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Catalina Island Museum

WEEK TWENTY-SIX

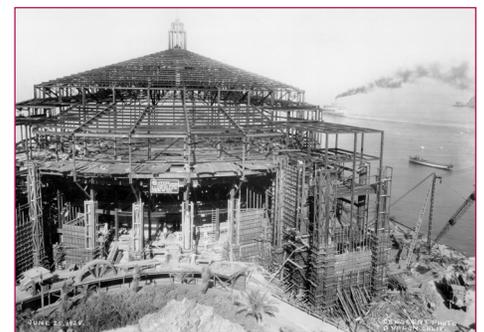
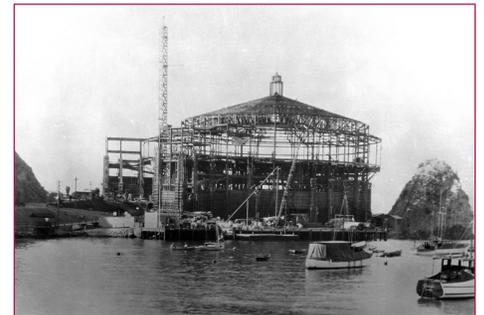
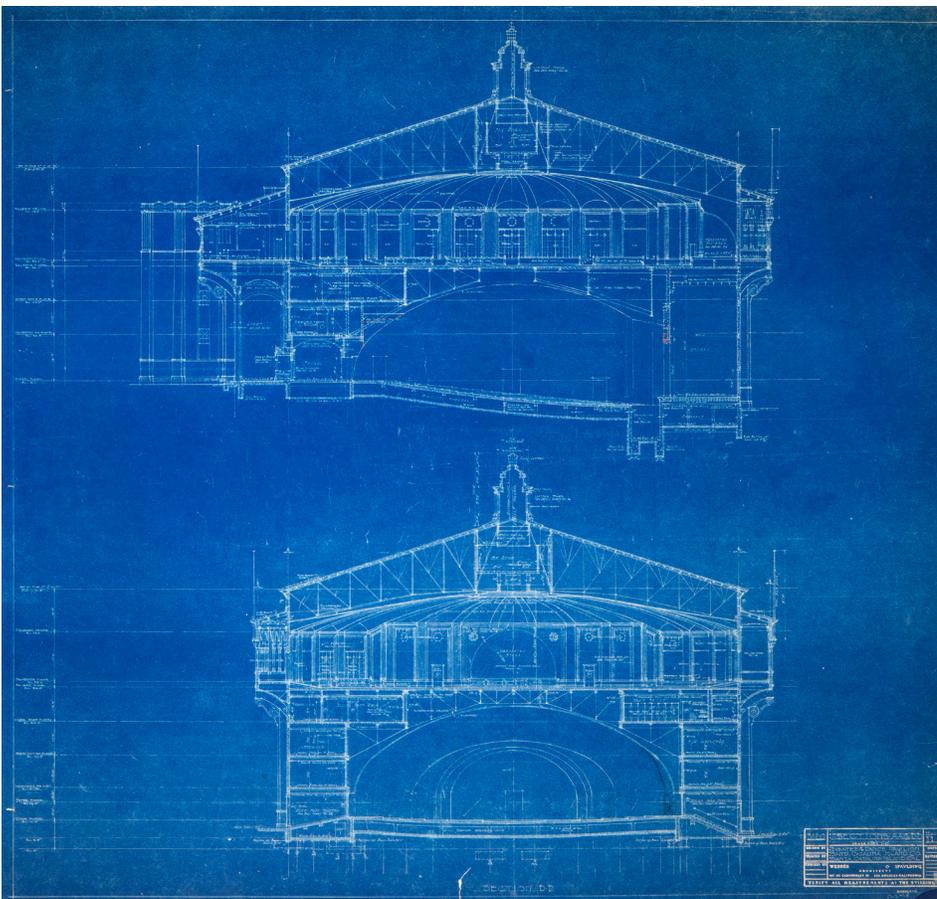
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“Build” the Casino

Catalina Island's iconic Casino building just celebrated its 92nd birthday on May 29th.

When the Casino opened in 1929, it marked the end of 10 years of improvements and additions by William Wrigley Jr. Construction of it began in February of 1928. It is as tall as a 12-story building but really only features 2 main spaces: a theatre and a ballroom. In this week's project you will learn about **blueprints** and start construction on your own Casino.

Blueprints are reproductions of technical drawings that act as the guide for constructing a building. General contractors, architects, engineers and others use blueprints. Improvements were made to the printing process over the years so even though blue prints are still used, they are no longer blue!



Supplies:

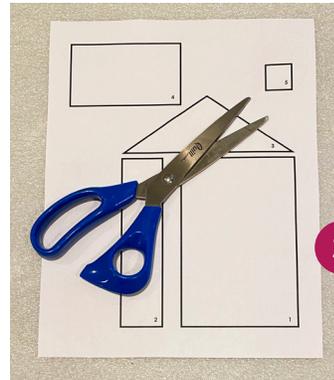
Canvas board, blue and white paint, paint brush and sheet with shapes.
You will also need a pair of scissors and a pencil.

Have you ever looked at the shapes that make up your house, your school or the grocery store? Every building includes basic shapes like rectangles, squares, triangles and more. Look at the buildings around Avalon or your neighborhood. Start at the bottom - called the **foundation** - do you see a square or a rectangle? The foundation is the lowest and main part of a building that holds up the rest of it. Typically, it is at or below ground level. Do you see a triangle near its roof? Squares or rectangles for the doors and windows? Every building starts with a basic design including basic shapes. With this in mind, let's construct the Casino using basic shapes.

Step by Step Instructions:



Step 1:
Take the canvas board and paint it blue.



Step 2:
While the paint is drying, use scissors to cut out the numbered shapes on the sheet.



Step 3:
Let's build our Casino. Place the piece of the Casino marked #1 and place it on the blue background as shown in the photo. Trace around it with a pencil and then use the white paint to cover the pencil line. Follow the photo to place, trace and paint the other parts of the building.



Step 4:
When you have "built" your Casino, add windows, doors and archways. As you can see by the blueprints shown of Casino, there are many details. Feel free to add in as much detail as you like.

This is just the basic Casino shape. We'll explore more elements of the building in next week's Art to Go project!

Facts about the Casino

The architects were Walter Webber and Sumner A. Spaulding.

It was built in 14 months.

They used shifts of people working day and night to get it completed.

It stands as tall as a 12-story building.

The opening ceremony took place on May 29, 1929.

The key to the building was delivered by King Neptune who arrived on a seaplane.

The theme of the opening celebration was a pirate party.

The Avalon Theatre was the first movie theatre built for both silent and sound films.

The theatre's Page Pipe Organ was custom built in 1928 and shipped from Lima, Ohio.

The first movie shown in the Avalon Theatre was "The Iron Mask" starring Douglas Fairbanks.

When the Casino Ballroom opened it was the largest uninterrupted dancefloor in the world.

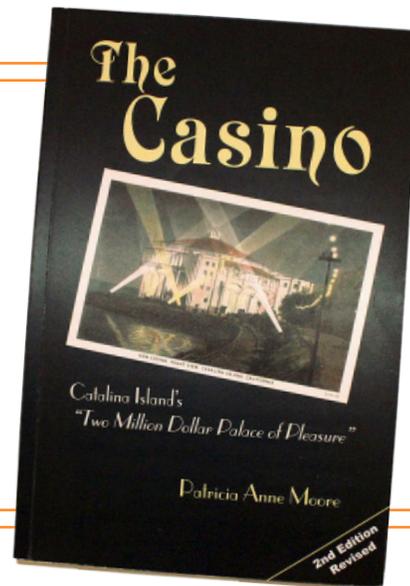
The ramps used to get up to the Ballroom are modeled after the ramps at Wrigley Field.

The Catalina Island Museum was located on its ground level for 63 years (1953-2016).

RAFFLE PRIZE:

You could win these Casino Book!

Email a photo of your finished artwork to info@catalinamuseum.org or post a photo on social media for a chance to win this prize. Be sure to tag @catalinamuseum and use the hashtag #arttogocatalina



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