



We are pleased to present our AZA Preshow Newsletter packed with company updates and recently completed projects and photographs. Please visit COST's website for the very latest on these projects and many more.

Trade Show News:

AZA 2010 - COST will be exhibiting at our **30th** AZA Conference in Houston, TX. Our booth number is 602. Please stop by and visit Chris Foster and Jeffrey Sheiber.

IAAPA 2010 - COST will be exhibiting at the IAAPA tradeshow (International Association of Amusement Parks & Attractions) Booth #3419 at the Orlando Convention Center, November 15th -19th.

Kansas City Zoo, Polar Bear Passage

On August 8th, 2010 the Kansas City Zoo opened its newest exhibit, Polar Bear Passage, to a host of anxious zoo patrons. Nakita, a three and a half year old 750 pound polar bear, will make Polar Bear Passage his new home. He has quickly become a star attraction at the over 100 year old zoo.

The \$11 million dollar, 95,568 square foot home is an environment designed for polar bear fun. Polar Bear Passage was developed to stimulate physical activity while providing enrichment activities. The exhibit features a 140,000 gallon swim tank which is maintained at a constant 60 – 65 degrees, naturalistic rockwork dive platforms, and a 300 square foot dig pit. These exhibit details provide plenty of fun for a young polar bear.

The project encompasses over 18,000 square feet of glacial carved rock work with snow and ice caps which provide the exhibit with a realistic back drop. Several rock peaks rise to over 25 feet tall. A scenic waterfall provides Nakita a cool mist during warm summer days. The simulated rock ice and snow were all constructed by COST artisans based upon photographic references and an approved scale model. Guests can view the entire exhibit from multiple viewing angles in a climate controlled building, including an area for under water viewing.

Polar Bear Passage was designed by international zoo design/architecture firm PGAV. The project was built by local general contractor Barsto Construction and exhibit contractor COST of Wisconsin, Inc. *Photos are courtesy of Kansas City Zoo.*

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Go Fish Visitor Center and Fish Hatchery

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources in conjunction with the Wildlife Resource Division and COST of Wisconsin, Inc. are proud to announce the recent opening of the Go Fish Visitor Center and Fish Hatchery in Perry Georgia, just south of Macon.

The 15,000 square foot LEED certified facility was developed with the purpose to educate patrons on Georgia's wonderful water resources. The aquatic tanks and ponds both inside and outside showcase native fish and reptiles. Highlights from the visitor center include a 58,000 gallon piedmont pond complete with a casting demonstration deck and a 48,000 gallon black water pond. Smaller exhibits include a 12,000 gallon alligator pond and stream system and a coastal frog exhibit. COST artisans carved, colored and aged rockwork & waterfalls in the exhibits, constructed simulated earth banks and installed the pond liners.

The project was designed by Scott Horner of Seattle based BIOS, LLC.

The Short List, A Few Projects Underway

- Bermuda Zoo & Aquarium Madagascar Exhibit
- Minnesota Zoo, African Penguin Exhibit
- Denver Zoo, Asian Tropics, Theme Elements
- Smithsonian Institute, Seal and Sea Lion
- Little Rock Zoo, African Penguins
- Calgary Zoo, Arctic Exhibit
- Birmingham Zoo, Trails of Africa

Stay tuned for more details on these and other projects.

Go Fish Visitor Center



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