

Dear Contributor,

We are currently requesting submissions for our new book Rural Interventions. We define a rural intervention as an innovative, small scale insertion that seeks to make the natural world more accessible and facilitates interacting with the environment. The book will illustrate 50 case studies - both realized and theoretical.

If your firm has completed the design and/or construction of a rural intervention and are interested in having your project included in the book, please send an initial submission via email including a project description and low resolution images. Emails should be directed to KM@MoskowLinn.com. Attached is the prospectus and examples of contemporary and historic rural interventions.

Our four previous books are:

Small Scale, Creative Solutions for Better City Living, Princeton Architectural Press (2010)

Martha's Vineyard, Contemporary Living, Monacelli Press (2010)

Sustainable Facilities, McGraw Hill (2008)

The Houses at Martha's Vineyard, Monacelli Press (2005)

Thanks in advance for your participation,

Sincerely,

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RURAL INTERVENTIONS

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Introduction

Rural Interventions showcases outstanding examples of contemporary design that address our place in nature. These works of architecture include places to lounge, live, eat, view and think. All demonstrate our interconnectedness with the natural world.

Humankind's relationship with nature and the land is one of the most significant tenets of our belief systems. Our attitudes toward nature fundamentally define us. From the beginning of time, attempts to understand our place in the universe have been expressed through works of art and architecture that shape the landscape.

Architecture in and on the landscape is an important artistic aspiration. The examples that make up Rural Interventions are manifestations of this very long tradition. While the search for an ideal landscape is as old as Eden, these current projects are in the Enlightenment spirit of Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Thomas Jefferson, the English picturesque folly and the forest retreats of the Scandinavian Modernists.

This book will feature the work of current practitioners and their architecturally significant, small-scale, rural interventions. These latest works make nature more accessible. They allow us to re-interpret the environment and draw us closer to its mysteries.

Projects

Fifty interventions are organized into three headings: Service, Insight and Delight. Half of the projects presented are constructed or in production. The other half are theoretical. Designers contributing to the book will be responsible for providing the descriptive materials for each project. This includes drawings, models, diagrams, written narratives, and photographs of built projects. Each case study will be four to six pages.

Contributing designers will respond to the following questions:

- Describe your project and explain how it addresses a rural condition.
- Describe what generated the design investigation and the design process.
- How was your project implemented or how do you envision your project being implemented?
- Describe means and methods of construction, including materials and the fabrication process?
- If your project is site specific, how does your project respond to the environment in which it is located?
- If your project has universal applicability, how does it adapt to varied rural conditions?
- Provide project costs (estimated costs if conceptual), including soft costs, prototype cost, and unit cost when in production, if applicable.

Conclusion

The conclusion draws from the projects presented in the book. It illustrates parallels between projects and contrast design approaches. It focuses on how these micro insertions into the rural environment can heighten our awareness of our surroundings.

SELECTED RURAL INTERVENTIONS



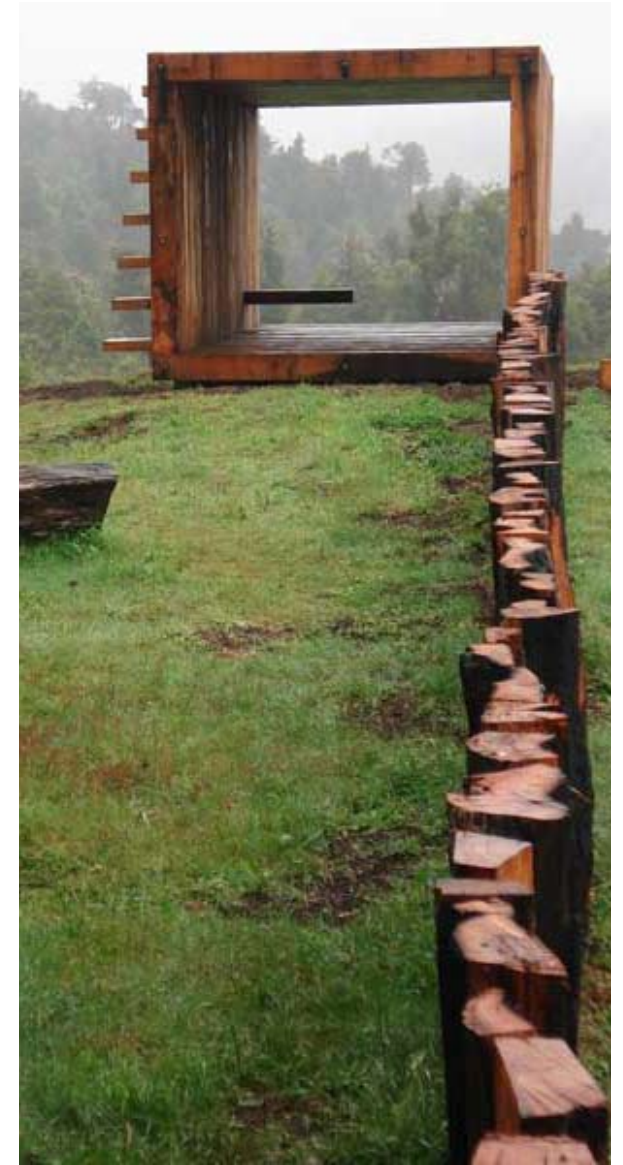
Lens, Trnovo, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Robert Potokar and Janez Breznik



Mobile Chaplet, Fargo, ND
Moorhead & Moorhead



Hook Shelter, Scottsdale, AZ
Luis Salazar, Taliesin West



Observation Deck, Pinhuacho, Chile
Rodrigo Sheward

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Sitooterie II, Essex, UK
Heatherwick Studio



Evolver, Lausanne, Switzerland
Alice Studio



Ghost 9, Nova Scotia, Canada
MacKay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects



Sustainable Urban Farm Building, Denver, CO
Studio HT



Obscured Horizon, Mojave, CA
Atelier Arata Isozaki



Rainshelter, Philadelphia, PA
GCArchitects

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Field Chapel, Boedigheim, Germany
Illinois Inst. of Technology & Ecker Architekten



Swamp Hut, Newton, MA
Moskow Linn Architects



Ice Walls, Martha's Vineyard, MA
Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates Inc.



Perry Lakes Park Covered Bridge, Marion, AL
Rural Studio



Look Out Platform, Aurland, Norway
Saunders Arkitektur & Wilhelmsen Arkitektur



Way Station, Talca, Chile
Talca School of Architecture

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Flake Retreat, Frossy, France
Olga Architects



Waldring Skywalk, Tyrol, Germany
Wallmann Architekt



World Heritage Helix, Hallstatt, Austria
Wallmann Architekt



Drinking Fountain, Royal Parks, England
Robin Monotti Architects



Observation Tower, Helsinki, Finland
Avanto Architects



Rolling Hut, Mazama, WA
Olson Kundig Architects