



9bark Design Landscape Architecture



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9bark Design is a small, creative landscape architecture firm in Gallatin Gateway that creates thoughtful, functional, sustainable, and livable outdoor spaces. Owner Debb



Smith draws from both her education and extensive experience in the industry to bring a unique perspective to her work. She earned her Master of Landscape Architecture

from the University of Colorado at Denver in 1996 after a B.S. in Landscape Horticulture with an emphasis in Design/Build from Colorado State University in 1994. Her experience spans teaching, horticultural work, landscape design and architecture, landscape installation, park design, development planning, and project management. 9bark Design was the first place recipient of the Montana Nursery & Landscape Association's Best of Montana



Landscapes Award at the 2010 Montana Green Expo.

Her inspiration comes from a wide range of things that have all come together for her at 9bark. Some of this comes from witnessing natural seasonal changes and the evolution that occurs in her landscapes. She has a passion for horticulture and gardening, and of the lessons nature has to share. Spending time in her own garden, she watches the changing palette of colors and textures



that give the garden its intrigue.

9bark currently does residential design, commercial planning & design, development planning,

and park, recreation and trail planning and design. Her Five-phase process includes as Initial Meeting, a Site Inventory & Analysis, a Preliminary or Conceptual Plan, a Final Plan, and Installation. The process helps her clients set priorities, think about how they will use their outdoor spaces, consider their desired level of interaction with and maintenance of their landscape, and work with a budget they feel is realistic. Debb's philosophy is to draw inspiration from the context and characteristics of the site and structure, and from the needs of the client. This philosophy helps her meet her goal of integrating her projects into their settings to create outdoor spaces that are engaging, inviting, and functionally efficient long after installation.



"Each project to me is about the client, not a particular 9bark design style," notes Debb. Whether working alone or in collaboration with other professionals, Debb is personally involved with every phase of her projects. Every client receives individual attention and focus from beginning to end. "I prefer to be on site during the installation phase to ensure the integrity of the design as it is implemented. Not all elements of a design can be drawn and communicated on paper," explains Debb. "Often the intent can be spelled out, but the actual construction is where the artistic vision is made real."

