

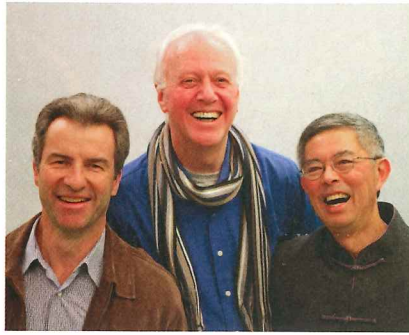
John Ingwersen | ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN INC.

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DESIGNING AND BUILDING homes since 1986, the team at Architectural Design, Inc. knows that the industry is an ever-changing one and it is important that an architectural firm be adaptable to the changes and be innovative with designs.

“As an architect, design, and build firm, we are able to do projects that allow us to think and work outside of the box—we are cutting edge,” says one of the firm’s partners, John Ingwersen. “We design projects that give consideration to things like ecological concerns and we choose materials that perform better,” Ingwersen adds.

Ingwersen says there is a trend toward downsizing today. “People tend to overbuild. We encourage



clients to cut back on the scale of the house—we design it so that it has many pieces on a smaller scale,” he says. The firm has become very involved in the “Living Building Challenge”—a program of highly sustainable homes where green and sustainable materials are integrated into the design and construction of the home.

“We have used materials such as Azak trim, which performs very well

here on the Cape. But because it is oil-based, we have switched over to a new—more environmentally sensitive product, called Boral TruExterior trim, which is made out of waste materials. This material guards against rotting, cracking, splitting, or termites,” Ingwersen says.

As energy costs rise, Ingwersen says it is critical that homeowners consider alternative materials and energy sources for their homes and he and his partners are proud to be able to guide their clients in integrating these environmentally responsible materials and practices into their new homes, or remodeling projects.

“It’s all about innovation. We have been in this business for 25 years but we are always looking to the future.”

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