

Connie Rizzolo Brown, AIA, LEED AP
Creative Lead, Owner

Connie Rizzolo Brown, has been featured in various local and national publications and has been recognized for her design and insight in working sensitively with existing structures to give them new life. She has worked for over 20 years in the architectural + planning fields, designing and leading efforts to create both residential and commercial structures that respond to the needs of clients. Urban and lakeside re-vitalization, cultural centers, mixed use, assisted living, single family and multi-family homes are among her areas of expertise. Noted for her integration of building systems, land use and design, she has effectively led many to teams to the successful completion of their projects. An able leader in public forums & ecological design solutions, Connie successfully blends creative design with pragmatic programs and currently leads creative development in her Ann Arbor firm.



Ms. Brown has been involved in the design of hundreds of new homes, additions and renovations and is noted for ability to work in a number of styles and locations. Some of her recent work has featured universal design as well specially designed residences for individuals of various physical abilities. These homes are not simply functional but also focus on the integration of outdoor spaces and bringing pleasure and delight into these spaces.

Selected Projects:

- Ann Arbor Art Center: Revitalization and renovation of 12,000 sqft downtown bldg.,
- Ecology Center, Ann Arbor: LEED EB office renovation
- Fountain Point Rowing Facility: Leelanau MI boathouse in planning for existing resort
- Name Brand Tattoo: Redevelopment of downtown business
- South Haven Center for the Arts: Master Plan of new arts facility
- Sun Valley Event Facility: Rustic Barn facility for Events in Sun Valley, inc. catering kitchen
- Ann Arbor Public Schools: Various renovation + additions to numerous schools
- Harbor Beach Resort: New clubhouse and dining facility for 350 guests
- Suzuki: Redevelopment & repurposing of manf. facility into residential community
- Tierra on Ashley: 30,000 sqft platinum LEED mixed-use in downtown Ann Arbor MI
- Ann Arbor People's Food Coop: energy/site feasibility study - rehab of industrial space for grocery/catering
- Ann Arbor City Club: Master Plan and implementation of revitalizing clubhouse house, restaurant and site
- The Ridge: 13 unit site condo development that maintains 83% open space
- Performance Network Theater: Lobby renovation
- Hope Landing: premier assisted living facility using pre-fab and site construction techniques
- Windjammer Marina: Renovation and redevelopment of 2 acre site & marina facility into 30 single family sustainable residential units, mixed use boating community & restoration of historic bridge in Oden

Community, Associations, Awards & Service

Commissioner, Ann Arbor Public Arts Commission
American Red Cross, Finance Committee
Ann Arbor Art Center, Board of Directors
UMS Advisory Committee
Creative Cities Conference-Speaker: Old Buildings, New Ideas
Corp! Top Design Firm 2009
Greenhouse Competition, Top 10 Winner 2008

Past Positions + Teaching Experience

Lawrence Technical University, Adjunct Professor, Graduate level
Integrated Architecture Ann Arbor, Principal
Hobbs + Black, Senior Associate
Damian Farrell Design Group, Project Architect, Project Manager
John Barrie Associates, Junior Associate

Education

University of Michigan, BSArch
Lawrence Technological University, MArch