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Zervas Group Architects celebrates 50 years

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Zervas Group Architects is celebrating 50 years of design excellence from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19 with a public open house at its downtown Bellingham office at 209 Prospect St. Exhibits of the firm's architectural history will be displayed.

Founded in 1961 in Bellingham by the late James E. Zervas, Zervas Group Architects has grown to a 12-person firm. The firm's partners are Michael E. Smith, Terry Brown, and Sharon Robinson.

Smith said the partners share a commitment to meaningful design, community enrichment and technical excellence, values that are expressed in the firm's diverse portfolio of award-winning residential and commercial projects. Brown added that the firm's sustainable design practice is a natural extension of its modern organic roots, a legacy of the apprenticeship that Jim Zervas served under renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

The construction or remodel of many Whatcom County educational facilities have been designed by Zervas Group Architects, including Northern Heights Elementary School and Shuksan and Kulshan middle schools in Bellingham, plus multiple Western Washington University and Whatcom Community College buildings.

The firm's designs also were used for construction of the new Bellingham International Airport passenger terminal, Lynden City Hall, the Whatcom Transportation Authority headquarters and two of the first LEED Gold buildings in Whatcom County: the Whatcom Educational Credit Union (WECU) Loan Center in Bellingham and the WECU Ferndale branch. Other notable projects include the Arne Hanna Aquatic Center, the Gateway Building and newly built Pickford Cinema, all in Bellingham.

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