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Education

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture
Pennsylvania State University

Landscape Architecture Study Abroad
Rome, Italy

Honors and Awards

2014 ASLA - Merit Award
Town Mountain Residence

Penn State Department of Landscape
Architecture Excellence Award

Work Experience

Vision Design Collaborative, PA.
Owner & Principal
Feb. 2008 to Current

Grafica, Inc.
President
Apr. 2006 to Jan. 2008

Design Workshop, Inc.
Landscape Architect
July 2001 to Mar. 2006

Edward Stone and Associates
Landscape Architect Intern
Summer 2000

Since an early age, Steve Wyda has had a strong connection to nature and the environment as well as a passion for architecture. Upon graduating Pennsylvania State University in 2001 Steve continued on this path, pursuing a career as a landscape architect and project manager with the national design firm Design Workshop.

During his five years at Design Workshop, Steve was involved in an array of project types including resort and conservation based community master planning, streetscape design, recreation and park planning, and residential design. Steve also served as the chief design officer for the Asheville office in 2005. While working in the Southeast for the past 17 years, he has also had the opportunity to lead numerous design charrettes and projects, collaborating closely with clients, community members and stakeholders to achieve successful projects.

In early 2008, Steve teamed up with a former colleague, Ryan Blau, to create a new company that was founded on the principles of collaboration, innovation, and building meaningful, long lasting relationships with their clients and colleagues. In the past 12 years with Vision Design Collaborative, Steve has been involved in the management, design, and implementation of many successful projects including several private mountain residences, mixed use village centers, amenity centers, school and university projects, outdoor dining plazas, playgrounds and a sacred garden. Steve is currently working on the renovation design of an outdoor amenity area for Mountain Air.

Steve has a strong passion for pursuing creative design solutions that are environmentally sensitive and that speak to the historical and cultural vernacular of the site. His talent for design conceptualization is complimented by his attention to detail, an ability to effectively communicate both graphically and verbally, and his desire to collaborate in a true workshop environment.

Steve is heavily involved in the community, volunteering his time with the garden program at Isaac Dickson Elementary School as well as a volunteer for the Read 2 Succeed program as a Reading Buddy. Steve is also a mentor and 'Big' with the Big Brother and Big Sisters program in Western North Carolina.

Selected Project Experience

Streetscape, Plazas & Urban Design

First Baptist Church Campus Planning

Asheville, North Carolina

Master Planning of the First Baptist Church property including a mixed use development with parking garage and outdoor community spaces.

Greenville Convention Center

Greenville, North Carolina

Outdoor plaza space, Event Lawn and entrance walkway design for new expansion to existing convention center

Western Carolina University

Cullowhee, North Carolina

Streetscape and outdoor space design and detailing for a new mixed-use building on campus.

First Baptist Sacred Garden

Asheville, North Carolina: Design and construction detailing of an outdoor walled in garden, with water features, labyrinth, columbarium niches and garden spaces.

Eastern Carolina University – Student Plaza Drive

Greenville, North Carolina:

Streetscape and outdoor space design and detailing for a new pedestrian and bicycle way through Student Plaza Drive.

Asheville Christian Academy

Buncombe County, North

Carolina: Site design and construction

documentation of a new drop off and entry plaza associated with a renovation to the existing school facilities. Design included outdoor classroom spaces.

Davis Arena

Buncombe County, North

Carolina: Streetscape and outdoor amenity design for the newly renovated Davis Arena. Design

included creating a strong pedestrian corridor connection between buildings with an alley of trees as well as an event lawn space and entrance plaza.

Reynolds Mountain Village

Buncombe County,

North Carolina: Schematic landscape and streetscape design for a new mixed use town center and residential neighborhood.

South Virginia St Corridor Plan

Reno, Nevada:

Urban design master planning and streetscape design for South Virginia Street, one of the main vehicular corridors through Reno, Nevada.

Ski Run Marina Design

South Lake Tahoe, California:

3 day conceptual design charette for the Ski Run marina and Lake Tahoe Blvd., the main vehicular artery in Lake Tahoe.

Lee Vining and June Lake Streetscape Improvement Plans

California:

Streetscape design for route 395 through Lee Vining and a small mountain community.

Resorts & Mixed-Use Development

Balsam Mountain Preserve Village

Sylva, NC

Site and Landscape Design of an amenity village including a tavern, restaurant & general store. Design of outdoor spaces including an event lawn, dining garden terrace, performance patio, drop off autocourts and service yards.

Blue Ridge Mountain Club

Blowing Rock, NC

Site and Landscape Design of an amenity village including an event center, fitness center, general store and community chapel. Design of outdoor spaces including a croquet lawn, great lawn, and numerous firepits.

Connestee Falls

Brevard, NC

Site and Landscape Design of a new entry drive, drop off, parking and outdoor spaces for a new 40,000 SF clubhouse facility

The Lodge on Biltmore Estate

The Biltmore Estate, North Carolina:

Design and Construction Documentation of outdoor amenities at the hotel including a pool terrace, high end spa terrace with hot tubs and an outdoor fireplace as well as the main entry drop off.

Reynolds Mountain Village

Woodfin, North Carolina:

Master planning, urban design and schematic streetscape design for a new mixed use town center and residential neighborhood.

Davis Arena

Buncombe County, North Carolina:

Streetscape and outdoor amenity design for the newly renovated Davis Arena. Design included creating a strong pedestrian corridor

Primland Resort

Patrick County, Virginia:

Master planning and landscape design for a private golf course and cottage community, including a lodge, golf house, and maintenance facility.

Adventure Sports Center International Whitewater Course

Deep Creek, Maryland:

Schematic design of man-made re-circulating whitewater course with associated plazas, amphitheater, trails, bridges, and planting.

Turks and Caicos Sporting Club - Calico Jack Cottages

British West Indies:

Landscape design and illustration of private residential cottages.

Genoa Lakes Golf Course

Genoa, Nevada :

Master planning for a new residential golf course community

North Star Resort

Truckee, CA:

Conceptual design alternatives for the ski village streetscape

Residential

Moniz Residence

Blowing Rock, NC:

Landscape site design of outdoor spaces including a fire place, water features, patios, gardens & spa pool.

34 El Alamo Residence

Danville, CA: Landscape site design and construction detailing of outdoor spaces including a pool, water slides and splash pool, outdoor fire pit, and garden spaces.

Macon Avenue Residence

Asheville, NC: Landscape site design of outdoor spaces including a fire place, water feature, patios and gardens.

Williams. Residence

Asheville, NC: Landscape site and construction detail design of outdoor spaces including a new entry patio and garden

Town Mtn. Residence

Asheville, NC: Landscape site and construction detail design of outdoor spaces including a fire place, deck, water feature and planting beds.

Cliffs Valley Residence *Cliffs*

Valley, SC: Landscape site and detail design for a new residence. Designed to have the indoors blend with the outdoor space.

Crane Residence *Hendersonville,*

NC Landscape renovation and site design that included a new entry terrace, and expanded dining deck and outdoor fire pit with seating.

Tranquility Residence

Zephyr Cove, Nevada: Landscape renovation and site design for a 250 acre family estate overlooking the south shore of Lake Tahoe.

Chaiken Residence

Zephyr Cove, Nevada: Landscape renovation and site design for a private residence on the south shore of Lake Tahoe

Pinecone Circle Residence

Incline Village, Nevada: Master planning, site design, and approval process for a private lake side residence on the north shore, within the exclusive Incline Village neighborhood.

Community Planning

Balsam Mountain Preserve

Syla, NC

Master Planning and Visioning for a 4,000 acre existing development. VDC's has been involved in the overall study and master planning for additional density throughout the property including a new amenity village which will have 23 cottages as well as a tavern, restaurant and general store designed with outdoor dining terraces, event and activity lawns and performance area.

Heirloom

Hendersonville, NC

Master Planning and Visioning for a 30 Acre senior community with a focus on outdoor living and green space corridor connections. A series of gardens, trellis covered walkways and open lawn and wildflower areas where designed to be not only an amenity to the community but as a primary means of travel throughout the site.

Keowee River Preserve

Oconee County, South

Carolina: Master Planning, site design and architectural visioning for a 50 Acre mixed use village, with retail, office, YMCA, outfitter, lodge, and residences.

Cold Mountain

Haywood County, North

Carolina: Master Planning, site design and architectural visioning for a 200 acre private new community along the Pigeon river. Master Plan includes an English style village, river house, gardens & orchards.

Big Creek Lodge

Henderson County, North

Carolina: Planning and design for an 84 acre exclusive cabin retreat completely surrounded by national forest. The

plan includes a conservation easement and low impact strategies to protect natural systems and scenic integrity.

Lonesome Valley

Cashiers, North Carolina:

Master Planning for an 850 acre new community with lodge, spa, and fitness center amenities and a variety of architectural product

Homestead Preserve

Warm Springs, Virginia:

Schematic Master planning of an exclusive mountain community surrounding

Conservation Planning

Thistlecroft

Haywood County, North Carolina:

Conservation easement planning for an 130 acre private estate. Project included an in depth resource and land analysis as well as a yield plan to determine market value.

Lake Toxaway River Preserve

Jackson County, North Carolina:

Worked closely with North American Land Trust to develop a conservation plan for a 60 acre property. Field located home sites and driveway locations and developed a yield plan to determine market value.

Cold Mountain

Haywood County, North Carolina:

Conservation Easement planning for a 200 acre dev.

