

# Jon Alexander - President Sunshine Construction LLC Seattle, Washington

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Jon Alexander is the President of Sunshine Construction. With 30 years experience in the construction industry, Sunshine Construction is nationally known for its work specializing in green building and healthy homes. His homes have won awards in competitions such as Seattle Built Green Design and Innovations in Conservation from Resource Venture. A gifted speaker and lecture, Mr. Alexander's speaking engagements are requested locally and at national conferences. For 10 years he was a member of the executive committee of the "Built Green" program of the Master Builder Association of King-Snohomish Counties and a founder of the Northwest EcoBuilding Guild. He holds a BA in Environmental Studies from the University of Washington and is a 4th generation construction contractor.

#### **Education:**

- University of Washington, BA in Environmental Studies 1978
- North Seattle Community College Construction Management program
- Passive House Builder's Training 2013
- American Lung Association Healthy Homes for Construction Professionals course, 2000
- EPA RRP Renovator workshop, 2009, 2014
- EPA Dust Sampler Technician workshop, 2009
- Essentials for Healthy Housing Practitioners Course & certification 2010
- Caps II: Design/Building Solutions for Aging in Place
- Green Advantage class & certification 2009
- Numerous workshops, conferences & talks on Green Building 1991-2009
- FEMA contractor earthquake retrofit certification

#### **Consulting Experience:**

- Consulting on the development of a model healthy home Issaquah Highlands for Port Blakely 2006
- Developed curriculum for Advance Framing Practices for builders for the Energy Star program 2011
- Developed the Healthy House for Construction Professionals 8 week class in conjunction with the American Lung Association 2000, 2008-2012
- Developed the Best Containment Practices Design and Installation Workshop 2013
- Helped develop the 1<sup>st</sup> standard for Net Zero Energy Homes with the Net Zero Home Coalition 2011
- Helping develop a model green home for tribal housing for EcoFab 2007
- Helping develop a deeply green modular home for production for GreenFab 2009
- Helping develop a net zero home for the Hamilton Residence 2009
- Built Green verifier 2007-2012
- Performing cost analysis for different system & wall options for a Passive House for the Hayden Robinson 2009
- Consulting Producer for the 13 part series aimed at showing on PBS TV called "The House That Saved the World" 2009-2010
- Green Building Standards Assisting with writing the proposed first green building code for a tribal government for the Upper Skagit Tribe for EcoFab 2008
- Researching options for potential first wind turbine in Seattle for Andy Luk 2008
- Consulting for Green Works Realty 2008
- Numerous other consulting projects for home owners and designers in regards to green building 1997present
- Field training multiple disciplines
  - ex: containment, advanced Certified Renovator for the RRP work for the Kern Residence supervising all RRP lead work by painting contractor 2010

- Management Services Project Managements & Scheduling Builders, Remodelers, Designers and Homeowners, Making Jobsite Recycling, tenant improvement projects
- Management services for Tenant Improvement project for Communitea Kombucha's new location 2015
- Curriculum development for workshops on Energy Efficient Wall Systems for Clearesults 2015
- Consulting on the energy efficient & health aspects for a major home remodel on Mercer Island 2015

# **Speaking Engagements & Training Experience:**

- West Coast Green Conference, speaker, 2008 and 2009
- National Association of Home Builders, Green Building Conference, speaker, 2001 and 2002
- Greening Affordable Housing conference, speaker, 2001
- Trainer for EPA RRP Lead workshops 2010-2012
- Northwest Tribal Housing Council Conference, speaker, 2007
- Adjunct Professor for Bates Technical College for Green Building training classes for Japanese construction professionals, 2006-2009
- Healthy House Training for Building Professionals, teacher, 2008-2012
- Seattle Central CC Sustainable Advisor Class, speaker, 2009
- National Association of (Park) Interpreters Conference, speaker, 2008
- MBA Remodelers Council, speaker, 2002, 2012
- Built Green conference, speaker, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008
- Building with Value workshops, speaker at 5 workshops
- Web cast speaker to 176 listeners on Practical Steps to Deep Green Remodeling, 2009
- Whatcom County Built Green conference, speaker, 2006
- Healthy Home series for Real Estate Professionals, speaker 2008
- JLC Live Conference, speaker, 2008
- Low Impact Development for Remodelers workshop 2010, 2011
- Presentation on IAQ for Green Advantage class 2010
- Containment training workshop for remodelers 2012
- Presentation on Energy Efficient Wall Systems to the Energy Raters Boot Camp in Bend, OR 2014
- 10x10x10 Green Building Slam project presenter, 4 times
- Presentation on Healthy Homes for Huxley College, training for environmental professionals 2015

## **Green Building Field Experience:**

- Specializing in Green Building 1991 to present
- Built the first Built Green 5 Star project-The Sensible House
- First Built Green 5 Star Remodel-The Luk Residence

#### Awards:

- City of Seattle Built Green Design competition winner for new Construction
- BEST Awards for Innovations for the Sensible House project
- Sproull-Radke project received the King County Earth Hero award
- Built Green Pioneers award
- Built Green, Green Hammer Awards for Luk Residence & Keller Residences

#### **Publications:**

- Making Jobsite Recycling Work article in the Journal of Light Construction, Nov. 1993 and EcoBuilding Times, 1994 & 1995 in 2 parts
- The Northwest Green Home Primer, Case Study on the Scheulen Remodel
- EcoBuilding Times, Case Studies, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998

# Media Recognitions:

- New York Times, October 2008
- National Public Radio, 1996

- Seattle Metropolitan Magazine, 2002
- Home & Remodeling & Decorating Magazine, 2002

- Northwest Cable News Network, 2006
- Sunset Magazine, 2007
- Christian Science Monitor, 1995
- House Beautiful Magazine, 2001 & 2007
- Custom Home Magazine
- Pacific Magazine, 2004, 2006 & 2010
- Journal of Light Construction, April 2009
- Evergreen Monthly Magazine, 2004

- Seattle Homes and Lifestyles, 2010
- @home Seattle Magazine, 2007
- Seattle Weekly
- Seattle Times, numerous times
- Seattle P-I, numerous times
- KIRO and KING TV
- KUOW and KPLU radio
- Custom Home Magazine 2010

#### Work:

- Metro YMCA Energy Project development & emergency energy assistance, 1979
- Guttman Construction, 1980-81
- Sunshine Construction, 1982 to present, General Contractor
- Environmental Education work with high school students in the Youth Conservation Corp 1976-1980

### **Environmental Activities:**

- NW EcoBuilding Guild-co-founder, 1991- current
  - o Organizing educational activities & Treasurer, 1993-1999
  - o Seattle chapter education committee 2013-present
- Built Green-Executive Committee, 2000 to 2010

**Consulting** – Jon Alexander is available to serve as a green building/sustainability consultant for your residential project. His consultations are of particular value because of:

- His broad and deep knowledge of green building and his ability to help prioritize what makes most sense in specific situations;
- His extensive experience implementing and pioneering new green building components in the field;
- His ability to share practical field experience in a way that helps speed others' learning, regardless of what stage they may be at;
- His dedication to green building and to helping each individual to progress in the field as rapidly as possible;
- His knowledge and experience with the suppliers, subcontractors and other important players in the field.

## He has consulted for:

- Homeowners
- Custom builders & remodelers
- Production builders & developers
- Architects and engineers
- Realtors
- Green building programs
- Government
- Tribal housing authority

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