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25th Year—Throwback Issue!

The year 2023 marks Berry Architecture’s 25th year in business. We officially began in August of 1998 and, after a couple of name changes, settled down to be Berry Architecture + Associates. We thought it would be fun to look back on some of the projects that were ground-breaking for us—and a few early pictures of our team.

Educational



Our first major educational project began in 2000. It was a complete modernization of Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School in Red Deer. The construction was delayed by three years, so it was begun in 2003 and completed in 2006. BAA worked in collaboration with two other architectural firms on the project.

Commercial

Our first major commercial project—actually, our first major project—was Martin Equipment, a new John Deere Dealership in Edmonton. This project was completed in 1998 and was done in collaboration with Edmonton Architect, Orest Solony.



Seniors’ Housing

Legacy Place in Rimbey was an aging-in-place, linked addition seniors’ housing project that began with a master plan in 1999. Construction began in 2000 and was completed in 2001. This was a unique project for its time that allowed residents to remain in their apartment suites and gradually access more lodge services and amenities as needed.



Residential

A very early residential project was a large home in Central Alberta, completed in 1998. This was a custom home with many interesting features, such as an indoor archery range, double fireplaces, and a five-car garage. It was an excellent foray into the residential realm. Private residence—no photo available.

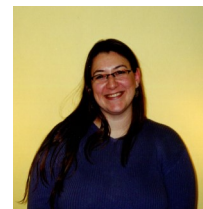
Early Team Pics



George



Susanne



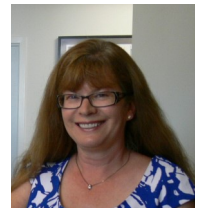
Tracy



Angela



Shylia



Laura

In 1998, George started the firm with just himself and one architectural technologist. In 1999 and 2000 respectively, Susanne and Tracy W. joined the team. Many staff have come and gone over the years, of course, but other long-term staff are: Angela in 2006, Shylia in 2009, and Laura in 2011. With thousands of completed projects, three locations in Alberta and BC, and 20 team members, we have come a long way in 25 years!

