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MARSDEN SELECTED YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Kelly & Stone Designer Leads By Example

Steamboat Springs, CO – Ryan Marsden, designer and project manager with Kelly & Stone Architects and active member of the Young Professionals Network of Steamboat Springs (YPN), has been selected as the 2010 Young Professional of the Year. Marsden will receive the honor during the 2010 Navigator Awards Ceremony on Friday, October 29th at the Steamboat Sheraton.

Marsden was a founding member of the Young Professionals Network and has been active since the organization formed in the spring of 2009. He served on the inaugural board as the Chair for the Fresh Air Committee, responsible for offering members recreational and activity-based networking opportunities throughout the year. Marsden will remain as the Fresh Air Chair on the 2011 YPN Board.

“Ryan is a passionate and inspiring leader whose creativity and vision contribute to success in each endeavor he seeks to pursue,” says Adam Wright, a colleague at KSA, in his nomination. “Ryan brings both clarity and sophistication to planning and development, whether for YPN or creating the community garden project in which he led the design and master planning. The Steamboat Young Professionals Network, and the town of Steamboat, are lucky to have such a strong character as a member.”

A native of Steamboat Springs, Marsden returned to the Yampa Valley after graduating from the University of Colorado in Boulder in 2007, with a degree in Environmental Design. He recently received LEED Accreditation from the US Green Building Council, and is a 2010 graduate of Leadership Steamboat.

“I am honored to be recognized by my peers and community members as having a positive impact on Steamboat,” says Marsden. “I became involved in YPN because I saw the need for a thriving organization that represents the next generation of leaders in our area. The growth of YPN is a shining example of the need we are meeting. I look forward to many more years of contributing to our community.”

The Young Professional of Year was created to recognize a member of YPN for their continued dedication to the organization. The Young Professional of the Year represents leadership, hard work, an outstanding attitude and helps grow the organization through participation, volunteering and representing YPN to help recruit members. All YPN members received a nomination form and 6 members were nominated for the award

based on their participation in the Young Professionals Network, as well as their overall community involvement. The final selection was determined by a panel of Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association employees.

“It is very fitting to honor Ryan as the Young Professional of the Year. He represents the heart and soul of what YPN means to the Yampa Valley, being an active member of not only YPN but the community as a whole,” says Stacy Huffman, Chair of the YPN Board and former YPN of the Year honoree “As a board member of YPN, a graduate of Leadership Steamboat and an active volunteer in the community, Ryan is constantly striving to find new ways to make his hometown grow and prosper. We are extremely fortunate to have him as a member of YPN.”

The Young Professionals Network of Steamboat Springs is a development program committed to cultivating a community of young professionals by providing an outlet to build partnerships through a variety of opportunities. The organization was established in 2009 and currently includes 130 members representing 65 businesses and organizations in the Yampa Valley.

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