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An artist whose canvas is dirt

Landscape architect
Ken Kammeyer

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Kammeyer's projects at the Interpretive Garden in Costa Mesa include "Water Source," above, and "Desert Land."

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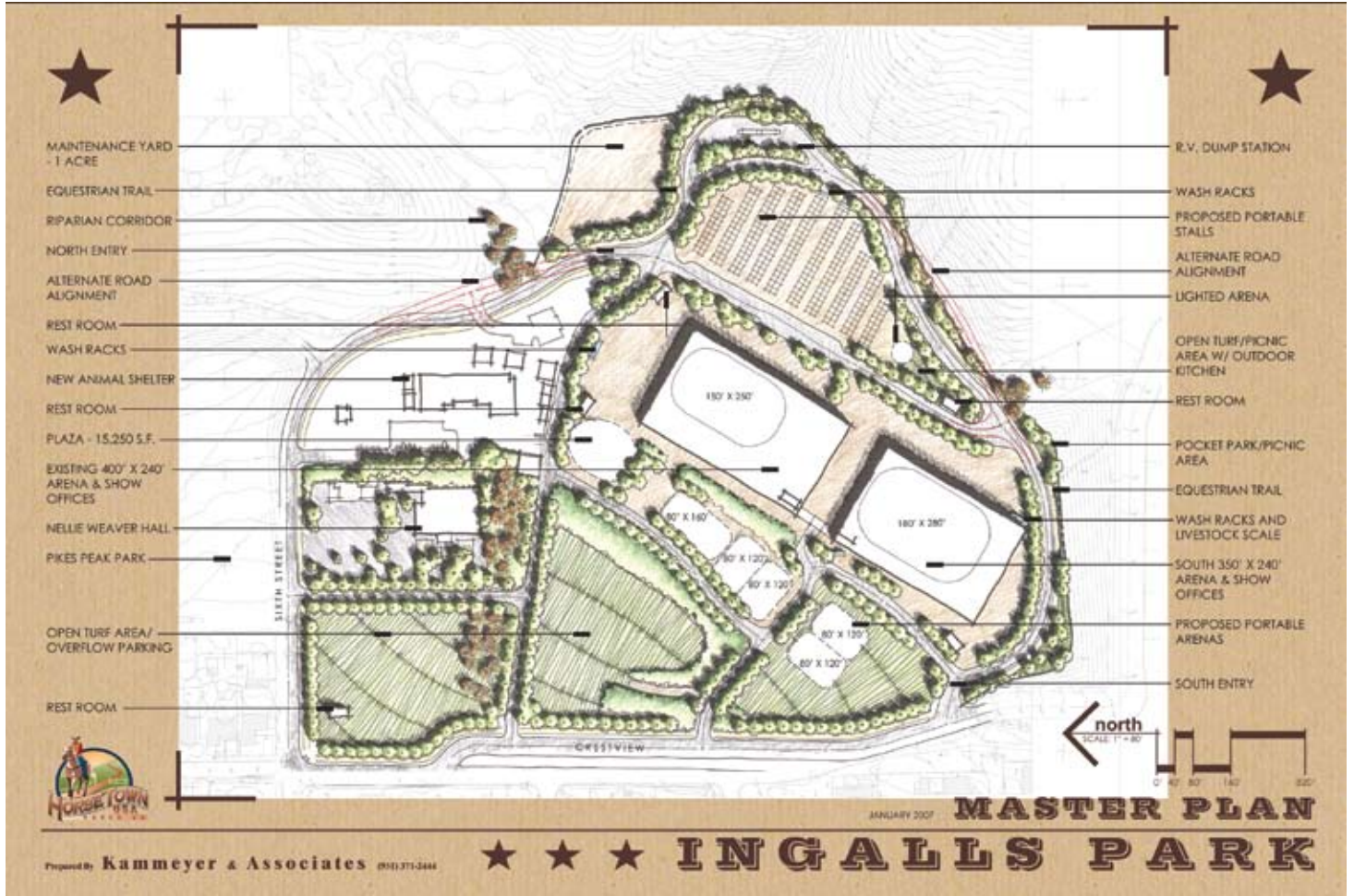
become the city of Temecula, and in short order he would become the landscape architect for President Nixon's Western White House.

Forty years and thousands of projects later, Ken says, "Despite the thousands of commissions we have worked on, I still approach projects with the same enthusiasm and passion as the first." He was personally involved in the conceptual design of the Santa Ana River Master Plan, Channel Islands National Park Headquarters, a portion of the San Bernardino National Forest and the Orange County Riding and Hiking Trail System. One project, however, remains special to Ken, and that is his collaboration with architect Isamu Noguchi on the breathtaking California Scenario in Costa Mesa.

Closer to home, Ken, a long-time

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Kammeyer and Associates is nearing completion of the Ingalls Equestrian Facility in Norco, shown above in rendering form. It will host local events as well as national equestrian events.

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Kammeyer & Associates has worked on projects as diverse as Dos Lagos, above, and the "Energy Fountain" at the Interpretive Garden in Costa Mesa.

It would take a coffee-table book to fully profile the expertise and history of Kammeyer & Associates (K&A), the Corona-based firm specializing in landscape architecture, land planning and environmental design.

The combined educational background of Ken Kammeyer, president, and his team of specialists is, by itself, beyond impressive. Their combined qualifications include bachelor or master's degrees and teaching credentials in every subject relating to their industry, including irrigation, horticulture, arboriculture, urban and retail planning, construction, aquatic ecosystems, and restoration, to name but a few. They have taught at universities, authored scores of articles and books, conducted workshops for cities, and are the consultants of choice for prestigious developments throughout the U.S.

Although he is considered a visionary, way back in 1965 when Ken was asked to consult on a new project called Vail Ranch, even he could not imagine that what was then Rancho California would

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By Hollie Davies



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resident of Corona, has been involved with some of the area's most beautiful and award-winning projects, such as Dos Lagos. The 534-acre project combines residential with upscale shopping, dining, entertainment, businesses and an 18-hole championship golf course. Two signature lakes provide an elegant backdrop for the outdoor amphitheater. Ken says the lakes were inspired by Corona's historic Grand Boulevard, and the Citrus Walkway is symbolic of Corona's "Lemon Capital of the World" heritage.

Spanning the lakes is a bamboo arbor designed by renowned architect Norberto Nardi. Innovative low flow/drip irrigation systems throughout the landscape are a prime example of sustainable design by K&A. About 135 acres have been set aside as a habitat for native plants and animals.

The firm is also nearing completion of the Ingalls Equestrian Facility, in Norco, which will host local events as well as national equestrian events. The park is al-

ready a local landmark, and K&A has helped the city envision the full potential of the site.

Further afield, working as the lead consultant to Port of Los Angeles, K&A provided a conceptual plan to complete the Crescent Park project, providing an open-space turf area and overflow parking for waterfront areas, while maintaining views for the surrounding community. Ken sums up the value of combining beauty with practical use: "With imagination we can make the world a better place."

Kammeyer and Associates has completed projects in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Hawaii, and within the Navajo Nation. It has been involved at all levels of planning with the National Park Service, Department of Defense, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Forest



Service and over two dozen cities.

During his stellar career, Ken has been president of several eminent boards, including the California State Board of Landscape Architects, the National Council for Landscape Architectural Registration Boards, and the National Inter-professional Council of Registraton Boards for Architects, Engineers and Landscape Architects.

Yet, despite the accolades, awards, and prestige, Ken's view

of his work is modestly simple: "I try not to separate my love for God, my love for family, and my love for work. It's all one thing, and it all comes together."

To see the full scope of K&A projects, photographs, and individual bios, go to www.kammeyer.com. The company is located at 2837 Kellogg Ave., Corona. Phone: (951) 371-2444. 🌐📞

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