

NEWSLETTER



The Hospitality Industry Network

*Rocky Mountain Chapter*

Fall 2022

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# CATBIRD HOTEL

## *Rocky Mountain Chapter 2022 Membership Event*



Left Photo Above:  
Our Members gathering in the main lobby as they were introduced to the many team members involved in the project design.

Right Photo Above:  
Showcasing the lobby design



## *Hotel Education Tour*

**LOCATION: 3770 WALNUT ST, DENVER, CO 80205**

The Rocky Mountain Chapter held a Membership Appreciation Hotel Tour on May 12th, 2022 at the Catbird Hotel in Denver, Colorado. The event took place on the Catbird's amazing rooftop with views of the Denver skyline.

64 guests were in attendance and toured the property, stopping at 5 key locations along the way. Each stop showcased a different feature of the property and was discussed by an expert involved on the project. Experts included - Will Balinbin of Sage Investments, Stephanie Gearhart from DLR Group, Jonathan Fu from CF Kent, Aleksandra Kaplin and Amanda Arguello founders of Swan Dive Design Studio, and Kelli Groh from Absolute Procurement.

The weather was beautiful, and the event ended with cocktails and networking, membership gifts, and a door prize staycation to the Catbird Hotel.

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# NEW MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

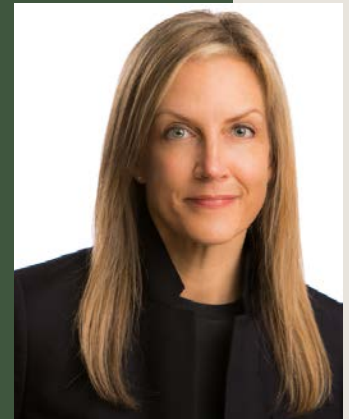
*We are so excited to have so many new people apart of our community. Here are just a few*

*Lets give them a warm welcome!*



**Danielle McMahon**

Interior Designer  
Shalls Design Studio



**Kristin Spivey**

Director – Design + Development  
CoralTree Hospitality



**Adrianna Cohen**

Interior Designer  
Shalls Design Studio



**Danielle Livingston**

Vice President of Interior Design  
Greens Group



**Kelly Gladu**

Senior Interior Designer  
studioLEMONADE.

Molly Mildenberger, Student at Metropolitan State University of Denver

"I'm excited to be apart of such a supportive and extensive network and looking forward to be apart of this community! I'm studying Hospitality Leadership with an emphasis in Recreation and Tourism Management".



**Molly Mildenberger**

Student at Metropolitan State University of Denver



**Caroline Johnson**

Business Development Manager -  
Projects Kohler Co. | West Region

Chaya Mushka Vogel Student at Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design

"As an interior design junior, I am excited to be a part of the NEWH community since it is a hospitality organization that is internationally recognized and provides great networking opportunities. From their publications to their events, I hope to continue being a part of what they have to offer."



**Chaya Mushka Vogel**

Student at Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design

Are you a new member? Do you want to be featured?  
Send a headshot, a brief description of your job and role with your full name to [eliane@unum-collab.com](mailto:eliane@unum-collab.com)



DENVER 2022



# NEWH TRADESHOW

## BRINGING THE DENVER HOSPITALITY DESIGN COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The NEWH Rocky Mountain Chapter hosted a panel discussion during the 2022 Regional Tradeshow. With the goal of identifying overarching changes in how hospitality design has shifted balanced with real world examples and tangible ideas, the panelists gave insight into connections within our communities.

Panelists included: Cindy Senger of Senger Design Group, Chelsea Hershelman, Director of Design & Development at CoralTree Hospitality, Will Balinbin, Owner and Operator at Sage Investments, Karen Havelka of DH Companies, and Candice Spicer an Independent Rep at Shift Design Studio. Giving a local Colorado project as an example (The Golden Hotel), Chelsea expressed gratitude for the community and how creating a sense of place is something we all [the entire design + procurement team] that we all do. Keeping everything local "is always about the people."

Thank you to our wonderful panelists and to those who attended! We are so thrilled to be surrounded by a network who continually strive for more collaboration and connectedness.





# EVENT PHOTOS



Our Panelists from left to right: Cindy Senger, Chelsea Hershelman, Will Balinbin, Karen Havelka, Candice Spicer.  
Moderator: Brittany Spinner



Left Photo Above:  
Our chapter president Sarah Churchill with local design industry members, left to right: Sara Shalls, Adrianna Cohen and Natalie Goodman.



Right Photo Above:  
Design members checking out the newest and greatest products.



# TOP ID GALA

THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING WITH US



Left Photo Above:  
NEWH Board Members from left:  
Andrea Vergani, Ashley Aniston,  
Aurora Salinas and Danielle  
Vassallo

Right Photo Above:  
Tasty Hors d'Oeuvres

Photo Below:  
Founding Rocky Mountain  
board member Ronnie Bray  
welcoming co-founding  
chapter president Mary Ann  
Thornam onto the stage to  
honor her for her NEWH  
College of Fellow's award



Photo Credit: LBK Photography

## *Painted in Gold*

**LOCATION: SPACE GALLERY, DENVER CO.**

The NEWH TOP ID and Scholarship Gala kicked off its second year on September 15th, 2022.

The best and brightest of Denver's Interior Design industry celebrated our largest event of the year. The annual awards Gala featured presentations from our 2022 NEWH TOP ID Firms, JNS, HBC Design Group and Kimberly Timmons Interiors. We awarded scholarships to two deserving and stellar students this year, Stephany Ayala and Vivian Natura who attended the event with their families.

This year was also a special year because our chapter's founding president, Mary-Ann Thornam was honored to be inducted into the NEWH College of Fellows. Mary-Ann was joined on stage by fellow founding board member Ronnie Bray who shared insights on the chapter's humble beginnings. The speeches included memories of the leadership and guidance of Mary Ann Thornam who helped in the success that helps our chapter continue to thrive thirty years later.



# HONORING OUR 2022 WINNERS

## *Kimberly Timmons Interiors*



Pictured Left:  
Marla-Rae Lewandoski,  
Hospitality Studio Design  
Director with Kimberly Timmons  
Interiors accepting the Top ID  
award.

## *HBC Design Group*

Pictured Right:  
Board Member Ashley Larrick  
Fangman with HBC Design  
Groups Design Director Katy  
Byrne.

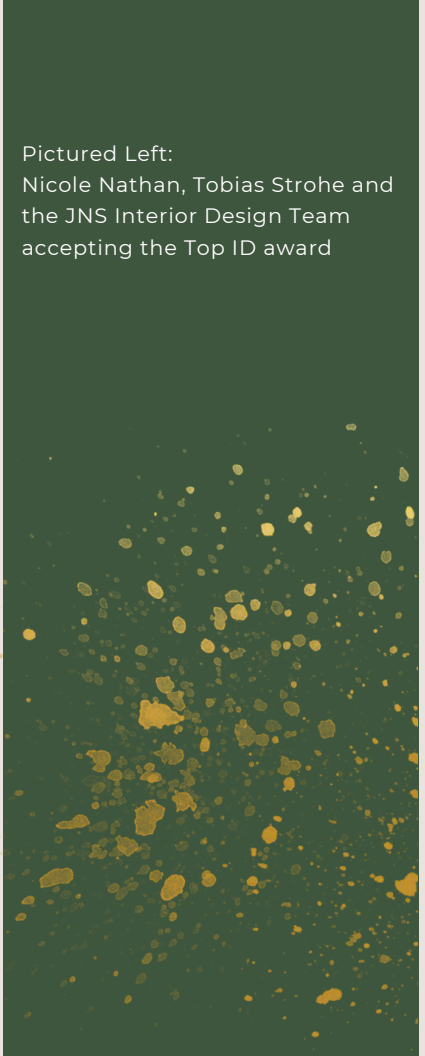




JNS



Pictured Left:  
Nicole Nathan, Tobias Strohe and  
the JNS Interior Design Team  
accepting the Top ID award



# TOP ID 2023

BE ON THE LOOKOUT

Follow us on social media for  
our 2023 winner announcements  
coming soon!



We will be accepting 2024 applications  
in the spring of next year.



# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



*Vivian Natura*

Junior at CSU majoring in Interior  
Architecture & Design



## *Congratulations Vivian!!*

*Interview with: Vivian Natura one of our 2022 scholarship recipients. She is an incoming junior at CSU majoring in Interior Architecture & Design*

**What made you pursue the hospitality industry in your career?**

Ever since I was a child I have been influenced by my surroundings. Depending on the design and atmosphere of a space, it could very quickly make me anxious or feel right at home. Once I learned that interior design was a career path, I knew I wanted to design spaces that people could feel comfortable and thrive in. Various project types within the hospitality sector intrigue me such as restaurants and hotels. Whenever I am traveling or eating out, I always pay attention to the design of these spaces. If they are an example of good design with unique or thoughtful elements, I make a note to come back to these spaces and look forward to spending time in them. I want to create spaces that other people can look forward to visiting. With every detail from small lighting choices to giant artwork, spaces, where people visit to get away from everyday life, should be designed as a memorable experience.

**How will receiving this scholarship help you in your future?**

Receiving this scholarship is a great honor and it will help me graduate from college with fewer loans. This will help me start out my career with less debt and therefore enjoy my time as a young professional more. I have truly enjoyed working on my Interior Architecture and Design degree at Colorado State University and this scholarship from NEWH will help support me in finishing strong with less financial burden after I graduate.

Interested in applying for next year?

*click  
here!*



# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



*Stephanie Ayala*

Junior at CSU majoring in Interior  
Architecture & Design



*Congratulations Stephanie!!*

*Interview with: Stephanie Ayala one of our 2022 scholarship recipients. She is an incoming junior at CSU majoring in Architecture & Design*

**What made you pursue the hospitality industry in your career?**

When I first decided to pursue interior architecture and design, I was inspired by my dad. He is a construction worker so I have seen him build structures, install floorings, and read floorplans. I wanted to be able to be part of the team that helps him construct these beautiful structures, so I decided to pursue architecture. The hospitality industry inspired me as I was amazed by the beauty of the design. Every building I visited had a unique design, I saw this as an opportunity to provide my tastes and design.

**How will receiving this scholarship help you in the future?**

Receiving this scholarship has lifted a lot of weight off my shoulders. One of the things that are always on my mind is how I am going to pay for my education or any additional necessities. With this fund, I am able to focus on my education and continue improving my design skills.

Interested in applying for next year?

*click  
here!*



Photo courtesy: Google



### The Eddy, Golden, CO

Architect: Craine Architecture  
Interior Design: Studio R Design

Photo courtesy: Google



### Thompson Hotel, Denver, CO

Architect: DLR Group  
Interior Design: Parts & Labor Design

## New in Town

Come check out some of our new in town offerings.

Support your local businesses by staying at one of the boutique hotels to relax and pamper yourself while taking in what Colorado has to offer or indulge in some tasty food and beer .

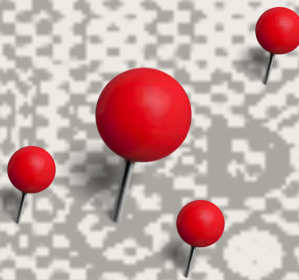


Photo courtesy: UNUM:collaborative



### Lefthand Brewing RiNo Denver, CO - Opening Mid November

Architect: UNUM:collaborative





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Want to join the board?*



We have some exciting board positions open for 2023.

Board Positions:

- CEU Chair
- Graphics Committee

Not quite ready to commit to a board position? We are always looking for volunteers.

Volunteer Positions:

- Event planning
- Member engagement
- Fundraising
- Graphics team

## CAREER UPDATES & PROMOTIONS

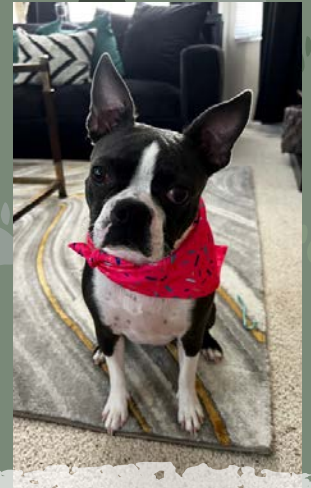
Meet Eevee  
Furry Friend of our social media board member  
Danielle Vassallo



Meet Sophia  
Furry Friend of our Student Representative Sheena Ortiz



Meet Luna  
Furry Friend of our past president Nicole Brindle



Danielle McMahon

"Shalls Design Studio recently welcomed Danielle McMahon as Interior Designer"

## FURRY FRIENDS FEATURE



# 2023 EVENT CALENDAR COMING SOON

Enjoy some of our favorite  
photos from 2022



# CLICK HERE

Vote for your favorite Event or  
what you would like to see us plan  
for next year!  
We would love your feedback

*keep an eye out for our 2023 Calendar release  
coming early January*







# FALL RECIPES

## FALL TIME MULLED WINE

### INGREDIENTS

*Yield: 6 to 8 servings*

- 1 large orange
- 4 $\frac{1}{4}$  cups/1 liter red wine
- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  cups/10 ounces brandy (more or less depending on how much kick you want)
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup dark brown sugar (or maple syrup)
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 6 whole cloves
- 3 cardamom pods, slightly crushed

### PREPARATION

#### Step 1

*Using a peeler, remove the peel in strips from 1 orange then juice the orange. Lightly crush cardamom pods.*

#### Step 2

##### *Stovetop Method:*

- *Combine all ingredients in a pot or saucepan set over medium heat.*
- *Gently bring the wine to a low simmer over medium-low heat. Do not boil. Heat for approximately 15-20 minutes, stirring occasionally.*

##### *Slow Cooker/Crockpot Method:*

- *Add all of the ingredients to a 4-quart slow cooker.*
- *Cover and heat on LOW for 1 hour, or until the wine is warm throughout.*

#### Step 3

- *To serve, carefully ladle into the desired number of serving glasses. Leave the spices behind for re-use.*
- *Garnish with orange strips and additional fruit, if desired.*



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