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Belle' Lumiere

Back in March, Crystal Fountain's David L'Heureux described the company's ongoing efforts to light the spectacular and historic fountains at the Palace of Versailles in Paris, France.

The work has been ongoing for several years and looks to continue into the foreseeable future lighting the site's 50, mostly massive and complex fountains, which were built in the late 17th century, long before electric lighting was invented.

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Why 'No' Mosquitos at Disney World?

One of *WaterShapes* most read articles of 2021 first appeared in May, as the title suggests, examining the question of why Disney World has virtually no mosquitos, despite being located in Florida swamp land. As editor Eric Herman discovered, the answers are a bit surprising, but they do have everything to do with managing the flow of water on the massive property.

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Finished to Perfection

Master builder, Dave Penton treated *WS* readers to a spectacular profile of an extremely high-end project that included a host of custom details, including a starry night interior light system and a unique geometric desk design. As he explained back in July, this dazzling watershape was one of those where precise tolerances and creative execution led to a setting worthy of the stars.

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Diving into a Dream

The year got off to a strong start back in January with this inspiring feature from the one and only Anthony Archer Wills. The large residential "swimming pond" project was built for a client with an active lifestyle, love of swimming and appreciation of nature. As is true of all of Wills' works, the design is full of subtle details that give the setting a decidedly natural ambiance and dreamlike beauty.

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Investigating Corrosion

Corrosion in swimming pools can present something of a mystery, explained Jeff Freeman and Mark Holden in this in-depth technical feature from March -- and that is especially so if *all* the possible causes are not taken into account. After years of investigation, the pair discovered a set of corrosion-related issues that are pervasive, as well as sometimes challenging to identify and decipher.

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The Uncommon Garden

For more than two decades, watershape designer and builder Ryan Oakes has lent his talents to the ongoing creation of a place known as “The Uncommon Garden” located in Chapel Hill, N.C. In July, he led readers on a walk through the history of a space so unique, whimsical and imaginative that it defies convenient description – and, yes, it does feature multiple dragons and one that breathes fire.

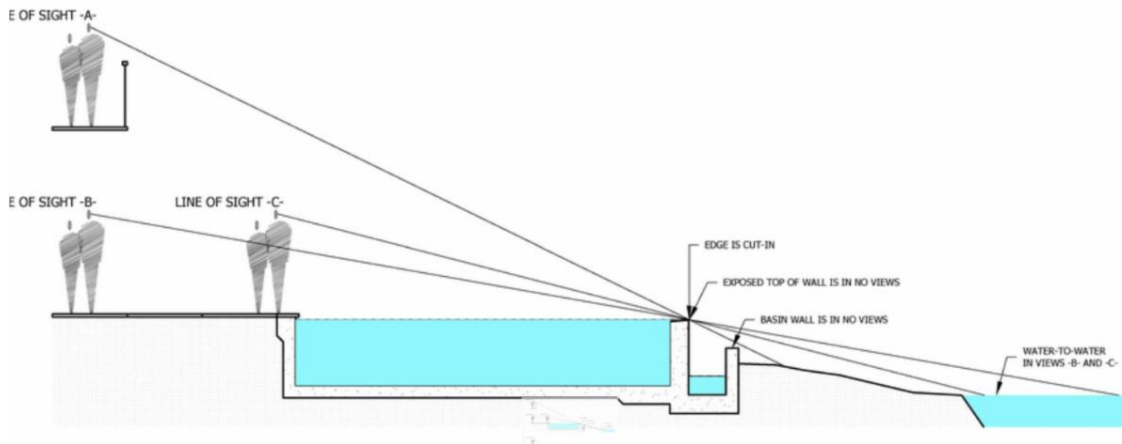
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Beneath the Surface: Vanishing Edge Perspectives Detail A802

Dave Peterson's on-going series, *Beneath the Surface* has been one of the most read features in WS, providing a spectrum of useful and often highly custom details, with each entry explaining a plan detail from Peterson's design practice. This detail appeared back in February, offering important visual perspectives on designing vanishing edge pools.

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The Gumbo of Happiness (a holiday homily)

Great food served with love is one of the most enduring and universal cornerstones of the holiday experience. For Eric Herman, culinary traditions are both literal and symbolic of the qualities that define a life well lived, and sometimes all it takes are some finely chopped onions, celery and green peppers.

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