LAUREL SWAN RETURNS TO BIG ISLAND TO OPEN WHITESPACE ARCHITECTS’ BRANCH LOCATION

Waimea, HI (Oct. 19, 2020) – WhiteSpace Architects has opened a Big Island branch headed by former South Kona resident Laurel Swan, who has rejoined the firm as a project manager.

From Waimea, Mrs. Swan, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, will oversee residential, educational and commercial projects across Hawai‘i County including a number of current custom residences.

The firm has designed approximately one dozen residences on the Big Island, in addition to the Carter Professional Center, a class A commercial building in Waimea.

Mrs. Swan first arrived on the Big Island in 2005 and spent the next four years working in the construction industry, gaining invaluable experience before beginning her graduate study in architecture at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

She served as a project architect at WhiteSpace’s O‘ahu headquarters from 2013 to 2016. During her first tenure, she managed a wide range of firm projects, including the Honolulu Coffee Experience Center, Merchants Row in Kailua, Pearl City Highlands Elementary School and the Wainani at Poipu community on Kaua‘i, in addition to a number of custom residences.

Most recently, Mrs. Swan was a project architect in New York with JMZ Architects and Planners, where she focused on design, construction documentation, project management, and construction administration. Her projects included programming and designing the renovation of a four-building campus for Glen Falls National Bank, as well as the renovation and addition to the Bolton Central School, a K-12 public school.

Mrs. Swan received a Doctor of Architecture from UH Mānoa and a Bachelor of Arts in theatre design from Haverford College.
She is also a published author; *Environmental Product Guide for Hawai‘i* is a resource that she co-authored with the State of Hawai‘i Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

For more information, visit whitespacearchitects.com.

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WhiteSpace Architects is dedicated to innovative and environmentally conscious design that uniquely reflects the setting, the climate and the character of the client. The award-winning firm, with locations on O‘ahu and the Big Island, is nationally recognized for creating places – and spaces – that enhance, inspire and enrich people’s lives.

Founded as Philip White Architects in 1984, WhiteSpace Architects is grounded in a strong spirit of purpose and a deep understanding of design.

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