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THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT



To our NEWH Rocky Mountain Chapter Members, Sponsors, Industry Partners, and Friends:

Welcome! I am delighted to be your incoming NEWH Rocky Mountain Chapter President for 2021 and 2022. While the past year has been challenging overall, we are fortunate that our Chapter has been able to quickly evolve and adapt to a virtual platform where we have been able to continue to host some incredibly creative and fun events to keep our members connected, as well as being able to continue NEWH's mission of awarding scholarships to students who are passionate about pursuing a career in hospitality. We are very proud to announce that, in 2021, our Chapter has already been able to award \$10,000 in scholarships to a group of incredibly deserving and inspiring students, for which we owe our Chapter sponsors and event sponsors a huge debt of gratitude.

This year, our Chapter Board has been working hard to begin a hybrid of both virtual and in-person events and we have a full calendar of amazing events planned. Some upcoming events include; a virtual Regional Mixer/Panel Discussion in April, virtual Student Mentoring in May, in-person Community Service event in June, in-person Hotel Tour in July, and finally, our highly anticipated 1st Annual Rocky Mountain Chapter TopID Gala to be held in-person this September.

We would like to sincerely thank all our NEWH Rocky Mountain Chapter members, sponsors, industry partners, and friends for your continued support of our Chapter, and we look forward to seeing you all either virtually or in-person very soon.

Take care,
Sarah Churchill
Sr. Manager of Business
Development at Benjamin West
President, NEWH Rocky Mountain
Chapter

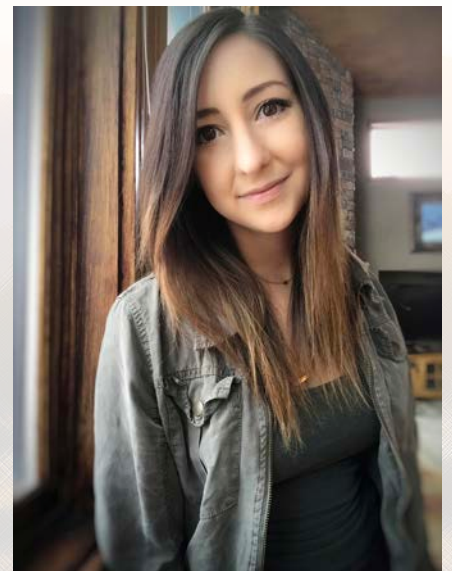


MEMBER NEWS



FERNANDA GARNER
IS NOW WORKING FOR
ACQUILANO AS AN INTERIOR
DESIGNER.

DANIELLE VASSALLO
HAS FOUND A NEW HOME AT
TRIO DESIGN AS A COMMERCIAL
PROJECT LEAD. SHE LEADS A
TEAM OF DESIGNERS TO DESIGN
AND COMPLETE MULTI-FAMILY
PROJECTS.



WELLNESS EVENT WITH ANN MARTIN



Ring in 2021 with Sound Healing and Visioning for the New Year

The Rocky Mountain Chapter provided their organization with a much needed mental health break from the crazy year that was 2020. Ann Martin, a sound artist, provided a sound healing session using quartz crystal singing bowls. She provided content that allowed attendees to relax, and envision their goals for 2021. The sound healing was used to spark creativity and open up the mind to bring about a sense of rejuvenation our industry needs for 2021.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual Regional Mixer
April 29th 5:30-7pm

Virtual Mentoring Event
May 15th 10am-12pm

Hotel Tour at THE SHERATON
June - Date TBD



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ARMSTRONG HOTEL TOUR + HOLIDAY COCKTAIL TWIST



On December 10th, over seventy of our Rocky Mountain Chapter members gathered virtually to celebrate the end of another year, and the occasion was truly one to remember! We kicked off our tour of the Armstrong Hotel with a mixology class hosted by Ace Gillett, the speakeasy located within the hotel. Together we created a French 75 using the ingredients from our cocktail kits that were provided by our incredible sponsors, and generously dropped off to our front doorsteps. Before moving into the tour portion of the evening, we learned that Shalls Design Studio, our hosts for the tour and designers of the Armstrong hotel were selected to be one of our chapters Top ID Firms for 2021! What an incredible honor, and a sweet surprise for the ladies of Shalls Designs studio and our guests!

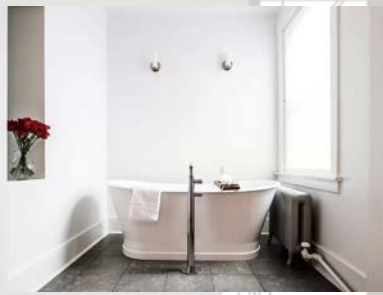
Our tour portion of the evening was hosted by Sara Shalls and Crystal Nodsle of Shalls Design Studio, they were the masterminds behind the project. They walked us through the incredibly rich history of the building, and the unique elements that they added to the space that paid homage Old Town Fort Collins, and the historic charm of the building.



Lobby



Guess suite



What we could not have anticipated was how successful the virtual format of the tour would be. We were blown away with what was quite possibly the best tour any of us had ever attended. Through a series of stills and short video clips, we were able to see how the whole design unfolded. We learned of the challenges faced and even heard firsthand from some of the manufacturers who worked on the project. The way that Sara and Crystal walked us through the space made us feel like we were truly there! Perhaps the designers said it best themselves, "The Armstrong is a rare gem to be celebrated through thoughtful interior architectural details,

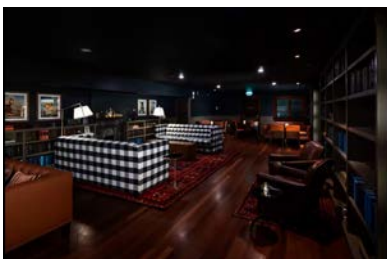
modern décor and vintage finds." It was truly a unique experience that we will never forget! The energy we received from sharing a few laughs, and a festive beverage together reminded us of how things were before, and it was a great way to say our goodbyes to 2020.

We ended the evening by giving away two one-night-stays at the hotel provided by our sponsors, Nine dot Arts and Better Lighting Design. Congratulations to our prize winners, and congratulations to our 2021 Top ID winners that were announced during this event: Shalls Design Studio, Johnson Nathan Strohe, and HBC Design Group! We look forward to curated event to celebrate you in 2021!

A special thank-you to our hosts, Sara Shalls & Crystal Nodsle, and a special thank-you to our sponsors for the evening, Aceray, Skye Design Collectiv, ELA Sales, Culp Hospitality, Milliken, Emu, Arc Com, MDC, Durkan, Delta, & P/Kaufmann Contract., Faurot Construction, Nine dot Arts, and Better Design Lighting.



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ARMSTRONG HOTEL TOUR + HOLIDAY COCKTAIL TWIST

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RECIPE FEATURE

Submitted by DANIELLE VASSALLO

The Most Wonderful Vegan Chocolate Chip Cookies Ever

Ingredients

1/2 cup coconut oil,
solid but scoop-able

1 and 1/4 cups light
brown sugar, packed

2 teaspoons vanilla
extract

1/4 cup coconut milk
(I like to use the
thicker Thai variety,
but any coconut milk
will work)

1/4 cup unsweetened
applesauce

2 and 1/3 cups all-
purpose flour (be sure
not to pack your flour)

1 teaspoon baking
soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 cups chocolate chips
(use vegan chocolate
chips if vegan), divided

Flaky sea salt, optional

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees (F). Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper; set aside.**
- 2. In a large bowl whisk together the coconut oil, brown sugar, and vanilla, beating until well combined. Add in the coconut milk and applesauce and whisk until well combined; set aside. In a separate bowl combine the flour, baking soda, and salt; whisk well to combine.**
- 3. Add the dry ingredients into the wet mixture and, using a wooden spoon or very sturdy spatula, stir until ingredients are combined. The batter will be very thick! Fold in 1 and 3/4 cups of the chocolate chips.**
- 4. Scoop three tablespoon sized mounds of dough onto the prepared cookie sheet, leaving a few inches between each cookies for spreading. Bake for 9 to 10 minutes, or until the edges are golden and the centers have set. Press remaining chocolate chips on top of warm cookies, and sprinkle with sea salt, if using. Cool cookies on the baking sheet for 15 minutes before transferring them to a cooling rack.**



HAVE A GREAT SPRING!