

ARTHUR ALLEN - ARCHITECT, CRAFTSMAN , WRITER

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Born Lacombe, Alberta, 1932

Education Primary and Secondary School, Banff,
Alberta, 1938-1950

University of Alberta, Engineering,
1950-1952

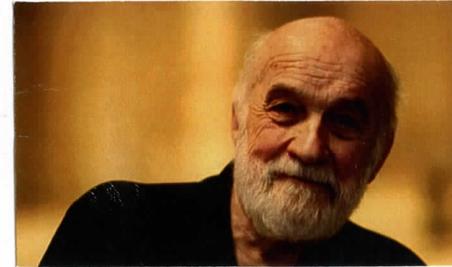
University of British Columbia,
Bachelor of Architecture, 1957

Profession Reg. Architect, Saskatchewan,1960-83
" " , British Columbia,1974-2001

Member, inactive, B. C. Arbitration and
Mediation Institute, 2000-2003

History Employed architect, Izumi, Arnott and
Sugiyama, Regina, Sask., 1957-
1962. Engaged on design and
construction of renovations to
the Weyburn Mental Hospital,
and the new Yorkton Psychiatric
Centre.

Employed by Clifford Wiens, Architect,
Regina, 1962-65



*See separate website for craft work by Arthur, Stella,
Naomi, and Tom Allen www.theshapeofthings.ca

PRIVATE PRACTICE 1965 to 2001

Arthur Allen Architect, Regina, Sask. 1965 – 75

Incl. Architect to Sask. Gov't Insurance Office

Architectural Consultant to the Province of Sask.

Department of Public Health, 1971-1974

Arthur Allen, Architect, Vancouver B.C., 1973 -2001

Allen-Ewing, Architects, Vancouver, 1973-1981,

Arthur Allen Consultants Ltd., Vancouver, 1973-2001

Architect and Consultant to the Insurance Corporation

Of British Columbia, 1973-2001

Architect to Trinity Western University, 1988-1998

Architect to Detroit Diesel-Allison, B.C. Ltd, 1988-2000

Retired from architectural practice, 2001

ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSULTING PROJECTS

Arthur Allen, Architect, Regina, 1965 -1972

Architect to the Saskatchewan Government Insurance Office, on Claim Centre Buildings in Southern Saskatchewan, 1966-1972.

Architect to Wascana Centre Authority, Regina, on various park building and development projects, 1966-1972.

Architect to the Saskatchewan Department of Government Services on various projects for the Department of natural Resources, 1970-1972.

Architect to Aboriginal Canadian Recreation Projects at Kinookimaw Resort, and Last Oak Park Corporation in Saskatchewan, 1970-1973.

Consultant to the Department of Public Health, concerning Community Health and Social Centres in Saskatchewan, and investigation of 3 general hospitals in Regina..

Various private architectural projects in Saskatchewan, including; Community Centres, Credit Union Buildings, Medical Clinics, Warehouses, Apartments, Private Residences, and Alteration Projects.

Arthur Allen Consultants Ltd, Vancouver, 1973-2001

Project Co-ordinator, ICBC Claim Centre Project, throughout B.C., 1973-1976

Project Adviser on Design-Build Projects, Claim Centres for ICBC, Victoria, Richmond, North Burnaby, Surrey, and North Vancouver, 1987-1990.

Owner's Representative, ICBC Claim Centre Projects, Victoria, (Dunedin), and Vancouver, (5th and Cambie), 1991-1993.

Project Adviser, ICBC, Central City Relocation Project, Surrey, 1999-2001.

Allen-Ewing Architects, Vancouver, (joint venture), 1973-1981

Architectural designs of the ICBC Claim Centre Buildings of 1973 were produced by Allen-Ewing. Working drawings and construction services were provided by The Architectural Consortium, specially formed for this project, working to Allen-Ewing guidelines.

In addition Allen-Ewing performed full services for ICBC on office facilities, salvage yards, landscape coordination, and a new Claim Centre in Victoria in 1979. The firm also provided services to Public Works Canada, on miscellaneous renovation projects in B.C.

Arthur Allen, Architect, Vancouver, 1973-2001

Full architectural service provided to ICBC for Claim Centres in Maple Ridge and Penticton, 1985 and 1986.

Conceptual designs for Design-Build Proposal Calls were provided to the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, for Claim Centre Buildings in Victoria, Richmond, Burnaby, Surrey, and North Vancouver, 1987 to 1989, and in Vancouver, and Victoria, (Dunedin), in 1989-1990.

Full architectural service provided to Trinity Western University, Langley, for a Library, Science Building Addition, Student Residence, Student Centre, and a Campanile, 1987 to 1999.

Full architectural service provided to Detroit Diesel-Allison, B.C. Ltd, for additions to plants in Surrey,

(1987), Kamloops, (1993); and for a new facility in Campbell River, (1998).

Design and drafting services provided;

Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing Ltd, Blue River, for Heli Ski Village and Log Chalets, 1976 to 1992.

Hallamore Lake Resort, Clearwater B.C.. 1999-2001

Old Fire Hall # 1, Kamloops, 1980.

Centanoka Shopping Centre, Salmon Arm, 1981.

Food Training Centre, Cariboo College, Kamloops, 1982.

Hunt Residence, Tsawwassen , 1982.

Radio-Chemistry Annex, TRIUMF, UBC, (sub consultant to Paul Loewen Engineering), 1989.

Architectural Investigations and Expert Witness.

Accident Investigations, OK Economy Store and Avord Tower, Regina, 1969.

Repairs to Lecture Hall, Wascana Centre Authority, Regina, 1970.

Podium Leakage, University of Regina, 1971.

Regina Hospital Study, (3 hospitals), Regina, 1972, under Dr. Graham Clarkson.

Building Investigation, Vashist Clinic, Vancouver, 1985.

Contract Investigation, Akali Singh Sikh Temple, Vancouver, 1985.

Leakage Investigation, Trimble Hill Properties, White Rock, 1990.

Code and Construction Review, Belmont Building, New Westminster, 1994.

Building Envelope Assessment, ICBC Head Office Building, North Vancouver, 1999.

HERITAGE WORK

Proposed Reconstruction of Wright and Sullivan's Banff Pavilion, 1981-1985 with Murray Allen and Doug Gillmor. Also consultant to Michael Miner in his efforts to rebuild the Pavilion. (2013 - 2014)

Adaptive Re-use, Old Fire Hall # 1, Kamloops, B.C. 1978-79.

Resort Development, including Restoration of Log Structures, Evans-Kelly Estate, Swan Lake, Montana, 1982. (project abandoned)

Heritage protest at demolition of the Medical Dental Building in Vancouver, under the Community Arts Council of Vancouver, 1988, 1989.

Heritage Consultant, Redevelopment of Old CNR Station, Vancouver, 1991.

ARTHUR ALLEN - WRITING to August 2015

PUBLISHED ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

bold print refers to architecture in the service of confinement for mental hospitals and prisons.

"Prison Design and the Architect," *Canadian Architect*, July 1977.

"The Language of Architecture," *Canadian Architect*, July 1981.

"The Banff Pavilion," *Heritage West*, Fall, 1982.

"No Labour, No Bread," *Heritage West*, Winter 1983.

"Folk and Fairy Tales in Architecture," *Canadian Architect*, June-July 1983

"Frank Lloyd Wright's Banff Pavilion," *Bulletin of the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada*, April 1984

"The Shape of Things," *Places*, Vol 3, #1, Winter 1986, MIT Press, Journals

"Letters to the Editor," *Vancouver Sun*, for the Campaign to Save the Medical Dental Building, May-July, 1988.

"Requiem for the Medical Dental Building," *Places*, Vol 6, #4, Summer 1990.

"The Last Asylum," *On Site*, Vol 3, Summer 2000

"New Directions in Architectural Ethics", *The Journal of Architectural Education*. Vol 56, #4, May 2003

"Boycott", *Designer Builder*, July-August 2006

"Dust Storms", *On Site*, Vol 26, Autumn, 2011

WORK NOT YET PUBLISHED

"Architecture and the Asylum"

The Early Mental Hospitals of Western Canada; (formerly *The Asylum Project*) 01 June 2012, 360 pages, illustrations, photos and sketches. See notes below regarding storage in various archives, and partial publication on-line.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

RADIO DISCUSSIONS

"Architectural Ornament in Vancouver," *Morningside, CBC Radio*,

4 talks with **Peter Gzowski**, 1988-1989

CONFERENCES

The Early Asylums of Western Canada," 67 pages

Presented at Simon Fraser University, conference on *Madness, Citizenship, and Social Justice*, June 2008. Re-presented at the *Second West Coast Symposium in the*

History of Medicine, Mount Royal University, Calgary, April 2011. Booklet also includes; "The Saskatchewan Asylum Debate"; "The Last Asylum"; "Friendly Circles"; "The Shape of Things".

"Design for Human Rights" 36 pages

Presented at "Sea Change", a joint conference of the Architectural Institute of B.C., and the American Institute of Architects, (Northwest and Pacific Chapter), in Vancouver, October 2013, with **Raphael Sperry, AIA**

LECTURES AND WALKING TOURS IN VANCOUVER

"Vancouver's Architectural Heritage," *UBC Department of Continuing Education*, 1984- 1988 With **Michael Lytton and David Conn**, walking tour and talks at the Hotel Vancouver..

"Symbol and Meaning in Building Ornament in Vancouver," *Vancouver League, Emily Carr Series*, 1985.

"Annual Architectural Walking Tour and Lectures," (downtown Vancouver and the Orpheum Theatre), for *Humanities 101, (UBC in the Downtown Eastside)*, Vancouver, 1998-2015 continuing

"The Architecture of Prisons," for *Humanities 101*, Carnegie Centre, Vancouver. Winter 2006, 2007, 2008.

“Architects and the Status Quo”, lecture, Humanities 101 and the Carnegie Community Centre, Vancouver, May 2014

Tour Guide, the Orpheum Theatre, for *City of Vancouver Civic Theatres*, 2008,- continuing.

VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY WORK

Ranch Ehrlo Society, Member of the Board of Directors, Regina, 1972. (Treatment Centre for emotionally disturbed youth)

Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts, Member of the Board of Directors, (inactive), 1973.

Western Wilderness Encounter Society, Member of the Board of Directors, Vancouver, 1976-1984, (Outdoor activities for disturbed youth).

ARCHIVAL STORAGE

Pending reorganization and release in self-published form, or by web-site, copies of hand-made books, including *Architecture and the Asylum*, may be found at the following archives; Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, the Provincial Archives of the four western provinces of Canada, the Glenbow Museum Archives in Calgary, the archives of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto, the Vancouver Public Library, and the Library at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon..

WEBSITE PRESENTATIONS

See www.arthurallenarchitect.ca for the following collections of articles, essays, and letters.

Labour and Bread, *On the Architectural Ornament of Buildings in Vancouver, B.C.*

Short and Tall Tales, *From the Landscape and Architecture of Western Canada*

Architecture and Confinement, *On the Architecture of Asylums and Prisons*

The entire collection titled “Architecture and Confinement” can also be found at www.academia.edu and www.ResearchGate

Portions of “Architecture and the Asylum” are included in this website, (arthurallenarchitect.ca) under Architecture and Confinement

See also, website www.theshapeofthings.ca for craft work by Arthur, Stella, Naomi, and Tom Allen