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NEWSLETTER

## AN ARCHITECTURAL ICON REOPENS

The Muttart Conservatory officially reopened its doors to the public on June 27th. We were there to unveil our creative renovations. For those who have not yet visited the revamped Edmonton landmark, the renovations include the addition of a courtyard and cafe, a redesigned gift shop, three new classrooms, a "fifth pyramid" located at the entrance, and improved accessibility for people with mobility issues. The relocated café is situated at the front of the building looking into the courtyard. This new design encourages the public to visit the café without having to



pay admission to the exhibits. Interestingly, there have been several misconceptions surrounding the pronunciation of this architectural icon, for future reference the correct way to say it is 'mü-tärt'. ●



## BIG NEWS

### RPAP CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

To mark this historic milestone and to pay tribute to those who built the foundations of our firm, we have compiled a retrospective of forty years of RPAP architectural designs. We hope that you will join us to celebrate this long line of successful and thoughtful design at our Open House on October 22nd from 4 pm until 8 pm, 4th Floor Western Supplies Building. In order to give back to the community that has supported us for four decades, we will be holding a silent auction at the Open House in support of the Glenrose Foundation. Please RSVP by October 15th to: [rparch@rpap.com](mailto:rparch@rpap.com). ●

### HABITOOB



Habitoob is our vision for a 400 square foot prefabricated home. Designed for the competition Prefab 20\*20, it is a domicile for two people, made from prefabricated components that can be adapted to virtually any urban setting in the world. It is designed for rapid fabrication and site assembly. A unique component to its construction is that the outer skin is built as a tube within a tube. Spray insulation serves as the middle layer. With this design, air and moisture penetration is minimized, wastage of materials and labour is reduced, and the thermal performance of the building is greatly improved over typical construction methods. Habitoob is designed to be responsive to the site, the environment, and the unique fabrication processes. ●

### UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- RPAP has started design work on two exciting new projects: a long term care facility in Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, and a non-profit housing project in Jasper.
- Construction on Fire Station Number 5 is well underway. The goal for its completion is Spring of 2010.
- RPAP has finalized the design and submitted a development permit on a revitalization project for an Orthopaedic Clinic on 124th street.
- The schematic design report for the Thickwood Community Health & Wellness Centre in Fort McMurray has been issued.