



THE URBAN SPA EXPERIENCE

### **JOHN GOODFELLOW**

Developer & Managing Member

John Goodfellow was raised in Seattle but went to college in New York City where he first discovered the Russian Baths. Returning to Seattle, he published the literary magazine CAKE and wrote on the philosophy of technology. During this time, he also became a real estate developer of various properties and buildings around the city, including redevelopment of the Bemis Building near Safeco Field and the construction of the Hawthorne Apartments.

Known for his attention to detail, John has built four private banyas for friends and himself prior to tackling the public facility of Banya 5. He also maintains an active interest in the philosophy of technology and is working on producing an exhibit on money as technology.

### **GARY deWITT**

Owner & Proprietor

Trained in business and interior design, Gary deWitt of deWitt Construction, opened his first company in 1973 on Salt Spring Island, BC. Over the years, Gary built single family residences, multi-story apartments, condominiums and office complexes from Vancouver to San Francisco to Los Angeles, many of them for recognizable names in the film and television industry including Priscilla Presley, Charles Bronson and Genevieve Bujold. In 1994, Gary moved from Malibu to Seattle to restore the Elbert Blaine mansion for the Cobain family. In addition to more traditional projects, Gary has worked as construction coordinator on several feature films, including "Snow Falling on Cedars," "Iceman" and "First Blood."

Specializing in whimsical projects, deWitt Construction tackles projects that are difficult to design and construct, with the firm relying on traditional craftsmanship and authentic materials as its hallmarks.

## **THAD DONAT**

Owner & Proprietor

Trained as an architect, Thad has an eye for detail and an incredible skill for designing, developing and executing memorable projects. He has design experience in industrial, environmental and graphic design and hands-on experience as a contract builder.

After five years as the creative director for an environmental design firm, Thad is now the owner of Function Design, a boutique firm specializing in high-impact designed environments.

Thad has a unique ability to turn concepts into reality while maintaining a design sensibility that balances function and economics. At any given moment his projects range from retail, to residential, to a bowling center and even restaurants. The common thread is his ability to elevate "the customer experience" by leveraging core design elements, using innovative materials and understanding the trends and habits associated with the users of his spaces.

## **RICHARD STEAD**

Owner & Proprietor

Born and raised in Seattle, Richard graduated from the Cornish Institute in interior design. Letting his wanderlust guide his career, Richard has practiced his craft in the United States, Canada and the British West Indies.

A generalist, Richard has had success in a number of branches of interior design including custom residential design, renovations, project management, corporate design and facilities management. During that time, he spent eight years managing the corporate facilities of a Fortune 500 company in Beverly Hills, CA. With an extensive background in multi-family interior design and marketing, his recent projects include the Hawthorne Apartments and 700 Broadway on Capitol Hill.

## **HEIDI H. WASCH**

Owner & Proprietor

Heidi H. Wasch is a clinical psychologist with a practice in Wallingford that focuses on adolescents and adults. She helped build Banya No. 1 on her honeymoon in Maine in 1989 when she married acupuncturist, Bob Leverage. She has experienced the pleasures of water and steam all over the world, most memorably in the public baths of Japan, the outdoor pools of Indonesia, and in old clawfoot tubs perched on the slopes of Molokai.

In addition to raising her 5-year old daughter with Bob, Heidi enjoys traveling, cooking Chinese food, and supervising graduate students at the University of Washington.