



## NEXT MONTH:

DECEMBER 1, 2005

### GLAZING FOR THE NORTHEAST CLIMATE

#### SPEAKER

Dennis O'Rourke  
*Pella Windows & Doors*

#### TIME

Thursday December 1, 2005  
11:00am– 2:00pm

#### LOCATION

Double Tree Hotel & Conference Center  
(formerly The Clarion)  
1117 Williston Road, S. Burlington VT

#### SUMMARY

Our speaker Dennis O'Rourke will speak about glazing options that are available today, demonstrating benefits of energy-saving features, and more. Manufacturers reps will also be on hand to show their latest products and options.

#### AGENDA

11:00 Registration & Tabletops  
11:20 Introductions  
11:30 Speaker  
12:30 Lunch  
1:00 Speaker Resumes  
2:00 Speaker ends, Tabletops continue

#### CREDITS

AIA HSW credits available

#### COSTS

\$35 for CSI members  
\$50 for Non-Members  
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#### RSVP / QUESTIONS

Contact Program co-Chair John Ostrum  
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## THIS MONTH:

NOVEMBER 2005

Due to scheduling conflicts with our hosting venue, the "Alternative Septic Systems & Water Conserving Fixtures" scheduled for November has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Grants Available For Waste Reduction Planning

by Carolyn Grodinsky, Waste Prevention Coordinator  
State of VT, Agency of Natural Resources,  
Waste Management Division

The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) is offering a total of \$50,000 in grant funding for job site waste reduction projects and for reuse and recycling market development projects. The purpose of the grant program is to help contractors and builders gain experience reducing job site waste and to track data on program costs and amounts of waste salvaged, recycled, and thrown away.

Past grant projects are highlighted at:

[http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/recycling/case\\_studies.htm](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/recycling/case_studies.htm)

<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/recycling/grantawards.htm>

Grant application forms can be downloaded from the Agency of Natural Resources website at:  
<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/recycling/pubs/FYRFP.pdf>

Proposals are accepted until May 30, 2006 or until all grant funding is disbursed.

Contact Carolyn Grodinsky (802) 241-3477 or Jim Surwilo at (802) 241-3481 for an application form or more information.

Check out the Agency's C&D waste reduction web site to learn about other resources to help your projects reduce waste at:

<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/recycling/CandD.htm>

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...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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Contact our chapter Certifications Chair Adam Bortz (by e-mail: [adambortz@aol.com](mailto:adambortz@aol.com)) & he'll help you get started.

## 28 VTC Students Join CSI

At our September 8<sup>th</sup> Program at VTC 28 students signed up for CSI and the Vermont Chapter with scholarship help from the chapter.

## LAST MONTH:

OCTOBER 13, 2005

### CONCRETE SUBSTRATE PROBLEMS & MOISTURE ISSUES IN FLOORING

#### SPEAKERS

John Kamencik, CSI

*Flooring Div. Mgr., Don-Vac, Inc.*

Harry Lentz

*Architectural Specifier, Belknap White  
and Armstrong Commercial*

#### TABLETOPS

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#### TIME/LOCATION

Thursday Oct. 13, 2005 ; 11am– 2:00pm  
Double Tree Hotel (formerly the Clarion)

#### SUMMARY

Harry Lentz and John Kamencik each spoke about construction methods, various testing procedures, details, and specs for concrete substrates and flooring. The goal is to avoid flooring failures before they start by making sure that the slab is adequate and ready for installation.

Harry Lentz spoke about specifications of slabs, including water:concrete ratios, additives, drying time, curing methods, and many other factors in concrete slab specification (remember, “drying” and “curing” are not the same). He talked about the importance of testing each truckload of concrete, and discussed the interrelationships between water:concrete ratio, drying time, and strength.

John Kamencik, flooring expert and national consultant on remediation issues, discussed moisture-testing requirements and procedures. In particular, the industry standard calcium chloride test was contrasted with another more recent testing method, the proto-meter. John also talked about what to test for, as well as some remediation strategies for slabs with failing marks. Also discussed was the relative dearth of independent testing agencies in our area.

Product representatives were also on hand to show tried and true flooring products and innovative new products.

Thanks very much to our speakers, and to each of our sponsoring tabletops !

## National CAD Standard To Be Integrated Into MicroStation

Bentley Systems Inc., maker of [MicroStation](#), is preparing to develop an “NCS plug-in” for its products. Bentley is the first CAD vendor to officially accept the [July invitation issued](#) by the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS), CSI, and the American Institute of Architects (AIA), to include the [National CAD Standard \(NCS\)](#) in their software.

Adoption and compliance are already essential for many firms. The National CAD Standard’s website, [www.nationalcadstandard.org](http://www.nationalcadstandard.org), lists dozens of government agencies and large private companies that require firms to use the National CAD Standard when submitting project drawings. In addition, there is also a long and growing list of private firms that have adopted the National CAD Standard.

With so many organizations adopting the NCS, AIA, CSI, and NIBS are encouraging CAD vendors to license the NCS for their products. The three organizations issued a formal invitation to all software and CAD vendors in mid-July, offering terms for a non-exclusive NCS license—with an emphasis on creative licensing terms.

Many CAD users are familiar with the AIA CAD Layer Guidelines, which makes up roughly 10 percent of the NCS. An additional 85 percent of the content is CSI’s Uniform Drawing System (UDS), which covers topics such as symbols, terms and abbreviations, drawing set and sheet organization, schedules, notations, and other conventions. The remaining 5 percent is the plotting guidelines, and an introduction and appendices by NIBS.

## Call For Volunteers - VT CSI Leadership

We are always looking for help from our membership to continue to be successful. Get a more rewarding experience from CSI and help out! A couple hours a month is all it takes for most positions.

All those interested are welcome at our board meetings. See the summary of the most recent board meeting minutes on page 4 for the date of the next scheduled meeting. Contact Victoria Rickert at [vrickert@eastcoasttile.com](mailto:vrickert@eastcoasttile.com) to let us know that you can come...thanks !



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## **PROG. SUMMARY:**

SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005

### **NATIONAL CAD STANDARDS AND 3-D IMAGING**

#### **SPEAKERS**

Jeff Caird, CSI, CDT  
*Morris Switzer and Associates*  
William Brothers, AIA Assoc.  
*Morris Switzer and Associates*

#### **TIME/LOCATION**

Thursday, September 8, 2005; 12-2pm  
Vermont Technical College, Randolph VT

#### **SUMMARY**

Our speakers started off by saying that 3D imaging is increasingly becoming expected by architecture clients, and detailed renderings are sometimes needed as early as the schematic design phase – owners will say, “We’ll know it when we see it,” when it comes to what they want.

There are many different types of 3-D modelers out there, each with their own advantages. There are simple schematic-type programs that are quick and easy to use, but cannot incorporate artificial lighting or produce ray-traced photorealism. There are also complex rendering engines that can generate images that are virtually indistinguishable from real life, but require lots of training and time to get to that level of detail.

There are now programs out there that make models more useful, once developed – this is Building Information Modeling (BIM), which begins to merge 3-D models with CAD drawing. This makes possible dimensionally accurate models and incorporation of attributable parametric objects, e.g. standard trusses, etc.

Jeff transitioned into the National CAD Standard (NCS) and the Uniform Drawing System (UDS), which are about making drawings less proprietary and more useful for a building’s entire life cycle. These cover everything from layer names to drawing layout to font size to symbols and abbreviations. The standards are most useful when the drawings change hands: they make it easier for drawings to be worked on by different people within the same office, for use by consultants, and when turned over to facilities managers for inclusion in their databases.

Draftspersons are very enthusiastic about these standards, as are facilities managers.

Thanks to our two speakers for bringing us up-to-date !

## **The Concrete Corner**

### **Concrete Curing**

*By Bob Myers, Carroll Concrete*

After concrete is placed, satisfactory moisture content and temperature (between 50°F and 75°F) must be maintained, a process called curing. Adequate curing is vital to quality concrete. It is often the most overlooked step in quality concreting and should be made a part of any concrete project.

Curing has a strong influence on the properties of hardened concrete such as durability, strength, watertightness, abrasion resistance, volume stability, and resistance to freezing and thawing and deicer salts. Exposed slab surfaces are especially sensitive to curing. Surface strength development can be reduced significantly when curing is defective.

Curing the concrete aids the chemical reaction called hydration. Most freshly mixed concrete contains considerably more water than is required for complete hydration of the cement; however, any appreciable loss of water by evaporation or otherwise will delay or prevent hydration. If temperatures are favorable, hydration is relatively rapid the first few days after concrete is placed; retaining water during this period is important. Good curing means evaporation should be prevented or reduced.

Cure the concrete immediately after finishing:

- Under normal conditions, using a high quality cure and seal membrane compound is common. Typically applied at 150-200 SF per gallon, you make two applications at right angles to each other.
- Evaporation retardants should be considered when the surface of the concrete is drying extremely fast (high temperature, low humidity, high wind).
- Plastic sheets or waterproof paper are very effective in hot weather. Care should be taken when using plastic sheets because the wrinkle from the sheets can leave light and dark streaks on the concrete surface, which may be objectionable in appearance.
- Ponding water on the surface is very effective, however, generally impractical. Fog spraying is also very effective, but also impractical in most cases.
- A wet burlap cure requires frequent watering and is very effective for commercial and paving work.
- Use insulating blankets during cold weather concreting.

If you have any questions on concrete topics, please feel free to contact me at: [bmyers@carrollconcrete.com](mailto:bmyers@carrollconcrete.com) .



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## **September Board Meeting Summary**

This is but a summary; the full text of the 9/6/05 meeting minutes is available from the Chapter Secretary.

- One of our newest chapter members did all the enrollment ‘paperwork’ on-line at CSINet, and it went through in 45 minutes...as opposed to faxes, personal checks, etc., which are notorious for mix-ups and delays.
- Membership Chair Jonathan Miller emphasized the need for new student members to replace last year’s graduates.
- Victoria Rickert and John Kamencik said that more advance notice is needed to advertise tabletops to vendors, who sometimes set their budgets and event schedules nearly a year in advance.
- Adam Bortz said that the traditional ‘mentoring’ function of chapter committees hasn’t been filled lately. We need more committee members, not necessarily to perform any work but to observe.
- Vote on the chapter budget was tabled until the Programs Committee can assemble their committee budget.
- With a number of our student members not re-upping last spring, the VT Chapter accounted for approximately 1/3 of non-renewing members region-wide in FY05.
- Region website is now under new management.
- The 2005 NE Region CSI Conference, just concluded, has received very positive reviews from the VT members that attended. First region conference that made good use of ideas from the conference VT hosted in 2001, at Basin Harbor; and they nearly matched the 2001 record for total attendance.
- The chapter Fees Task Team will hold a conference call to discuss various chapter fees/charges, for program attendance, tabletops, newsletter ads, etc.
- The chapter’s Green & Sustainable Trade Fair is ready to be scheduled for next May at Basin Harbor Club, a week before the resort business opens.
- **Next Board Meeting:** 4:00pm Tuesday Nov. 8, 2005, at Best Tile, 1364 Marshall Avenue, Williston VT. Contact Chapter President Victoria Rickert for more information.

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## Used Building Materials

### Seminar From VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation is holding an event on "Expanding The Used Building Materials Industry In Vermont." It is scheduled for 9:30am-3:00pm, November 3 at the Vermont Historical Society in Barre.

Ed Delhagen, Director of the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, and Carolyn Grodinsky, Waste Prevention Coordinator for the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, will make introductions. Speakers include Tom Longstreth, Executive Director of ReCycle North, and Matt McKinney of the Institution Recycling Network. There will be a panel discussion, and then a working session after lunch.

Longstreth will be speaking about the growth and current state of the used building materials industry, in Vermont and elsewhere.

McKinney will speak to strategies of marketing and promotion, both in terms of sales and in donations of materials.

The discussion panel is slated to include Tim Muir, President of Burlington Builders & Co.; Doug Robie, Safety Director of DEW Construction; Daniel Johnson, Principal of Design-Build Studio Architecture; and a perspective from the Architectural Salvage Store.

Registration is required: call 802-241-3477 or e-mail

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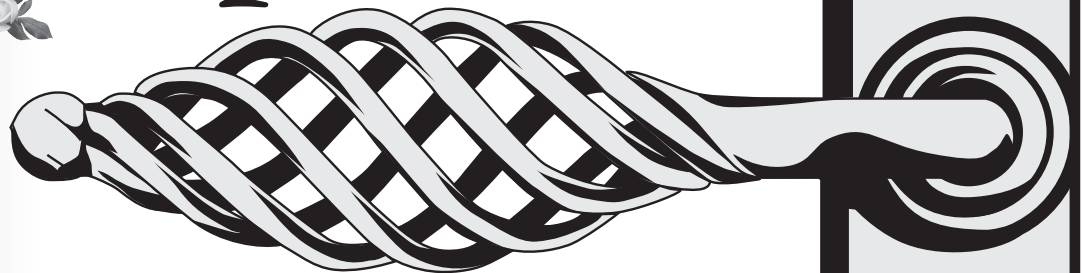
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## Frank Gehry, James Glymph and Dennis Shelden To Discuss Building Information Models At The CSI Show™ & Convention

Architect Frank Gehry, FAIA, and two of his colleagues will discuss Building Information Models (BIMS) during the opening general session of The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual CSI Show™ & Convention. Gehry will be joined by his partner James Glymph, FAIA, who has directed the development of many of the firm Gehry Partners' most significant projects in the United States and Europe, and Dennis R. Shelden, founder and Chief Technology Officer of Gehry Technologies, a building industry technology company.

Gehry's appearance is part of CSI's education program for the Show & Convention, which is focusing on BIMs as a solution more and more owners, designers, contractors and specifiers will be turning to in the future. CSI plans to offer several education sessions on the topic.

BIMs are computerized 3D and 2D models linked to databases that house the specifications, schedules, and other documents related to a project. They give designers a faster, richer design process, owners more budget control through predictions about the project's construction process, and contractors projects with fewer surprises. BIMs can generate schedules, coordinate documents, and automatically update drawings as new data is added. They are a natural step for anyone dedicated to construction documents that meet the "4 Cs" of CSI—clear, concise, complete and correct.

### About Gehry

Frank Gehry is one of the most inventive and pioneering architects working today, and is also among the leaders in the development of building information modeling. His work includes the Experience Music Project (Seattle), the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao (Spain), and the Walt Disney Concert Hall (Los Angeles).

Among his achievements, Gehry is a recipient of the Arnold W. Brunner Memorial Prize in Architecture from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the National Medal of Arts, and the AIA's Gold Medal. He also holds the Pritzker Architecture Prize, perhaps the premiere accolade of the field, honoring "significant contributions to humanity and the built environment through the art of architecture."

### About Glymph

James Glymph has directed the development of many of Gehry Partners' most significant projects. He has contributed significantly to the growth and success of the firm, primarily by introducing the use of advanced CAD technology to the office and by guiding the integration of this technology into the firm's design process. Glymph brings to the firm many years of experience in the management, design and execution of a broad range of project types, and his special interest in the design and technical development of complex architectural projects. His work with Gehry includes the Experience Music Project and Walt Disney Concert Hall, as well as the Jerusalem Museum of Tolerance.

### About Shelden

Shelden is a founder and Chief Technology Officer of Gehry Technologies, a building industry technology company formed in 2001 by the research and development team of Gehry Partners. Shelden joined Gehry Partners in 1997 and became director of the firm's computation efforts in 2000, where he was responsible for the management and strategic direction of the firm's technology infrastructure, project applications, process and software development initiatives, and research and development. Shelden spoke on BIMs and the value of *MasterFormat 2004 Edition* and *OmniClass™* to the development of BIMs during an education session at the Show & Convention in 2005.

**The 50th Annual CSI Show & Convention** and pre-convention events will take place March 28–April 1 in the Las Vegas Convention Center. For more information or to register, visit [www.theacsishow.com](http://www.theacsishow.com) or call 800-689-2900.

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by Joy Davis, CSI Communications

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Webinars use live speakers and a PowerPoint presentation that scrolls on your computer screen while they talk. Using your phone – or your keyboard – you can ask questions and get answers during the presentation. Participants are encouraged to talk about the real-life obstacles they encounter in their work.

The fall schedule for webinars covers *MasterFormat™ 2004 Edition*, LEED™, specifications and the courts, and the *National CAD Standard*. The member price for a session is \$195 (non-members pay \$260).

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Aside from the gas it saves, you'll get 15 CEUs or 1.5 LU Hours for each session. Some offices invite colleagues from other firms to participate in a session with them, and follow the presentation with snacks and a brief discussion about how the topic relates to their local area. It's a great team-building exercise.

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## **FY2006 Vermont Chapter CSI Events**

*Note: Events after Jan. 1 2006 TBC (To Be Confirmed)*

- September 8    **“CAD Standards and 3-D Imaging”**  
Jeff Caird & William Brothers, *Morris Switzer & Associates*, noon-2pm at VTC Old Dorm Lounge
- October 13    **“Flooring – Moisture & Concrete Substrate Problems”**  
John Kamencik, CSI; *Flooring Div. Mgr., Don-Vac*  
Harry Lentz, *Architectural Specifier; Belknap White and Armstrong Commercial*  
11:00am-2:00pm, at the Double Tree Hotel
- December 1    “Glazing For the North East Climate”**  
Dennis O’Rourke and Ronald Beales, CSI,  
*Pella Windows and Doors*  
11:00am-2:00pm at the Double Tree Hotel

## **2006**

- January 19    “State Code Updates 2003 IBC and NFPA”**  
Bob Howe, *State of VT, Division of Fire Safety*  
11:00am-2:00pm
- Feb. 8 & 9    “Better Buildings by Design 2006”**  
by *VEIC / Efficiency Vermont*, Burlington Sheraton  
2 days of Seminars, Forums, and Exhibits
- Feb – Mar    6 Weeks of CSI Certification Study Sessions**  
Adam Bortz, CSI, CDT
- March 9    “IBC Structural Codes & Snow Load Failures”**  
Carl Childs, PE ; at VTC Old Dorm Lounge
- April    Vermont Chapter CSI Annual Meeting**
- April 20    “Hot ANR/DEC Permits – Stormwater & Construction General”**
- May    “Green & Sustainable in VT Conf & Trade Fair”**  
Green Booth Exhibits, Seminars and Food
- June 15    “Chapter Awards Banquet & Golf Outing”**  
at Basin Harbor Club

### **VT Chapter Stats as of Sep. 30<sup>th</sup> :**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| New Members last Month                    | 1          |
| Members Lost last Month                   | 1          |
| Total New Members for FY 2005 / Sponsored | 15/9       |
| Retention rate year to date               | 65.9%      |
| Total Home Chapter Members                | 88         |
| Total VT Chapter Members                  | <b>101</b> |

## **FY ‘06 New Members Welcome!**

\* *Welcome to old members returning too !*

**2 new Members for FY’06 with 1 Sponsored**

### **September 2005**

Mr. Rob Roy, CSI, *Milliken*

### **August 2005**

Ms. Rebecca Leet, CSI, AIA, CCS  
*William Maclay Architects & Planners*

### **June 2005**

Mr. Edward L. Herbough, CSI, *Hubbell, Inc.*

### **May 2005**

Mr. J. Byron Gokey, CSI, *Wallboard Supply Co.*  
Mr. Russell G. Lunt, CSI, *Patcraft Comm. Carpet*  
Mr. Jeffery McBride, CSI, *Salesmaster Associates*  
\*Mr. Robert D. McEachern, Jr., CSI, CCPR  
*Intersource Roofing Sales, LLC*

### **April 2005**

Ms. Ylian Snyder, CSI, AIA, *YAS Architects*  
\*Mr. Mark T. Weiner, CSI, *The Sherwin Williams Co.*

### **March 2005**

Mr. Robert F. Myers, CSI, *Carroll Concrete*

### **February 2005**

Mr. Ronald Beales, CSI, *Pella Windows & Doors*

### **January 2005**

\*Mr. Russell W. Colvin, CSI  
Mr. John Kamencik, CSI, *DonVac*  
Mr. Larry Dean, CSI, *Colin P. Lindberg, AIA*  
Mr. Philip A Lamoureux, CSI, *Coastal Forest Products*

## **Student Members**

### ***Looking For More?***

Student members are the most difficult members to keep beyond a year or two. A large part of this issue can be addressed with chapter members being more involved with students. We need volunteers to adopt one of our institutions of higher learning and talk about CSI and what CSI can do for the students. The Vermont Chapter offers a scholarship to any Vermont student who wants to join CSI.

Vermont Technical College is hosting a VT Chapter CSI program on March 9<sup>th</sup> 2006, the second of two during this academic year. These are opportunities for the chapter to expose new students to the benefits of CSI membership.

Contact *Academic Affairs Chair*, John Gant, at [jgant@adelphia.net](mailto:jgant@adelphia.net) or *Membership Chair*, Jonathan Miller, at [campsi@earthlink.net](mailto:campsi@earthlink.net) for more information on how you can help.