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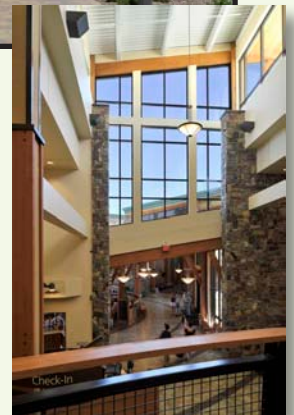
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KROC COMMUNITY CENTER OPENS ITS DOORS

Through the collaborative efforts of The Salvation Army, the Kroc family, the City of Coeur d'Alene and the regional community, the Kroc Center redefines what a community center is all about. This unprecedented place of gathering and enrichment will house an array of education, sports, faith, arts, and supportive programs never before assembled in the Inland Northwest. The programs, as well as the building itself, have been created to stimulate the mind, body, and spirit, to provide hope, and to transform the life of each and every member of the community.



The 120,500 s.f. community center houses a competition swimming pool, an indoor water park/leisure pool, locker rooms, indoor running track, fitness area, aerobics studio, multi-activity court with three basketball courts, indoor play structure, climbing wall, chapel and performing arts theater, community rooms, and full commercial kitchen.



This state-of-the-art facility is designed to make the residents of the region feel welcome and at home, with a well-coordinated composition using local and regional materials. The combined solutions of land planning, landscape architecture, facilities architecture, and interior design, create a common language that is a reflection of the North Idaho experience.



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The design team used a “green approach” to the project.

Some examples include: low VOC carpets and carpet adhesives, some low VOC paints and sealants, natural daylighting and automatic lighting sensors, and defender regenerative media filters to improve the water quality and to reduce water usage and energy consumption.

The Kroc Center received in excess of \$200,000 in payback incentives from Avista for implementation of energy conscious design concepts.

ARCHITECTS WEST GOES GREEN

Architects West is proud to announce the beginning of our new green program. The Green Group has spent the last few months developing new guidelines for the firm. The program focuses on a different “Green Emphasis” each month. The goal is to increase our green awareness and improve our daily office practices.

Every month, Architects West will have a “Green Week”. During the week, the employees will learn of that month’s topic and the green measures that will be implemented during that time, as well as activities that will be occurring during the week.

For the period following “Green Week”, the Green Group will be observing and evaluating how the newly implemented green measures are being utilized and which members of the AW team are personally adopting them and changing their daily practices.

Starting in 2010, Architects West will begin to focus on harder hitting topics. We will look at submittal processes, project management, design development, construction documents, etc., and come up with ways to further deepen the firm’s green practices. This is an exciting time at Architects West, as we not only re-evaluate our current standard of practice, but are searching for ways to continually evolve and deepen our environmental commitment to our community and our clients.

AW GREEN TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- A monthly green week consisting of: sustainable focus/topic, green education lunch series, a daily green e-mail with tips on the current focus
- New recycling program and bin unit in the office break room
- Reduced the purchasing of paper and/or plastic plates and utensils for the break room
- Donated ceramic bowls/plates and metal silverware for the break room
- Started the “AW Green Checklists” - which are standard sustainable methods of design and project delivery that can be implemented into every project we do
- The Green Team has begun research on different green programs such as Washington High Performance Schools Protocol, Green Building Standards, LEED, and Evergreen

CONGRATULATIONS JONATHAN MUELLER ELECTED AS ASLA PRESIDENT



Architects West and Landmark are proud to announce that our own Jonathan Mueller was recently elected as President of the national American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). Mr. Mueller is the first person to be elected from Idaho, and the only graduate of the Landscape Architecture program at the University of Idaho to be both nominated and elected.

The leadership term for President is three years long. In the first year, Jonathan Mueller will serve as President-elect, and his time will be spent in preparation for next year. During the second year, as President, Jon will be busy traveling and representing the Society. In the final year of the term, he will serve as Immediate Past President and be relied on for advice and guidance to the new President.

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As President of the ASLA, Jon will act as chief spokesperson for the Society. Along with the Executive Vice President, Nancy Somerville, he will

work to implement the adopted goals and program of the Board of Trustees. Jon would also like to enhance state and local advocacy efforts through greater vigilance related to practice challenges. He believes it’s important to “tell our story”, to educate people about the ASLA as a society, and the profession of landscape architecture. Jon would like to accomplish these goals by energizing the membership core and highlighting the results of the ASLA’s advocacy efforts.

When asked what this honor means to him, Jon replied, “It sometimes is tough to put into the proper perspective. To have my name placed alongside of some of the great names that have led the Society is very exciting. Beyond that, it is also a recognition that my leadership contributions to date have merit and also have provided benefit to the advancement of our causes.”



Post Falls City Hall - Site Design by Jonathan Mueller
Post Falls, Idaho

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