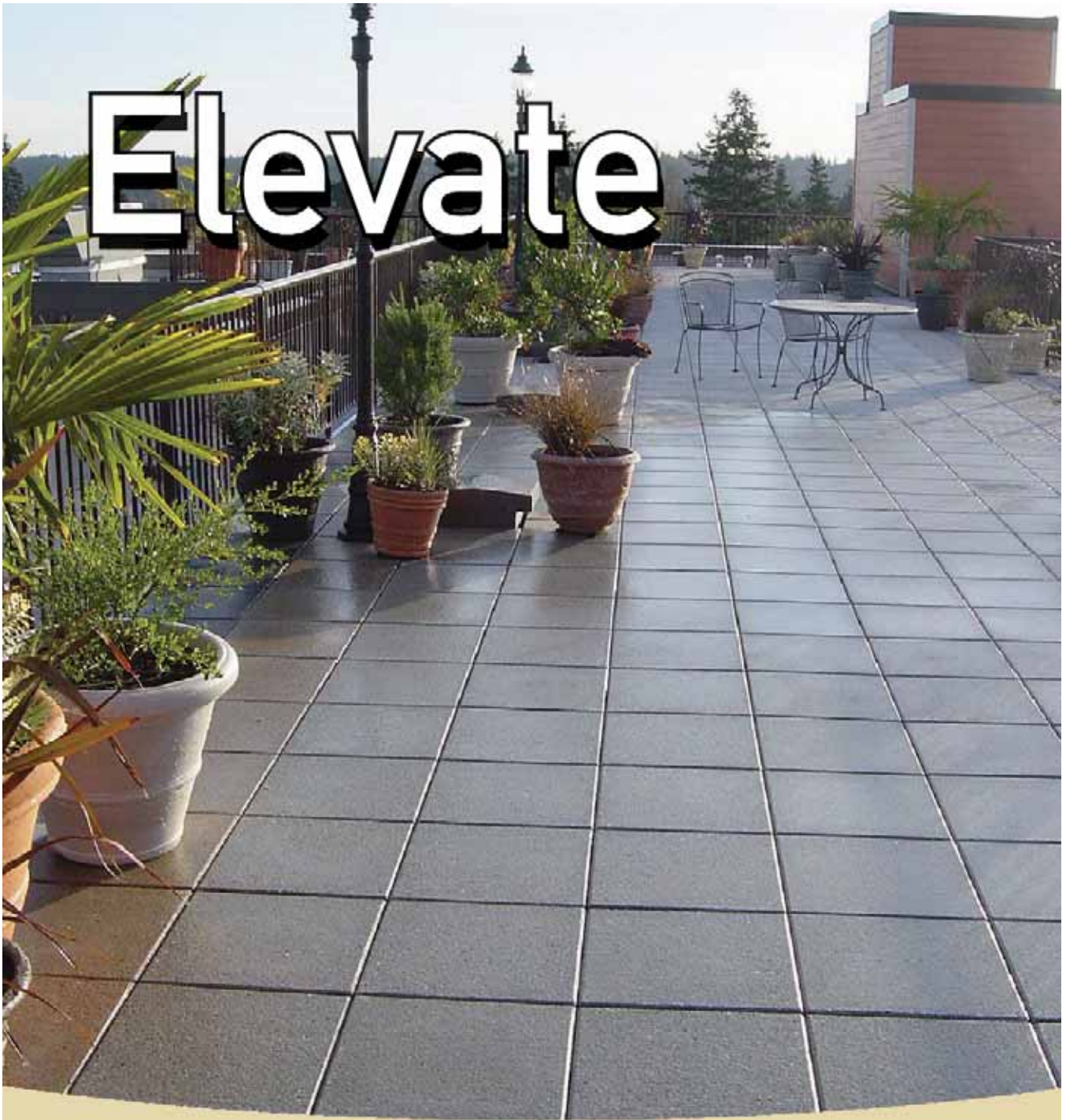


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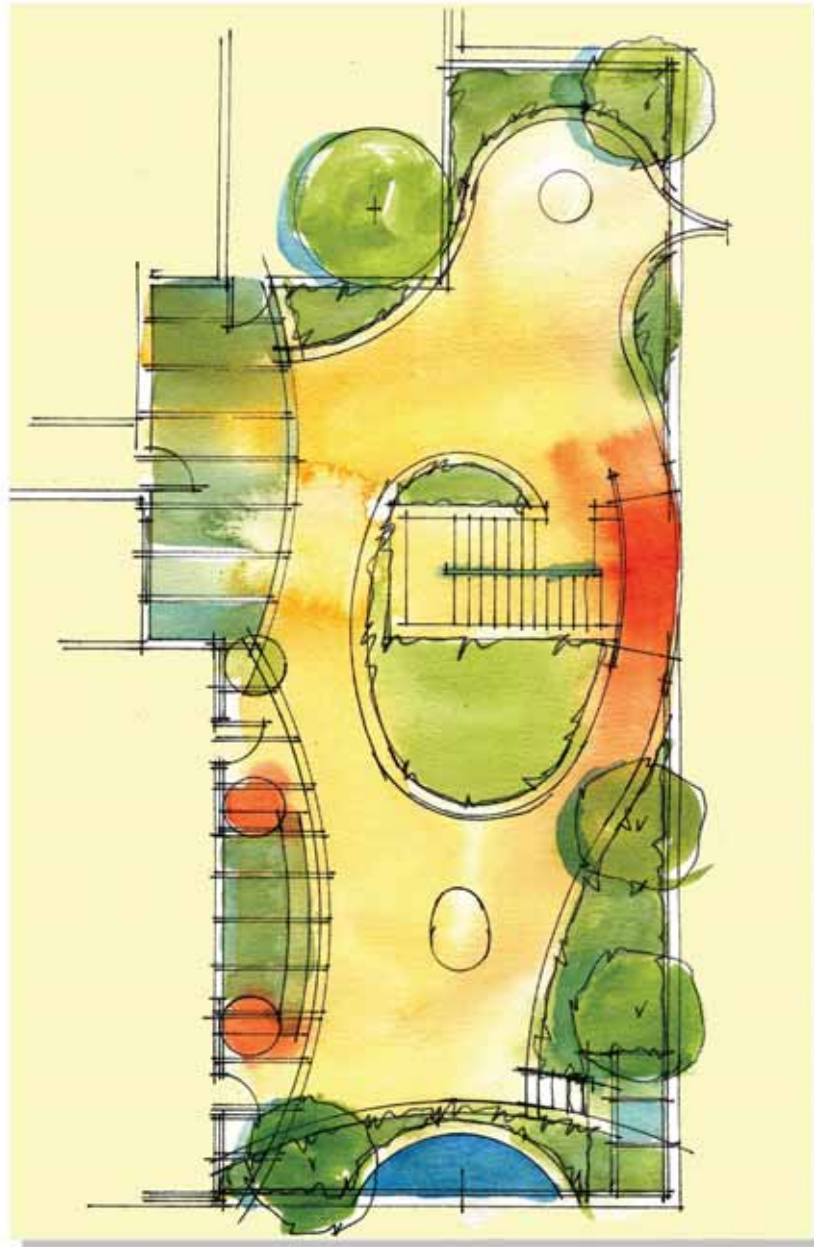
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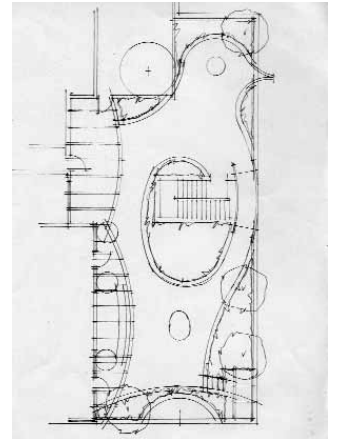
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Islands of Man

BY UDIT KAPUR

The Arabian Peninsula covers about 3 million square kilometers, the south eastern part of which called the Empty Quarter, the world's largest expanse of continuous sand. The Arabian Gulf politically consists of: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, the Sultanate of Oman, and the Republic of Yemen. Together, these countries (excluding the Republic of Yemen) constitute the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

Before the discovery of oil, prevailing economic conditions were weak and mainly dependant on fishing, agriculture of date palms, pearl trade, ship building and seafaring. Since the early 70's increased revenue from the oil industry has strengthened the economy and enabled the leaders to initiate massive development in the region. According to a recent survey the total value of infrastructure, utility, energy development and construction projects in the GCC could well exceed \$ 200 billion US(source: Gulf News Dated: 1/10/2004) . This article presents three mega size projects that have changed the face of Arabian Peninsula forever and may eventually be studied by students as we study ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans



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The Palm Islands, Dubai

The Palm Islands, Dubai - Phoenix dactylifera or the date palm has a strong relevance in Arab world. In ancient times they were cultivated for their dates. Today these trees grace and glorify the urban landscape of the gulf cities. Tribute to the beauty of date palm was given when Al Nakheel Properties (Nakheel Corporation) of U.A.E announced in May 2002 the idea of constructing two, freehold artificial palm tree shaped resort islands on the coast of Emirates of Dubai. Construction has begun on the world's largest manmade islands. These islands will increase the shoreline of Dubai by 120km and will create a large number of residential, leisure and entertainment areas.

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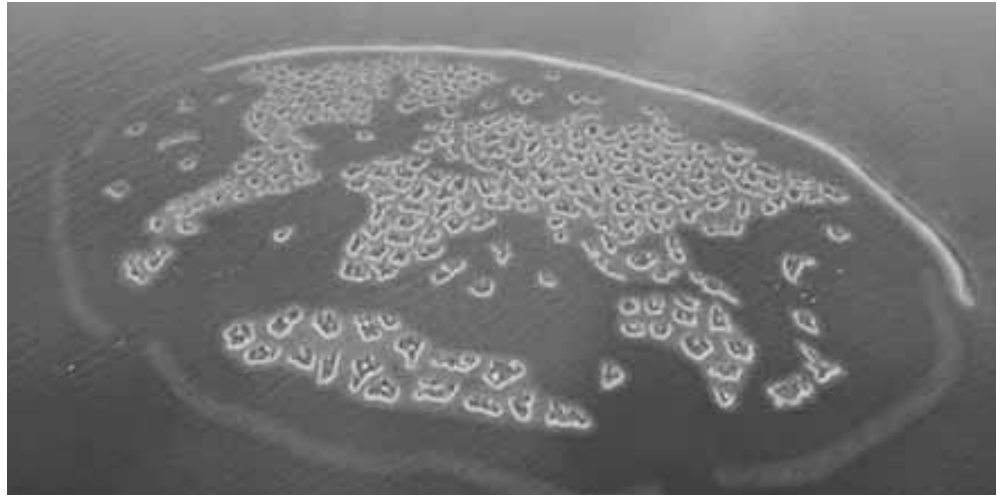
The two islands, The Palm Jumeirah and The Palm Jabel Ali, will consist of a trunk, a crown of seventeen fronds; and a surrounding crescent island, the back of which forms the breakwater. Collectively the islands will support more than 60 luxury hotels, 4000 exclusive residential villas, 1000 unique water homes, 5000 shoreline apartments, marinas, water theme parks, restaurants, shopping malls, sports facilities, health spas, cinemas and various dive sites.

The creation and development of Palm is an unparalleled feat of design and engineering. Their immense scale and shape, allows them to be visible from outer space with naked eye. The shape of Palm has been chosen for its ideal geometry to create maximum beach frontage. The Palm comprises of approximately 100 million cubic meters of sand and rock. The fill used to create one palm is enough material to build a 2 meters high wall 0.5 meters thick which would encircle the world thrice. The crescent break water is capable of with standing a 4 meters high wave. It is built from the bottom up, beginning with the sand, geotextile fiber, small rocks, and then medium sized rocks above water. It is estimated that over 12,000 palm trees will be planted on the islands.

(Source: <http://www.thepalm.ae/thepalm>)

The World, Dubai: Another real estate project of created islands is being constructed on the shoreline of Dubai. This is a cluster of 300 islands, shaped like a world map. Each island will range from 232342 to 83643 square meters in size, with 50 to 100 meters of water between each of them. The development is to measure approximately 9 kilometers long and 6 kilometers wide, covering an area of 55 million square meters including more than 1 million square meters of beach.

Marketed as one of the most exclusive property developments in Dubai and around the globe, The World is available for either private or commercial use, with prices for islands starting at \$ 22 million US and



The World, Dubai

upwards. The World offers a once in-a-life-time opportunity to own an island themed after the country they represent. The development of each island will depend on the vision of each investor however; they will likely include luxurious private villas, exotic theme parks and five star hotels. In addition, the developers will integrate canals and lakes into the overall design. Access to the islands will be by marine transport or by air and there will be provided first-class marinas for all investors.

While the island representing the UAE was the first to break the surface of the Arabian Gulf in March, this year, several other land masses in the project are currently in various stages of completion. Each of the islands in The World is created from a depth of up to 16 meters below the water's surface, and will be further developed to a height of 3 meters above water. The project design incorporates two protective breakwaters on the outer perimeter, to provide shelter from long and cross-shore waves. The outer breakwater will be a submerged reef and the inner breakwater will be above water. Extensive testing of the breakwaters design has taken place in one of the world's leading hydraulics laboratories in Delft, The Netherlands. Shelter provided by the breakwaters for the islands is also expected to attract and provide shelter for a wealth of marine life. Total completion of the project is forecast for 2008.

(Source: <http://www.theworld.ae/theworld>)

Pearl of the Gulf, Qatar. This \$2.5 billion US designed island, covers 400-hectares of reclaimed land, and is Qatar's first international real estate venture, the country's largest real estate development and the first development to offer international investors freehold and residential rights. It will be built 350 meters offshore, close to the West Bay lagoon area of Doha, and will eventually house 30,000 residents in a multicultural residential community.



Pearl of the Gulf, Qatar

The plan includes three large bays, which maximize the available water and beach frontage. The positioning of the island in shallow waters respects the marine environment topography and makes the construction much easier.

The four-phase development comprises 10 distinct districts to be developed over five years, with the first investors expected to take up residency in 2006. The Riviera Arabia themed districts will house three luxury hotels with a total room capacity of 800 and 600,000 sq ft of retail and restaurant space. In total there will be

four marinas, with combined mooring for over 700 boats. Extensive private and public moorage is planned and the island will have canals, lakes and interior navigable coves. The island will also host a Yacht club of world-class standing to cater to the international, regional and local yachting community. Community facilities like three primary schools, a secondary school, several kindergartens and day care centers several public parks and accessible open spaces, are also important components of the project. (Source: <http://www.pearlofthegulf.com>)

All of these mega projects share a common ideal; to rise above the rest and to become the new landmarks, which they surely will for the present and the future times to come. ■

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My CESO experiences in India, China and Russia

(Part One of Two installments)

BY DAN MATSUSHITA, BCSLA/ASLA:

Clive Justice first introduced me to CESO (Canadian Executive Service Organization) back in the late 80's after he had gone to Kuala Lumpur to help the locals build a Botanical Garden. It's been 10 years and five assignments since I first joined CESO; one to India, three trips to China and one recently to Russia.

India

The first assignment in 1992 was to India, which turned out to be a time-share resort. It had sounded like a dream trip for it was advertised as having a golf course, a water park with wave pool and large lake for boating, a restaurant, outdoor theatre and acres of ornamental grounds for strolling within an animal forest reserve. My task was to help the client complete the various acres of ornamental grounds. On arrival at the site, I realized that the resort was far from complete and only the so-called golf course was nearing completion. The golf course was a rectangular pitch and putt layout consisting of four holes, two on the plain and the other two on a steep hillside. The greens were about 120 – 150 yards

apart. To get from one to the other required driving the ball over a grove of palm trees and keeping out of the bunkers which were ringed by several rows of colorful herbaceous plants. You can imagine my consternation as I arrived with a full set of clubs, golf shoes and clothes. My only remark was that it had one of the most beautiful bunkers I had ever seen!

They cut the greens with an old Rollins reel mower that had a two-man power engine; one pulling on the rope as one would pull an oxen and the other pushing and guiding the mower. The course could be regarded as a sustainable project as no fossil fuel or chemicals were used and the managers utilized the natural resources of cattle dung and employed the local natives. There were many more surprises in store for us during the month we were there. I enjoyed my time there but my wife was not keen on participating in further trips. During our time there she was restricted to the cottage rather than venturing out in the oppressing heat and the gawking natives.



We both lost weight from our new diet, the heat, diarrhea and the effects of malaria pills.

China

My next three trips were to China between 1995 – 2000. Each trip was about three weeks in duration. The initial two trips were to Changchun, an industrial city in what was Manchuria, north of Beijing. The first trip was to the Erdao district considered by my Translator to be the skid road area of the city. The Parks Department wanted me to assess their parks and streetscapes and recommend improvements. On my first inspection I was annoyed with the brutal pruning method employed by the parks. I asked what are these headless tree trunks and the Translator remarked, "They are your Canadian Poplars". *Continued on page 6*

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After that I tried to appreciate the positive aspects of these trees remarking on their ability to live in the extreme temperatures and with minimal care — both features the Chinese attributed to Canadians.

The number of women on the staff impressed me. They were not just doing menial work but also doing the work of Administrators and Managers. Most of the women subscribed to the single child policy and work diligently for long hours during a 6-day week.

My second trip to Changchun was to the downtown area. After having a session with a Planner/Director, I noted that the streets and zoning looked as though it had been well planned. He then told me that most of the city layout had been done during 40 years of Japanese occupation. The only architecturally appealing buildings were those from the former Japanese government, as Changchun had been the capital of Manchuria. The last Chinese Emperor had his palace, a large mansion, in the outskirts of the city. It is now used as a museum depicting the horrors of the Japanese occupation. While walking in the streets, older Chinese men would come

up to me and speak in Japanese. It had been a language requirement during the Colonial period. I just shrugged my shoulders and said you speak good Japanese! Fortunately for me I was able to wrap myself in the cloak of Dr. Bethune a true Canadian hero of the Revolution. During the evening, when I didn't have my translator with me, I would walk around and enjoy the street life. Every so often someone would approach me

in Chinese and I would answer "Neehow" which I think was "Hello". After a while they recognized me and they would smile and talk amongst themselves, probably something about a stupid foreigner.

My clients didn't have that attitude and I was asked to come up with a master plan for the Nanhu Lake area during the last week of my visit. The site was over 500 hectares in size and once served as the reservoir for the city. The diversion of sewer and storm water into the lake had fouled the water and scores of ad hoc enterprises ringed its shores. From market gardens, chemical plants, amusement park, high speed boats and government grounds, the project required massive studies before I could arrive at a master plan. I said that it was probably the most valuable asset to the city and the first initiative was to localize the storm and sewer drains and begin secondary treatment using Wetland treatment principles rather than chemical. I left leaving instructions to conduct Physical and Social studies of the site, which would form the basis of the Master Plan. Several years later they again requested my participation but had not done any studies. If anyone is interested I'm sure the Changchun government would appreciate your help. ■

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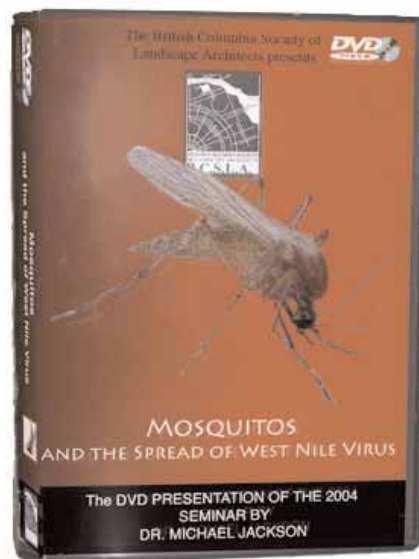
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The BCSLA Landscape Schedules

– An important tool for Local Governments

BY BEVERLY WINDJACK MBCLA AND TIM OBRIEN MBCSLA

Following a meeting between the City of Victoria and members of the Island Chapter of Landscape Architects, Beverly Windjack, BCSLA, conducted an informal survey of Vancouver Island and the lower mainland through email and phone calls. The purpose was to obtain a general consensus on how widespread the use of the landscape schedules were in the Building Permit process and landscape architectural drawings in the development permit process in the lower mainland and Vancouver Island. Contacts came primarily from *Sitelines*. The interior and northern parts of the province were not surveyed, but could be in the future.

Landscape Schedules in Support of Building Permits:

Municipal requirements for submission of the landscape schedules in support of building permit applications were common across the lower mainland but appeared to be not a requirement of the local governments on Vancouver Island that were surveyed.

Development Permit Drawings provided by Landscape Architects:

Landscape architectural drawings and cost estimates are commonly used and often stipulated in support of Development Permit Applications across the lower mainland and Vancouver Island.

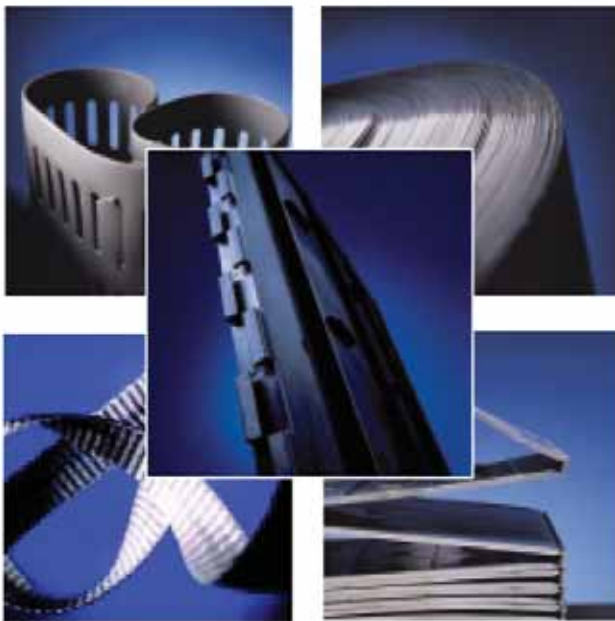
Notably in the Vancouver Island context, Courtenay, Langford and Central Saanich can require that landscape drawings be

prepared by registered landscape architects and submitted as part of Development Permit Applications. Other Island jurisdictions noted that whereas landscape architectural drawings are not stipulated they are usually appreciated and can contribute to speedier approval.

Amending Letters of Assurance:

The landscape schedules evolved from the requirement to amend the Building Code Letters of Assurance as part of the building permit requirement. It was felt that the best results for all could be obtained by starting with the clear mandate of developing the Landscape Schedules to focus specifically on landscape requirements. The authors are aware of amended Letters of Assurance

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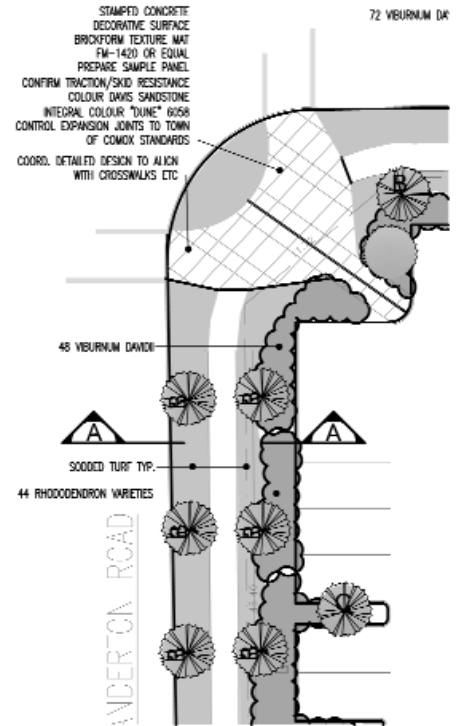
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commonly being submitted where other registered professional letters of assurance are required.

Samples of the Lower Mainland Experience: In Abbotsford, landscape architects must seal all landscape drawings submitted for Development Permit and BCSLA Schedules are required to obtain a Building Permit and for the release of landscape securities. (One exception is that in areas zoned 'Industrial' a registered engineer or architect can sign and seal the landscape drawings). Langley requires registered landscape architects to prepare plans for all off-site works such as street trees, boulevard planting and fencing. They encourage but do not legally require on-site landscape plans to be prepared by registered landscape architects.

Nevertheless, 95% of on-site plans are submitted by professionals as an industry standard. Langley's preferred Letter of Assurance format is the BCSLA Schedule and it is used by the majority of applicants as opposed to working with the Building Code Letters of Assurance. Coquitlam also requires registered landscape architects to prepare plans for all off-site works. They do not legally require landscape architects to prepare plans for on-site work for Development Permit Applications but as they require all landscape drawings be sealed prior to obtaining a Building Permit, most developers hire a landscape architect in the early stages. Schedules are not required.

Delta's Subdivision and Development Bylaw specifically requires registered landscape architects to prepare all landscape drawings submitted for Development Permit. However, BCSLA Schedules are neither required nor used. Landscape bonds are held until all work is complete and approved and certified by the



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landscape architect on a form provided by Delta. North Vancouver also requires that all landscape plans submitted for Development Permit be sealed by a registered landscape architect. Although the use of BCSLA Schedules is not requested, a registered landscape architect must submit a Letter of Assurance once the work is complete.

Surrey encourages but does not require that landscape plans be sealed by a registered landscape architect. The approval process is likely to be more streamlined if the drawings are sealed. Similarly, they encourage but don't require the use of Schedules. That said, the majority of developers (all the big developers and most of the small and medium ones) use both registered landscape architects and landscape Schedules as standard of the trade.

Summary: One needs only to look at the developments of twenty and thirty years ago to see how much greater an emphasis is being placed nowadays on landscaping in our urban places. The Municipal Act (Local Government Act/Community Charter) legislation was instrumental in supporting quality landscapes through the creation of Form and Character Development Permit Areas. From this legislation, the need for landscape architectural drawings for these areas became a defacto industry standard. Now, the Landscape Schedules are picking up where the municipal planner's involvement in a project tended to stop by introducing enforceable landscape standards into the building permit and occupancy permit processes. Therefore, the Landscape Schedules are an important tool for the use of Local Governments to ensure that the appropriate professional attention is maintained right from the development permit approval to occupancy approval.

In the future we can expect to see the Landscape Schedules take on a greater role in both conventional landscape quality as well as in environmental quality in terms of proper installations of bio-filtration swales, green roofs, erosion and sediment control plans and other "green" infrastructure. ■

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Our Sylvan Heritage

REVIEW BY CLIVE L. JUSTICE, PhD, FCSLA, L-MBCSLA
ORNAMENTAL GARDEN, PLANT AND TREE HISTORIAN

Recently, concerned tree lovers and professional arborists throughout the lower Fraser Valley and communities bordering the Georgia basin have attempted to document our rich, diverse tree heritage. Susan Murray's *Our Sylvan Heritage* is the latest to be published by Fitzhenry and Whiteside and subtitled *A Guide to the Magnificent Trees of the South Fraser*. It is a tree-mendous undertaking over a wide area, covering the 160 kilometres from Steveston east to Hope and south of the Fraser River to the Canada-US Border.

George Sudworth in his almost one hundred year old (1908) classic, *Forest Trees of the Pacific Slope*, for the US Forest Service, gives extensive and detailed listing of the range and habitat of various native Pacific slope trees. One, the Garry oak *Quercus garryana*, he notes:

[Found] . . . "Only on Southeastern coast of Vancouver Island where it is large but rare and local. From Straits of Fuca, at some distance west of Victoria over one fourth of east coast to Nanaimo. . . an isolated grove on northwest end of Vancouver Island. . . and another on Fraser River (mainland). . . Described originally from plains around Vancouver, on mainland but not seen there since."

At the end of her introduction, Susan Murray confirms the occurrence of Garry Oak, not however "on the plains around Vancouver," but, on the south slope of Sumas Mountain beside the Fraser. "At last the rare and elusive Garry Oak!"

Our *Sylvan Heritage* not only lists the species and varieties of trees significant size or age in an alphabetical catalogue, she includes examples of where these trees are found in one or more of the 5 cities, 6 towns, numerous gardens, parks and rural areas that fill out the Fraser South Region. A monumental compilation that also pictures a distinguishing feature, flower, foliage or bark of each combined with colour portraits of individual significant trees. Along with "Did You Know?" sidebar column

vignettes that relate squibs of early settler tree planting history, there are appendices with maps of parks and public gardens with numbered locations of the significant trees.

Our Sylvan Heritage is an unmatched pot-pourri of horticultural, arboricultural, dendrological and cultural lore. The only possible thing missing perhaps is my bit of tree trivia. Did you know that behind the Richmond School Board head office building on Granville Avenue and continuing into the seniors activity centre there are what remains of 4 rows of English elms that were planted in 1906 or thereabouts to shade and define the parking stalls for the horses with buggies and traps of the Minoru Race track patrons, who came to attend the races held there; the first designated parking lot in the lower mainland.

Our Sylvan Heritage joins the previous, but much more modest compilations of Heritage trees: These consist of UBC landscape architecture students Clarence Sihoe and Elisabeth Whitelaw's Vancouver Heritage Tree Inventory that was a joint BCSLA-BC Heritage Trust project completed in 1984, next *The Trees of Greater Victoria* - the heritage trees in the Municipalities of Oak Bay, Metchosin, Saanich, North Saanich and the City of Victoria that was compiled by the combined efforts over many years of, Victoria Parks Superintendent Herb Warren, Landscape Architect, Gerry Chaster and Forester, D.W. Ross. This 1988 paperback was edited by UBC Horticulture Professor John Neill. The City of Burnaby held a Great Tree hunt competition in Burnaby that in 1999 resulted in a slim paperback, *Burnaby's Great Tree Hunt*, authored by Mildred Wells and the Burnaby Beautification Committee. There are 163 trees nominated identified, measured and photographed, that are included.

To complete the picture of our Rich Sylvan Heritage at least on this side of Georgia Strait, the heritage trees on the north side of the Fraser River require assembling. It is known that some of the finest, largest and oldest of the



lower mainland's heritage trees occur on this north side of the Fraser River. Including those on the grounds of the Canada Agriculture's Dominion Experimental Farm in Agassiz, the arboretum at Riverview, and some of the very oldest, the trees in Queen's Park in New Westminster.

However, it seems that at least in West Vancouver, heritage trees are little valued or appreciated. A street of healthy horse chestnuts planted in 1935 by the Boy Scouts in honour of King George V's Silver Jubilee are now being clearcut to make way for the current flavour in favor as street trees, all at the behest of misguided municipal park employees with the approval of parsimonious councillors. A knowledge of tree history would reveal that horse chestnuts *Aesculus hippocastanum*, even badly Hydro abused ones as these were, do recover and live healthy and disease free for up to 600 years. As the story goes, the chestnuts' 'conkers' from 200 old trees were sent from England and the seedling trees raised from them and then planted out by the Scouts in 1935. Luckily municipalities like West Vancouver are in the minority when it comes to appreciating and valuing our rich and unique tree heritage.

Our Sylvan Heritage, by Susan Murray in paperback, Fitzhenry & Whiteside publishers, Markham, Ontario, 2004. For those who don't yet have the passion for trees, get it, read it, use it. You just may catch the disease. ■



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BCSLA Life Member Nominations

According to BCSLA Bylaws the Board of Directors may designate outstanding Members as "Life Members" of the Society, with special privileges including a waiver from annual fees, subject to maintaining exemplary conduct and the following criteria:

"the Member has been a Member in good standing of the Society for twenty-five (25) years or; the Member has been engaged in the full-time practice of landscape architecture for twenty-five (25) years."

BCSLA Honourary Member Nominations

Any individual may be nominated for consideration by the Board of the designation "BCSLA [Honourary Member]", and such honor if awarded by the Board will include the waiver of fees and such other privileges as the Board sees fit, in recognition of outstanding community activity related to the Principles or Practice of landscape architecture.

Please submit your nomination letter and two letters of support to the BCSLA Board of Directors by January 14, 2005.

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The 2005 BCSLA Trade Show and Conference will be held at the Plaza 500 Hotel (500 West 12 Avenue, Vancouver) from March 3-5, 2005. The Awards Dinner and Dance is slated for March 5, 2005 at 7:00 pm. Will McKenna Past President and Nominations Committee Chair, is tasked with organizing all BCSLA awards.

Please complete the attached nomination form.

BCSLA Community Service Awards — Award Categories

Five awards are offered, one from each of the following categories:

1. **THE INDIVIDUAL AWARD:** recognizing an individual or couple who have, in their day to day activities, made the landscape of our world a more delightful and better place to live whether it be in their creation of a small garden that many people enjoy or in their campaign to preserve a portion of our environment.
2. **THE Q'PANGO AWARD:** recognizing a Quasi-Public Agency or Non-Governmental Organization that has made major contributions to our local, provincial or national landscapes through its advocacy – its policy, design-planning or conservation initiatives.
3. **THE PUBLIC SERVANT- PUBLIC AGENCY AWARD:** thanking an individual who or an agency that has made major advances in the design, planning and management of place, has demonstrated innovation in that work, and has shown respect for and consideration of the landscape architecture profession.
4. **THE CONTRACTOR AWARD:** presented to a contracting firm that, in the opinion of the profession, has done an outstanding job of bringing one or several important projects to completion or, has consistently demonstrated a high quality of professionalism, workmanship and pride in their work.
5. **THE CORPORATE AWARD:** recognizing a corporation that has consistently provided a high quality environment as part of its everyday activities. The corporation could be a developer, a major business, or even a small business that has done an outstanding job of integrating their business activities and facilities into the fabric of our city or countryside.

With respect to the selection of these awards please note some of the following conditions:

- It is the intention of the Society to make awards only when there are suitable and significant candidates.
- The awards will be made across all regions of the province. As such, in any given year at least one award will be made representing the Vancouver Island region and one award will be made representing the Interior. In addition, the Society will seek worthy candidates from other regions of the province.
- Where two worthy candidates exist in one category and no candidate has been nominated in another category, the Society may consider both of those candidates for awards in the same year.



Congratulations to Dave Mitchell

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Dave Mitchell Receives Outstanding Service Award, Sponsored by *Pacific Coast Nurseryman Magazine*

We first caught sight of Dave in the early 60's funding his sports car racing career by designing ties for Spider Looms. But he was always interested in horticulture and after marrying his wife, Jeanne, he started going to BCIT taking the horticulture program, along with Frank Schortinghuis and Gunther Blasig. As Jeanne puts it, a couple of kids and a house later, when Spider Looms went out of business, he went looking for a job in the landscape field. He worked for Bert Murray pushing a wheelbarrow for a while, but all along he wanted to be a designer and he read everything he could on landscape architecture. Dan Matsushita gave Dave his first opportunity to work in design. He wrote his professional exams in 1977 and formed his own firm, JD Mitchell and Associates Ltd. In 1982 he joined Dan Matsushita and Barry Elliott to form

Matsushita, Mitchell, Elliot Landscape Architects which morphed into DMG Landscape Architects - one of BC's largest landscape architecture firms.

Dave is very much respected by landscape contractors because of his wealth of experience and understanding of the entire landscape process. He has the ability to combine an artistic concept with the practical aspects of how a landscape will develop and need to be maintained over time.

The projects he is known for include: Burnaby General Hospital, Qualicum Beach Civic Library, Yukon Federal Building, Morgan Creek Golf & Country Club House, Okanagan Community College and the David Lam Research Centre.

Dave has played a key role for many years in promoting an active and positive relation-

ship between the BC Society of Landscape Architects and BCLNA. He served on the Joint Standards Committee of the two groups for most of the last 20 years, usually as chairman of the group. This is the committee that negotiated, wrote, and published the British Columbia Landscape Standard, soon to have its 7th edition. Other joint committees he has served on have been the Industrial Adjustments Services Committee, Environmental Stewardship Awards Committee, and a committee to identify optimum native plants of British Columbia and their production strategies.

In recognition of the importance of Dave's contributions to our industry, he has become the fourth non-BCLNA member in 21 years to receive the Outstanding Service award, joining Dr. John Neill, Dave Ormrod and Bruce Macdonald.



BCSLA Calendar of Events

January	BCSLA Bylaws & Standards Committee Meeting	July 30	BCSLA Membership Application Deadline
January 24	CSLA College of Fellows Nominations: BCSLA Submission Deadline	August	BCSLA Credentials Committee Meeting
January 25	BCSLA Board of Directors Meeting	August	C/LARE (Computerized Landscape Architectural Exams)
January 28	2005 CSLA Professional Awards Submission Deadline	August 15-16	CSLA Board of Governors Meeting Winnipeg, MB
January 31	BCSLA Awards Nomination Deadline	August 17-20	CSLA Congress – Exposed!, Winnipeg, MB
January 31	BCSLA Membership Application Deadline	August 23	BCSLA Board of Directors Meeting
January 31	Ken Smith, Landscape Architect UBC Landscape Architecture Program/Harry J. Webb Lecture Series	Sept. 8-10	CLARB Annual General Meeting, Los Angeles, CA
February	BCSLA Credentials Committee Meeting BCSLA Nominations Committee Meeting	Sept. 13-14	BCLNA CanWest Hort Show, Vancouver, BC
February 22	BCSLA Board of Directors Meeting	September 23	BCSLA Board of Directors Meeting
February 24-25	CSLA Professional Awards Adjudication, Winnipeg, MB	Sept. 25-28	The Value of Trees: Pacific Northwest Chapter ISA Annual Conference Victoria, BC
February 25-26	CLARB Region V Meeting, Denver, CO	October 7	Landscape Architectural Registration Exams (LARE) Candidate Order Deadline: December 2005 Sitting
March 3-5	BCSLA Conference and Trade Show, Vancouver, BC	October 7-11	ASLA Annual Meeting & Expo, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
March 5	BCSLA Annual General Meeting, Vancouver, BC	October 25	BCSLA Board of Directors Meeting (date tentative)
March 7-9	C/LARE (Computerized Landscape Architectural Exams)	October 28	BCSLA Board of Examiners Fall Sitting
March 12	CSLA Board of Governors Meeting, Montreal, PQ	October 31	2006 Sitelines Annual Update Submissions
March 22	BCSLA Board of Directors Meeting	November	BC Landscape and Nursery Association AGM (date tentative)
April 8	Landscape Architectural Registration Exams (LARE) Candidate Order Deadline: June 2005 Sitting	November 8	World Town Planning Day
April 19-20	PIBC AGM, Victoria, BC	November 22	BCSLA Board of Directors Meeting
April 26	BCSLA Board of Directors Meeting	December	Landscape Architectural Registration Exams, Vancouver, BC
April 29	BCSLA Board of Examiners Spring Sitting (date tentative)	December	BCSLA Festive Season Party
May 24	BCSLA Board of Directors Meeting	December 20	BCSLA Board of Directors Meeting
June 13-14	Landscape Architectural Registration Exams, Vancouver, BC	December 31	BCSLA 2006 Membership Dues Payable
June 26-29	42nd IFLA World Congress, Edinburgh, Scotland	December 31	BCSLA Continuing Education Form Submission Deadline
June 28	BCSLA Board of Directors Meeting		
July 26	BCSLA Board of Directors Meeting		

Watch for details on the World Urban Forum and CSLA Congress in June 2006 in Vancouver, BC

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