

## For A Grand Escape, Look No Further

Looking for a getaway, without going far from home? Try any of these destinations, borrowed from the world of art:

**Landscape:** Whether this means a day in the countryside or a tour of the art museum, be sure to pack the wine and cheese for a picnic lunch.



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**Illustration:** Beach View with Boats, by Ary Pleyzier (1809-1879)

**Cloudscape:** can be enjoyed from your own terrace or backyard. Best with music, friends, a sketchbook...

**Seascape:** Self-explanatory!

**Moonscape:** Check the closest nature center or planetarium for nighttime programs guaranteed to put everything into perspective.

**Inscape:** Some artists attempt to portray thoughts and synapse-firings (imagine something sent back from the Hubble telescope). Have you given yourself time to imagine? To stare out a window? To write or draw or stand on your head, just to shake things up?

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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...

**"How to Hire a Contractor"**



Download it here and share it with your friends.

### Archi-fact:

The stage of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Chicago can hold a full orchestra and a 150 member chorus. There are 4,000 fixed seats and a great lawn of 95,000 square feet which can accommodate 7,000 people all covered by a trellis of interlocking stainless steel pipes which carry an innovative sound system which mimics indoor concert hall acoustics.

# Iconic Building Of The Month

The Jay Pritzker Pavilion, an outdoor amphitheater in Chicago's beautifully landscaped Millennium Park, was designed by Frank Gehry. The plans presented challenges from the very start, given that the city of which it is a centerpiece had height restrictions on buildings in the park, which is part of the larger Grant Park. To get around this, the city classifies the bandshell as a work of art. The pavilion is home to the Grant Park Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and the Grant Park Music Festival. It seats 11,000; 4,000 in fixed seating within the bandshell and 7,000 on the lawn, beneath a stainless steel headdress. The sound system and overall design are meant to replicate an indoor concert experience. The Pavilion, named for its benefactor, a member of the Hyatt Family of hotel renown, opened in 2004 and, the following year, was recognized as one of the most handicap-accessible parks not only in the United States, but in the world.



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## Archi-Quote

The following Archi-Quotes are from Frank Gehry, as part of his Master Class advertisement earlier in 2017.

“Most of our cities are built with just faceless glass only for economies and not for humanity”.

“Your creativity starts with weather you are curious or not”.

“I have always felt, if you know what you are going to do in advance, then you won't do it.”

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Hardscape: While this refers to a paved surface, do bring a skateboard, chalk, a basketball ... you get the idea.

**Enjoy feeling young(er) again!**

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## Archi-Speak

**Can you find these masters of escapology?  
(look for the last names only)**

**Henry Houdini, Steve Santini, Kristen Johnson**

**Jonathan Goodwin, Roslyn Walker**

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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.

I am 7 years old and my Dad said he will build me a Fort in the trees of our back yard. He wants me to find out if we need an architect?

*Liam C.*

**Liam,**

**That would be a wonderful addition to your yard. I am sure you and your friends will have years of fun in your new Fort.**

**Most communities will not require you to have an architect to build your Fort. But just to make sure we checked with your Town Hall and they have confirmed that your Dad can build you a Fort in your back yard without an architect or building permits.**

**Have fun building it with your Dad. It will be a GREAT memory for the rest of your life.**

Email your questions to [info@designMgroup.com](mailto: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?

Do you know the legal consequences of starting a project without approvals?

Are you sure you have completed all of the research necessary so as not to waste your money and time during construction?

Are what you think are your NEEDS and OPTIONS truly the best for you and your future?

Does the contractor really have YOUR best interest in mind when suggesting solutions?

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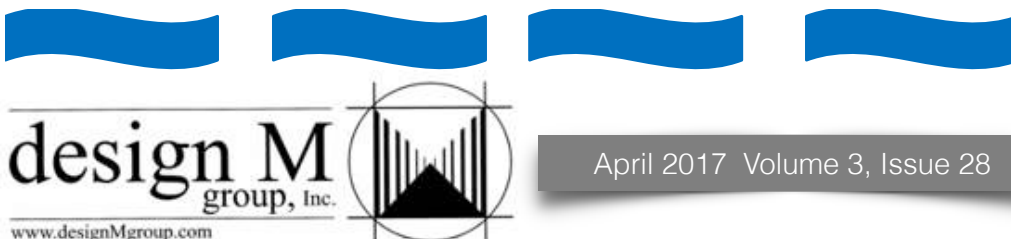
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**Architects have a responsibility to our clients, community and the environment.**

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

**Your Home should move you emotionally like your favorite song does.**

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