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● ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN



ANDREA CLARK BROWN

Owner, Curator, and Director
Andrea Clark Brown Architects, PA
Up Art and Design Gallery

Andrea Clark Brown is a well-established architect in Naples with many private, high-profile clients and public projects. She founded her firm in 1986 and has designed notable landmarks such as Sugden Community Theatre, Sugden Plaza, public parking garages, churches, and corporate and commercial offices. She has held several professorial positions (Harvard University and University of Miami) and is a frequent lecturer, juror, and writer. Her firm also provides interior design services and landscape planning.

EDUCATION: University of Virginia (MA)

FUNNIEST WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE: Being a salesgirl at Sears in the lingerie department when I hardly wore a bra myself. I wanted to be in hardware. I knew more about it.

BEST ADVICE: If you make the same mistake three times, it's a habit.

SECRET TO SUCCESS: Positive attitude, resiliency, and coping skills

HOBBIES: Piano and writing

CAUSES: Humane Society Naples, Cancer Alliance of Naples

BUCKET LIST: Practice piano as much as I want, travel Italy with my husband, and have the perfect gallery kitchen to hone my now-lost *Iron Chef* skills

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KIM COLLINS

Vice President, Principal, and Owner
Collins & DuPont Design Group

Kim Collins has earned more than 100 design awards. She established Collins & DuPont Design Group with Sherri DuPont in 1987 to bring together their shared philosophy of serving their clients with high standards of personal service with designs that genuinely reflect individual tastes. Their leadership and visionary thinking have built a successful full-service concierge style firm, working with clients throughout Florida, the United States, and globally. She undertook post-graduate studies and has traveled extensively seeking knowledge and inspiration.

EDUCATION: Colorado State University

FUNNIEST WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE: We left the market to valet with another person's car. We noticed after one of the designers I was with thought someone stole her candy and soda that had been left in the car. When we returned, the family, whose car we were driving, was sitting wide-eyed at the curb.

BEST ADVICE: Luke:37: Faith does not make things easy; it makes them possible.

FAVORITE TRAVEL DESTINATION: Italy

ADVICE TO 18-YEAR-OLD SELF: In the midst of your difficulty lies opportunity and learning.

FAVORITE COLLIER COUNTY PLACE TO VISIT: Gulf of Mexico



JOHN M. COONEY

Partner
Stofft Cooney Architects

John M. Cooney has earned a reputation for exemplary, award-winning architecture. Growing up in New York informed Cooney's sense of design. Stofft Cooney Architects prides itself on its wide array of projects ranging from intimate residences to substantial estates with a scope of work that encompasses all genres to reveal influences from the most emulated, diverse styles throughout history. Regardless of style, the firm's philosophy is to create timeless architecture with modern amenities.

EDUCATION: Kent State University

HOMETOWN: East Hampton, Long Island

FIRST JOB: Lifeguard

BEST ADVICE: Make sure you love what you do for work as it's the majority of your waking day.

HIDDEN TALENT: I'm a good writer and can write poetry.

HOBBIES: Yachting, fishing, traveling, and pushing the envelope when and where I can

FAVORITE COLLIER COUNTY RESTAURANT: The Continental

CHARITIES: STARability Foundation and its Trailblazers Academy

BUCKET LIST: Bordeaux, France for some wine



DAVID CORBAN

Architect
David Corban Architects

David Corban's work as an architect is marked by a dedication to environmental and community sustainability. Recent projects include the Shelly Stayer Shelter, the first purpose-built shelter for human trafficking victims in the United States, and the Holocaust Museum & Cohen Education Center. His firm's design for Celebration Park received an "Award of Excellence" in 2019 from *Metal Architecture*. LEED-accredited, Corban has earned several regional and statewide American Institute of Architects Awards, including "Citizen Architect."

EDUCATION: Mississippi State University

HOMETOWN: Heflin, Alabama

FIRST JOB: Mowing lawns for gas money

TOUGHEST CHALLENGE: Starting a new architecture firm in the teeth of the Great Recession

HOBBIES: Cycling, hiking, and traveling with family and friends

FAVORITE TRAVEL DESTINATION: Western Canada

FAVORITE COLLIER COUNTY PLACE TO VISIT: Fakahatchee State Preserve State Park

FAVORITE COLLIER COUNTY RESTAURANT: Taqueria San Julian

BUCKET LIST: Travel to Asia

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