

# Spring 2009 Newsletter



## NEWS FLASH:

Trade Show News - COST will be exhibiting at the NIGA (National Indian Gaming Conference) in Phoenix April 2009. Our booth number is 1119. Please stop by and say hello to Jeffrey Sheiber and Chris Foster.

## Group Health Hospital:

COST has long been known for the simulated rock and waterfalls that we have created over the years; however, we are also actively involved in natural rock and water feature creations. A recently completed project, Group Health Hospital in Bellevue WA, required an extensive amount of natural stone work. This entry waterfall and sign follows the general architectural design of the building and surrounding hospital grounds. The water feature was designed by Murase Associates and Mortenson was the General Contractor. COST's responsibilities included complete mechanical and filtration installation, constructing the containment walls and pool, supplying and setting all the natural stone work around the water display. The project turned out to be a unique and beautiful artistic accent within the hospital's park-like setting.



## LA Zoo, Pachyderm Forest, Phase II:

COST has recently completed work at the LA Zoo, Pachyderm Forest, Phase II. This project involved construction of a Dai Well, rice patties, earthen embankments and other related items. COST work was developed according to the design by the Seattle-based Portico Group. The site was small and required excellent coordination to complete this project on the designated schedule. The Dai Well was fabricated in COST's Jackson, WI plant to expedite the installation. The large GFRC (Glass fiber reinforced concrete) Dai Well was craned into place and anchored to the existing concrete. Remaining finishes and exhibit work were constructed by COST artisans on site.

## Twin Pines Casino, Middleton CA



The recently opened Twin Pines Casino was constructed using COST's molded faux log timbers in the Porte-Cochere (this process was highlighted in Summer 08 Newsletter). Due to the sheer size of the timbers needed for this project, using faux logs was a more cost effective way of delivering the look of a rustic lodge while maintaining the budget. These faux logs were fabricated in our 140,000 sq. ft. manufacturing plant and then shipped to the jobsite for installation. Because these logs are used to wrap structural columns, the units were shipped in ½ sections and seamed on site by COST artisans. The end caps were then attached to finish the natural log appearance. Each log was artistically painted and aged to resemble new stripped logs. The project was designed by Group West Companies in Seattle WA and JE Dunn was the General Contractor.

## Roger Williams Zoo, Plains of Africa Exhibit

The Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence, Rhode Island, with the assistance of COST of Wisconsin Inc., successfully opened the Plains of Africa elephant exhibit. The exhibit includes an expanded barn and a larger yard for its three female African elephants. The larger space will allow more room for the elephants to roam. COST acted as a sub-consultant to Yoder Tidwell Architects on the rockwork construction and built a scale model for the new exhibit. Upon completion of the design, COST was selected by the zoo to construct the Kopje rock, waterfalls, pool and scratch log for this exciting, much improved exhibit. COST was pleased to participate in the improvements to the Roger Williams Park Zoo and help it maintain its elite status as one of the premier tourist attractions in Rhode Island.



## Prefabrication "a lost art"

Through the years, COST of Wisconsin, Inc. has recognized the incredible value and importance of prefabricating various key components to supplement its onsite construction capabilities. Jackson, Wisconsin, a quiet community Northwest of Milwaukee, is the hub for COST's manufacturing. A sprawling 140,000 square foot plant on 65 acres is conveniently divided into different divisions. These divisions include; 3 steel shops, a fiberglass shop, a glass fiber reinforced concrete shop, and a carpentry and themed painting area. These divisions are strategically aligned via computer software to allow for seamless transition through its various departments. The plant offers a clean, controlled, and safe environment for fabricating a host of interesting thematic features. These items are packaged and then shipped to the jobsite to expedite construction. Furthermore, pre-fabrication promotes better quality control and a more exact product. If your project calls for a simple item, sculpture or façade, custom made to order units can be shipped to a job site and then installed by a local general contractor or a facility's maintenance department.



## News from Dubai

Our Dubai Office has been working steadily on projects for private villas, the Al Ain Zoo and we have recently Ferrari Theme Park in Abu Dhabi. Mohamed Al Sayed, COST Middle East's General Manager, explains that the climate has slowed in Dubai, there is still strong demand for our services in the UAE and other countries with

## The Short List

### A Few Projects Underway

- ~~///~~ Bethworks Casino, cannon water feature
- ~~///~~ Brookfield Zoo, Chicago IL
- ~~///~~ Oklahoma City Children's Zoo
- ~~///~~ Emerald Queen Casino, Tacoma WA
- ~~///~~ Ferrari Theme Park, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- ~~///~~ Chattahoochee Nature Center, Roswell, GA

Stay tuned for more details on these and other projects.

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