

# House and Garden Spaces

“The name...we wanted something that would capture the imagination, and we felt our own names in the title wouldn’t accomplish that. Architecture is about creating and manipulating space, to create a functional yet pleasing environment, so we chose that for the firm’s name... Spaces,” says founding partner George Badger, RA. Spaces was founded in 1994 by George Badger and his partner, Chuck Lembo, RA initially as a side project in order to explore their own architectural projects while working for other firms, but by 1998, the workload had increased significantly enough that they were able to turn it into a full time endeavor, and have never looked back, recently celebrating their official 10 year anniversary. A full service architectural firm, Spaces provides feasibility studies, design, construction documentation, permit expediting and construction administration for both residential as well as commercial projects.

Mr. Badger is instrumental as Spaces’ Administrative Principal, handling contract negotiations, budgeting, construction documentation and construction administration. Prior to founding his own firm, Mr. Badger served for three years as Director of Design and Construction for the East Coast for the United Artist Theatre Circuit, Inc. He has acted as project manager on a wide variety of projects, including medical treatment and office spaces for South Nassau Communities Hospital, motion picture theaters for United Artists, Cineplex Odeon, National Amusements and KB Theaters, several new and renovated banking facilities, racing forums for Suffolk OTB, restaurants, municipal projects for both the State of New York and the Town of Babylon, and several multi-family residential housing communities.

Mr. Lembo is Spaces’ Production Principal and oversees staff and consultant coordination. He has extensive experience in computer aided design and construction documentation, including two and three dimensional computer drafting and modeling, as well as com-

puter aided graphic presentation. In addition, he is well versed in structural analysis for both commercial and residential structures, and has a broad knowledge of the Americans with Disabilities Act and its associated legislation. His previous work includes the management and document production for numerous types and scales of projects, including both new construction and renovations. This work encompasses motion picture theaters, pharmaceutical, medical and office spaces, multi-family residential complexes, restaurants, industrial complexes, several large retail and office spaces for clients such as Office Depot and Office Max, and facilities for several Fire Districts, including New Hyde Park and Garden City Park.

While both partners have specific areas of expertise, the actual process of Design is shared equally by both partners. While their range of work is wide and encompasses many building types, the firms’ passion lies with residential design. “I can’t say we’re locked into any particular style like many other firms. We look at each project as a fresh start, individually, and produce the best design suited to the client’s needs, budget and wishes,” says Chuck Lembo. This can be clearly seen in their portfolio of residential work. “One client wanted a house to emulate a Tuscan Villa, so we designed a house with the program elements he wanted, and designed the exterior with intricately detailed masonry work, stucco and a terra cotta roof. Another client wanted his new house in a Bauhaus Modernist Style, so we designed the house to have large open interconnected spaces, with extensive use of steel, glass and exposed structural elements, with a high lookout balcony that faced the ocean, accessible by an external steel spiral stair. We even incorporated a hydro-therapeutic infinity lap pool in the living room of one of our clients who liked to swim all year.”

Along with architectural, engineering and construction administration ser-



*Spaces Architecture can help with designs from residential (above and below)...*



*... to commercial (left and above).*



vices, Spaces also affiliates itself with several construction companies to provide their clientele with early project budget estimating, and competitive construction costs. Spaces prides itself on producing quality work, performed in a timely and cost efficient manner, and is equally devoted to projects ranging from the smallest renovations to the design and construction of new facilities. Al-

ways looking forward to better serve their clients, currently the principals are working to accomplish their LEED certification, in order to provide their clients with more efficient and affordable designs, while achieving environmentally sustainable status.

For more information, or to contact Spaces, visit their website at [www.spacesarchitects.com](http://www.spacesarchitects.com).