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The belief that the city is an entity apart from nature and even antithetical to it has dominated the way in which the city is perceived and continues to affect how it is built. The city must be recognized as part of nature and designed accordingly. Anne Whiston Spirn, The Granite Garden, 1984

Mike Houck, Director of the Urban Greenspaces Institute, will describe efforts to create a livable Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region through the enhanced protection and restoration of a vibrant green infrastructure. He will describe the evolution of parks, trails, and natural area planning in Portland

and the metropolitan region, from the 1903 Olmsted Master Plan for Portland Parks to the regional Metropolitan Greenspaces Initiative and the recent passage of Measure 26-80 which provides Metro and local park providers with \$227.4 million to add to the region's growing natural areas and trail system.

Mike will illustrate on-the-ground examples and tools the region is using, including regional growth management strategies, and innovative watershed planning and stormwater management to simultaneously ensure equitable access to nature, parks, trails, and greenspaces; maintaining biodiversity; and creating higher density, compact urban forming our region. He will also discuss what he sees as the role of the design and development community to more effectively integrate the built and natural environments to ensure we become a more ecologically sustainable metropolitan region.

CSI Portland Chapter is again helping the NW Regional Council of Carpenters with their annual Toy Drive. Please join us with donations to the toy drive. You can bring an unwrapped gift to donate or we will be raffling off a \$100 gift certificate sponsored by the Portland Chapter of CSI. We have had several companies donate \$100 gift certificates for this worthy cause. Please plan on supporting this great event this Christmas Season.

The Princeton Building Ballroom
614 SW 11th Avenue
Social at 5:30 PM
Dinner and Program 6:30 PM

Cost: \$30.00 pre person with pre-paid reservations by December 8, 2006
Sponsor a table for 8 for just \$230.00

Late reservations - and walk-ins (as available): \$40.00 per person

Assure your spot for this special event! See enclosed Event Reservation

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Doug Allen, CSI, CDT



This time of year is a great time to give thanks to loved ones and friends. Reflecting back on this year's NW Region Conference, one of our speakers gave some advice about this rewarding endeavor. Danita Hammond helped us to understand how to recognize who the "Unsung Heroes" are in our lives. Moreover, how important it is to let these heroes in our lives know that they made a difference to us. First off, Danita,

thank you for developing your program and sharing it with us at our conference, you have made a difference for me.

Therefore, this seems like a great opportunity for me to give thanks to the many CSI mentors that have helped me in my business, CSI, and most importantly personal development.

Thanks to T.J. Gottwalt, Director of Architectural Development for ASSA ABLOY Door Security Solutions. I started my membership with CSI shortly after becoming an architectural manufacturers' representative. T.J. encouraged our entire group to join CSI and get involved. I understood membership would help with my networking opportunities, but I had no idea what an incredible opportunity for personal development there would be for me.

Prior to T.J.'s recommendation my only real exposure to CSI was Mr. Ken Searl's poster campaign, "Expose Yourself to Specifications." At that point I understood the organization existed and had something to do with specifications for buildings. Oh... and that CSI had a great substitution request form. Later, I had come to look forward to Ken's BS by KS articles, appreciating his ability to put words to the many products and methods of construction and the development of specifications.

With no idea what was in store for me, but committed to joining CSI, I checked out the Institute website and found Lee Kilbourn listed as the Portland, Oregon CSI Membership Chairman. This was very beneficial, and at the time seemingly selfish, for it gave me an opportunity to introduce myself and company to someone at one of the largest architectural firms in the area. Ever since, Lee has been a great mentor to me. His guidance by example, wealth of knowledge, and dedication to the organization has helped me continuously seek perfection and improvement in myself. I know I'll make mistakes and I rely on Lee to help me understand them and get back on track.

At the first CSI dinner meeting I attended, I was fortunate enough to be greeted by Igo Jurgens. He had recognized me as a new member and took the time to introduce himself. Mr. Jurgens was very helpful explaining the organization. Igo encouraged me to join a committee to realize the most from my membership. I am so glad Igo caught me when he did; it may have been months or years before getting active.

During this same dinner meeting back in 1999, Cherie McNabb was being honored with the Al Hansen Memorial Award. During her acceptance comments to the audience Cherie's main comment, besides obviously being humbled by the award, was "Get involved. It will be good for you and your business." Her words are still so true and clear in my mind today. I cannot agree enough. Cherie has been a great leader, offering to help and go way beyond the call of duty, and at times I am sure prioritizing CSI above work.

When it comes to writing and speaking, I think of Jody Moore as an incredible mentor and friend. I am aware I still have a lot of room for improvement. However, Jody gave me the opportunity to try writing and speaking when it would have been easier for her to do it herself. Working on the Programs Committee with her was very enjoyable and educational. Jody explained what she was looking for in an article, even helping me right at her computer with editing. And she taught me the value of rewriting, always inspiring me to write a good hook! She is so positive and always offers encouragement. I am sure I would not be where I am without her help.

I have to especially thank Mr. Jim Wilson for his confidence in me, recommending that I get more involved with the Programs Committee and later suggesting that I consider applying for a board position. Jim always offers guidance and willingness to assist. I am very fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve on the board with Jim and value his friendship.

While on the board I have been fortunate to have the opportunity of working much closer with Mr. John Lape and Mr. Rick Heiserman. Only then, I realized John's and Rick's commitment to the betterment of CSI. Both individually offer incredible examples of public service to CSI! You are both great mentors. Accomplishing only a fraction of your results would be very fulfilling.

For an incredible sense of ability to share life experiences and feel like you connect, Edith Washington has been an inspiration for me from the first time I heard her speak. There is nothing I can say to do her justice. Just don't miss an opportunity to hear Edith speak. I have enjoyed all three opportunities I have had and look forward to the next.

Our immediate past president, Dennet Latham has been such a great leader. He has set a great example of how to work with and stimulate the committees to accomplish so much as a group. During Dennet's term as president we experienced some of the most successful events during this past year, including the very successful NW Region Conference. Dennet, your vision, dedication, and continued efforts have paved the way to a very bright future for our membership.

I am very fortunate to know Perky Kilbourn. To me she is a shining example of public service without thought of herself. Perky is always willing to help wherever needed, offers ideas, and her contribution to the *The Predator* is invaluable. Perky, thank you for your continued support. It is not only myself, but most of the Portland, Oregon Chapter CSI that has been touched by your efforts.

I want to give a very special thank you to all of the committee chairs and volunteers of the Portland, Oregon Chapter CSI. Your efforts are what make it all happen for everyone.

I look forward to many more opportunities for mentors and unsung heroes to make an impression on me.

Thank you to all of you for making a difference in my life!

Hopefully you will have an opportunity to thank someone in your life that has made a difference for you.

2 **Happy Holidays!**

# CSI CERTIFICATE/CERTIFICATION EXAM NEWS

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## 2007 Exams - Early Registration Deadline Quickly Approaching!

Early bird registration deadline for CSI CDT/CCS/CCCA/CCPR exams is December 1, 2006. Save \$60-65 off regular exam price when you register by the early bird date. Register for the exam online at [www.csinet.org](http://www.csinet.org).

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- Profession - Connect team players through common language and knowledge of documentation

The Construction Documents Technologist (CDT) certificate program is a rigorous and comprehensive course of study based primarily upon the Project Resource Manual - CSI Manual of Practice and CSI Masterformat, 2004 edition. The certificate represents the holder's knowledge of construction project participant relationships, construction document organization, and the different phases of construction project cycle.

Obtaining the CDT certificate is the first step towards meeting the eligibility requirements for the other CSI certifications:

CCS - Certified Construction Specifier

CCCA - Certified Construction Contract Administrator

CCPR - Certified Construction Product Representative

## CSI Portland Chapter offers CDT Study Classes

On Wednesday evenings, starting January 31, 2007, Portland Chapter members that have previously obtained certification will offer a series of 8 study classes leading up to the March 31, 2007 CDT exam. These classes will be held at the Port of Portland Offices at 121 NW Everett Street, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. **Cost to register for the entire series of classes is \$100 for CSI members; \$150 for non-members. Students (full time student in a construction related curriculum) may take the classes for free. To register for classes, contact Jane Phifer at Portland CSI, 503-805-2500 or by email at [jane@portlandcsi.org](mailto:jane@portlandcsi.org).**

Study Materials: The CSI Portland Chapter has a limited number of these documents for sale at the following prices:

Project Resource Manual – CSI Manual of Practice: \$193 for CSI members; \$250 for nonmembers

MasterFormat 2004: \$90.00 for CSI members; \$125 for nonmembers

(These prices represent a 20-40% savings over prices available through the Institute bookstore).

### Important Dates to Remember:

Nationwide Exam Date: Saturday March 31, 2007

Exam Early Registration Deadline: December 1, 2006

Exam Final Registration Deadline and start of CSI Portland Study Classes: January 31, 2007

For more information on the exams, visit [www.csinet.org/certification](http://www.csinet.org/certification). For more information on the study classes, contact Portland Chapter Certification Chair, Christine Steel, at 503-944-7367 or by email at [christine.steel@portofportland.com](mailto:christine.steel@portofportland.com).

# PERKY'S NOTES

By: Perky Kilbourn, CSI



## Note #1

“*Finding Common Ground in the U.S. Math Wars*” by Jeffrey Mervis in the May 19, 2006 issue of SCIENCE interested me. Perky did not realize there was a Math War between the professional mathematicians and the math educators. They have now agreed to a truce and

hope to work together to improve U.S. mathematics education. The areas of agreement discussed in the article include:

Automatic recall of basic facts – Perky assumes the two groups agree that students still need to know their multiplication tables.

Judicious use of calculators – If a student is learning long division, the student should not be able to use a calculator to simplify the task.

Fluent use and understanding of basic algorithms – The how and why of the basic algorithms (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) of whole number arithmetic work.

Fractions as a foundation for algebra – Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions.

Careful choice of real-world problems – Story problems should require some logical thinking on the part of the student. The problems should be practical and utilize basic algorithms of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Teachers at the core of good instruction – Mathematics teachers, should understand and be able to communicate mathematical algorithms to their students. Schools should hire mathematics teachers and not just expect the english teacher to also teach mathematical algorithms. Unless, of course, that english teacher was also qualified to teach the mathematical algorithms.

Mathematical knowledge for teaching – National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) is creating suggestions for topics which should be addressed in kindergarten through the eighth grade. In addition there are summer institutes for class room teachers whose grasp of basic mathematics may be poor or in need of improvement.

## Note #2

The article “*Cleaning up the Restroom*” by Nate Kogler in the August 2006 issue of The Construction Specifier delighted me because of the accurate discussion of microorganisms in commercial restrooms. Perky has had students, who were taking her Saturday Academy class, test their home restrooms for microorganisms. Once, when the students discovered there were no microorganisms cultured from their home restrooms, the students became detectives. If the person who was designated to clean their home restroom had just done the cleaning, just before the test for microorganisms was performed, there is a high probability that no microorganisms would be found. Antibacterial soaps are effective – a person just needs to use the antibacterial soap.

As discussed in the article, continuous cleaning of commercial restrooms is often not feasible so the next best thing are the “touchless” fixtures. Specifying higher capacity towel or multiple roll toilet tissue dispenses is an excellent idea. While on the subject of restrooms Perky wants to remind specifiers (who do not happen to be female) that women need more lavatories than men do in a public restroom. To confirm this requirement, go to a public event where many females are present and note the length of the lines which have formed outside the Women’s Restroom during the intermissions.

## Note #3

The final article is “*U.S. Engineering at Crossroads*” by Tim Studt in the September 2006 issue of R & D Magazine. (Research & Development Magazine). Studt advises that India and China are ahead of the U.S. in terms of who would have the best engineers in 10 years. U.S. engineers tend to be paid more and work fewer hours than engineers from other countries. The result of this phenomenon is that U.S. companies are frequently outsourcing their engineering work to Asia. Many U.S. engineers may not want to improve their situation – they are happy with their position and their compensation levels. Studt concludes by stating that car companies are buying technology licenses from companies like Toyota. Consumer electronics products are manufactured throughout Asia. China has pledged to have a man on the moon within the next 10 years.

Perky hopes she covered a diverse enough number of topics that everyone will find something of interest.

## MEMORIES OF AN EARLY

## WREN'S WESTERN OUTPUT

By: *Richard C. Ehmann, FCSI*

Back in the days BC (Before Computers) and BCP (Before Cell Phones) architects had a cadre of specialists in specification assistance who made regular rounds to our offices. They usually started with a joke or two and then got down to business showing us the latest in their particular specification division. They were always available when a detail needed a critique or a question of who did what in what order needed to be clearly stated.

The beauty of this kind of help was that the rep., more often than not, had worked his way up in the trades involved from helper to journey man. This made the advice given on their parts of the specs well worthy of our trust and we learned much from them.

One particular such man comes to mind: Al Hansen, the Lath and Plaster Bureau representative. He was either a charter member or joined very soon after the chapter was formed. There was nothing about plaster with which he wasn't thoroughly familiar. He might likely have invented the method or treatment himself in the first place! He was pushing 80 at the time, as I recall.

As an example of his expert and varied talents, he was asked to work with a couple of his old retired plasterer pals when work started on remodeling the old Hoyt Hotel in the early '60's. It was located in the area of the bus terminal near Union Station and had been used for overnight accommodations for trainmen.

The re-do required repair of existing plaster trim, cornices and moldings, but with the addition of many fluted plaster columns and Ionic and Corinthian capitols that had to be cast. Al and his friends were the only ones left who still knew how to do that kind of work and they rose to the challenge. The results were gorgeous and the Hoyt was a showplace for many years. The Chapter held dinner meetings there for a couple of years.

Al became membership chairman and the chapter grew. Somewhere in there we received the Institute annual award for "Greatest Chapter Growth". He was a hard man to say no to and he made it show in our membership numbers. I think Lee Kilbourn followed his example and has kept the ball rolling.

Al was also skilled in woodworking as the forms for casting and forming plaster was all hand made of wood way back then. He made a beautiful turned gavel for the President to use and also a podium to be banged upon. They may have been stored somewhere when the new office was set up and, hopefully, they are not lost. Al was a good friend and loyal member of the Chapter, sorely missed by all of us fortunate enough to have received his help over the years.

*Richard C. Ehmann FCSI '69 Charter Member '59*

By *Annette Wren, FCSI, CDT*

**Let your life shine as an example!** It is that time of year when this column gives this message of encouragement. You are the solution on this planet! You can be a positive example for children and others. In particular, children need to have examples in their lives that are exemplary and the best in humanity. How do you provide a good example? That answer is within you! You are the answer! You are the messenger! You are the one! How do you do this?

**"Let your life shine as an example!"** Every day you serve as an example whether you know it or not. You serve as an example of your "being" to everyone in your presence. You observe others as well. In fact, we live by example. You really do not have a choice about being an example. Everyone is watching everyone else. Choose to live in a graceful, positive manner. Let your life shine as an example!

**Let your life shine as an example!** You need to be responsible for your own experiences. You need to create a positive life example in your own way. As I have written many times, the quality of your life can speak for you. Keep your standards high. You can live your life and conduct your business in a positive manner. You do not need to do extraordinary things to be a good example. Choose to be a positive example for others in whatever you do and encourage others to do the same. Choose to be an exemplary human being by living your life with dignity and grace. Let your life shine as an example!

**Let your life shine as an example!** Resist the trend of intolerance that plagues our society. America always shines as a positive example for other countries. America stands for tolerance and acceptance of different points of view. There are misguided persons who wish to destroy our way of life. When we turn on each other with intolerance, our enemies are thrilled that we save them the time and effort to create dissension in our country. It would be a very boring and meaningless country if we all agreed with each other. For those who still choose to criticize their fellow Americans for differing, non-threatening points of view, I will pray for grace to enter their hearts. The greatest spiritual teachers that our creator has sent to Earth have all preached tolerance. Let's be tolerant of other points of view. **Let your life shine as an example!**

**Let your life shine as an example!** There is something very powerful that you can do. You can pray or meditate per your faith for a positive and peaceful resolution to issues in our communities. My belief is that there can be a shift in consciousness when a critical mass of positive, like minds comes together. Your mind is the most powerful tool that you have. You are powerful! **Let your life shine as an example!**

## NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

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By: *Perky Kilbourn, CSI*

The topic was "Eight Project that almost changed Portland's Skyline" - that is projects that never got built. Stephanie Basalyga, the Commerce Managing Editor was the Moderator of the panel of architects who had projects that never got built.

The first architect was Robert Oshatz, who advised that in 1973 his design for the Duniway Plaza office building and condo was to be built where the Metro Y is now. The structure stepped up the hill and Oshatz tried to make the structure part of the landscape. Then Oregon Pacific Lumber Company backed away from the deal. Quoting from the article in *COMMERCE* "The company said 'Why spend \$500,000 to share a building when we can do one of our own.' Oshatz recalls." Oshatz was then asked to design a new building for Oregon Pacific Lumber Company on a site in Wilsonville. This building was multipurpose with a place for truck loading as well as offices for management - a true corporate headquarters. With the sale of Oregon Pacific Lumber Company, the plans were shelved because the purchaser did not need a headquarters building.

In 1978, Oshatz was asked to design the C. A. Bright Tower which could be used by the people of Portland. Merchants would display their wares at street level. Tenants were offered different sizes of floors for whatever they wanted or needed. The design addressed environmental concerns with every floor having sun control shading. There were covered areas at the plaza level, which covers used colored glass shades. The project was not built because of the death of the developer for whom the project had been named.

The second architect, Chris Linn, discussed his pre 9/11 project for Paul Allen. The idea was to take down the Red Lion Hotel and make corporate headquarters. It was designed to look at the coliseum and one idea was to have a Veterans Museum underneath it. Another of Allen's ideas was to have ships for each of the projects he was interested in. For example, put a museum on one ship and live on another. Allen did in fact have a luxurious ship built for his needs. Linn did the original Master Plan for The Light Rail terminal at the airport. Ralph Stanley of Bechtel Corporation and a major league baseball team were the developer. The developer had previously had built a cinema theater in Seattle. When Stanley learned he had terminal cancer he stopped his support of the project. The developer continued with the project but the project was considerably scaled down from what it once was.

The Standpoint on Southeast 12th Avenue near the intersection of Belmont Street was the second project which Linn had designed which he discussed and which was not built. The Standpoint was designed to become Portland's

first multi-unit residential building to earn a LEED Platinum rating. It was just days away from going out to bid when the investor James suffered a fatal heart attack. With the loss of its main investor the Standpoint project was gone.

Stuart Emmons did a Master Plan for the South Waterfront Area. He also designed the buildings to fit on the streets of the Master Plan. There was a green street with bioswales down the middle of the street. There were to be small town houses with High Rise buildings behind them. Another of his building which was never built was a Fire Station in Old Town. The Building would have been open with courtyards and alleys so children could walk from their Day Care Center to the Fire Station. Another unbuilt project was for OHSU for the School of Medicine. Their project was to take over the Library and build another building behind it. In addition they had plans for an MRI building in the OHSU campus in Hillsboro. On Martin Luther King at Gateway he had plans for a restaurant with affordable townhouses behind. Fremont Street at MLKing Blvd, he designed a building that was in keeping with MLKing the man.

Nancy Merryman discussed the Linus Pauling Center for Science, Health & Peace. Linus Pauling grew up in a house on 39th and Hawthorne. The program was to take the block with the house on it and add new buildings which fronted on 39th Street including a Science and Technology bookstore and a library. The design kept the housing on the rest of the block. There would be new houses for the visiting researchers who would have freedom to imagine all sorts of things. The construction would protect the neighborhood. The project never got off the ground.

There was then a question and answer period and the program concluded with a discussion by David Bragdon of Metro on the Built Environment. Olmsted came to Oregon in 1904 and provided a plan for Portland to remain a liveable city. As might be expected many parks and greenways were suggested:

1. Mt. Tabor boulevard from Ladd's addition to Mt. Tabor Park
2. North Fulton Park tied to North Macadam
3. A series of city squares with one in front of the Union Station.
4. A Hawthorne Park
5. A Columbia Slough Park.

Portland did get some money to purchase land and implement the Olmstead Plan of 1904. Apparently Metro has been doing a good job because the last ballot measure was passed. The measure received a 60% approval vote so Metro can continue to acquire land for parks and other public purposes.

In conclusion, a most enjoyable meeting.

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CSI Board Meeting, *Noon, AIA Office*  
**CSI Chapter Meeting** - *AFO's Citizen of the year 2005, Toy drive*  
 CSI Specifiers Share Group Meeting, *Noon, ZGF*

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

# January 2007

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CSI Board Meeting, *Noon, AIA Office*  
**CSI Chapter Meeting** - *Economic Forecast, & new member orientation*  
*Princeton Ballroom (joint with American Society of Professional Estimators)*  
 CSI Specifiers Share Group Meeting, *Noon, ZGF*  
 Membership meeting, *Macadam bar & grill, Noon*  
 CSI Specifiers Share Group Meeting, *Noon, ZGF*

New Member Orientation at the January 9th Chapter Meeting.

# February 2007

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CSI Board Meeting, *Noon, AIA Office*  
 CSI Specifiers Share Group Meeting, *Noon, ZGF*  
**CSI Chapter Meeting, LEED Update, Princeton Ballroom**  
 CSI Membership meeting, *Noon*