

BRETT MARLO DESANTIS

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Education

Masters of Interior Architecture + Design, Academy of Art University, 2010

Bachelor of Arts, University of Arizona, Design Emphasis, 1998

College Prep, University High School, Tucson Arizona, 1993

Licenses, Certifications + Trainings

Living Future Conference, Leading + creating a sustainable, ecologically sound economy, 2014-09

Built Green, Transforming Existing Communities + Building, Maintaining & Training Today's Residential Green Workforce, 2013

Vision2Action, Green Urbanism: The Sustainable Antidote to Sprawl, Symposium 2013

Deconstruction, Understanding the business of deconstruction + hands-on training, 2012

Living Building Challenge Training, Philosophy, advocacy tool + certification program promoting the most advanced measurement of sustainability in the built environment possible today, 2012

Vision2Action, Green Building Valuation, Appraisals, Green Lending + the NWMLS, 2012

Vision2Action, Sustainability Symposium, The International Green Construction Code, 2012

Emerge Leadership Workshop, Leadership for a more sustainable society, 2011 + 2013

Harbor Wild Watch Training Program, focus on NW marine life habitats, 2011

LEED Accredited Professional Building Design + Construction, United States Green Building Council, 2010 (achieved Leadership in Energy + Environmental Design AP 2008)

Carbon Coach Training + Certification, City of Seattle, 2010

Community Development Facilitation, Asset Mapping, ProNeighborhoods

Community Development Training, Center for Sustainable Living, Gaviotas

Myer Briggs Training, Emphasizing Ways that People Learn

Permaculture Training, Dryland Gardening + Water Harvesting

Work Experience

President/General Contractor/MFA IA+D/LEED AP BD+C, Brett Marlo Design Build, 2011–Now
Based in Gig Harbor, BMDB serves the Puget Sound area providing integrated design + construction + deconstruction services; a single point of contact. We believe that time expended in the initial planning + design phases saves money during construction & provides cost savings and benefits to the owner throughout its life cycle. LIC#BRETTMD892XP

President/MFA IA+D/LEED AP BD+C, Brett Marlo Designs Incorporated, 2006–Now
Based in Gig Harbor & serving the Greater Seattle Area, Brett Marlo Designs (BMD) offers services related to Building Construction + Design.

President/Lead Artist + Designer, A MarloMania Creation Incorporated, 1999–2004
“MarloMania” (DBA) originally marketed to meet your decorative painting needs: Faux Finishing, Murals and Hand-Painted Furniture, the company grew to become Tucson's local destination for Color Consulting expertise as well as Residential & Commercial Design.

LeaderCorps Member, 1998–1999

LeaderCorps members are chosen by the supervisor of their program due to their outstanding efforts. As a LeaderCorps member, one must act as an ambassador of service, assist in Member Development activities by planning and implementing the Annual Conference and Regional Trainings, and foster collaboration among National Service Programs.

AmeriCorps Member, Eco-Kids Program of AmeriCorps, 1998–1999

In this specific AmeriCorps program, members develop and implement environmental projects to improve + beautify at least 22 distressed neighborhoods, develop a resource guide of successful age-appropriate environmental activities for 250 after-school programs, and teach environmental awareness + stewardship to 500 students.

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Volunteer Work

Tacoma Narrows Airport, Working with Pierce County + stakeholders to improve site
Gig Harbor City Park, a.k.a. Maritime Playzone (Crescent Creek Park) Site Planning, Led community in children's Design Charette, Sense of Place, Park Entry Design + Fundraising
Harbor Wild Watch, Get Your Hands Wet, Interpretative program at local area beaches
Harbor History Museum Auction, Event development, design + material specifications
Gig Harbor Academy Auction, Recycled Garden Art
Boys & Girls Club, Donated Services to Auction
Children's Grievance Center, Led children in interior mural work
Santa Cruz Humane Society, Donated professional services with lobby design
Armory Park Senior Center, Intergenerational Discussion Group
Atturbury Wetlands & Recharge Project, Citizen Advisory Committee
Literacy Project, Nogales, Arizona, Participant

Neighborhood Beautification

Desert & Wildlife Mural, Tucson, AZ Lead Artist
Forest Clean-Up, White Mountains, AZ Participant
Interaction with Wildlife Mural, Santa Rosa Community Center, AZ Lead Artist
Mosaic Tile Walls, Lakeside Park & Rodeo Park, Tucson, AZ Lead Artist
Promoting Community Benches, Kennedy Park & Ornsby Com. Center, AZ Artist
Restoration, Ramsey Canyon & San Xavier Mission, AZ Participant

Publicity

Best of Houzz 2014, Design
Best of Houzz 2014, Service
Forty Under Forty, Summer 2013, Professional Remodeler
Real Carriage Doors, Winter 2013, Video Testimonial (proud to be part of their story)
Forty Under Forty, Fall 2012, Kitsap Peninsula Business Journal
Best of South Sound, Spring 2012, "Best Kitchen + Bath Designer"
Sliding Door Competition, Spring 2012, "First Place Winner", Best design + photo
Columnist, Green Building Column, 2012-present, Kitsap Sun + Gig Harbor Life
Blogger, 2011-2013, "inspiring INvironmentalism"
Adapt or Expire, Speaker, Fall 2011 "Keeping the Future In Mind"
Best of South Sound, 2011 "Best Interior Designer" + "Best Remodeler", Runner-Up
Tucson Home Magazine, Spring 2004, Feature Article: "Choosing the Right Paint Color"
Tucson Home Magazine, Spring 2003, "Mad about Murals...& More"

Board + Committee Positions

Chair, South Sound Branch, Cascadia Region Green Building Council, Term 2012-2014
 Cascadia continues to serve its members by helping the U.S. and Canada GBCs meet their goals in the Pacific Northwest.
Board Member, City of Gig Harbor Building Codes Advisory Board, Term 2012-2016
 BCAB holds open public hearings and makes final decisions on appeals of administrative determinations where alternate materials or methods of construction are proposed.
Board Member, City of Gig Harbor Design Review Board, Term 2013-2017
 DRB is charged with the interpretation, review and implementation of the City's Design Manual.
Board Member, Gig Harbor Downtown Waterfront Alliance Design Committee, 2013-Now
Director/Board Member, Harbor Wild Watch, Term 2012-2014
 HWW inspires stewardship of the Puget Sound by providing learning opportunities about the environment to the people of our local communities.
Community Service Committee Member, Rotary Club of Gig Harbor Term 2013-Now