

Summer 2008 Newsletter



NEWS FLASH: VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT costofwisconsin.com !

COST's newly updated web site provides readers with detailed descriptions and various photos of the company's recently completed projects. Visitors can choose from the following categories: zoological exhibits, aquariums, museums, water features, casinos, theme parks, resorts, commercial developments, sculptures, theme signage, playground equipment, and historic restoration work. In addition, customers have the ability to request information and our company CD via an online form or they can directly access company brochures and download them through the website.



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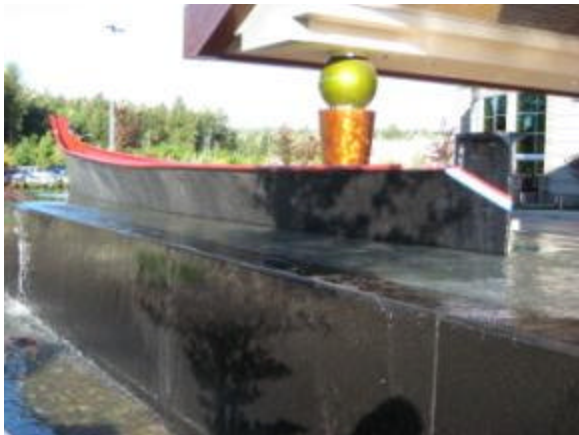
The Bronx Zoo is a world renowned zoological park located in New York City. Currently owned and operated by the Wildlife Conservation Society, the Bronx Zoo is the largest metropolitan zoo in the United States. The zoo stretches across 260 acres of land and houses over 17,000 animals from around the world.

This summer, the Bronx Zoo unveiled its world-class Madagascar exhibit presented by Bank of America. The exhibit is filled with towering baobabs, an arid forest of spiny trees, a lush

rain forest, and other enchanting habitats that will transport you to the mysterious island of Madagascar. Throughout the exhibit, visitors are immersed within Madagascar's "natural" environment. Highlights include a lemur exhibit with faux trees that allow the frolicking lemurs to climb around tree canopies. A giant 14 foot, 800 pound Nile crocodile lurks within a simulated limestone cave. A hundred thousand hissing cockroaches swarm within a hollow baobab tree. A rare fossa shows his power and agility in his naturalistic surroundings high within the tree limbs. Radiated tortoise, spiny-tail iguana, tomato frogs, geckos, red fodies, and assorted tropical fish have all been introduced to highly detailed, natural habitats within Madagascar.

To create the new Madagascar exhibit, the Bronx zoo renovated its existing Lion House. Renovation work began in 2004 to completely transform the 20,000 square foot facility into a \$62 million dollar exhibit on Madagascar. While the historic façade of the original facility was preserved and restored, COST was responsible for meticulously recreating Madagascar's landscape inside the building. After an extensive interview period, COST was hired by the Wildlife Conservation Society to authentically replicate many of Madagascar's natural treasures. COST's scope included simulated trees, vines, faux logs, rock formations, aquariums, simulated bamboo, earth textures, and other custom theme features. After undergoing years of renovations, the Madagascar exhibit was complete and ready for visitors June 20th, 2008.

Tulalip Resort



Already recognized as the "#1 Place to Play" the Tulalip Casino, located in Tulalip Washington, features a variety of amenities including slot machines, gaming tables, bingo, live entertainment, multiple dining venues, and much more. Since the first phase of casino construction in 2004, the facility has since completed construction on its' new resort and spa to become the "#1 Place to Play and Stay." The resort expansion boasts a 370 room resort, a full-service spa and over 30,000 square feet of meeting and reception space.

Having successfully worked with the casino on the past two expansion projects, COST was the logical contractor to complete the casino's new resort including an exterior canoe water feature with infinity edges, a pool side waterfall towering 20' tall, interior rock work within the pool and spa area, and complete interior landscaping including faux trees, shrubbery and other greenery. COST was also awarded the swimming pool, whirlpool, and interior and exterior decorative/themed decks and walkways. In addition, COST's work included the installation of mechanical systems, lighting, and fountains. The project was completed in July and opened to rave reviews and great fan fare in August of 08.

Architectural Innovations:

GFRC/FRP Finishes



COST has long offered a variety of products to mask unsightly mechanical, structural or electrical elements. GFRC (glass fiber reinforced concrete) hollow boulders cover sprinkler valves, FRP (fiber reinforced plastic)/GFRC artistic column covers are used to decorate columns and more recently, faux logs have been used to cover electrical conduit, structural columns and beams. These pieces provide the look and feel of natural logs, but are easier to install. The pieces are fabricated using durable, yet lightweight FRP and GFRC materials, suitable for both indoor and outdoor applications. The faux logs are often

used often to accommodate stringent fire codes while being a cost effective solution to utilizing natural logs, especially larger diameter logs . The faux logs also require much less maintenance than natural logs as they do not require staining on a regular basis. Beyond being used for concealing structural components, faux logs also cover the building's HVAC, electrical, sound, fire system conduits and piping. The faux logs can be manufactured to match any type or log coloration (i.e. stained, weathered and newly stripped) and any tree type (oak, pine, cherry, etc.). Projects currently under construction using our log features include the Cherokee West Siloam and the Twin Pines Casino.

Mohegan Sun

Casino of the Wind



The Mohegan Sun first began with the "Casino of the Earth" in 1996 and has since evolved into one of the most amazing destinations in the world. Located in the heart of scenic Connecticut, the casino offers the finest in entertainment and gaming. Today, Mohegan Sun now boasts the "Casino of the Sky" which includes over 300,000 square feet of total gaming space; the Shops at Mohegan Sun, featuring more than 60 retail shops and dining venues; the 10,000-seat Mohegan Sun Arena for world -class sporting

events and concerts, an intimate Cabaret Theatre, and a 34-story luxury hotel. The hotel component includes 1,200 guest rooms and suites, premier meeting and convention space and a world-class spa.

In November 2006, the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut announced a \$740 million expansion

plan for the Mohegan Sun titled "Project Horizon." The project introduced the addition of "Casino of the Wind," adding 964 slot machines, 10 table games, and 45 House of Blues poker tables. In addition, the expansion plans consisted of a 1,000 room hotel featuring 300 House of Blues themed rooms complete with its own separate lobby, and supplementary retail and restaurant outlet space. Ground breaking for the new casino took place in June 2007 and construction has been taking place at a torrid pace.



COST was delighted to take part in the casino's new expansion project for "Casino of the Wind." COST was hired to construct an architectural interior water feature towering over 30 feet tall. The feature includes a polished granite finish and a variety of lighting and water jets to produce spectacular water effects. Work on the water feature is set to be complete in summer 2008 for the Casino's opening to the public in August 2008. The remainder of "Project Horizon" is scheduled to be completed in

October 2010.

The Short List

(A Few Projects Underway)

- ✍ Roger Williams Zoo, Renovate existing African Pavilion Exhibit to create new elephant sanctuary
- ✍ San Antonio Zoo, Africa Phase 2
- ✍ Brookfield Zoo, Great Bear Wilderness Exhibit
- ✍ The Park at Aspen Lake, Natural Stone Water Feature
- ✍ The National Zoo, Asia Trail Phase 2: A new, expanded home for the zoo's Asian Elephants
- ✍ Chattahoochee Nature Center, River Tank Exhibit

Stay tuned for more details

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