

From The Executive Director ...

As we move into the spring of 2008, there appears to be a very busy construction period ahead for the masonry industry in all areas of Saskatchewan.

Since the election of a new government, construction tender calls for public sector capital projects have increased substantially. The slowdown in the United States as well as Eastern Canada has had little effect on Saskatchewan's construction boom in all sectors of the industry.

SMI has been very active since January with various events pertaining to the masonry industry. Our functions are geared towards two goals...to work with the Design Community in the continuation of building masonry projects and to encourage the youth of our province to consider a career in the masonry industry.

We have found that the new government of Saskatchewan is very responsive to the concerns of the construction industry and particularly the masonry industry.

On a personal note, I was very honoured to receive the CMCA Outstanding Achievement award. I want to thank the SMI Members for all their support, without which, I could not have achieved this honour.

I wish all the SMI Members a busy and profitable construction season.

Bob Afseth

EVENTS/NEWS

- ◆ SMI Annual Golf Tournament
Wasana Golf & Country Club,
Regina SK, June 24, 2008
- ◆ SMI Annual Golf Tournament
Saskatoon SK,
July 10, 2008
- ◆ 14th Annual Canadian Skills
Competition, May 25—28th, 2008,
Stampede Park, Calgary AB
- ◆ 2008 Masonry Design Awards
Banquet, TCU Place, Saskatoon
February 7, 2009
- ◆ 42nd Annual Canadian Masonry
Conference—Maui, February 2009
Information will be available shortly
at CMCA -
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www.canadamasonrycentre.com.

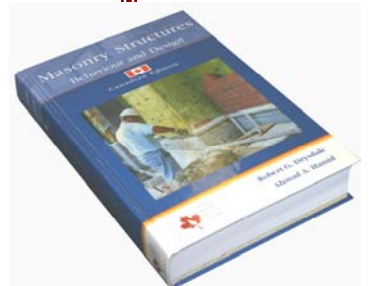
Canada Masonry Design Centre is proud to announce:

Masonry Structures: Behaviour and Design Canadian Edition Textbook

This book was written for the Canadian Design and Construction markets to aid in the effective use of masonry as a modern form of construction. It is intended for use by senior undergraduate students, graduate students, and practicing designers. The majority of the content relates to structural applications, but there is substantial information related to planning, building materials, the building envelope, and construction that is of direct interest to architects and builders. Those familiar with basic reinforced concrete design may more readily understand the material related to structural design content.

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2008 What's Happening in Masonry

The Saskatchewan Masonry Institute hosted the second “What’s Happening in Masonry” luncheon to inform the Design Community of the masonry products available in today’s market. This function was well received by the Architects, Engineers, and Government officials of Regina.

Display booths were set up by Suppliers and Producers to showcase their products. Along with viewing displays and talking to suppliers/producer representatives, firms in attendance received a complimentary information binder to assist them in keeping masonry in the forefront of their minds.



Todd Hassen, Brian Stumborg
and Ken Daley of
Brock White Canada Company



Russ Lebell of
Cindercrete Products Ltd.



Dave Synchyshyn of
Gillis Quarries Ltd.

Information Binders

“What’s Happening in Masonry 2008”
Information Binders are still available.

Please contact Kathy at (306) 665-0622 or
email to kathy@saskmasonry.ca
to obtain your copy.



Masonry Design Awards Kickoff Event – Regina

The Saskatchewan Masonry Institute took the opportunity to combine a Masonry Design Awards Kickoff along with the What's Happening in Masonry Luncheon. The purpose of this Kickoff was to get the Regina and Area Design Community interested in participating in the 2008 Masonry Design Awards.

Bob Afseth welcomed the attendees and Burleigh Hill explained the purpose of the Awards and the importance of having entries submitted from the Design Community from Southern Saskatchewan. He reiterated that the last Masonry Design Awards was a huge success with many of the people in attendance getting recognized for their contribution in utilizing masonry in their designs.

Verve2 was instrumental in the success of the 2004 Masonry Design Awards and Patti Gera of Verve2 was on hand to explain a little of the production plans for the Gala event that will culminate the Awards. . A short video was shown to illustrate the success of the previous awards as well as a brief look at what is planned for the 2008 Masonry Design Awards Banquet.



Bob Afseth of the
Saskatchewan Masonry Institute



Burleigh Hill of
Gracom Masonry, a JV



Patti Gera of
Verve2



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2008 Saskatchewan Skills Competition

The second annual Saskatchewan Masonry Skills Competition was held on April 10, 2008 at the Apprenticeship School located at SIAST Kelsey Campus. This years' event had 8 competitors from different areas of the province. SMI is proud of the accomplishments of these individuals and encourages each one to continue a career in the masonry industry. Congratulations on a job well done by all competitors.

The Competition....



Without the assistance from the Competition Labourer, the competitors would not have been able to complete their projects on time.

Levi Lajeunesse—Labourer



From left to right: Levi Lajeunesse, Harley Whitehawk, Justin Tremblay, Kim Parenteau, Chris Humphreys, Cory Waiting, Derek Anderson, Ryan Muench and Rob Grant



The Judges

George Hagblom
Ray Schaefer
Jake Ketler

2008 Saskatchewan Skills Competition

The Competitors....



Chris Humphreys
JLP Masonry



Kim Parenteau
Gracom Masonry



Justin Tremblay
Scorpio Masonry



Harley Whitehawk
Scorpio Masonry



Derek Anderson
Walchuk Masonry



Ryan Muench
Walchuk Masonry



Cory Waiting
Walchuk Masonry



Kenneth (Rob) Grant
City Masonry



1st Place—Justin Tremblay
Scorpio Masonry

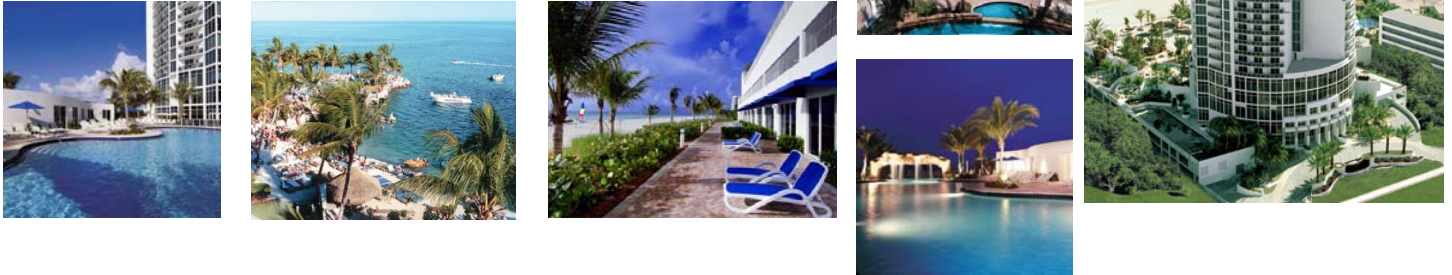
2nd Place—Kenneth (Rob) Grant
City Masonry

3rd Place—Harley Whitehawk
Scorpio Masonry

Picture: (from left to right) Harley Whitehawk, Justin Tremblay and Kenneth (Rob) Grant

41st Annual CMCA Convention

The 2008 41st Annual CMCA Masonry Convention was held April 2nd to 4th at the Trump International Sonesta in Miami, Florida



Along with the many meetings and seminars, there was enough time to enjoy some of the beautiful sights the city had to offer.

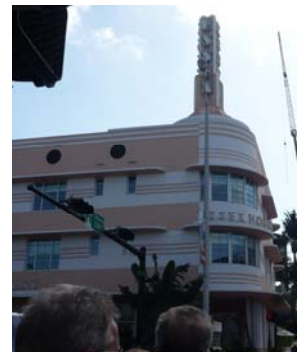


Art Deco Tour...

Although beautiful examples of architecture, masonry buildings have never been considered to be “Modern”. The early years of the twentieth century demanded a new style of architecture as it was filled with promise, fueled by prosperity and driven by technology. Art Deco became a label that applied to a group of buildings and objects which in their day, were simply “modern”. These buildings were based on earlier neoclassical styles but with the application of exotic motifs such as flora and fauna, fountains and chevrons, typically arranged in geometric patterns, Art Deco had it all.

By 1925 numerous buildings incorporated elements that would find their way into the Art Deco style. This architectural style was chosen for shops, hotels, restaurants and countless cinemas. Schools and civic buildings of every sort were designed in a version of the style. In Miami, South Beach there are still many examples of this style of architecture.

Conference attendees were taken on a tour of some examples of this style of Art Deco architecture. This offered people a chance to see examples of a style of architecture that is not readily utilized in Canada, especially Western Canada.



Time for Fun...

The annual convention gives the attendees a chance to reconnect with those in the industry who live in different parts of Canada.



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

SMI Executive Director Bob Afseth was honoured at the 2008 CMCA Conference with the Outstanding Achievement Award.

This award is presented by the Board of Directors when, in their opinion, an individual has rendered distinguished service in the development, advancement and application of masonry over a period of years and who, by his or her foresight and action, has helped substantially to advance the arts and sciences related to masonry.

Congratulations to Bob for this recognition of all his hard work in the Masonry Industry.



Bob and Marg Afseth accept award and flowers from Ron Winkler.
From left to right: Bob Afseth, Marg Afseth and Ron Winkler

Seismic Design Seminar

Effective Seismic Design and Construction of Masonry Shear Walls

Increased knowledge of masonry behaviour and changes in design standards have created the potential for masonry to be designed more effectively. Mr. David Stubbs of the Canada Masonry Design Centre will be presenting key information on areas where more effective seismic design can improve the use of masonry in the marketplace. The focus is on practical design applications for the first part of the session and then we will address some of the implications to the construction process.

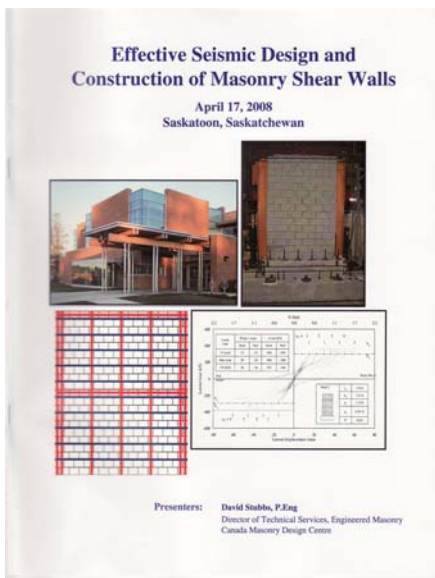
Topics include:

Discussion of historical masonry performance during seismic events
Challenges posed by earthquake design requirements in the 2005 National Building Code of Canada
Changes to the CSA S304.1-04 "Design of masonry structures" seismic requirements
Seismic and non-seismic reinforcement requirements for masonry structures
Ductility design of post-disaster masonry structures
How to choose practical reinforcing configurations

David Stubbs, B.Eng., P.Eng.

Director of Technical Services Engineered Masonry

David joined the masonry industry in 1998 as the Masonry Design Co-ordinator for the Ontario Masonry Contractors' Association (OMCA). In January 2003, the technical services and support offered by David through OMCA, expanded to a national level and the Canada Masonry Design Centre was formed. CMDC provides technical support and services to their masonry contractor members and the design community. David was heavily involved with the development of new 2004 CSA Masonry Standards and is currently the Vice-Chair of CSA A165 Series – *Standards on Concrete Masonry Units*, in addition to being a member on the Technical Committees for all of the CSA Masonry Standards. David's background in engineering, in combination with his strong working relationship with masonry contractors, has facilitated his development of numerous seminars, advanced engineering courses and hands-on workshops for the proper design and construction of masonry structures. Under David's direction and extensive involvement, CMDC recently published the most comprehensive textbook available for Canadian designers, "Masonry Structures – Behaviour and Design" authored by Dr. Robert Drysdale and Dr. Ahmad Hamid. David is currently involved with the development of the new Engineered Masonry Design Software.



Masonry Design Awards Kickoff Event – Saskatoon

The Saskatchewan Masonry Institute combined a Masonry Design Awards Kickoff with the Seismic Design Seminar. The purpose of this Kickoff was to remind the Saskatoon and Area Design Community about the 2008 Masonry Design Awards and how important their participation is.

Dominic Iula welcomed the attendees and Burleigh Hill explained the purpose of the Awards and the importance of having entries submitted from the Design Community from the Northern part of the province. He discussed how successful the previous awards were and that the Banquet held in Regina at the Centre of the Arts was a lavish affair that we plan to out do with the 2008 Awards Banquet.

Patti Gera of Verve2 was on hand to explain a little of the production plans for the Gala event to culminate the Awards. Verve2 was instrumental in the success of the 2004 Masonry Design Awards. A short video was shown to illustrate the success of the previous awards as well as a brief look at what is planned for the 2008 Masonry Design Awards Banquet.

Following the Kickoff Video, Patti took the opportunity to talk about another project she is involved in. My Future is Here (MyFiH) is a youth retention program by the Saskatchewan Rotary Youth Foundation. Rotarians established the program in 2002 to contribute the future of this province by providing support to youth. The Saskatchewan Rotary Youth Foundation's My Future is Here initiative provides opportunities for sponsors to contribute to a successful Saskatchewan future built by our youth and for brand visibility through a number of programming and communications activities.



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SMI Initiatives

The Saskatchewan Masonry Institute (SMI) is involved in many aspects of ensuring the future of the Masonry Industry. One initiative is to become involved in the opportunities to promote the industry to the youth of the province. In doing so, we have become a part of the Mount Royal Collegiate Pilot Project as well as FuturePaths. Both of these programs are designed to show today's youth the option of a career in the construction trades.

The Saskatchewan Masonry Institute has also been instrumental in having the Apprenticeship School relocated to Saskatoon. The feasibility study that SMI implemented in 2006 showed the need to have the resources for Apprentices moved as the majority of the workforce was coming from the Northern part of the province.

Mount Royal Collegiate Pilot Project

Saskatoon Public Schools along with principal partners, Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIASST), Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT), and Dumont Technical Institute (DTI) are proud to announce the opening of Saskatoon Trades and Skills Centre (STSC) at Mount Royal Collegiate. Responding to the needs of industry, this facility will serve to educate and prepare individuals of all ages for occupations that are in need of a skilled workforce. Working together, the aforementioned organizations will provide a seamless transition from high school to post-secondary education.

STSC will be offering Quick Skills programs (4 — 12 weeks) responding to the changing needs of Industry. These Quick Skills Programs will focus on employment / skill development and prepare participants for a quick transition into the workplace.

FuturePaths

FuturePaths is a cutting-edge career and workforce development solution. It is a web-based career exploration tool which connects youth to potential careers and jobs. FuturePaths connects local talent, present and future, with opportunities in ways we have never dreamed of.

FuturePaths bridges the gap between the aspirations of youth and the practical workforce needs of our communities by:

- Providing an avenue in which youth can instantly connect their interests and abilities to hundreds of careers and companies.
- Connecting employers to their future workforce by communicating to youth about careers and career exploration opportunities within their company.

For more information about opportunities please visit their website: www.futurepaths.ca

Bricklaying Program Moves to SIASST Kelsey Campus in Saskatoon

As announced in the Star Phoenix on April 10, 2008, the Apprenticeship-level bricklayer students have officially been moved to Saskatoon's SIASST Kelsey Campus from Moose Jaw's SIASST Palliser Campus. Saskatoon's building boom has been attributed as part of the reason for relocating the program to the city as well as the problems with accommodations and cost as most of the apprentices live in or around Saskatoon.

The apprentices are currently placed together with the Carpentry Apprentices at the Kelsey Campus on Idylwyld Dr as well as a second location on Avenue O South. Permanent facilities are currently being built at a Ontario Avenue location to accommodate the bricklayer school as well as another three groups including Carpentry. This new facility will include classroom space, shop space, lockers, a cafeteria and ample parking, which is a continuing problem for Kelsey students..
