

# Surface Scene

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LGBTQ Liberation  
Coffee House

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Extending time with  
outdoor living

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Elements of Style



## Liberation Coffee House

### *Life, healing, sunlight and nature are...*

the colour references for the positive, optimistic, and free spirit of the LGBTQ+ community represented in the Liberation Café in the city of Los Angeles. The harmonious use of bold gradients of color reminiscent of California's spectacular sunsets are reflected in the sheer fabric panels shielding the interiors from harsh southern California light, while softening outside views.

The café located at the corner of 6726 Santa Monica Blvd. within the LGBTQ center was conceived as a community living room with flexible retail and gallery wall space. The café supports a jobs training program, with funds raised in the café reinvested in support of the community.

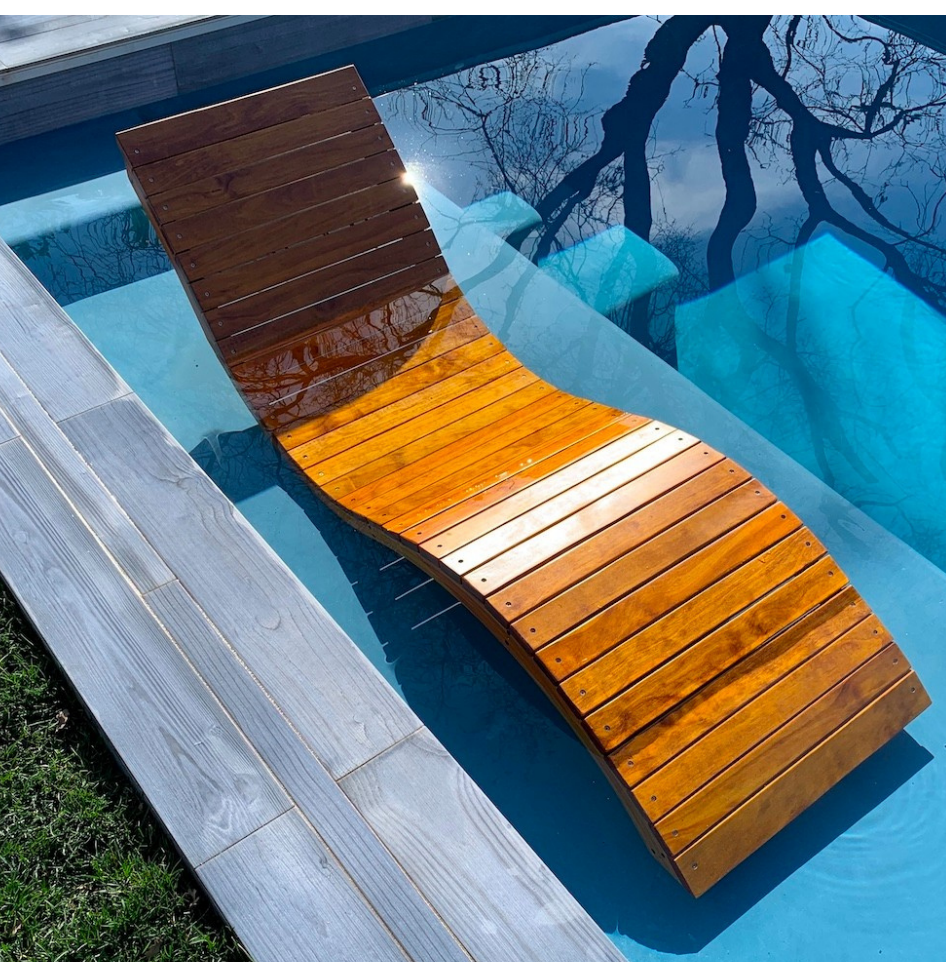


## INSPIRE

The signature piece within the café's design is a long curved wood bench defining the seating areas. The natural raised grain and flexibility of Nordus Clean Spruce provides an anchoring neutral base. Introducing color through vertical and horizontal surfaces and textures creates layers of design statements.

The bright, inviting interior provides the back drop for integrated gallery and display spaces with the flexibility for reconfiguration to comfortably host community events, artists and patrons.

Project: LGBT Liberation Coffee House  
Architect: ORA  
Millworker: Day Star Industries  
Awards: 2020 AIA Interior Architecture Situation  
Location: Los Angeles, California  
Product: Nordus Clean Spruce  
Photography: Eric Staudenmaier



## WOOD FOR OUTDOOR LIVING

Stepping outside can enliven the senses. Maximizing outdoor spaces, large or small, for extended seasons can enhance our lives by creating areas for social gatherings and connecting with nature.

Outdoor living spaces create opportunities for enhanced weather protection, seating, cooking, private refuge, meditation, and relaxation. Natural woods provide many benefits over synthetic materials including warmth, character and coolness under foot while adding an organic contrast to hard surfaces.



Species such as Ipe, Grandis, Cedar and Batu are low maintenance, naturally rot and insect resistant woods and can have a useful life of 30+ years.

Wood such as Lignia and Kebony use an environmentally friendly thermal modification process to alter the woods cells. Using a fast growing species such as Radiata Pine, the process turns a common FSC and sustainably harvested wood, into a highly rot and insect resistant wood that can extend its useful life to 50+ years. Unlike a pressure treatment, this process does not leech toxins and can increase the fire rating to meet a Class A rating, which is becoming required for exterior building materials in many fire prone regions.

These materials are suitable for decking, fencing, wind screens, wall and ceiling cladding, furniture and kitchens, to assist in creating compelling outdoor spaces.

# shaker MODERN



Rigid Thermo Foil

From traditional to transitional interiors, the classic shaker door is timeless. The versatility of the profile blend traditional design with a contemporary edge.

The traditional shaker door consists of five pieces – 2 ½” rails and stiles and a center panel.



TFL five piece shaker

In the past the alternative option to solid wood was a Rigid Thermo Foil door. Rigid Thermo Foil doors are difficult to get a crisp edge and the woodgrain will run only one direction.

Decorative panel products like Thermally Fused Laminate (TFL), High Gloss or Matte panels, can now be fabricated, using advancements in technology, to create a true five piece shaker door expanding design and style options.

A modern interpretation of the classic shaker door style is the slim shaker. This fresh profile slims down the rail and stile width to 3/4" for a slimmer profile. The sleeker crisp lines give the appearance of depth without bulk.



Slim shaker door profile

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