



**BARRETT STUDIO** architects

## DAVID BARRETT, AIA

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Principal in Charge  
of Design

David received a Bachelor of Architecture from Kent State University in Ohio in 1971, and a Master of Architecture at the University of Colorado-Boulder in 1976. He has 40 years of architectural experience, almost 35 of which have been as principal of his own firm in Boulder. A registered architect in Colorado, David has played an active role in professional and community organizations, serving on the Board of Directors for Colorado North Chapter AIA, The Boulder Community Design Center and the Boulder Energy Conservation Center, as well as teaching design at the University of Colorado's School of Architecture & Environmental Design. He chaired the 1997 Colorado AIA Design Conference, "Toward an Architecture of Compassion."

As Design Director for Architecture & Planning, David brings his experience and vision to each project - large or small - within the co-creative philosophy of Barrett Studio. This leadership role takes form in many ways depending on the project's nature. For instance, with the Holiday Neighborhood and the Twin Buttes Ecovillage, David initiated the process by envisioning the possibilities of these neighborhood scale developments through creative narratives - or what David terms "ecovisions." These take the perspective of moving into the future & looking back at what unfolded around a particular project developed within the framework of sustainable urbanism values & patterns. These visualizations have served as touchstones throughout the design process and act to galvanize multidisciplinary players around a shared idea, while also conveying the big picture throughout the public approval process. David also continues to be actively involved in projects throughout the design & construction process, as a way of bringing forth the integrity of these shared visions.

David's passion for his work and his contagious belief in design as a tool for change is reflected in the success of the broad range of building and project types that Barrett Studio has been entrusted to design. This list includes diverse projects such as Holiday, the highly acclaimed Abbey of St. Walburga, the Eagle Rock School & Professional Development Center for American Honda, the Boulder-Dushanbe Friendship Center in Tajikistan, cutting-edge schools, nature discovery centers, ecoresorts, and homes & housing projects.

It is the marriage of sustainable principles with the time honored motivation for creating architecture of economy, functionality, and beauty that drives David's design leadership. It is this passion that he brings to every project his studio undertakes. David's depth and breadth of work and his long-term leadership in what is now termed "green design" has drawn acknowledgments such as the AIA Colorado Firm of the Year in 1998 and the AIA Colorado Architect of the Year in 2002.

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