

Every obstacle in life has a **design** solution.

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Gardens

Life is and should be all around us. We are just one part of the natural world. This world sustains us, gives us life and feeds us.

In previous issues of "DesignSpeaks" we wrote about famous Hanging Gardens of Babylon and of planting our own vegetable garden. We for the past three years we have been living on a yacht. We brought the yacht back from the brink of sinking and gave it new life. To make our life healthier and happier we installed and planted our own herb garden on the back of the boat.

Anyone who has cooked for a while from scratch will tell you that fresh fruits, vegetables, fish and herbs will make the world of difference in the taste of the final dish. The fresh produce is also healthier for us.

What can be fresher than a one minute walk from the garden to the kitchen, or on a boat as it is called a galley.

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Did You Know ?

We are the leading local provider of tools and resources for people planning on adding on to, renovating or building a home.

We have several consumer guilds to help you.

One of our recent publications is...

"The 10 Advantages of Design Build"



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Archi-fact.

The Chinampas were built prior to the Aztec take over of Mexico and were built to a size of 10,000 heters, or 25,000 areas when the Spanish conquerors first arrived and witnessed them. They were an extremely environment way of farming which let nature helped the farmers increase their yield

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Garden

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In our garden on the boat we grew, basil, parsley, cilantro, mint, dill, oregano, and thyme.

Not only did we have the freshest, organic herbs possible, it also saved us money.

Everyone should grow their own herbs even if you are in an apartment and use the window sill. If you have a yard start growing your own fruits and vegetables. This will make you richer, healthier and you will be part of the movement to save the planet earth.

Archi-Quote

The Chiminapas farming system is simple in its cooperation with nature. Therefore our ArchiQuote is ...

Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication."

Leonardo da Vinci

A great designer and architect of his day.



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Iconic Building of the Month

Floating Gardens of the Aztecs



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The **Aztecs** used stunning floating gardens — otherwise known as “Chinampas” a system of farming (sometimes called floating gardens) is a form of ancient raised field agriculture to grow their crops without harming the environment, used by American communities at least as early as the year 1100 Common Era,(CE), formally known as AD, and successfully used by small farmers today as well. Chinampas are long narrow garden beds separated by canals. The resulting system of canals and gardens created a habitat for fish and birds, which helped maintain the health of the ecosystem and also provided additional sources of food. The garden land is built up from the wetland by stacking alternating layers of lake mud and thick mats of decaying vegetation. The process is typically characterized by exceptionally high yields per unit of land. The word chinampa is a Nahuatl (native Aztec) word, *chinamitl*, meaning an area enclosed by hedges or canes.

Archi-Speaks

Can you find these words?

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Ask M

In the James Bond books and movies the character “M” heads the Secret British Intelligence Service known as MI 6, of which James Bond is Agent 007. When contemplating adding on to your home or building, renovating or building a new home or building you should have someone like “M” on your side. Each month the “Ask M” column will answer a reader’s question to place more information at your finger tips. **This month’s question is...**

Does it help to label which room each box should go in?

Adam G.

Adam,

I strongly recommend this. The best part of doing this is that the movers can place the boxes in the proper rooms so you do not have to. It is tiring enough to unpack. .

Email your questions to info@designMgroup.com ,and in the subject line type in “Ask M”. We look forward to hearing from you and hope we can answer the questions to everyone’s satisfaction.

Want to speak with the Architect

Do you have questions but do not know where to start?

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Our core beliefs are ...

Architects have a responsibility to our clients, community and the environment.

Architects should help provide information to our fellow world citizens about their homes, offices and the built environment in general.

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