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406 S 3rd St, Boise

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December 10
at the Idaho Art Gallery

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Leslie Prendiville, PLA, ASLA

ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Danielle Weaver, AIA, LEED AP** with CSHQA on her promotion to Principal!

Congratulations to **Katie Butler, AIA** with CSHQA on her promotion to Principal!

Congratulations to **Paola Eldredge, SHRM-CP** with McAlvain on her promotion to Vice President of Talent & Culture!

Congratulations to **Sydney Trumbull, P.E.** on earning her PE license!

Have an announcement, achievement, or milestone worth celebrating?

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Hello IWAEC Members,

This year has been absolutely amazing in growth and participation!

As always, I want to express my sincere gratitude to our members and sponsors for your continued support. Our membership has grown 128% from 2025 to 2026, while sponsorship dollars have increased 68%. This growth allows us to continue offering high-quality programming and meaningful opportunities to connect throughout the year.

We have been in talks with other amazing women regarding developing IWAEC regional chapters in both Northern and Eastern Idaho, and I look forward to the Board's participation as we grow throughout the state, providing additional opportunities for connection.

Our inaugural 2026 Mentorship Program has reached its halfway point, with 42 members participating. A special thank-you to our Mentorship Chair, Paola Eldredge, who has embraced the program with enthusiasm and innovation. The program continues to add value to IWAEC membership, and we're launching a dedicated forum on IWAEC.org to give participants another way to connect and engage.

Our 2027 Secretary election is also coming up this fall. I encourage anyone interested in deepening their connections with fellow members while gaining valuable board experience in a supportive environment to consider applying for the Secretary position. Serving on the IWAEC board has been one of the most rewarding parts of my experience, and I have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful women through my involvement with this organization. Please reach out to me anytime with questions about the role or the election process.

Thank you all for your continued participation and enthusiasm as we create opportunities to connect, learn, and support one another. As summer slowly moves behind us, we have several exciting opportunities to gather before the year comes to a close.

Your engagement, participation, and support have fueled IWAEC's success and positioned us for a strong finish to 2026. Every one of you plays an essential role in the continued growth and success of IWAEC, and I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.

Jill Singer
IWAEC President

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UPCOMING EVENT

PUSH & POUR COFFEE HOUR

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join us at Push & Pour for coffee and an informal opportunity to connect with other women across Idaho's A/E/C community. Stop by anytime between 7:30 and 9:30 AM, grab a coffee, and stay for as long as your morning allows.

Push & Pour @ 13 S Latah St, Suite 2, Boise

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT

ULI IDAHO: WOMEN IN HEALTH DESIGN

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Idaho State History Museum

Join ULI Idaho for a conversation exploring how built environment shapes health in the broadest sense through the lens of local projects - St. Lukes, Interfaith Sanctuary, and the YMCA.

IWAEC members use code 'PARTNER' for $5 off!

UPCOMING EVENT

MOTHER EARTH HAPPY HOUR

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Come unwind with IWAEC at Mother Earth Brew Co.! Join us for an evening to connect with women from across Idaho's A/E/C industry. Whether you're a longtime member or attending your first IWAEC event, we'd love to see you there.

Mother Earth Brew Co. @ 406 S 3rd St, Boise

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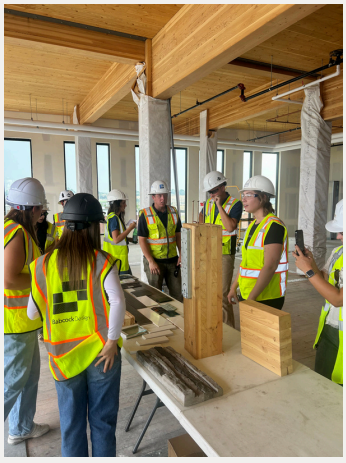
FRONTIER CREDIT UNION BUILDING TOUR RECAP

IWAEC members had the opportunity to step inside the new Frontier Credit Union Regional Headquarters in Meridian for our annual industry knowledge site tour.

Members toured the four-story building, seeing the exposed mass timber structure up close and hearing about the design decisions and coordination involved in bringing the project to life.

The afternoon also provided a great opportunity to ask questions, connect across disciplines, and see how architecture, engineering, and construction come together in the field.

A huge thank you to COLE Architects and CSC for hosting the tour, sharing their expertise, and giving IWAEC members such a valuable look inside the project. And thank you to everyone who joined us for the tour and continued the conversations afterward at happy hour!



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

LESLIE PRENDIVILLE, PLA, ASLA

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT | PROJECT MANAGER & OWNER PARTNER

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Leslie Prendiville is a Project Manager and Partner with Rodney Evans + Partners and has spent more than a decade working in the A/E/C industry.

She was originally planning to pursue architecture at the University of Idaho, but during a Vandal Friday event she discovered landscape architecture, a profession she hadn't previously known was a career. She has since built a career spanning site design, land development, entitlements, and project management.

Leslie enjoys the variety the profession offers and is passionate about helping others understand the broad role landscape architects play in shaping functional, thoughtful places.

Tell us about yourself and your current role at Rodney Evans + Partners.

Being part of a four-person firm means my role is pretty broad, which is one of the things I enjoy most about it. On any given day I might be managing a project, supporting the other landscape architects with drafting, assisting with plat routing or site postings, helping with graphics and marketing, or handling one of the many small tasks that come with running a business.

I like having that variety. It keeps me involved in different parts of the work and gives me the opportunity to keep learning rather than being focused on just one piece of a project.

What advice do you have for future leaders in our industry?

Advocate for your services and for your profession. It can be very easy for a potential client to not fully understand the value of what you do, or the scope of your training, licensure and skills. It's up to us to communicate why our role matters and what we can contribute to a project.

Landscape architecture is a good example. The profession is sometimes misconstrued as simply "landscaping" or gardening, when it encompasses so much more. Plant selection and layout can certainly be part of our work, but landscape architects may also be responsible for site planning and design, pedestrian and vehicular circulation, signage, irrigation design, grading and drainage, and many other elements that shape how a site actually functions.

I think it's important to understand what makes your profession and your own expertise valuable, find your niche, and be comfortable communicating that value to others.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - LESLIE PRENDIVILLE

LESLIE PRENDIVILLE

What was your first introduction to the field of A/E/C?

A lot of my earliest exposure to A/E/C came through my dad. For most of my life, he worked for a large manufacturing company that provided equipment for companies like Simplot and Hershey, so I had some introduction to mechanical engineering through his career.

But I probably learned even more from watching what he did outside of work. He had helped his older brother on construction jobs in Moscow while he was in high school and brought those skills into our family home. I watched him design and build cabinetry, tile floors, install showers and build an entire irrigation system from scratch. Seeing him figure out how things were designed and built gave me an early appreciation for that process.

What fulfills you outside of work?

Outside of the office, I spend a lot of time in my vegetable garden, cooking, and attending live music and Renaissance Faires with friends and family.

During COVID, a group of friends and I joined a bowling league for fun. I ended up enjoying it so much that I'm still bowling competitively seven months out of the year. It was definitely not something I expected to become such a big part of my life!

Tell us about your favorite project you've been involved with.

Since early in my career, I've had the opportunity to be involved with nearly every phase of the Pine 43 development in Meridian. The development includes commercial and retail spaces, med-tech, single-family residential and multifamily development, so there has been a tremendous amount of variety.

Being part of the design team and getting to follow the project from the design phase through buildout has been incredibly rewarding. I've also had the opportunity to work closely with many of the same people throughout the process and really see how the development has evolved over time. It's rare to get that kind of long-term perspective on a project, and it has given me a much greater appreciation for how all of the pieces of a development work together.

How do you maintain a healthy work-life balance?

I'm fortunate to be part of a company that genuinely values work-life balance. We all understand that life happens and that it doesn't always fit neatly around a 9-to-5 schedule.
We also make a point of getting out of the office together and celebrating our successes. That might mean birthday lunches, after-work happy hours, our annual company rafting trip, or even bowling. Those opportunities help us step away from the daily grind and enjoy spending time together as a team.

I think having variety in my work helps, too. Wearing a lot of different hats keeps things interesting and gives me opportunities to continually learn, which goes a long way toward keeping the work from feeling repetitive or leading to burnout.

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