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Keeping the Quality In and the Weather Out: Water infiltration is one of the leading causes of construction litigation. This program will focus on developing an understanding of fenestration product performance attributes, applicable test methods for evaluating the performance of the product, and common problems with fenestration products and their interface with adjacent construction to prevent water intrusion.

Our Presenter: Brian Faith is a registered architect and project manager at Walker Restoration Consultants with over 20 years experience in assessment of building facades, investigation of building envelope non-performance issues, fenestration testing, repair design, and consulting.

Date: March 18, 2010.

Place: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road in Glen Ellyn.

Times: 6:00 PM Tabletops and social time

6:30 PM Dinner

7:15 PM Program

Cost: Free to Chapter members in good standing; \$40 for guest

RSVP: Reservations due by 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 11, 2010. E-mail to Peter Dinschel, CSI: pdinschel@chicap.org **If you make a reservation and do not attend, you will be billed for the dinner.**



Exhibits: May 12-14, 2010

Education: May 11-14, 2010
 Pennsylvania Convention Center
 Philadelphia, PA USA

MEETING DETAILS

MEETING LOCATIONS

All Chapter Meetings (unless otherwise indicated) will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road in Glen Ellyn. The hotel is conveniently located near the intersection of I355 and Roosevelt Road.

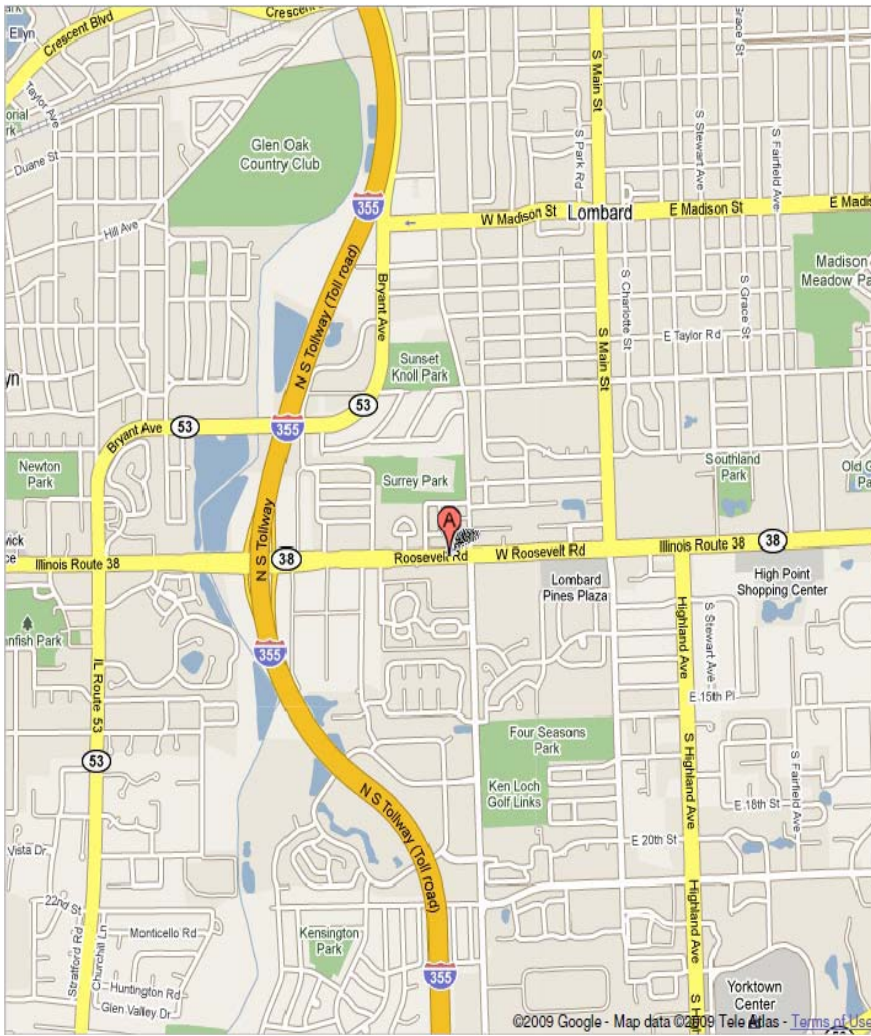
TABLETOP RESERVATIONS

Cost:

- \$75 per tabletop for CSI members.
- \$125 per tabletop for non-CSI members (includes one dinner)

Table-top presentations are generally not available for plant tours or other meetings not held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

For information on arranging for a table-top at one of our Chapter Meetings, contact our tabletops coordinator Kristy Rivera at kristy-rivera@comcast.net.



NORTHERN ILLINOIS CHAPTER PROGRAMS 2009 - 2010

Date	Topic	CSI Division	Location
03/18/10	Façade Restoration	04, 07, 08, etc	Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
04/13/10	Factory Tour	09	National Gypsum Plant 515 Sea Horse Drive Waukegan, IL 60085
05/20/10	Awards Dinner		To be determined
August 2010, Date to be determined	Baseball Game		To be determined

CSI IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Johnson, AIA, CSI, CCS, 2009-2010 Chapter President

By now I am sure all CSI members have cast their vote for institute board positions and the possible change of membership classifications. I really hope that you all joined in on the voting at the national level.

As far as our own voting is concerned it may not have been clear from last month's message that the voting will be electronic. The link to vote should arrive in an email to you within the next week (first week of March).

No nominations were received to add to the ballot by the February 22nd deadline. There were some corrections that you may notice when you go to vote online. A copy of the revised ballot is below for your reference.

We are also still looking for volunteers to chair or co-chair committees for 2010-2011 year. If you would be interested in serving the chapter in this way please contact me at sjohnson@muller2.com or give me a call at 312-432-4180 ext. 225. We still have a few months for this fiscal year with some open chair positions that need to be filled.

Please join us for our March 18th meeting at the Crowne Plaza in Glen Ellyn.

Save the date and take a small excursion with us for our April 13th tour of the National Gypsum Plant in Waukegan. Part of the tour will include a running gypsum board production line. Please note this is a Tuesday evening and the tour will be limited to the first 20 responders when the official invitation goes out at the beginning of April.

Thank you

Susan Johnson, CSI, CCS, AIA

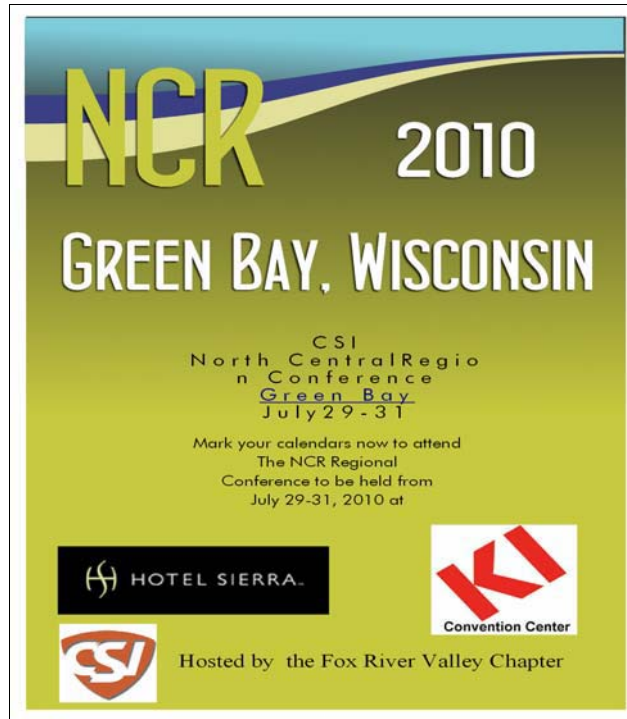
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2010-2011 Ballot

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Watch for email link

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ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Topic	Dates/Times	Location	Contact
Practical Solutions for Effective Wood Buildings —Fire Protection, Moisture Control, Engineered Wood	March 17, 2010	I Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign, IL	www.woodworks.org
Practical Solutions for Effective Wood Buildings —Fire Protection, Moisture Control, Engineered Wood	March 18, 2010	Westin-Northshore, 601 North Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling, IL	www.woodworks.org
Practical Solutions for Effective Wood Buildings —Fire Protection, Moisture Control, Engineered Wood	March 19, 2010	Maggiano's Little Italy, 516 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL	www.woodworks.org
Earth Day 2010	April 24, 2010 (Earth Day <u>observed</u> , a Saturday)	Rock Valley College, 3301 N. Mulford, Rockford, IL; and Many more events at locations throughout Chicagoland and Northern Illinois	Google "Earth Day 2010"
CONSTRUCT 2010 and the CSI National Convention	May 11—14, 2010	Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA	www.csinet.org
2010 MREA Energy Fair —Energy education, exhibits, workshops, clean energy car show, green building and remodeling, chef demos, etc.	June 18-20, 2010	Midwest Renewable Energy Association, Custer, WI	www.the-mrea.org
NCR 2010 —CSI North Central Region Conference	July 29-31, 2010	Green Bay, WI	www.csi-northcentralregion.org
2010 IREA Energy Fair —Illinois Renewable Energy Association	August 7 & 8, 2010	Ogle County Fairgrounds, Oregon, IL	www.illinoisrenew.org
Greenbuild 2010 — Green building education, massive trade show of green construction products	November 17-19, 2010	McCormick Place, Chicago, IL	www.usgbc-chicago.org
CSI Chicago Chapter Meetings	4th Tuesday, most months	Varies	www.csichicago.org
CSI Madison Chapter Meetings	2nd Tuesday, most months	Varies	www.csimadison.org
CSI Milwaukee Chapter Meetings	Varies	Varies	www.csimilwaukee.org

WHO SAID THAT?

Who said: **“However much a period may try to disguise itself, its real nature will still show through its architecture, whether this uses original forms of expression or attempts to copy bygone epochs. We recognize the character of the age as easily as we identify a friend's handwriting beneath attempted disguises. It is as an unmistakable index as to what was really going on in a period that architecture is indispensable when we are seeking to evaluate that period.”**

If you think you know who said that, e-mail the editor - jwoneil@larsondarby.com.

Check next month's *CSI Link* to find out the answer.

Last month's quote was **“We travel together, passengers on a little space ship, dependent upon its vulnerable reserves of air and soil, all committed for our safety to its security and peace, preserved from annihilation only by the care, the work, and I will say the love we give our fragile craft. We cannot maintain it half fortunate and half miserable, half confident, half despairing, half slave to the ancient enemies of mankind and half free in a liberation of resources undreamed-of until this day. No craft, no crew can travel safely with such vast contradictions. On their resolution depends the survival of us all.”**

Alert Reader Don Russell correctly identified the speaker as Adlai E. Stevenson II, (1900-1965) Governor of Illinois from 1949 to 1953, and Democratic Presidential candidate in 1952 and 1956.

Note the similarity of Stevenson's language to the title of architect/visionary Buckminster Fuller's 1969 book “Operating Manual for Spaceship Earth (subtitled ‘A bold blueprint for survival that diagnoses the causes of the environmental crisis)”. I wonder if Stevenson and Fuller ever met and discussed “spaceship earth”.

Wikipedia says the date of Stevenson's statement is 1965, but doesn't describe the occasion of his remarks



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POSTS? WE DON'T NEED NO STINKING POSTS!

The photo below shows that an enterprising do-it-yourselfer doesn't need to go to his neighborhood home center to solve the problem of a sagging awning.

Doesn't look like it would survive a seismic event or wind uplift, though.

Don't you just love the internet? This is just a sample of the photos, jokes, etc that appear in our mailbox.



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Travelogue, part 2;

by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA

We ended the first part of this travelogue at the *Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore*, the cathedral church of Florence, Italy. As noted, it is one of the more recognizable churches of the world, thanks to its white, green, and red marble exterior. As we moved on to Rome, we expected to see more remarkable churches, and we weren't disappointed.

Due to the short time we had to plan the trip, we weren't able to do much research about the cities we visited, so we entered Rome with only a couple of specific goals, the Coliseum and the Pantheon. It might surprise you to know that our itinerary did *not* include St. Peter's or the Sistine Chapel. Because we wanted to see a lot, we intentionally omitted many popular places from our itinerary, as we didn't want to spend a lot of time waiting to get tickets, waiting to get in, and getting trapped in crowds. Instead, we spent the afternoon of our first day in Rome leisurely touring the Coliseum and enjoying a pleasant dinner just a block away.

We started our second day with a visit to the *Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore*, conveniently located just across the street from our bed & breakfast. Even though it is one of the four major basilicas of Rome, and considered one of Rome's most beautiful churches, it probably is overlooked by many visitors due to its distance from better known landmarks. The core of the building dates back to the fifth century, but much of the surrounding structure was constructed or updated in 14th through 17th centuries. Even after the wonders of Florence, the interior was amazing, with scintillating mosaics, intricately carved marble columns, coffered ceilings, and a series of chapels off each side of the nave, each of which would serve admirably as the main altar of a more ordinary church.

We next took a tour of the city on a double-decker bus, where we were fortunate to get seats on the upper level. Yes, it is touristy, but it's a good way to get a relatively quick idea of where to find some of a city's major attractions. We got off the bus near the Trevi Fountain and headed for the Pantheon. Being in the home of the Roman Catholic Church, we expected to find a number of churches, and along the way to the Pantheon, it seemed we found yet another church every block or two.

We soon found *Santi Vincenzo e Anastasio a Trevi*. Despite the imposing collection of eighteen Corinthian columns surrounding its immense door, the front is fairly plain, especially in the presence of the Trevi Fountain, which it faces. Relatively small, I suspect this church is often overlooked; we found it by accident while trying to get a good picture of the fountain. I noticed the door was open, so in typical tourist manner I walked inside. Built in the mid-seventeenth century, the baroque interior is beautifully lit by clerestory windows. Near the entry is a twentieth-century interpretation of the collection of votive candles found in many Roman Catholic churches - a brass box with forty-five artificial candles, each with an electric bulb and corresponding switch. Also in this church, though we did not know it at the time, are the hearts and other viscera of twenty-five popes. Maybe we'll look for those the next time we're in Rome.

Our next stop was *Sant'Ignazio Di Loyola*, another baroque church built in the seventeenth century. Much larger than *Santi Vincenzo e Anastasio*, the interior is stunning; no surface was left untouched by some form of decoration - marble columns in countless colors, some looking like corkscrews; inlaid marble floors; intricate altars and ornaments; and magnificent frescoes that visually extend the walls through an apparently infinite heaven above. It is said that nearby residents prevented the architect from placing a dome over the crossing, as it would have created too much shade. The response was an interesting tromp l'oeil dome, which is quite convincing from near the center of the nave.

Just two blocks from the Pantheon is *Santa Maria Sopra Minerva*, reportedly the only gothic church in Rome. The exterior is so plain and simple that it doesn't look at all like a church, but the interior, though less ornamented than the baroque churches, is achingly beautiful. Rich marble columns and walls are a backdrop for ornate altars, and stained glass windows provide additional color. Gold arches spring from the tops of the columns, outlining a ceiling of intense blue with a few simple paintings and countless gold stars. Unfortunately, we arrived just before a wedding, so we were unable to see much of the church, and because I refrained from using a flash, I didn't get any good pictures. The body of St. Catherine of Siena is buried here - but not the head, which was spirited away to be entombed in Siena.

Our last stop in Rome is the Pantheon, one of the most popular destinations in Rome. Built in its current form about 125 AD, it originally was a temple for all gods, becoming a Christian church in 609. With an interior diameter of 142 feet, it was the largest dome of any kind for 1,300 years, and remains the largest unreinforced concrete dome. The structure itself is the main attraction of this building. The coffered ceiling overwhelms the few altars and tombs that were added later, and the enormous, twenty-ton bronze doors look just the right size for the portico. This is a building that truly must be seen to be appreciated, as its spherical shape makes the interior essentially unphotographable.

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