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# MEANINGFUL SPACES THAT TOUCH LIVES

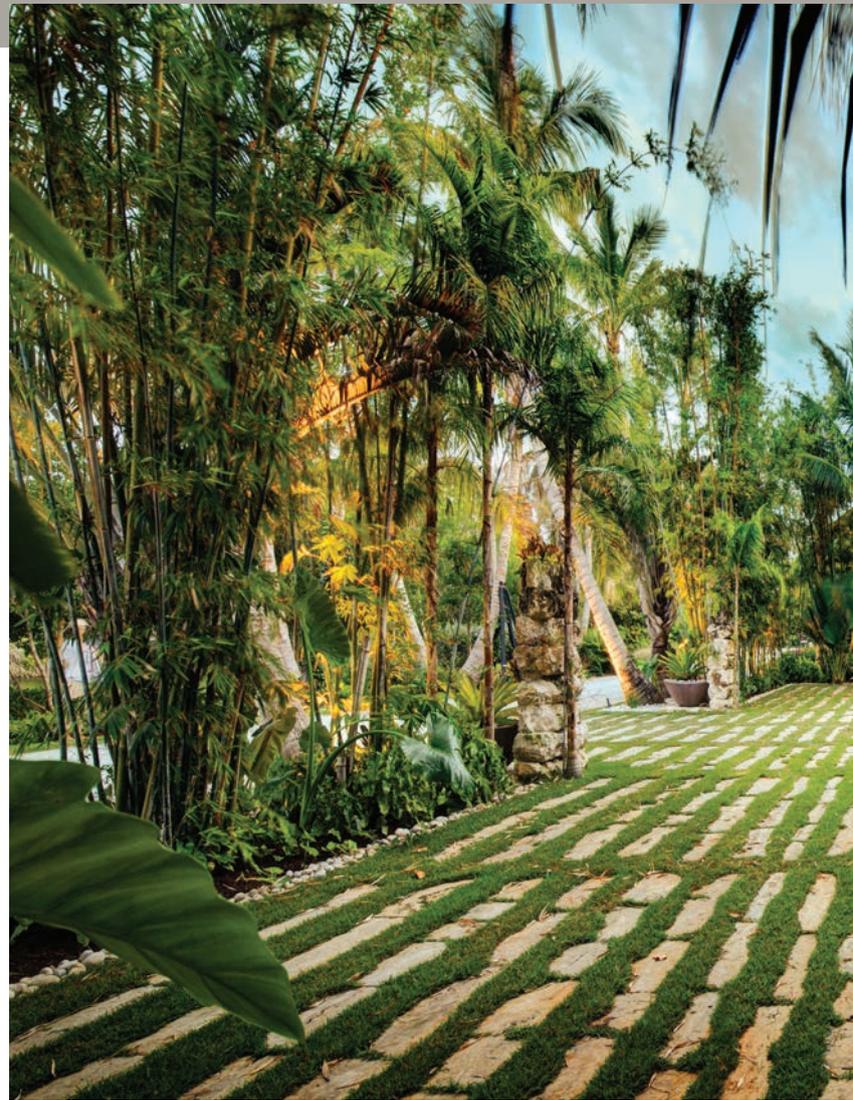
**"IT'S TIME TO GET OFF THE BEACH AND FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU WANT TO DO WITH YOURSELF,"** a fateful conversation began between a mother and a son. David Young was born a third generation Floridian with the Gulf of Mexico as his playground. "You should look into landscape architecture," was the suggestion. An attempt to motivate her "beach bum" son led David to find his passion. That was more than 20 years ago.

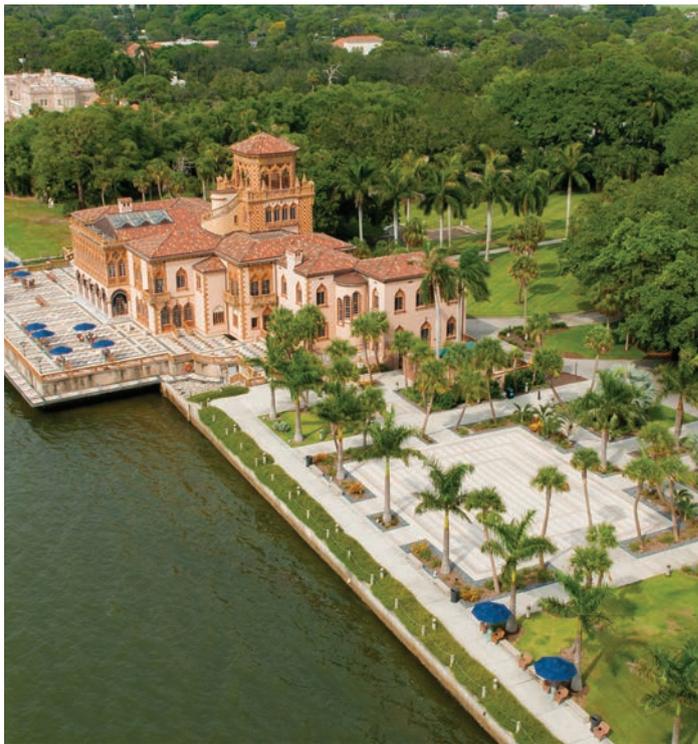
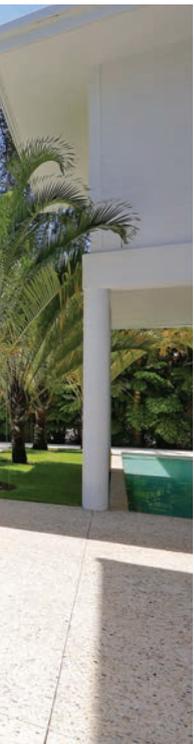
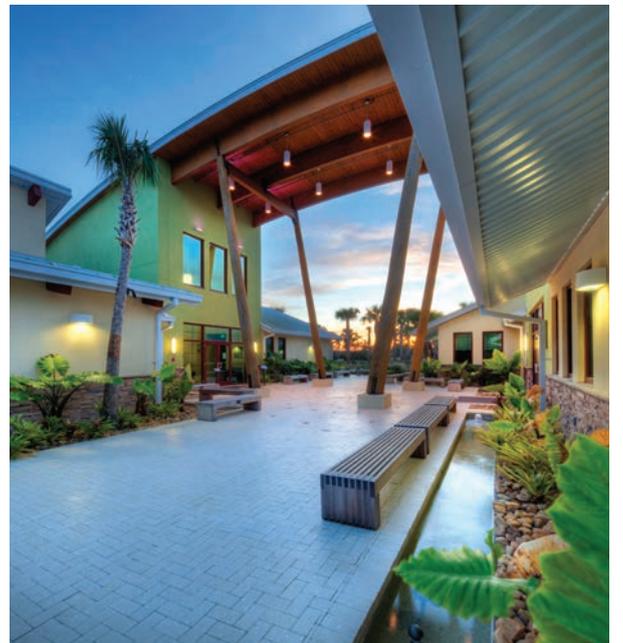
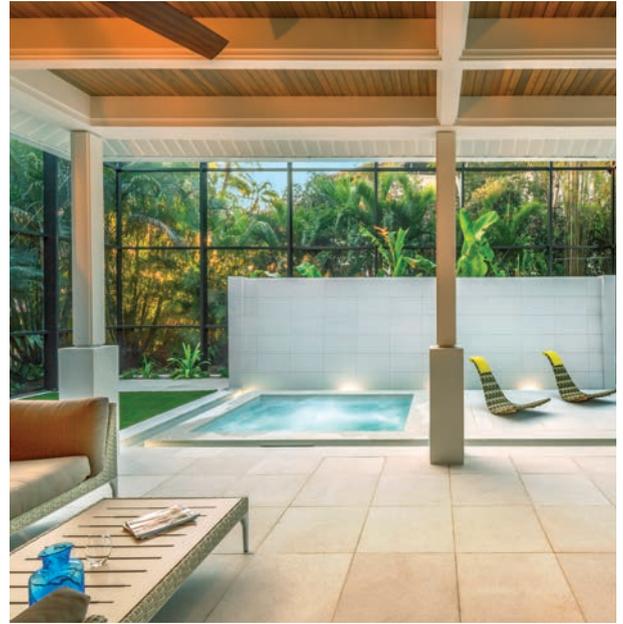
DWY Landscape Architects, the firm founded by Young, celebrated a 15 Year Anniversary in 2014. Since graduating from the University of Florida he has dedicated himself to creating meaningful spaces that touch the lives of the people who encounter them. "In an age of technology, it is important for people to reconnect with nature," and David considers landscape architecture the perfect platform for this to occur.

Through the years David has also developed a love and admiration for modern architecture that is demonstrated in much of the firm's work. DWY designs are identifiable - nature is edited to achieve a sense of order and structure creating a design vocabulary that is in touch with the 'spirit' of the architecture while in harmony with the site and natural environment.

Early commissions in the 1990s were almost exclusively residential and David still finds a great sense of accomplishment in collaborating with a homeowner to create personal garden spaces. However, the firm's current portfolio includes a wide range of projects from community master plans and condominium developments to museum grounds and waterfront parks. Its these commercial, institutional and resort projects that provide an opportunity for David to impact the community at large by creating outdoor spaces designed for recreation, education and healing.

Captions (clockwise top to bottom): Boca Grande Residential Motor Court Entry, photo by Greg Wilson; Harbor Acres Residential Renovation, photo by Greg Wilson; Hope Courtyard at the Center for Building Hope, photo by Greg Wilson; The Ringling Waterfront Enhancement Project; and Aquadisia Cube Shot of Motor Court and Entry Sequence, photography by SRQ360 Photography.





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# A TRUE COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

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Whether you are updating a bath, remodeling an entire home or building your dream home from the ground up; finding the perfect contractor can be a cumbersome task. Fortunately, there's Edgewater Contractors. Located in Sarasota Florida, Edgewater is fast becoming the go-to contractor for custom-built homes, kitchens, luxury baths and relaxing bedrooms. A quick stroll through their website or facebook page immediately paints the picture of a business that approaches each job as a unique and special opportunity. Nothing is cookie-cutter and everything is custom. From the smallest jobs to the whole house remodels, client tastes and specifications are closely followed. Their most recent project, a custom home in Emerald Harbour on Longboat Key, serves to show not only the company's versatility, but also their ability to tailor their approach based on client needs.

Edgewater Contractors is owned and lead by Jay Anderson, a building professional with over 12 years of experience in the Florida construction industry. A Florida business owner since 2003, he weathered the rough waters during the housing market crises and pushed forward by continuously providing quality services at a time where other contractors became less reliable. "We're somewhat of a boutique-style construction company," said Jay. "When you hire Edgewater Contractors, you deal directly with me. I stay close to the job site, making sure each client's wishes are upheld to the highest degree."

Edgewater Contractors is somewhat of an anomaly in the industry. Quality service takes precedence over job quantity. Although strong and successful, the full-service company isn't interested in growing too quickly. "Part of what makes us so different than other remodeling or building contractors is our artisan approach," added Jay. "We want all of our clients to feel special and to understand just how important their business is to us. I don't just put a superintendant on the job and move to the next project. Our clients have come to expect much more and I happy to provide it. Exceptional quality, consistency and craftsmanship is our number one goal."

Under his direction, Edgewater Contractors was named the 2012 Rookie Small Business of the Year by the Longboat, Lido and St. Armand's Key Chamber of Commerce. As evidenced by its many satisfied clients, Edgewater Contractors will surely be one of the most sought-after remodeling companies for many years to come.

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# WHAT'S HOT IN FINE CUSTOM HOME BUILDING AND DESIGN IN 2015

MGB, Sarasota's Luxury Home Builder, on what transforms a high-end custom home into an MGB Built™ home. If you can imagine it, we can build it.





At MGB it's all about you. Your level of satisfaction with your home is our only meaningful measurement of success. Well-designed and constructed living space will enhance your mood, support your health and well-being, and improve your life experience. MGB crafts the highest quality custom homes along the waterfront and mainland of Sarasota, FL. Give us a call.

**Stephen Ellis and Grant Castilow**  
MGB Fine Custom Homes



"Warm, welcoming, comfortable, retreat are often words that we hear from homeowners to describe their ideal place to get away at the end of the day." says Stephen Ellis. "They want a home to embrace family and friends, and rivals their favorite resort experiences around the globe." We believe these elements create an MGB Built™ Home.

**1. HIGHLY FUNCTIONAL OUTDOOR LIVING SPACE** that is as comfortable and as well-planned as the interior space creates a seamless transition between indoor and outdoors.

**2. TIMELESS.** We see a movement to more timeless finishes, as compared to purely trendy styles of the moment. Finishes that express true craftsmanship with purpose, and functionality.

**3. INDIVIDUALITY.** We are being asked to build truly one-of-a-kind custom homes—not slightly modified floor plans of other homes in town. Individuality is very in.

**4. LESS IS MORE.** We are seeing a significant move away from grand unusable space in exchange for higher quality space that is more welcoming, feature rich and reveals an obvious attention to detail.

**5. HARDSCAPE ELEMENTS TO ENJOY YOUR SETTING.** Well-planned interior space affords more of your construction budget to be splurged on luxurious exterior living, hardscape and landscaping to create a resort-like feel.

**6. KITCHENS TO ACCOMMODATE ALL.** Highly finished and open kitchens as the heart of the home remain high on the list of desires for most of our clients.

**7. HEALTHY AND DURABLE.** We are being asked for more durable and healthy construction materials designed to reduce monthly operating and maintenance costs.

**8. SMART HOME TECHNOLOGY IS IN DEMAND.** Home Automation that is simple to use and intuitive.

**9. MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS AND UNIQUE STORAGE SOLUTIONS.** Small families and couples want to be able to use more of their whole home when extended family and friends are not in residence.

**10. BUILDING FOR A LIFETIME.** homes that are user friendly and highly accessible throughout your life, or otherwise known as "Universal Design".



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