

ARCHITECTURAL BUILDING ARTS *New Awards, and a Special Honor!*

Architectural Building Arts' mission is to deliver excellence through our Design/Build process that embraces environmental integrity, quality construction and efficient timelines. By creating enriching spaces and lasting value we transform the place you live, into the home you love.

It was a great night for Architectural Building Arts at the 2017 Contractor of the Year (CotY) awards presentation! We were awarded CotY's for 3 of our projects! And, to make the evening even greater, Melinda Monroe was honored with the top award of "**The Fritz**" **Lifetime Achievement Award**! It was a wonderful moment, as Steve Larson surprised everyone and presented the award. Well deserved for all she has done for the organization over these many years. Congratulations!



Zane Williams

NARI CotY Award Winner for Entire House Remodel: Our clients were drawn to this home for its location and views, but they quickly fell in love with its quirky charms. Their over arching goal for the space was to create a light and bright home that maximized their lake views and honored the original details and character of the home.



Zane Williams

NARI CotY Award Winner for Bath Remodel: The clients desired a space that felt contemporary while still honoring the craftsman roots of their home.



Joe De Maio

NARI CotY Award Winner for Exterior Remodel: The exterior was very flat looking and the basic simple vinyl siding lacked detail. The results were just what the homeowner's desired, which included traditional Norwegian rose maling painting, and a dark color with bright white trim that created a more striking curb appeal.

To view more of these projects including before photos, and our many other projects visit designbuildmadison.com



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR DESIGNERS



PROJECT DESIGNER
Bridget Ninmann

Architectural Building Arts is fortunate to work with very talented people, and we shine the light on our design team in this edition. Bridget Ninmann joined Architectural Building Arts in 2010 with a degree in Interior Architecture from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. As a multiple award-winning project designer, she works closely with our clients to develop design solutions to meet their individual needs, desires, and design aesthetics.

Andy is a licensed architect and holds a Masters of Architecture degree from UW-Milwaukee. He embraces our design build process which is evident by our 16-year partnership in creating beautiful projects together. Andy particularly enjoys residential design and strives to reflect his clients' personality in their projects.



PROJECT ARCHITECT
Andrew Wanek, AIA



Here are some of our latest reviews!



"We were looking for a company that would take care of every detail of our project. In ABA, we found just that. ABA worked with us from start to finish, providing us with top-quality work and a beautiful finished product that met our goals. It was a pleasure to work with both ABA and its subcontractors."

-R.H.S. Madison

"ABA is a wonderful mix of highly professional individuals, great designers and top notch craftsmen. We could not have been more satisfied with the quality of their work- they did everything they promised, and, on the very few minor follow-up issues, were very responsive."

-J.G.L. Madison

"ABA provides excellent service. This was our second project with ABA and we will work with them again--likely again within the year. Staff are professional and craftsmanship is quality." *-D.S.D. Madison*

"Stellar"

-D.C. Madison

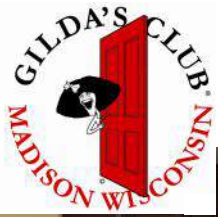


Twilight at Taliesin

ABA enjoyed an evening with some clients for the Twilight at Taliesin tour. The tour included the inside & outside of Frank Lloyd Wright's home, as well as the picturesque gardens & courtyards.



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GIVING BACK



This July ABA volunteered at **Gilda's Club of Madison** preparing a meal! It was a very fun & rewarding experience. Gilda's Club is a cancer support community. They provide programming & support for those with or affected by cancer.

There are many ways to volunteer or donate to Gilda's Club!

Please visit gildasclubmadison.org

SPONSORSHIP



Here is Architectural Building Arts' **East Madison Little League "T-Ball" Team!**

It is always so fun to watch our team and support our community sports programs.



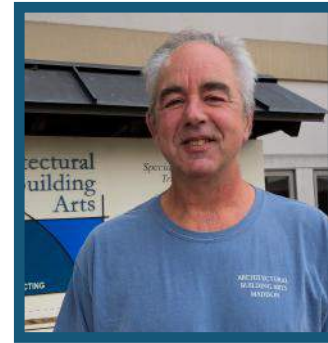
Jim Zanke

Joined the ABA team in September, as our Production Manager. Jim brings 36 years of trade and construction management experience working at the highest levels.

Jim and his wife Kim reside in Madison with their beloved dog Baxter, the Bichon.

As an avid cyclist, don't be surprised to see Jim roll into work on his bicycle.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES



Phil Busch joined us in October as a Project Manager.

Phil has over 35 years of construction experience and recently

returned to work in Wisconsin having spent the past 13 years building on the coast of Maine. He is very happy to be back home in Wisconsin where his children live. If Phil isn't working, you will find him hiking in a state park.

TO READ MORE ABOUT THESE AND ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND GO TO OUR PEOPLE PAGE!

WOMEN IN BUSINESS



Front: Melinda Monroe, President; Bridget Ninmann, Project Designer; Tessa Monroe, Office Assistant.
Back: DeAnn Christiansen, Finance Manager; Janet Kjelland, Administrative Assistant; Sarah King, Support I Carpenter

ABA recently had an opportunity to be published in BRAVA magazine's Women in Business edition. Here is an excerpt...

As a woman-owned company in a traditionally mail-dominated construction industry, ABA is unique. Our president, Melinda Monroe, has played an integral part in the success of ABA, our community and our culture. She continues to build a team that embraces and provides opportunities for both women and men in our company and the larger Madison community.

See more of the article in the August 2017 edition of BRAVA!



JOIN US! FOR OUR ANNUAL ABA FALL "GIVING THANKS" OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars for the
ABA Giving Thanks Open House

Tuesday, November 21

Stop by our office at 720 Hill Street
between 3:30pm-7pm

to enjoy some food & libations, and help fill
our donation barrel for the annual
Share Your Holidays food drive benefiting

The Second Harvest Food Bank!

The drive goes through November 27 so if
you can't stop by the open house, feel free to
stop by during the week! Here are the details
for donations...

Architectural Building Arts is participating in the
NBC 15 annual Share your Holidays campaign
again this year! If you would like to help us
eliminate hunger in Dane county please drop off
your items* at our office at 720 Hill Street
between **October 30th - November 27th!**

* The Food Bank accepts all non-perishable food
donations, but especially needs these nutritious items:

- Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup)
- Tuna and canned meat
- Peanut butter
- Canned foods with pop-top lids
- Low-sugar cereals
- 100% fruit juices in single serving boxes
- Canned fruit packed in juice
- Canned vegetables (low salt)

Please avoid donating items packaged in glass.

NON-FOOD ITEMS:

Financial donations, personal hygiene products, baby
wipes, disposable diapers, soap products, toilet tissue, etc.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

Fall & Winter Tips

Daylite Saving Time
ends November 5, 2017 at 2:00 a.m.
Set your clocks back 1 hour!

For all of us who live in the Midwest, here are maintenance jobs
you should complete in fall & winter to prevent costly repairs
and keep your home in top condition.

Check your gutters & downspouts

- Everything from pine needles, children's toys, nails, debris
from the roof can get stuck in gutters & downspouts
- Your downspouts should extend at least 5' away from your
home to prevent foundation problems

Stow your mower

- Before putting your mower away for the year add some fuel
stabilizer
- Fuel stabilizer prevents gas from degrading, which can damage
internal engine parts
- Run the mower for 5 minutes to make sure the stabilizer
reaches the carburetor

Remove garden hoses from outdoor faucets

- Turn off any shutoff valves on water supply lines that lead to
exterior faucets
- Drain garden hoses and store them in a shed or garage

Check out the roof

- Look for warning signs: shingles that are buckled, cracked or
missing, rust spots on flashing
- Any loose, damaged, or missing shingles should be replaced
right away

Make sure your fireplace is safe

- Take a flashlight and look up inside your fireplace flue to
make sure the damper opens and closes properly.
- Make sure when you open the damper to make sure it's free of
nests, branches, leaves, or other obstructions.

Add weatherstripping

- Weatherstripping applied around the frames of windows and
doors helps boost winter warmth and cut energy costs

Schedule your bi-annual HVAC appointment

- Have your HVAC system inspected by a licensed professional
- Make sure vents and ducts are clean and air is free to move
- Change interior filters on a regular basis
- Check your thermostat to ensure it's working properly

Check safety devices

- Test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
- Replace batteries as needed

Sources: houselogic.com, houzz.com