Joy Cuming

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"I get excited about all design projects, whether they are large or small, a new home, a special piece of furniture, or an hour of color consultation, " remarks Joy Cuming, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) accredited architect, and owner of newly opened Aline Architecture Inc in Orleans. "Our focus is on understanding the needs of the client and what they want."

"Since I began work as an architect 27 years ago, I have always emphasized the importance of visualizing and utilizing the total environment a building lives and breathes in, and creating buildings, whether residential or commercial, that are sustainable and green."

"As a LEED accredited architect," explains Joy, "I am committed to incorporating sustainability principles into all my building designs. I also enjoy participating in presentations to educate the public about easy ways to incorporate sustainability practices into the home. How buildings relate to each other and to the environment they inhabit is first and foremost in my mind whenever I approach a building or design project. A well insulated structure, sited to take advantage of the sun and prevailing winds can be beautifully rendered and is one of the easiest ways to design a green building, and to contain costs."

"We are still building homes from the ground up," says Joy, "but there is also a great demand for renovations and additions. My focus in any project is on understanding the needs of my clients and then bringing my skills, experience, artistic awareness, and structural knowledge to bear on whatever project I am engaged with. It is most of all about realizing design dreams on whatever scale a client can be comfortable with. There are so many creative options available these days that using an architect can not only translate dreams into realities, but can provide real cost savings as well."

Joy has surrounded herself with a trusted team of professionals in their newly designed office space at 100 Route 6-A in Orleans, MA. "We found this building and knew we could create a beautiful work space. It has been a fun project this year," says Joy proudly, "and it has been a wonderful experience to become part of this community. I feel very fortunate to have suppliers, subcontractors, a building crew, and clients who have been so supportive."

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