



## Welcome

**Women in Architecture** have been documented for many centuries, as professional (or amateur) practitioners, educators and clients. Since architecture became organized as a

estimated to be practicing as licensed or registered architects.

Although until recently their contributions have been largely unnoticed, women have in fact

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profession in 1857, the number of women in architecture has been low. At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, starting in Finland, certain schools of architecture in Europe began to admit women to their programs of study.

However, only in recent years have women begun to achieve wider recognition with several outstanding participants including two Pritzker prize winners since the turn of the millennium. Despite the fact that some 40% of architecture graduates in the western world are now women, not more than 12% are

exerted a fair amount of influence on architecture over the past century. Women have also played a key role in historic preservation through organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution (1890). A study on experience in Canada highlights the widespread contributions women have made in recent years, developing innovative approaches to practice and design. Women's significant and growing presence in the profession has attracted more attention than ever. Hats off to the women!

## Did you know?



The addition of ornamental grilles can provide multiple benefits to your building. They can provide a unique and eye-catching decorative flourish while often doubling in a functional capacity. Ornamental grilles come in all shapes and sizes and can be as non-intrusive as an HVAC duct vent plate up through sizes larger than a double doorway, in a multitude of designs, colors and patterns.

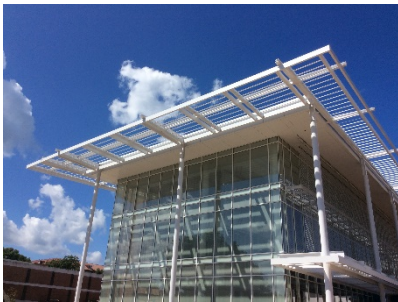
Whether you are interested in a reduction of exterior view into interior spaces, preventing access to certain areas or simply want to liven up the façade or interior of your building, there is an aesthetically pleasing and a cost effective solution which can be found with ornamental grilles. Check out what AGS, Inc. has to offer! [www.agsshade.com](http://www.agsshade.com)

## Completed Projects:

Advocate Illinois Masonic Med Ctr., Chicago, Illinois



Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina



## Recently Awarded Projects:

IHC Transformation Center, Murray, Utah

MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital & Women's Pavilion, Charleston, South Carolina

Aurobindo Pharma USA, East Windsor, New Jersey



## Meet our Spotlight Employee:

**John Schramm**, Shop Foreman



John began his career building sunshades. Although he has tried construction among other things, his heart is in sunshades. He has worked for AGS, Inc. for the last 10 years. He has been married to his wife Elizabeth for 5 years and they have 2 children, Mason and Emma. When John isn't building sunshades, he loves spending time with his family and visiting his happy place, the lake.

Some of the major projects John has worked on include CGK, Stanford University and Zurich Insurance.

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*Have you heard?*

## Sunshades 101

- Incorporating either Vertical or Horizontal Sunshades into your building design in the beginning can allow for reduced costs by enabling a reduction in the output requirements for your HVAC System.
- Vertical & Horizontal Sunshades allow more indirect daylight to enter your interior space, thus allowing for a reduction in energy costs due to reduced artificial lighting requirements.
- Vertical & Horizontal Sunshades act as a "Heat Sink" on your building, thus allowing for reductions in your cooling requirements during the warmer months.
- Sunshades give an added aesthetic flourish to compliment your building's structure and appearance.