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Aloha **Something We all Need Now**

The literal meaning of aloha is "the presence of breath" or "the breath of life." It comes from "Alo," meaning presence, front and face, and "ha," meaning breath. Aloha is a way of living and treating each other with love and respect. Its deep meaning starts by teaching ourselves to love our own beings first and afterwards to spread the love to others.

According to the old kahunas (priests), being able to live the Spirit of Aloha was a way of reaching self-perfection and realization for our own body and soul. Aloha is sending and receiving a positive energy. Aloha is living in harmony. When you live the Spirit of Aloha, you create positive feelings and thoughts, which are never gone. They exist in space, multiply and spread over to others.

In these troubling times it helps sometimes to see how others look at life and to remember places we have visited. I have had the privilege to visit the island of Kauai, Hawaii recently and would like to share some of the natural beauties of that wondrous place with you.



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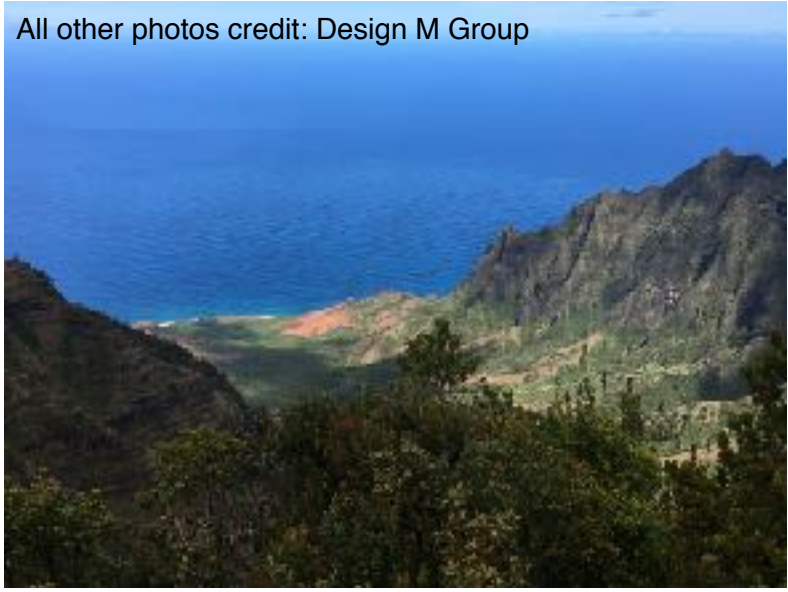
Archi-fact.

The Iraivan Temple on Kauai, Hawaii is built of four thousand solid blocks of granite all carved manually using traditional methods with small hammers and 70 styles of chisels at a site in Bangalore, India without the use of any machinery. It took eleven years to complete the carving of the stones. It weighs approximately 3.23 million pounds.

It is designed to last one thousand (1,000) years and was designed by V. Ganapati Sthapati in the late 1980s.

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Archi-Quote

“I believe in God, only spell it Nature.”

Frank Lloyd Wright

Iconic Building of the Month Iraivan Temple - Kauai, Hawaii

The temple is a Chola-Style Hindu temple and is still under construction. Spatika (Crystal) Lingam which will be its center piece will be housed in it after its construction is completed. It is a 700-pound, 39-inch-tall, uncut quartz crystal, believed to be the largest six-sided, single-pointed crystal ever found. Some of its features are, the 4-foot-thick foundation which is made of a crack-free, 7,000-psi formula using "fly ash," a by-product of coal burning. Fly ash consists of inorganic, incombustible matter present in the coal that has been fused during combustion into a glassy structure. The foundation was designed by Dr. Kumar Mehta, a materials scientist at the University of California, Berkeley, and was the first project to demonstrate his theories on the use of fly ash in concrete. Another feature is the exhibitions of the stone carver's craft. The foremost of these are two sets of

"musical pillars" whose tall rods are designed to resonate precise musical tones when struck with a mallet. Others include six stone lions carved into the pillars each of which contains a stone ball freely rotatable in its mouth but not removable, a large stone bell, and 10-foot-long stone chains with loose links.



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Archi-Speaks

Can you find these words?

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ALOHA	TEMPLE	
Q Y W W X G T Y N F X Q P V R		
O A D G Q Z C C F C K L U R S		
L W E G B X A G P R P E G X N		
Q F C E F I P K T E U R Q B Y		
E L P M E T C U J V G H N J V		
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R A R E F C E D J J T G I Q E		
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U I D Y Z O D F R O C H W R P		
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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...**

Can architects work with the "Stay safe at Home" orders"?
Sandy F.

Sandy,

We are still working from our homes and tele-confering via the internet. We will postpone any site visits until the present dangers have passed.

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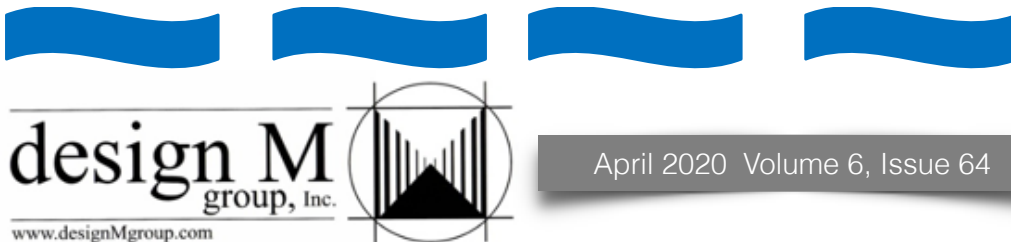
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