizes of individual elements, the way the ceiling mirrors the wall, etc.



This one-of-a-kind handcarved dragon fireplace 12' x 13', covering the entire wall was commissioned by actor Nicolas Cage for his S.F. residence. This superb limestone carving exemplifies Palos' master craftsmanship. Freestanding figures, bas-relief, plaques, monuments, busts, interior and exterior architectural details are available in marble, stone or bronze casting.



How To Sculpt A 33-ft. Colossus

How do you make a 33-ft. tall sculpture of a human figure — quickly and economically? Bill Kreysler, president of William Kreysler & Associates, says he's figured out a way. Kreysler has a system using CAD output to drive a cutter ... the computer makes it possible to easily achieve scale-up factors of 15X and greater. The process can start with a laser-scanned image of a 3-D model ... or read CAD drawings supplied by clients for architectural as well as sculptural shapes. (The process illustrated here could just as easily make a cornice.)

Here's how the system was used to make a huge figure for an amusement park in Japan:

1. A 30-in. model of the desired figure was scanned by a laser scanner to create a 3-D digital image. This image was then loaded into an AutoCad program. Slices through the body of the model as close as 1 mm apart let the sculpture be broken down into several hundred wafer-thin cross-sections.

2. A CNC (Computerized Numerically Controlled) router reads the Auto-Cad .DFX files and cuts out cross-sections of the scaled-up 3-D digital image. Each slice of polymer foam is left inside its rectangular board so outside edges can be used as reference guides during gluing.

3. Labeled cross-sections are assembled and glued. After adhesive cures, scrap is broken off to reveal the slightly saw-tooth sculpture.

4. Saw-tooth edges are sanded, and a layer of fiberglass-reinforced polyester (FRP) creates a durable structural skin over the foam core.





Coming in the July/August Issue: The Victorian Revival





5. After final glazing, priming, and finish, the completed 33-ft.-tall gas station attendant is ready to go on duty. (For details about William Kreysler & Associates, see Carvings *SourceList* on p. 34.)

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Division 10 SPECIALTIES

special report: Cupolas & Steeples

CROWNING GLORIES

BY EVE M. KAHN



n a small town, a tall spire inspires awe; in an urban setting, elaborate towers compete for attention. Wherever you go, cupolas, steeples, and domes give buildings their highest chance to express themselves. But these superstructures also can give architects headaches. In addition to preventing water penetration, professionals must also choose a material, and manufacturers working in wood, metal, and FRP offer conflicting claims.

² To help you decide which product suits your project, below we list some advantages and disadvantages of the different materials and give some thoughts on specs.

One piece of advice holds true no matter which material you pick: When you install a large unit, always invite the townspeople — and the media. Steeple-installation parties can be an enjoyable and easy way to attract publicity. Be sure, however, that you know exactly how the town will be celebrating the event with you: Tom Harris at Architectural Timber & Millwork was a hundred or so feet off the ground during one such celebration when the locals set off a Civil War cannon nearby. "We nearly jumped right off," he recalls.

For providing information for the chart below, we are grateful to Tom Harris at Architectural Timber & Millwork, Daniel Quinn at Skyline Engineers of Maryland, and John Marr at Country Cupolas (wood); Jerry Bennett of Campbellsville Industries (metal); James Bradshaw of Fiberglass Specialties; and Charles Wittman of Architectural Fiberglass Corp. (FRP).

MATERIALS FOR CUPOLAS & STEEPLES: ADVANTAGES & LIMITATIONS

General Notes

Always consult a reputable manufacturer before developing specs

 Keep installation costs in mind; something that is cheap on the ground but costly to set in place is not a bargain

Be wary of proportions, especially when dealing with cupolas. Common mistakes are cupolas that are too thin and tall, like telephone booths, or too small — basic rule is, no less than 1 in. of base width per 1 ft. of building length
Allow for proper joint details. Major reason superstructures have been torn off historic buildings is that improper detailing led to water penetration. Also, where different materials touch, allow for different expansion rates

 Standing-seam cupola roofs are luxuries that look handsome but do not offer more protection than flat roofs; cupola louvers should be deep enough to keep out rain and wind, and roofs should be securely attached

Remember that dark finishes, on any material, fade faster than light ones

WOOD

ADVANTAGES

• Historical material, suitable for traditional new construction as well as restoration

- Lasts centuries, if properly maintained
- Accepts intricate detail
- Easy to paint, infinite number of colors can be applied by amateurs
- · Easy to repair, simple to combine new pieces with existing elements
- Small structures, i.e. cupolas, can be installed by amateurs

DISADVANTAGES

- Costly
- Restoration and fabrication work are time-consuming
- Will deteriorate if not painted regularly
- Heavy (3 times the weight of aluminum or FRP)
- Combustible

SPEC NOTES: • When restoring steeples, hire one knowledgeable firm to handle as many aspects of the project as possible, with as few subcontractors as possible: Every segment of a tower interlocks with the others, and coordination leads to a sounder structure

being aware of how flexible the material can be and (2) over-engineering internal structure

← Various cladding materials are available: Copper and lead-coated copper are durable and can be soldered for intricate detail but must be isolated from aluminum; stainless steel is durable and friendly to other metals but difficult to work; Microzinc is compatible with aluminum, can be soldered, and is more flexible than steel, but it is not as flexible as copper and has to be worked in warm places; terne-coated steel can be soldered for good detail but steel core limits flexibility



ADVANTAGES

- · Usually less expensive than wood
- · Does not require experts to install
- 1/3 the weight of wood
- · Impact resistant and easy to maintain; does not rot or rust
- · Can be installed in large, unitized pieces, minimizing joints
- Class A fire-retardant laminates are available
- · Color is integral, so no field paint required for at least 15 years
 - DISADVANTAGES

Not a historical material

- Can be more expensive than aluminum
- · Not all suppliers offer custom colors

SPEC NOTES: • Discuss project with manufacturer in early stages, to make sure the design is easily moldable (and hence cost-effective) — i.e., avoid return angles and undercuts

- Specify molded matte finish, rather than matte finish created after fabrication with surface-harming abrasives
- Specify premium-grade, UV-resistant, pigmented gel coats, or use catalyzed urethane or 100%-acrylic-emulsion paints
- High gloss can be regained with rubbing compound and wax

Note: The Fiberglass Fabrication Association's spec guides for architectural FRP will be available at the AIA convention in May



Cupola louvers should be nailed and glued, not stapled

ALUMINUM

ADVANTAGES

- Usually less expensive than wood or FRP
- Light (1/3 the weight of wood)
- Relatively easy to repair, although usually must be fixed with replacement panels
- Noncombustible
- Wide range of finish colors available

DISADVANTAGES

- Not a historical material
- Details can be crude at close range
- Requires experts to install, and finishes (anodizing, various metal plating, baked-on coatings) require experts to apply and are difficult to touch up

SPEC NOTES: • Talk to manufacturer before developing specs regarding joints, anchoring details, and interior structure. Common mistakes are (1) not

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DIVISION 10 - SPECIALTIES

CUPOLAS, STEEPLES & DOMES

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COMPANY	SPECIALTY	Literature	Materials	% Custom
				Custon
Accent Millworks Sox 2226, Dept. TB Ashtabula, OH 44004 16-992-7819	Cupola builders, with stock models ranging from 21 to 40 in. H and custom work "as big as a truck can haul." Roofing materials include copper, aluminum, wood, and asphalt. Also supplies cus- tom and stock vanes.	Free	Redwood	15%
Architectural Conservation Sarnowski Dr., Dept. TB cotia, NY 12302 18-370-0712	Restoration studio specializing in ornament, with extensive ex- perience on towers; also provides speciality roofing, woodwork, and restoration of stained glass, paint, and sculpture.	Free Write in No. 641	As specified	100%
architectural Fiberglass Corp. 395 Marconi Blvd., Dept. TB Copiague, NY 11726 16-842-4772	FRP specialists who manufacture replicas of sheet metal, cast iron, stone, terra cotta, and wood steeples and cupolas and related ornament, mainly for commercial and ecclesiastical projects.	Free	FRP	100%
architectural Timber & Millwork 5 Mt. Warner Rd., Dept. TB Iadley, MA 01035 13-586-3045	Full-service restoration and fabrication of steeples, towers, domes: Survey, documentation, restoration and conservation specs, millwork, steel and timber framing, copperwork, stone, forged iron, bells, weathervanes, gold leaf. Specialists in on/off- site fabrication, restoration, rigging. Also: Extensive experience with weathervanes & finials.	Free Write in No. 329	As specified	100%
Campbellsville Industries Caylor Blvd., Dept. TB Campbellsville, KY 42718 00-467-8135	Major supplier of aluminum steeples and cupolas; has worked around country and holds world record for largest prefabricated steeple! Also clocks, louvers, crosses, finials, cornices, balustrades, urns, dormers, domes, towers; many stock designs. Extensive experience with weathervanes & finials.	Free Write in No. 582	Aluminum, copper, lead-coated copper, terne-coated steel, or Microzinc cladding over aluminum/steel frame	80%
Cape Cod Cupola 8 State Rd., Dept. TB 9. Dartmouth, MA 02747 08-994-2119	Stock cupolas with pagoda, hip, or bell roofs and 4 or 6 sides, with molding around eaves and base; from 25 to 48 in. H, custom up to 76 in. H: \$60 to \$1048. Also over 100 styles aluminum and copper weathervanes.	Free	Pine with aluminum or copper roof	1%
Clarke County Metalsmiths 01 E. Main St., Box 641, Dept. TB Berryville, VA 22611 03-955-3666	Subsidiary of Clarke County Roofing and Guttering which fabri- cates steeples and other superstructures in sheet metal. Also builds all kinds of sheet-metal ornament, including finials.	Free	Copper, tin	100%
Colonial Collections 02 Idlewood Dr., Dept. TB Stamford, CT 06905 03-322-0078	Mail-order source of 4-sided cupolas with hip, bell, or pagoda roofs, in kit or assembled form, from 19 to 68 in. H. stock. \$75 to \$1,100 stock. More for custom. Large selection of full-bodied copper vanes (\$75 to \$300) as well as silhouette and full-bodied cast-aluminum vanes (\$32 to \$300).	Free Write in No. 728	Northern white pine with copper or wood roof	5%
Country Cupolas Dept. TB E. Conway, NH 04037 03-939-2698	Cupolas with pagoda, bell, gable, gambrel, or hip roofs, with louvers or openings. 4, 6, or 8 sides, from 19 to 68 in. H stock, custom to 96 in. H. Options include keystones, corner posts, clad- ding such as clapboard.	Free Write in No. 716	Northern white pine with aluminum, cop- per, or unfinished roof	25%
Denninger Cupolas & Weather Vanes RD 1, Box 447, Dept. TB Middletown, NY 10940 014-343-2229	Hand-crafted cupolas with hand-seamed copper roofs; specializ- ing in historic reproductions and other custom work. Standard line has 4 or 6 sides, period molding, glazing (\$995 to \$3,295). Wide variety of weathervanes, from full-bodied copper to cast aluminum (\$40 to \$3,000). Custom silhouette vanes available in many materials.	Free Write in No. 730	Redwood or cedar with copper roof	50%
Edon Corporation 1160 Easton Rd., Dept. TB Horsham, PA 19044 800-523-2539 or 215-672-8050	Major manufacturer of FRP domes, steeples, and cupolas; has worked on large projects around the country, and can reproduce from originals or images. Also, line of 4 stock cupolas with 4 or 6 sides, bell or hip roof.	Free Write in No. 189	FRP	80%
Fiberglass Specialties Box 1340, Dept. TB Henderson, TX 75653 800-527-1459 or 214-657-6522	Major supplier of FRP steeples and cupolas; offers dozens of stock units (from \$1645 to \$16,540) as well as components. Steeples can have 4, 6, or 8 sides; windows or louvers, decorative panels, pilasters, columns, railings, urns, and vanes.	Free Write in No. 731	FRP	25%
Good Directions 24 Ardmore Rd., Dept. TB Stamford, CT 06902 800-346-7678	Stock cupolas, 4 or 6 sides, with hip, bell, or pagoda roofs. Sizes up to 36 in. base; 25-1/4 to 65 in. H. Large selection of full- bodied copper vanes; verdigris or polished finish. Company's weathervanes are designed to mount easily on their cupolas.	Free Write in No. 734	Northern white pine with copper or wood roof	0%
Historic Reproductions 2009 Quimby Ave. S.W., Dept. TB Canton, OH 44706 216-453-7363	Manufactures a bell-roof FRP cupola with glazing or louvers; units measure 42 by 99 in. Options include custom-colored gel coat for roof and/or body; laminated copper roof.	Send \$3 for brochure	FRP	5%
Kivett's Drawer 590, Dept. TB Clinton, NC 28328 800-334-1139 or 919-592-0161	33-year-old FRP steeple manufacturer: Options include windows, louvers, railings, and urns. Also cupolas with 4 or 8 sides, win- dows or louvers, pagoda or bell roofs.		FRP	7%
William Kreysler & Assocs. Box 173, Dept. TB Penngrove, CA 94951 707-765-1102	State-of-the-art FRP cupolas, steeples, domes, and ornament; can produce rough, natural-looking surfaces by adding custom- color aggregate to the gel coat. Works primarily on the West Coast, and has also built cupolas with GFRC.		FRP, GFRC	100%
Landmark Rigging Inc. 63 Main St., Dept. TB Florence, MA 01060 413-586-4121	Steeplejacks: Services include installation of copperwork, millwork, and slate; structural repair of timber frames, masonry restoration, painting, and gilding.	Free Write in No. 759	As specified	100%
J.C. Lauber 504 E. LaSalle Ave., Dept. TB South Bend, IN 46617 219-234-4174	100-year-old sheet-metal and FRP company that, along with fabricating industrial products, restores steeples: services include metal, tile, and slate roof work, gilding, and ornament and finial replication.	Free	As specified	100%
LMC Corp. 118 2nd Ave., Dept. TB Paterson, NJ 07514 201-279-3573	French-born metalwork company that has created domes, steeples, and ornament for major civic and religious buildings, in- cluding the Statue of Liberty, Borough Hall in Brooklyn, NY, and Manhattan's Police Building.	Free	Metal as specified	100%

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CUPOLAS, STEEPLES & DOMES

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COMPANY	SPECIALTY	Literature	Materials	% Custom
Molded Fiber Glass 55 4th Ave., Dept. TB Union City, PA 16438 814-438-3841	Large molded FRP manufacturer. With 300,000-sq.ft. plant, can create "products of unlimited size" and recently finished acres of minarets and spires for the Taj Mahal casino in Atlantic City, NJ.	Free	FRP	100%
Overly Manufacturing 574 W. Otterman St., Dept. TB Greensburg, PA 15601 412-834-7300	100+-year-old architectural-metal products manufacturer of domes, steeples, and spires. Finials, pilasters, cornices, and other ornament available, as are specialty finishes and metal roofing.	Free	Aluminum, copper, Monel, and stainless steel	100%
Rocca Noto Studios 10-06 38th Ave., Dept. TB Long Island City, NY 11101 718-937-1977	Dept. TB cupolas, and domes in FRP, mainly for residential buildings. Write in		FRP	100%
Skyline Engineers of MD 5405 Beall Dr., Dept. TB Frederick, MD 21701 301-831-8800	Dr., Dept. TB states, state capitols in 4 states, and Boston's Faneuil Hall. Services include carpentry, masonry, roofing, painting, cleaning, gild-		As specified	100%
Slate and Copper Services 70 Saxonia Ave., Dept. TB Wyckoff, NJ 07481 201-848-8898	14-person firm that restores slate and copper roofs, manufactures roofing accessories, and fabricates copper finials and steeples. Major recent projects include restoration of Bergen County Courthouse in New Jersey.	Free Write in No. 721	Copper, slate	100%
Smith of Derby 14 John Poulter Rd., Dept. TB Lexington, MA 02173 800-6661221 or 617-235-0391	Poulter Rd., Dept. TB lead; from 4 ft. 2 in. to 6-1/2 ft. H. Options include mock or closed louvers and wide variety of the company's clocks and vanes.		FRP	20%
Superior Fiberglass Box 1989, Dept. TB Jacksonville, TX 75766 800-527-8438	Fabricates FRP steeples: from 10 to 47-1/2 ft. H stock, \$560 to \$10,800, larger sizes and custom work also available. Standard colors: cream, sand, and antique bronze; more for bronze, copper, silver, and gold. Options include arched or flat windows or louvers and pilasters.	Free	FRP	10%
Webb Manufacturing Box 707, Dept. TB Conneaut, OH 44030 216-593-1151	07, Dept. TBched or rectangular louvers, and copper or aluminum roof cover- ings. \$200 to \$1100.		Redwood with copper or aluminum	5%
Wiedemann Industries Progress Park, Box 677, Dept. TB Muscatine, IA 52761 800-553-9664 or 319-263-6642	Park, Box 677, Dept. TB with arched openings. Options include glazing, louvers, crosses, finials, and vanes. White finish standard; other colors available.		FRP	10%
Yankee Steeplejack 103 Assabet Ave., Dept. TB Concord, MA 01742 508-369-9078	Kee SteeplejackSteeplejacks with 11 years' experience; services include slate roofing work, millwork repair, gilding, carving, structural repair, and sheet-metal work.		As specified	100%

STEEPLES & CUPOLAS PORTFOLIO







Architectural Timber & Millwork at work on a masonry steeple

Aluminum cupola, balustrade, and railing by Campbellsvile Industries

Hexagonal wood cupola with bellshaped roof from Country Cupolas

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CUPOLAS & STEEPLES PORTFOLIO

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Frosted-glass windows and standingseam copper roof grace a wood cupola by Denninger Cupolas & Weather Vanes



Moroccan steeple in FRP by Edon Corp.



Fiberglass Specialties manufacturing an FRP steeple



Venetian glass mosaic over FRP dome by William Kreysler & Assocs.



Landmark Rigging at work on the Norfield Congregational Church

WEATHERVANES & FINIALS PORTFOLIO (Consult *SourceList* for contact information about companies illustrated.)



Rooster silhouette vane from Smith of Derby





Oak leaf vane with leafy mount from Contemporary Copper





Bow-carrying Indian vane from The Copper House



Walking moose vane from Good Directions



Lion and thistle finials from an 1860 casting catalog, which Historical Arts & Castings can reproduce Vain vane: Mermaid with mirror from Salt & Chestnut



Copper pelican vane from Wind & Weather

Gilded cow vane from Ives Weathervanes



Horse-and-rider vane from MacQuarrie & Niccum





WEATHERVANES & FINIALS

BY EVE M. KAHN

handsome, wellproportioned weathervane or finial is like perfect punctuation for a smooth sentence. Not all weathervanes and finials are created equal, however. The best vanes are one-of-a-kind sculptures whose value will increase: Metals are non-ferrous, features are high relief, bodies are full, surface textures are rich from hammering, and soldering and brazing are nearly invisible. The best finials are hand-hammered sheet metal or twisted bars, carefully soldered and well-rounded. Acceptable vanes and finials are stamped or cast and mass-produced, with shallow detail, but they are no more likely to disintegrate or fly off than their more costly colleagues. Finials to be avoided are shaky or too poorly engineered to stand tall. Vanes to be

avoided have gaps in the solder which allow water penetration; they also lack bearings, come without mounting hardware, and do not swing well, tearing up their mechanics — this kind is likely to blow away and, in the process, smash up nearby cupolas or roofs.

Choosing a finish for weathervanes is simple: Few of them require it. Copper vanes acquire a graceful patina without any help (and an applied skin of 23K gold leaf will last about 50 years), and aluminum vanes usually come with a baked-on finish. Aluminum finials should have a fluoropolymer coating, Tnemec's polyurethane, or PPG's Deltron epoxy.*

Thanks for information to Bruce Coutu at Copper House, Robert Baird at Historical Arts & Casting, Marilyn Strauss at Salt & Chestnut Weathervanes, Jonathan Niccum of MacQuarrie & Niccum, and Travis Tuck — Metal Sculptor.



Whaleship "Perry" vane for Edgartown, Mass. town hall by Travis Tuck



Metal finial from Clarke County Metalsmiths



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WEATHERVANES & FINIALS

CSI# 10340

COMPANY	SPECIALTY	Literature	Materials	% Custon
Adornments for Architecture 327 Rte. 82, Dept. TB Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 014-226-5618	Workshop and foundry supplying finials, cupolas, and other architectural "adornments" in wood, metal, or composite. Services include design and pattern- and mold-making. Stock copper finials can be up to 12 ft. H and in- corporate glass sections.	Free flyer; send \$5 for color brochure Write in No. 749	As specified	50%
Contemporary Copper Box 69, Dept. TB Greenfield, MA 01302 113-773-9242	Custom vanes in copper; can replicate anything from specific breeds of cat- tle to c1936 tractors to the outline of Hawaii.		Copper	100%
The Copper House RFD 1, Box 4, Dept. TB Epsom, NH 03234 03-736-9798	Full-bodied and silhouette vanes, from fully-rigged clipper ships to sheep. In copper, from \$150 to \$2500, with natural, light, dark, or verdigris finish; aluminum vanes, \$29 to \$150.	Free Write in No. 729	Copper, aluminum	3%
Historical Arts & Casting 1939 South 4130 West, Unit F, Dept. TB Salt Lake City, UT 84104 801-974-0242	hit F, Dept. TB for major buildings around the country. Will engineer and install, has an ex- tensive library of vintage patterns, and can fabricate to any height. Full ca		Metal as specified	100%
ves Weathervanes RR 1, Box 101A, Dept. TB Charlemont, MA 01339 113-339-8534	Box 101A, Dept. TB years' metalsmithing experience. Gilding is available: \$400 to \$2000 for stock, more for custom.		Copper, brass, bronze	90%
Kenneth Lynch & Sons 34 Danbury Rd., Box 488, Dept. TB Wilton, CT 06897 203-762-8363	ry Rd., Box 488, Dept. TB r 06897 non-kitschy designs: e.g., peg-legged sailors, horses leaping fences, car- penters at work. Custom vanes also available.			
MacQuarrie & Niccum Box A, Dept. TB Somersville, CT 06072 203-763-3616 or 749-2774; 413-566-8559	Hand-pounded full-bodied copper vanes; recent assignments have included F helicopters, hefty pigs, and wind-blown Indians shooting arrows.		Copper	90%
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Victorian Reproduction Enterprises 1601 Park Ave. S., Dept. TB Minneapolis, MN 55404 512-338-3636	ark Ave. S., Dept. TB rooster, or cow vanes, sparkling glass balls, and star ornaments; rods with or without glass balls and scroll braces are 30 in. H. Complete kits, \$52 to		Various me- tals	0%
Whitehall Products Ltd. 8786 Water St., Dept. TB Montague, MI 49437 800-624-8643 or 616-894-2688	ter St., Dept. TB or full-color enamel. Options include gilded letters and globes, filigree con- nectors for cardinal letters, embossed bases. From \$32.50 to \$530.		Aluminum	10%
Wind & Weather 30x 2320, Dept. TB Mendocino, CA 95460 300-922-9463 or 707-937-0323	, Dept. TB\$36 to \$1300, more for custom. Also steel and copper finials and wood cupolas with hip, pagoda, or bell copper-covered roofs.		Copper, aluminum, brass, steel	5%
ZED International/Le Fanion 299 W. 4th St., Dept. TB New York, NY 10014 212-463-8760	French-based vane workshop which produces zinc or copper silhouettes or full-bodied designs. Stock patterns include wheat bundles, angels, and long-tailed winged dragons: from \$800 to \$10,000.	Free	Copper, zinc	10%

THE CUPOLA/WEATHERVANE CONNECTION

Many of the companies that supply cupolas also supply and/or restore weathervanes and finials. To avoid double entries, the cupolas companies that are also involved with weathervanes were not included on this SourceList. For a more complete view of the weathervane market, you should also consult the entries on the Cupolas SourceList (pages 40, 42) for the following companies:

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Intricate neoclassical stained glass overlooks the stairway at Britt Mansion



The Britt Mansion was transformed into the Los Angeles Olympic Committee's Hall of Fame, under Green and Watson's supervision

masonry structure's interior or exterior. "Even to say, 'No, there's got to be a better way' was radical at the time," says Green. His better way: Steel beams stationed at intervals wide enough to be barely noticeable and closely spaced enough to stabilize the structure.

Green gave seismic, structural, and conservation advice for the restoration of the Fourth Ward School in Nevada

to realize that building codes often led to unnecessary demolition of historic buildings." His beneficence paid off: In 1974, Oxnard, Calif., asked him to convert their 1906 Carnegie

Library into a community center.

Stabilizing techniques of the time

called for an ornament-obscuring coat of gunite, a type of concrete, to

Seismic reinforcement proved to be the project's greatest challenge.

Assisting him on the project was Anne Watson. "I told her, 'Come work for me, I can guarantee you six months' work,' and six months turned into 16 years," he says. The two partners divide tasks neatly; Watson handles architectural issues and minds the store. "I hate to travel," she says. "I'd rather have my nose in the computer." Green not only deals with engineering considerations, but he also lectures, attends conferences, and copes with clients. (He chose his office's locale, Manhattan Beach, partly for its proximity to the airport and partly for its ocean breezes -"the only breathable air in town," he says.) Seismic-related work takes up much of his time. After he completed the Carnegie Library, he began working with research engineers to develop more sophisticated reinforcement methods. "They did the research, I wrote the codes so that the research could be used in the field," he says. "What we came up with, our ideas for tying masonry together, made what I did at the Carnegie Library look ordinary, if not primitive." His other written contributions in the field include the Uniform Code

Safety Commission.

The firm has encountered a few pockets of bad luck along the way. They completed an adaptiveuse study for a Victorian hotel in Ontario, Calif., just before the building burned; they designed seismic strengthening for two firehouses in Alhambra, Calif., just before the Whittier Narrows Earthquake of 1987 reduced them to ruins. And there have also been moments of sheer inspiration. Asked to move a 22-by-38foot, WPA-sponsored, mosaic mural lying in storage in Long Beach, Calif., and attach it to a new local shopping mall, Green hooked it up over a dozen toaster-size Teflon pads. "The mural is rigid, while the beams and concrete are flexible," says Green. "In case of guake, the mural can just slide back and forth." At the moment he is expanding his horizons still further, in particular his firm's geographic boundaries. "We're helping South Carolina with multi-hazard mitigation, so that when they rebuild from Hugo they'll be strong enough to withstand the next hurricane or earthquake," he says. "I've also done consulting in Peru and Yugoslavia and there I heard the Slavs say, 'If only we had no building codes, or more sympathetic building codes, we could preserve so much more.' They're saying the same things we said 20 years ago. Everywhere you go, the needs, the problems, the questions are the same."*



New Lights

MELVYN GREEN continued from page 4

codes and attended the conference; there Green began making preservation connections. "I was doing mostly new construction jobs then, because when you just open you take what you can get," he says. "After that meeting, I started representing the Trust at code-change hearings practically pro bono, of course, that's





Green engineered the relocation of this elaborate Queen Anne house in L.A.

Frank Lloyd Wright pioneered caststone "textile blocks" on the Freeman House in L.A.; Green is reinforcing the building without spoiling its character

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