

INFLUENTIAL WOMEN OF DESIGN | PACIFIC NORTHWEST



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Embracing old-world craft and artistry while welcoming innovation and progress is the blueprint for long-term success in any creative endeavor. These are ideals that Sharen Borgias, president of Fairbank Construction Company and a female leader in the design-build industry, understands intrinsically. Founded by CEO Tad Fairbank in 1978, Fairbank Construction has earned a sterling reputation for their synergistic approach to building superior homes. “What started out as one man’s passion for crafting exceptional, one-of-a-kind homes has evolved into a collaborative culture of more than 80 employees who strive for excellence every day,” Borgias says. “I have been here for 17 years, and over that time our team members, trade partners and clients have influenced and inspired me all along the way. There isn’t a day that goes by that I don’t learn or experience something that helps me grow.”

“At Fairbank Construction, **we are a team of remarkable people who share a passion for building cool stuff, expertly.**”

COMMUNITY BUILDING

- **Who inspires you and your firm creatively?**  
We admire architectural icons like Green and Green, Frank Lloyd Wright, Robert Stern, Frank Gehry and Zaha Hadid, as well as the amazing architects of the Pacific Northwest whose designs we help bring to fruition.
- **How does your work inspire you?**  
I get to work alongside the most talented people while making someone’s dreams come true. It doesn’t get better than that.
- **Share your favorite projects.**  
Some of the best homes we build have the tightest budgets, which allows us to think outside the box and create something truly unique.
- **What role are women playing in the design-build industry today?**  
Right now, we have nine women on our team, which is about one-tenth of our workforce. It is exciting to see more women entering our business because we bring unique perspectives and produce exciting results.

**Top** Located on the west side of Bainbridge, Sharen Borgias served as the principal on this chic modern farmhouse. Architecture by Dana Webber Design.  
**Photography** Aaron Leitz



*Construction is more than concrete, steel and wood. It’s soul. It’s craftspeople. It’s working with architects, owners, and our community to create works of profound meaning.*

*At Fairbank Construction we measure success not just in the finished products, but in the friendships that emerge along the way.*

*Is it time for you to build? I invite you to meet with us. Share your vision. Learn about our company culture and the attributes that have made us a community leader for over forty years.*

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