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Represented are the voices and ideas of tradesmen, scholars, consultants, designers, cultural and natural landscape stewards, teachers, archaeologists, engineers, architects, administrators, public servants and entrepreneurs. It is hoped that the reader will appreciate the one voice that resonates throughout these papers: that we are all stakeholders in Finding Common Ground to assure the perpetuation of the knowledge and craft of the traditional trades.