

CORNERSTONE INTERIOR DESIGN

...Designing and Defining - Beautiful and Functional Spaces

Sometimes when you walk into a room, it just feels right. You can't put your finger on it - but Suzie Hall can.

She has made that her business at Cornerstone Interior Design, a full service design consulting firm located in Boise, Idaho.

The versatile design firm, which was established in 1992, does anything from commercial to residential, mountain rustic to ultra contemporary, and utilitarian to luxurious. But one thing stays the same - the focus to create a distinctive design that reflects the uniqueness of every client and their project.

Suzie and her design team work closely with their clients, architects, contractors to determine functional and aesthetic goals. Suzie likes to be involved from the beginning to help orchestrate a successful collaboration of all those involved in the project. "Teamwork is huge. I think I have success working with builders because I have so much respect for them and their knowledge," Suzie explains. Her receptiveness to learning has given her a broad and comprehensive understanding of the building process. This success can also be attributed to Suzie's "left and right-brained" aptitude, enabling her to understand the more technical aspects of building.

When working on a project, she understands aspects such as the AutoCAD's, the technical drawings, and the space architecture of the construction process; important elements in the final outcome and success of a project. She studies and understands both form and function - so her designs not only look beautiful, but function well too.

Hall spends time with her clients to help define their personal style, "A good designer puts aside her own style and designs for her client," she stresses. This is an exciting component for Suzie, because if she doesn't put constraints on the creative process, it has the potential to be different every time.

After she has identified aspects such as client lifestyle, personal style, design preferences, and budget, she offers her client a few options to stimulate discussion and to give them choices.

One of these choices is to "go green." Hall offers expertise about sustainable building practices and is a LEED accredited professional. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) has set a nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

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The living room of this custom log home at Tamarack Resort showcases the beautiful natural stone used on the exterior and interior of the home. The reclaimed Douglas fir mantel anchors the focal point of the room.





This master bathroom has his and hers marble-topped vanities and Rustic Lyptus cabinetry. The cabinet inserts are made from Lumicor and custom metal. The beautiful tile work completes this fabulous space.



Cornerstone Design designed the ceiling treatments, soffits and teller line to work in harmony with the very high ceilings in the space of this downtown Boise bank branch. The space is designed according to LEED standards, and incorporates FSC-certified wood along with natural marble tile and countertops.



A unique CoreTen ceiling treatment and fireplace surround set the stage for this dynamic Hearth Room.

Being sensitive and responsible to the environment is something that is important to Hall. "I don't force it on my clients but I feel I have a responsibility to bring options and to educate," she explains.

Hall has implemented these practices into her new studio space and was the Interior Designer for the Banner Bank Building in Boise, one of an elite group of office buildings in the world to receive LEED® Platinum rating. The 11-story building, located in the heart of downtown Boise, uses 60 percent less energy than a typical office building of the same size.

Suzie's projects at the Banner Bank included design for the main lobby, four schemes for office suites, and elevators. "It was a fascinating project. It shows that design can be both beautiful and sustainable," Hall says.

Another project that Hall found especially rewarding was the Alzheimer Unit at the Idaho State Veterans Home. She was acutely aware of the importance of creating a comfortable and attractive environment for the residents. She spent hours with the staff and residents to understand their needs so that she could create a world for them that would make a difference in their daily life. She knew she really did have the power to change their world.

Besides large scale commercial jobs, Cornerstone Design's client list includes numerous high-end custom homes and a part-

nership with Precision Log and Timber Homes. "We work on the tiniest details – like the knob on a laundry cabinet." Suzie notes.

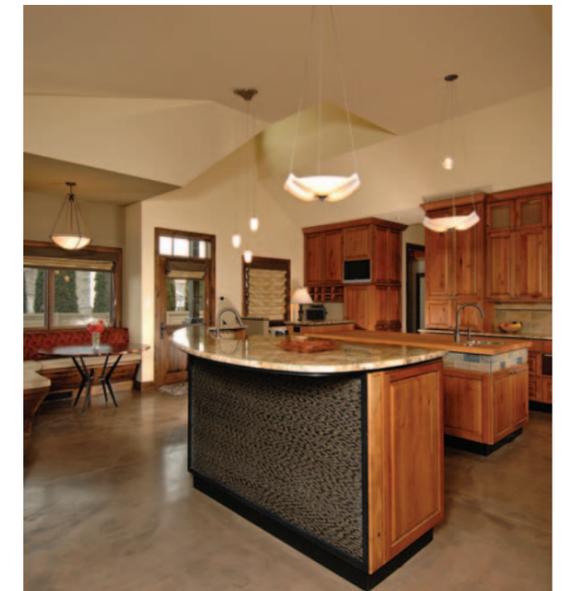
Her team is also currently working on the Royal Plaza luxury condo project in downtown Boise. Suzie and her team have created three different packages – Traditional, Old World, and Metropolitan – for the luxury condos. They also created the interior design for the first floor and hotel lobby.

A lot of Suzie's design choices are based on her belief, "Your home is your life." She looks for objects that will help tell the story of people's lives – a piece of art, a photograph, a found object, or something quirky that shows a sense of humor. Because these items have meaning or history, they give the home a spirit of its own.

Hall is an award winning leader in her field, currently the President of the Interior Designers of Idaho and a Past President of the Intermountain Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers.

She is proud of these accomplishments but for Suzie, the true reward is helping a client find their voice in their design – and in creating designs that enrich their environment and lives. **P&P**

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Suzie Halls truly believes that "lighting is art," as seen in this custom kitchen. The bonded metal surface used underneath the granite top contrasts well against the knotty cherry cabinetry.