

# 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, 2009-19

**Emerge Leadership Workshop**, Leadership for a more sustainable society 2011, 13, 15, 16 + 2019

**Affordable Housing**, A Short Course on Affordable Housing, 2018

**Code of Ethics for Commissions and Staff**, National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, 2017

**Living Future Accreditation**, a holistic framing of sustainability + knowledge of critical environment and design related issues; continuing education towards a Living Future Community, 2015-16

**Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Commissioner Training**, 2015

**Vision2Action**, Plugging into the future: Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, 2015

**Vision2Action**, Low Impact Development Symposium/Regional Collaboration, 2014 +2015

**Tiny House Workshop**, A design/build approach to building tiny houses on wheels, 2015

**Built Green**, Transforming Existing Communities + Building/Residential Green Workforce, 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

**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 + Brett Marlo Designs, 2006-2018

Based in Gig Harbor, BMDDB serves the Puget Sound area providing integrated design + construction + deconstruction services; a single point of contact. LIC#BRETTMD892XP

**President**, Aaah SPC (a Social Purpose Corporation), 2014-Now

It is our passion to transform the built environment by creating an affordable, adaptable, alternative housing model that is healthy and sustainable for all.

**President/Lead Artist + Designer**, A MarloMania Creation Incorporated, 1999-2004 Tucson, AZ

**LeaderCorps Member**, 1998-1999

LeaderCorps members are chosen by the supervisor of their program due to their outstanding efforts; act as an ambassador of service, assist in Member Development activities by planning & implementing the Annual Conference & Regional Trainings.

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

Members develop & implement environmental projects to improve + beautify at least 22 distressed neighborhoods, develop a resource guide of age-appropriate environmental activities for 250 after-

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## Board + Committee Positions

**Advocacy Chair, South Sound Branch, Cascadia Region Green Building Council, 2014-Now**

Cascadia continues to serve its members by helping the U.S. and Canada GBCs meet their goals in the Pacific Northwest. Member 2009-2015, Past Chair 2012-2014

**Vice President + Board Member, City of Gig Harbor Design Review Board, Term 2013-Now**

DRB is charged with the interpretation, review and implementation of the City's Design Manual.

**Board Member, City of Gig Harbor Building Codes Advisory Board, Term 2012-Now**

BCAB holds open public hearings and makes final decisions on appeals of administrative determinations where alternate materials or methods of construction are proposed.

**Committee Member, Gig Harbor Downtown Waterfront Alliance Design Committee, 2013-Now, Working with the National and WA State Main Street Programs, we encourage historic preservation, pedestrian-friendly streets + more.**

**Board Member, Past Vice President, Harbor Wild Watch, 2012-Now, VP 2015-2018**

HWW inspires stewardship of the Puget Sound by providing learning opportunities about the environment to the people of our local communities.

**Chair, Community Service Committee, Rotary Club of Gig Harbor Term 2013-2018, Our impact starts with our Members who work tirelessly within our club to solve some of our communities' toughest challenges. Our efforts are supported by Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.**

**Board Member, Emerge Leadership Project, Term 2015-2018, non-profit dedicated to energizing the emergent leadership capabilities of green building professionals and sustainability advocates through training, mentoring and community engagement with the ultimate goal of fostering a thriving and life-sustaining environment.**

## Accolades, Speaking Engagements + Publicity

**Emerge Leadership Workshop, Speaker, Seattle 2019**

**"Not so small talks" Living Future Conference, Speaker, Seattle 2019**

**South Sound Green Home Tour Tacoma, 2018 + 2019**

**NW Green Home Tour Seattle, 2018**

**South Sound Sustainability Expo, Speaker and Tiny Home Tour, 2017**

**Green Building Design Slam! Winner + Speaker, 2016**

**Kitsap Edge Fund, Finalist, 2016**

**South Sound Magazine, Think Big Live Small, Cover and Feature Article, 2016**

**Columnist, Green Building Column, 2015-Now, Gig Harbor Local Living + Fox Island Living + 253**

**Columnist, Green Building Column, 2012-2017, Kitsap Sun + Gig Harbor Life**

**Blogger, 2011-now, "inspiring INvironmentalism"**

**Best of Houzz 2014 + 2015 + 2016, 2017, 2018 Design + 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**

**Adapt or Expire, Speaker, Fall 2011 "Keeping the Future In Mind"**

**Tucson Home Magazine, Spring 2004, Feature Article: "Choosing the Right Paint Color"**

**Tucson Home Magazine, Spring 2003, "Mad about Murals...& More"**

## Pro Bono + Volunteer Work

**Chamber of Commerce, Design and Construction**

**Parking Day 2017 Organized and led City of Gig Harbor for two day event**

**Harbor History Museum Courtyard, Designed the courtyard behind the museum + planted vegetation**

**Gig Harbor Basket Brigade, Basket Preparation**

**Tacoma Rescue Mission, Serving food to the homeless**

**Tacoma Narrows Airport/RAZ, 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 WildWatch, Get Your Hands Wet, Interpretative program at local area beaches**

**Harbor History Museum CourtyardChildren'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**