

**Colleen J. Nelson**  
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**Biography:** Colleen J. Nelson, AIA, LEED-AP, graduated from Montana State University with a Bachelor of Architecture in 1992 and received her Master's Degree in 2008. She also studied Architecture at Teknillisen Korkeakoulun University in Oteneimi, Finland and at the Edinburgh School of Art in Edinburgh, Scotland. Ms. Nelson had worked for a large architectural firm for several years before being transferred to Riverton, Wyoming to open up and manage their branch office. She is also a LEED Accredited Professional. With over 20 years of experience in Architecture, Interior Design and managing an office, Ms. Nelson established her own firm, Nelson Architects, LLC in 2010. Over the years she has specialized in school design, commercial buildings and healthcare facilities and has honed her expertise in project management and construction administration. She has served as secretary for Wyoming AIA for 3 years before becoming president elect and president and now current past president.

**Workshop:** *WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE – The Toughest Job You'll Ever LOVE!*

Architecture is a fantastic career choice for women because of some of our unique qualities – it's not just for the guys anymore. This workshop will introduce young ladies to the construction industry. There is nothing boring about architecture because there is so much variety in what we do; all the way from wading through code books to using Autocad designing buildings to working with the contractors on the job site. Bring your creativity and building skills because we will have a marshmallow challenge and create the tallest freestanding structure using spaghetti, string, tape, and marshmallows!