

**Spencer J. Nickel RLA, ASLA**  
Landscape Architect, State of Colorado #LA294

Spencer Nickel is an artist and landscape architect whose diverse set of creative and technological skills allow him to bring passion, meaning and artistic sensibility to the design of broad, as well as intimately scaled outdoor settings. In 1996, Spencer founded 5Design, Inc. and has spent the past 15 years of professional practice focused on significant outdoor campus and higher education environments.

An accomplished designer, artist, illustrator and team member, Mr. Nickel's work is a result of close collaboration among clients, engineers, architects, contractors and stakeholders to arrive at solutions sensitive to budget and schedule, resulting in sustainable places of great meaning and function. Mr. Nickel's efforts have been featured in the recent book "Built for Learning: A Unified Architectural Vision for the University of Denver", documenting the past decade of landscape and architectural development at the University. Spencer's work has been recognized by the American Society of Landscape Architects, Colorado Chapter, as well as the Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles.

Spencer combines sound design, computer graphics, CAD skills and photography with hand-drawn sketches and illustrations to provide 5Design clients with a broad array of creative, elegant and powerful design solutions. Examples of his works in landscape architecture can be found at [www.IdeasOutside.com](http://www.IdeasOutside.com). Examples of artistic endeavors can be found at [www.SpencerNickel.com](http://www.SpencerNickel.com) and [www.BlackFoxStudios.com](http://www.BlackFoxStudios.com)

**President, 5Design, Inc., 1996-Present**

Responsible for complete array of firm operations including marketing, design, contract documents, construction administration and specialty art components.

*Selected Projects- Higher Education, 5Design, Inc.*

- **University of Denver** -Complete landscape architectural design services for the following projects:

- Academic Commons, Penrose Library
- Holocaust Memorial and Social Action Site
- Carnegie Green
- Campus Green
- Nagel Residence Hall
- Sturm College of Law
- Evans Parking Facility
- Kappa Sigma Fraternity House



- **AIMS Community College**- Greeley, Colorado - Master planning and landscape architecture:

- Multi Campus, System Wide Master Plan
- Greeley Campus Core Pedestrian Promenade
- Beaty Hall Landscape Renovation Project
- Greeley Campus Health Sciences Building
- Master Facility Site Plan for Berthoud Campus
- Greeley Campus Aviation Technology Building



- **University of Northern Colorado** - Master planning and landscape architecture:

- University of Northern Colorado Campus Master Plan
- Ursus Sculpture Plaza - Greeley, Colorado

- **Colorado School of Mines** -Golden, Colorado - Master planning and landscape architecture:

- Colorado School of Mines Campus Master Plan
- New Residence Hall - Maple Hall

- **University of Colorado** - Boulder, Colorado - Program Planning:

- Law School and Library Program Plan
- Science Library Program Plan

- **University of Maryland, Baltimore County** -Masterplan Update 2009

- **University of Colorado at Colorado Springs**- Landscape architecture:

- Library and Communications Technology Expansion
- Student Center and Plaza Renovation



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**Selected Projects- K-12, 5Design, Inc.**

- Battle Mountain High School and Campus Plan- Edwards, Colorado
- Eagle Valley High School - Gypsum, Colorado
- Summit High School- Tiger Stadium
- The Classical Academy -Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Silver Creek High School - Longmont, Colorado



**Selected Projects- Commercial, 5Design, Inc.**

- Historic Arkansas Riverwalk Design Development. Plans- Pueblo, Colorado
- Edwards Medical Center - Edwards, Colorado
- Exempla Lutheran Medical Center - Radiation Oncology Healing garden and Fountain
- Greenwood Corporate Center Campus Planning - Greenwood Village, Colorado
- Greenwood Corporate Plaza, Building #5, Lobby Triptych Oil Painting
- Greenwood Corporate Plaza- Campus Parking Structures - Greenwood Village, Colorado
- Great Northern Tavern - Denver, Colorado
- Oakes Mill Library -Lone Tree, Colorado
- Century Lofts - Denver, Colorado
- Town of Estes Park Identity Signage -Estes Park, Colorado



**Selected Projects- Residential, 5Design, Inc.**

- Dean Residence -Castle Pines, Colorado
- Gumeson Residence -Winter Park, Colorado
- Mosley Residence - Winter Park, Colorado
- Ossian Residence - Tabernash, Colorado
- Ashcroft Homes Illustrations -Castle Pines, Colorado



**Director of Design, Landscape Architect, Project Manager 1994-1996  
Design Studios West Inc., Denver, Colorado**

Responsible for directing design efforts firm wide. Mr. Nickel Provided comprehensive landscape architectural design services, project management, production and supervision of contract documents and construction observation for several large scale park and urban waterfront projects. Provided Illustration support for firm promotional materials and preparation of fee proposals and professional services contracts.

**Selected Projects-DSW**

- Confluence Riverwalk Phase 3 -Estes Park, Colorado *Designer / Project Manager*
- Historic Arkansas River Project - Pueblo, Colorado *Lead Designer*
- Kihei Regional Park - Maui, Hawaii *Lead Designer*
- Panella Residence - Sacramento, California *Lead Designer*



**Director of Landscape Architecture Department 1991-1994  
Pouw and Associates, Inc., Denver, Colorado**

Responsible for comprehensive project management and design efforts including site master planning and schematic design through construction supervision. Responsible for preparation of proposals and promotional materials.

**Selected Projects-Pouw and Associates**

- Dora Moore Elementary School Ball Fields - Denver, Colorado *Project Landscape Architect*
- Denver International Airport, Terminal Area Landscape -Denver, Colorado *Project Landscape Architect, Designer*
- Denver International Airport, Access Control Plaza -Denver, Colorado *Project Landscape Architect, Designer*
- Dora Moore School, Ninth Avenue Plaza -Denver, Colorado *Project Landscape Architect*
- Byers Branch Library, Denver Public Library - Denver, Colorado *Project Manager*
- Ross-Barnum Branch Library, Denver Public Library -Denver, Colorado *Project Manager*



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**Project Manager, Project Designer, Landscape Architect 1989-1992**  
**The Office of Hyatt, Raines and Vitek, Boulder, Colorado**

Responsible for project management and design efforts for several high end resort and residential community development projects.

**Selected Projects-HRV**

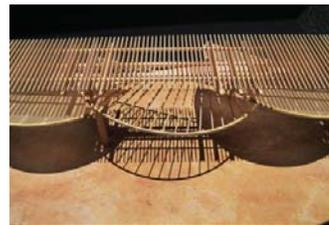
- Lowes Coronado Bay Resort -San Diego, California *Lead Designer/ Project Manager*
- Eagle Hills at Summerlin -Las Vegas, Nevada *Lead Designer/ Project Manager*
- Tournament Hills at Summerlin - Las Vegas, Nevada *Lead Designer/ Project Manager*
- Village One South at Summerlin - Las Vegas, Nevada *Project Manager*
- Los Angeles International Golf Club Sunland-Tijuana, California *Landscape Architect*
- Hale Mahukona Resort - Big Island of Hawaii *Landscape Architect*
- Summerlin Rampart Streetscape - Las Vegas, Nevada *Project Manager*
- Denver International Airport Design Guidelines - Denver, Colorado *Project Landscape Architect*
- Breckenridge Urban Planning Design Team - Breckenridge, Colorado *Project Landscape Architect*



**Education**

Colorado State University, College of Forestry and Natural Resources 1981-1985 Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture

Colorado State University, College of Arts and Humanities 1979-1981  
Concentration in fine Arts and Sculpture



**Professional Affiliations**

Member - American Society of Landscape Architects  
Licensed Landscape Architect, State of Colorado #LA294

**Honors and Awards**

Society of Illustrators  
Illustration West 32  
Merit award for institutional illustration, 1993

ASLA Honor Awards (Team Award for D.I.A. Landscape Planning)  
Colorado Chapter, 1990



**Associated Support Skills and Abilities**

Award Winning Landscape Photographer - "Seasons of Our Mountains" Annual Calendar Competition, Mt. Evans Hospice  
Stone Carving and Design - Lutheran Medical Center Oncology Healing Garden Fountain.  
Stone Carving and Design- Native Plant Materials, UCCS Library Site Walls, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Stone Carving- Entry Botanical Feature, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, University of Denver  
Stone Sign Carving- Sie Cheou-Kang Center Donor Wall, University of Denver

**Software Licenses**

AutoCAD 2012- subscription  
Adobe CS5  
Microsoft Office Professional  
WinPC Sign - Vinyl mask cutting sign software  
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