Survey Art –
An Interesting Subject

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SUMMARY

Believe it or not surveyors lead interesting lives and their work makes an interesting subject for artwork. One of the most astounding pieces of survey art was born right here in Cairo in the tomb of Mena at Sheikh Abd el Qurna, in Thebes, Upper Egypt.

Over the past thirty years the Alberta Land Surveyors Association has commissioned a number of pieces of art and collected several reprints from other collections. Each tells an interesting story. The paper will discuss the general topic of survey art and relate the stories behind several specific works.