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# Better Designs, Better Environment

Phillips Architecture & Planning, Inc.

By Kim Cooper Findling

“We are honored and find joy in our work, creating ‘Experiential Art’ for our clients,” says Chad Phillips of Phillips Architecture & Planning, Inc. “It is a beautiful process bringing clients, desires and site opportunities together. We strive in every project to appreciate that people will be creating memories and living in our homes and buildings. We have a lot to do with bringing positive experiences to people’s daily living. The end result is clear in all our site-specific projects — the client’s desires are synergistic with the natural beauty of the land.

“I am fortunate to have started this business at such a young age,” Phillips continues. “There is so much to learn and experience to create timeless projects, and I enjoy the path. We change the natural environment with our built environment, both in a microclimate and macroclimate sense. What will inspire me for the remainder of my career are healthy, sustainable, energy-efficient, well-designed buildings. I am currently creating patents and innovations that will change our built environment in a positive way.”

Phillips is a leader in Central Oregon in the innovative architecture he speaks of, contributing to the greater health and beauty of our region with the forward-thinking designs and plans he creates for residences, commercial buildings, neighborhoods and commercial districts.



A beautiful water feature greets guests as they enter this custom designed home.



From very early on in Phillips’ career, his intentions were to make an impact on the world — both architecturally and ethically. “My true intention in going into the architectural trade was to learn how to do things the conventional way, get involved in the real world, and then change it from within.”

**ON THE COVER**

A Northwest contemporary home with a southern flair.



This home features open living spaces defined by soffits and recessed lighting making each area of the home distinctive and inviting.



Phillips grew up in the building trades, working for various construction firms in high school. Simultaneously, he attended the University of Oregon School of Architecture, where he earned a bachelor's degree in architecture. After graduation, he moved to Seattle to launch his career. "I was lucky to intern in design/build firms, where I could continue to use my experience in construction while working on award-winning projects."

In 1993, Phillips moved to Bend and set up shop for himself. In the 12 years since, he's witnessed the impacts of rapid growth to the area, both negative and positive. "The growth has generally led to better examples of architectural work, as well as some excellent examples of urban planning," he says. Adequate parking, appropriate building heights, pedestrian access, intelligent expansion of urban blocks and centers, and thoughtful traffic flow are all systems Phillips admires — and incorporates regularly into his own work.

Phillips Architecture & Planning prepares a gamut of architectural plans, for projects both small and large. "We do commercial and residential design, as well as master planning and development," he says. Characteristic to his sensibility, Phillips sees all of his work as part of the same, big picture. "Really, it all becomes one, and thoughtful master planning and design speaks for itself."



Recent Phillips Architecture & Planning projects include a residence east of Bend that Phillips describes as “truly cutting edge — it is healthy, comfortable, and a completely sustainable home.” Phillips also recently designed a residence that is totally powered by solar technology.

A firm believer in natural, sustainable planning, Phillips believes in designing buildings that are adaptable. “We must think about future growth, and design in a holistic manner that translates to buildings that are flexible with change.” He applied this mentality to the two Phoenix buildings and the Deschutes County Title building in the Old Mill District, which he says “will accommodate a variety of end-users.”

Perhaps the most innovative recent Phillips project is the massive green roof courtyard for the Plaza condominium project, a 42-unit custom condominium project in the Old Mill District. A green roof is exactly what it sounds like — a rooftop garden, complete with grass, shrubs and flowers. “Green roofs are beautiful, but they also provide huge benefits to the global climate,” Phillips explains. “They improve insulation to the building, and clean and cool water runoff before it enters our rivers, to name a couple.”



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**Energy efficiency and sustainability are several aspects of Phillips' architectural style in creating synergy between the land and the homeowner's wishes.**

E-crete block, used in a recent duplex project, is Phillips' current "building material of choice," he says. "Wood framing is going to become obsolete, not just because of supply, which is and will continue to diminish over time, but also because contemporary wood framing is very toxic." With e-crete, unhealthy glues and preservatives found in modern

wood products are avoided. "We're smarter now," says Phillips, "even though I'll admit — in the conventional boom, it's challenging."

That challenge doesn't stop Phillips, who aims for excellence in all that his company accomplishes. "We achieved first place national honors in home design as early as 1995," he says. "We'll always maintain excellence in design, but currently we are really working to add sustainability." It's that duality of excellence and innovation that marks a Phillips project. "We're always pursuing that which is more innovative, while keeping with good design and client desires," says Phillips. "I

want to contribute to what will benefit the community, our children and grandchildren."

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