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Green Mountain Specifier

May 2002

NEXT MONTH:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd

Luncheon Seminar on:

PHYSICS OF WALL DESIGN

Preventing Leaky and Sick Buildings through Proper Use of Flashings and Air / Vapor Barrier Placement

SPEAKER

Leonard Anastasi
Lennel Specialties Corp.

TIME/DATE

Wednesday, May 22, 2002
11:00am-2:00pm

LOCATION

The Clarion Hotel
Williston Road, I-89 Exit 14

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

2 HSW AIA/CES credits

COSTS

CSI Members	\$20
Students	\$10
Non-Members	\$25
New CSI Members	FREE

Costs for all attendees generously subsidized by Trowel Trades Supply Co. and Leonard Anastasi of Lennel Specialties Corp.

RSVP

By no later than noon, Friday, May 17th to Jonathan Miller, (802) 865-4579
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Questions? Contact Jonathan Miller, or Len Anastasi at (781) 344-9794
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May 22nd Program

Physics of Wall Design

This month's program should be a good one. The topic is the highly debatable topic of building envelope integrity. Our speaker, Leonard Anastasi of *Lennel Specialties Corp.*, has first-hand knowledge of the damage caused to building envelope systems due to moisture leakage; he is also a proponent of the concept that buildings should not leak air due to the detrimental effects that air leakage causes to building operational costs, building envelope system components and indoor air quality.

Our seminar and ensuing discussion will cover many issues, including through-wall flashing, air barriers, vapor barriers, housewraps, insulation types, EIFS walls, and more. Be sure to bring along any questions you might have for discussion.

June 6th Program

Chapter Awards Banquet

By Jonathan M. Miller, CSI, CCS, CCA, AIA, NCARB

Next month is the chapter awards banquet, which will take place at the Basin Harbor Club on June 6th. Assuming good weather, we'll have a 4 PM cruise on the *Dynamite II*, the resort's tour boat, after which we will dedicate the Bridal Wreath Spirea bush in memory of Joyce Zajchowski and walk over to the 9th green to dedicate a Sugar Maple for Joe Zajchowski, CSI, CCS, RA, NCARB. Cocktails from 6-6:45 PM followed by our awards dinner.

There will be no newsletter issue for June, the month of the awards banquet – we will return in July.

WE WANT YOU ...

...to make a contribution to the Green Mountain Specifier – ideas, articles, letters, advertising or other relevant material (if you're polite, maybe we'll even take irrelevant material). Contact:

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CONSTRUCT AMERICA 2003 CSI Show

In less than a year, CSI's Construct America will debut in Chicago at the McCormick Place exhibition hall; together, The CSI ShowTM and Group C Communications, Inc.'s The TFM ShowTM (formerly Facility Forum) will be co-located. The goal of the annual Construct America, created by CSI and debuting April 9–11, 2003, is to better serve the needs of the nonresidential construction and building industry through partnerships with leading industry organizations.

Construct America 2003, via the two co-located exhibitions, is expected to feature nearly 800 exhibiting companies, an estimated 1,400 exhibit booths, and a projected attendance of between 11,500 and 15,000 qualified construction industry representatives. The co-location agreement will allow attendees of The CSI Show to visit The TFM Show at no additional charge and vice versa. Both CSI and Group C Communications will retain ownership and management of their respective shows.

Watch upcoming issues of CSI's *NewsDigest* newsletter for more information about Construct America.

LAST MONTH:

APRIL PROGRAM

Luncheon Seminar, Panel Discussion & Tabletops on: **WINDOW TREATMENT**

Sun Control-View-Privacy-Sound-Insulation-Security

SPEAKER

Gordon Clements, CSI
Gordon's Window Décor

TIME/LOCATION

Thursday, April 11, 2002
11:00am-2:00pm
at The Burlington Sheraton

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

2 HSW AIA/CES credits

SUMMARY

Our feature speaker, Gordon Clements, addressed a number of technical and construction issues related to windows and window treatments. He gave tips on specifying coverings – his own particular area of expertise – and emphasized that as in most things in construction, it's best to think about them early. Shades, blinds and coverings are often left to the end of a job, when money has run out and time is running short. Therefore, in the rush for completion the wrong products for the project can be used, and end up costing more.

Gordon asserted that there's no need to cut back on quality in this area, because even the more expensive products will typically represent a very small fraction of the building cost. He talked about types of window coverings – including mini-blinds, roller shades, vertical blinds, cellular shades, sheer weaves, and drapes – and discussed various applications for them.

In discussion afterwards, the audience & representatives from the window-related tabletops talked about various issues in their products' areas, like laminated glazing, window films and cracked window glass, security glass coatings, condensation problems with insulating shades, and interior environments that can be affected by some of the products discussed.

Thanks to first-time speaker Gordon Clements for a very informative talk.

The President's Corner

By Peter D. Morris, CSI, RA

May Flowers

"Hooray, hooray, the first of May", one of my mentors used to say. Actually, he carried on a bit further, but you get the idea. Ain't life grand here in Vermont at this time of year.

The Chapter Cup

Jonathan Miller, our Membership Chair, tells me we need at least 17 new members to capture the Chapter Cup for a third straight year. We need your help to do that. If you have found our programs informative and helpful, perhaps now is the time to join.

New Leadership Roster

At our recent Board Meeting, the Board confirmed the election of the following Officers for Fiscal Year 2003 which starts July 1:

<i>President:</i>	Peter Morris	Peter Morris Architect
<i>President-Elect:</i>	John Gant	HCI Craftsman
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Committee Chairs for 2003 are:

<i>Membership:</i>	Jonathan Miller	
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<i>Technical:</i>	Gene Pawlikowski	
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<i>Education Liaison:</i>	Adam Bortz	
<i>Programs:</i>	Jonathan Miller	
<i>Finance:</i>	Robert Rand	

Our sincere thanks to everyone for their willingness to serve.

May Board Meeting

Our May Board meeting is over lunch, 12 Noon to 1 PM, on Thursday, 16 May, at Gillian's Restaurant in Shelburne (at the entrance to the shopping center). Come join us to discuss future programs and other business.

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NEXT MONTH:

JUNE PROGRAM

CHAPTER AWARDS BANQUET

Vermont Chapter CSI Honors

TIME/DATE

Thursday, June 6, 2002
4:00pm-10:00pm

LOCATION

The Basin Harbor Club
near Vergennes, Vermont

SUMMARY

Next month's social program will be our chapter awards banquet.

Schedule will include:

- Ride on the Dynamite II Tour boat
- Joe & Joyce Zajchowski Dedications
- Cocktail hour
- Awards Banquet

COSTS

All attendees: \$25 per person.

RSVP

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MasterFormat™ Revision Details

Which Subjects Move, and Where?

[Editor's Note: This was covered during the VT Chapter's March program. These are more specific parts of the proposed MasterFormat revision, currently due to go into effect sometime in 2003. These are subject to change, depending the input and feedback that the Institute is soliciting.]

MasterFormat™ Revisions:

Division 2 is revised to accommodate demolition, hazardous material abatement, surveying, and other existing conditions. The architectural building subjects contained within **Divisions 3-14** are relatively unchanged.

Divisions 15 and 16 have been moved to the "20 series" of divisions, covering mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) subject matter, as well as work results produced by the telecommunications, computer networking, and building automation disciplines. **Divisions 22, and 23** now encompass much of the subject matter contained in **Division 15**, **Divisions 24 and 25** now comprehends what was contained in **Division 16**. **Division 21** contains new subject matter, including some select items that have been moved from various locations throughout MasterFormat™

The civil engineering subject matter that had been contained in **Division 2** has been moved to the "30 series." **Divisions 31 and 32** is composed in part from this material, and expanded upon to further meet the needs of civil engineers. **Divisions 33 and 34** have been drawn in part from civil engineering portions of the original 16 Divisions (primarily **Divisions 5, 11, and 14**), but have been largely created to meet new needs.

Process engineering subjects which were largely unaddressed by the 16 Divisions, comprise the contents of the "40 series." Some subject matter for **Divisions 41, 42, and 43** was drawn from portions of **Divisions 11, 13, and 16**, but most of the contents of these new divisions have been and need to be further developed through consultation with process engineers and those involved with industrial construction.

Through the use of this website, the sites linked to it, and other means, the MasterFormat™ Expansion Task Team is commencing a period of public review and commentary, designed to help incorporate the needs of MasterFormat™'s users into the document's revision. Please take advantage of this opportunity to affect the direction that this revision and expansion takes, the task team and the industry need the benefit of your knowledge and experience.

After this period of public commentary and development is concluded, the document will undergo additional revision and consolidation by the task team prior to its publication. Presuming that any portion of any draft of this

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revision is substantially the same as either the 1995 edition of MasterFormat™ or the expanded edition still to be published is dangerous and should be avoided; some level of deviation from both standards is inevitable.

Dennis J. Hall, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA
MasterFormat™ Expansion Task Team Chair
February 28, 2002

As mentioned above, a public commentary site will be operational shortly. The MasterFormat™ Expansion Task Team prefers that commentary be held until this site is open, so that all received commentary can be public, and dialog and interaction between individuals submitting comments will be encouraged. Should one wish to submit any commentary before the public commentary site is open, please email it to masterformat@csinet.org. For any technical problems with this site, email cconrad@csinet.org.

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TechNotes

Assigning Responsibility

[Editor's note: This is a continuation of last month's Technotes, "Avoiding Responsibility."]

One of the biggest questions in construction is "Who is responsible?" It would seem that a fair allocation of risk would be based on the authority and knowledge of the parties involved, but joint-and-several liability and the misguided urge to go for the deep pockets can obviate most attempts to be fair. Still, if the initial assignment of risk makes sense, it will be less likely for challenges to end up in court.

Assignment of risk is the primary function of the conditions of the contract; they explain what each named entity must do for the others and what to expect in return. Commonly used standard forms of general conditions are very similar; each explains what the contractor must do for the owner, and what the owner must do for the contractor; the duties of a separate design professional are also enumerated. There are some procedural differences, and slightly different views of who is responsible for specific items, but any competent design professional, contractor, or owner should be able to work with any of them.

Owner-generated general conditions, used by public entities and large owners, are often egregious; they are excellent examples of how to not write general conditions, and would make good study tools for any of CSI's certification programs. Written by people whose main goal seems to be to confuse the reader, they are anything but clear and concise. In many cases, they also try to absolve the owner of all risk, making either the design professional or the contractor responsible for things they simply cannot control.

Even when public entities or large owners make use of standard general conditions, they generate supplementary conditions as long as the document they are modifying. These are curious documents, which, besides trying to avoid risk, often restate provisions already found in the general conditions, add needless clauses, and ramble on about policies in a way that is sufficiently vague that they are unenforceable.

Design professionals and owners often make use of the conditions of the contract to "fix" problems from previous work. In so doing, they almost always end up specifying in the supplementary conditions things that really belong in the specifications, usually in Division 1 - at the same time repeating existing requirements. In nearly every case of creative use of supplementary conditions that I have seen, the problem in question was already addressed in the contract documents.

This approach is like that of the person speaking to

someone from a different country, believing that talking louder will make up for the lack of a common language. Using the supplementary conditions to fix other parts of the contract documents is simply yelling the same thing louder to make up for inaccurate specifications, incorrect interpretation, or lack of enforcement.

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First Draft of Proposed ADA Bulletin

CSI has been developing, on behalf of the Access Board, a technical assistance bulletin that addresses meeting the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act Access Guidelines (ADAAG) related to ramp and exterior walkways construction. Design professionals, contractors, and code officials need information on the construction tolerances that meet the access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

You can help the Access Board by participating in the development of these guidelines. For more information, visit www.csinet.org/technic/index.htm or www.infraknowledge.org

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Workers Stabilize Over 70% of the World Trade Center's "Bathtub"

Crews are still working on stabilizing the World Trade Center's former seven-level basement—now largely an open pit. The 70-ft-deep concrete "bathtub" that remains is already more than 70 percent stabilized, though workers still need to tie back the 500-ft north foundation wall. Work continues as well on a 120-ft stretch of the 1,000-ft-long east wall (near the southern end); the South Tower crushed the upper 20 ft of the wall when it collapsed last September.

The stabilization effort began just six weeks after the terrorist attacks and should be completed by the end of May. But a main challenge for workers, according to Christopher S. Haynes, area manager for Nicholson Construction Co. (the company that's installing anchors to help support the foundation walls), has been working around debris removal and search operations interruptions.

"We're working in a compromised structure, which is being demolished as you go down," Haynes said. "You have to be very wary of your surroundings."

—Information from www.enr.com, April 2, 2002.

Mark Your Calendars, Part I North East Region CSI FY 2003 Conference

Next Year's Conference is being Hosted by the Rhode Island Chapter CSI, September 19-22, 2002 at The Westin Providence. Industry members may want to check out booth opportunities at the Renaissance Faire Exhibition. Now is the time for 2002 budget planning! Get a Sponsorship Brochure from Jonathan Miller and/or give Co-Chairman Mark Weiner, CSI a call at (781) 933-0027 x104 or e-mail mark.t.weiner@sherwin.com.



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The TCA contains updated product information, ANSI standards and most importantly, various industry accepted installation methods, which are often included within the tile section of project manuals. Normally, these TCA Handbooks are made available on an individual basis upon request. Demand for them is incredibly strong. However, this year Schluter would like to make them available to a larger number of professionals through the individual chapters of CSI.

To take advantage of this, simply send an email to Kevin Vaughn at kvaughn@schluter.com with your name and mailing information. He will then send the TCA's to you right away. You can also reach Kevin via email or telephone at (206) 399-5203.

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Request for Volunteers

We are always looking for a few good people to take some of the burden from overextended members. Can you spare a couple hours a month to help run our chapter? Every bit of contributed effort can help.

CSI Certification

The next exam dates for CSI Certifications are June 26th in Las Vegas and September 19th in Providence. Six members have just finished Certification Chair, Adam Bortz's CDT Study Sessions, and seven members took a certification exam on April 6th. They are going for their CDT and after passing the exam, they will be able add this professional certification to their résumé and business cards !

For more information, or to sign up for the next series of study course sessions, contact Certification Chair Adam Bortz at 802-864-5953 or adambortz@aol.com

Mark Your Calendars, Part II

The CSI Show & Convention

This June 26-30 is the Construction Specifications Institute Convention being held this year in Las Vegas, Nevada .

Advance registration runs from March 1 – June 7 for \$325 / Member and \$505 / Non-member and buys a complete registration package. Online registration begins March 1st at www.theocsishow.com or call 1-800-689-2900.

Monthly Program Ideas

What Do You Want To See?

The Vermont Chapter is always looking for suggestions of events, issues, or themes for our monthly seminars. If you have a request, an idea, or would like to offer to host a program, please contact Program Chair Jonathan Miller or Asst. Program Chair Gene Pawlikowski (contact info on p.4). Come to our May 22nd program or the monthly Board meeting and share your ideas !

EDITORIAL POLICY:

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Contributions to the newsletter are welcome, and should be submitted to the editor by the 24th of the month in order to be included in the next issue. Contributions may need to be edited for, among other things, clarity, filesize, and length.

New Chapter Logo Still Needed

This is the logo that the Vermont Chapter CSI currently uses (also shown in the upper left-hand corner of the first page of every Green Mountain Specifier):



A little tired and/or ordinary, no ? Therefore we are soliciting entries and ideas for a new logo.

The only requirement is that the CSI shield be included somewhere in the logo. For printing purposes it should be possible to print the logo in black and white. Any text should still be legible when reduced to roughly the size of the current logo above.

Other than that, everything else is fair game. Use the outline of the state, a profile of Camel's Hump (a la the Vermont quarter), or anything else symbolic of the state or its construction industry. A CSI motto can also be included, like "Creating and Sustaining the Built Environment." This is a quote from CSI's Mission Statement, which is:

"The Construction Specifications Institute advances the process of creating and sustaining the built environment for the benefit of the construction community by using the diversity of its members to exchange knowledge."

If you have any graphic design ideas for a new and improved logo, contact Jonathan Miller or Chris Eling (see page 4 for contact information).

As a chapter, Vermont CSI is growing rapidly (just look at our consecutive Chapter Cup awards), and is becoming more and more valuable to the construction community at large. Help us put our best foot forward.

Stay tuned for details on what the winning logo entry will receive as their prize !

**Scan a business card !
Create your own graphic design !**

Remember that our smaller banner is roughly half the cost of this one, but you'll have to use smaller type like this and what kind of an impression will you make on your potential customers if they get an eyestrain headache from reading your ad? (this ad idea from The Original Audacious WorcesterShare Source, Worcester CSI chapter newsletter; Ted "Ol' Argyle" Healy, editor.)

2001-2002 Vermont Chapter CSI Events

- August 9, 2001** “Vermont Brick - Factory Tour” Highgate, VT
Sponsored by Vermont Brick & Trowel Trades
- September 12** “Codes & Door Hardware for Schools”
at the Burlington Sheraton
Shelley Hudson, CSI, CCPR – Ingersoll-Rand Co.
- October 12** North East Region CSI Conference – Oct. 11-14
Basin Harbor Club, Ferrisburgh, VT
“Green and Sustainable in Vermont”
Friday Technical Theme [Open to Non-Members]
Up to 8 hours of HSW Learning Units offered.
Jonathan M. Miller, CSI, CCS, AIA
NERCSI Conference Co-Chair
- November 12** Concrete & Construction Methods
Herman G. Protze, III, ASTM, ASCE, ICRA
- December 6** Division 17 – Communications; and its Impact on
Vermont Construction, Burlington Sheraton
Michael P. Kirick, CSI, PE, *Kirick Eng. Assoc.*
Jim O’Reilly, *Archi-Technology*
Andy Montroull, *Riser Management*
Jerry Johnson, *VT Telecom Advancement Center*
- January 17, 2002** “Construction Management...Benefits & Pitfalls”
William Alexander “Sandy” Feed, Esq.
followed by a Discussion Panel
- February 13-14** Building Solutions 2002 Conference
Efficiency Vermont & VT Dept. of Public Safety
Co-sponsored by the Vermont Chapter CSI
- March 19** CSI & the Construction Industry
at The Clarion Hotel in South Burlington
- April 11** Window Treatments
Gordon Clements, CSI, *Gordon’s Window Décor*
Tabletops and a Discussion Panel too !
- May 22** The Physics of Wall Design
Leonard Anastasi, Lennel Specialties Corp.
Co-sponsored by Trowel Trades Supply Co. and
Lennel Specialties Corp.
- June 6** CSI Awards Banquet
Vermont Chapter Awards Presentation & Social
4–10 PM at Basin Harbor Club
- July** Quarry Tour [TBVerified]
Gene Pawlikowski, CSI, *Trowel Trades Supply*

New Members Welcome !

The Vermont Chapter CSI welcomes the following new 2001-2002 members:

April 2002

Mr. Jim Muka, CSI
Lynx Windows and Doors (Eagle)

March 2002

Mr. Bob Pustis, CSI
Holophane Lighting

February 2002

Mr. Ev Howard, CSI
Pizzagalli Construction

January 2002

Mr. David Shippey, CSI
Duncan Galvanizing

December 2001

Ms. Robin Lawson, CSI
Swaney Taylor Lighting Associates

November 2001

Mr. John Hausner, CSI
Homestead Design, Inc.

October 2001

Mr. Steven Benjamin, CSI
Wilsonart / CT Plywood Corp.
Mr. Gordon Clements, CSI
Gordon’s Window Decor
Mr. Daniel Maxon, CSI
Energy Efficiency Vermont
Ms. Sandra Vitzthum, CSI, AIA
Vitzthum Studio

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