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Objective

John Edmund Halley's demonstrated professional passion centers on working with visionary people and organizations that strive to achieve high levels of sustainability and earth stewardship. John is presently seeking more opportunity to get involved with sustainable real estate development, related sustainable community planning and mixed-use "green" development projects that integrate principles of relocalization and earth stewardship.

About

John has been the president & CEO of Comet Studios, a dynamic consortium of creative professionals who share passion for the natural environment, sustainability and architectural excellence. With over thirty years of architectural design and development experience, John has specialized in environmentally conscious and sustainable community planning, new urbanism, architectural design and development for new construction and remodel projects.

John's environmentally conscious philosophy combines principles of relocalization, new urbanism and "green" building design with innovative, cost effective, and efficient renewable energy solutions that architecturally blend seamlessly with surrounding community and the natural environment. His demonstrated professional passion centers on working with visionary people and organizations who strive to achieve high levels of excellence where principles of sustainability and earth stewardship always prevail.

John also offers more than 40 years of high alpine mountain experience covering a broad spectrum of environmentally conscious alpine mountain architectural design, alpine mountain community planning, related real estate development, mountain home construction and many community volunteer efforts.

Prior to founding Comet Studios, John ran product development for the San Francisco office of Centex Homes, one of the largest housing developers in the United States. In this capacity, John hired and managed interdisciplinary teams of professionals for the full spectrum of real estate development; covering market research, market analysis, project programming, budget development, land acquisition, site planning, architectural design, landscape architecture, presentations & submittals needed for project approval, project engineering, construction document preparation, building permits, construction oversight, model home development, marketing, sales and analysis of project success after completion.

For the purpose of pursuing alpine mountain development projects, John founded DREAMTIME Design and Development LLC as a development company specializing in high alpine mountain resort and related residential projects. John runs land acquisition & product development for Dreamtime.

John offers over 30 years of experience covering a broad spectrum of environmentally conscious architectural design, new urbanist community planning, building construction, relocalized real estate development, alpine resort management and a variety of related green initiatives.

Professional Experience Highlights

Comet Studios Consortium (www.cometstudios.com) - **Founder and President**, an environmentally conscious planning design and development company. Comet Studios services include the full spectrum of feasibility studies, project analysis, project programming, land acquisition, master planning, project architecture, well-being lifestyle programming, land development, infrastructure construction management, residential & commercial development, marketing, real estate consulting, real estate sales and project management for eco-community and eco-resort projects of various sizes. Comet Studios works closely with consortium affiliate companies and consultants to provide an appropriate interdisciplinary professional team, custom tailored for each project.

Locations:

- The Sea Ranch California 1982-1997
- San Francisco, California 1997-2002
- Santa Fe, New Mexico 2002-present
- **DREAMTIME Design and Development LLC - Founder and President**, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- **Centex Homes - Product Development Manager**, Foster City, California
- **Pan Abode Log Homes - Construction Manager**, a division of Stapps Mobile Homes, Eugene, Oregon
- **Scripps Institute of Oceanography - Hydroponics Systems Developer & Manager** for salt tolerance studies of hybrid citrus plants at, La Jolla, California
- **Comprehensive construction experience over 30 years** with the following companies -
 - Centex Homes of Northern California
 - Pan Abode Log Homes – Eugene, Oregon division
 - Scott Butner Corporation, Oakland, California
 - G.R. Amundson General Contractor, South Lake Tahoe, California
 - Brent Smith Architect & General Contractor, Loomis, California
 - Sizemore & Sons General Contractor, Sacramento, California
 - Attilio Battistello, master builder from Italy
 - Echo Chalet, Echo Lake, California

Volunteer and Non-Profit Affiliation

GaiaQuest – Center for Global Health & Well- Being - Founder, Santa Fe, New Mexico 2008 – present

An international non-profit company specializing in sustainable community planning, environmentally conscious community development and eco-lifestyles that promote Global Health and Well-Being. GaiaQuest's international Center for Global Health and Well-Being project has been master planned to provide Global health programs and a wide variety of sustainable well-being lifestyle programs, education, products, services and resources primarily hosted at three demonstration eco-communities.

Village of Taos Ski Valley Parks & Recreation - Director, Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico 2010 - 2013

As Director of the Parks and Recreation Committee, John provided input to the Village of Taos Ski Valley Council on parks and recreation issues. This committee has been instrumental in the construction of the trails, the new entertainment stage, various recreation projects, and the implemented of a year-round arts & entertainment venue.

Parks & Recreation Projects:

- Implemented Forest Fuel Load Reduction Program
- Spring & Fall Community Clean Up
- Disc Golf Implementation
- Fish Habitat Restoration
- Entertainment Stage Design & Construction in the core Village
- Community Planning & walkable trails program connecting the entire Village
- Year-round community based arts and entertainment venue: <http://EnchantedCircleFestival.com>

Enchanted Circle Festival – Festival Director, Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico 2011- present

The Enchanted Circle Festival was conceived three years ago as a year-round community based arts and entertainment venue founded by Comet Studios and Kachina Mountain Lodge with the support of the Village of Taos Ski Valley. This year the events were sponsored by GaiaQuest Center for Global Health & Well-Being.

Taos Mountain Music Festival - Green Scene Director, Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico 2009 - 2010

The summer of 2009, the Taos Ski Valley community sponsored a very successful first annual Taos Mountain Music Festival with an attendance of over 4000 festiviens. In an effort to help promote year-round prosperity for Taos Ski Valley, John volunteered as manager of event promotion in Santa Fe and director of the Green Scene aspect of the Taos Mountain Music Festival in 2010 as well where he:

- Organized and managed a festival waste management & recycling facility including related volunteer crew. This facility included recycling plastics for the first time in Taos Ski Valley,
- Created festival “green scene” philosophy and related festival web site content (www.taosmountainmusicfestival.com).
- Introduced and managed festival promotion and ticket sale efforts in Santa Fe.

Aldea de Santa Fe Home Owners Association - Transition Coordinator for VCA/HOA

Santa Fe, New Mexico 2007 – 2008

- As a commercial and residential property owner at Aldea de Santa Fe, John headed up a transition committee responsible for fledging out and resolving interface issues between the Aldea Home Owners Association (HOA), the Aldea Village Center Association (VCA) and the original Aldea LLC developer as needed to help create a smooth transition of power from the Aldea LLC developer to the Aldea Home Owner and Village Center associations.

Village of Taos Ski Valley Community Planning and Development - Volunteer Community Planner & Green Development Advocate, Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico September 2004 – present

- John introduced and initiated a comprehensive community planning effort in the upper Kachina district of Taos Ski Valley that blossomed into a village wide community-sponsored planning effort and the adoption of a comprehensive master plan for all of Taos Ski Valley.
- As an advocate for green development and wilderness preservation, John has also volunteered effort needed to help create planning and building ordinances & sustainable business policies for the Village of Taos Ski Valley that now mandate more sustainable development & building practices, conservation of precious natural alpine resources and preservation of surrounding fragile wilderness.
- John has also successfully crafted and proposed prospect real estate deals to key stakeholders in Taos Ski Valley as needed to introduce and facilitate comprehensive land acquisition that enables a more cohesive and environmentally conscious alpine planning and development of the remaining substantial vacant land holdings within the Kachina district.

Other Project Development Experience

Del Raro Development – Planner & Land Acquisition, Santa Fe, New Mexico 2008 – 2009

John provided a mixed-use pre-development planning and property acquisition effort for a proposed relocation demonstration project at Aldea de Santa Fe. John successfully provided necessary strategic planning, negotiated business terms and secured necessary agreements for this opportunity.

Arroyo Verde - Acquisition Project Director, Aldea de Santa Fe, New Mexico 2007 – 2008

When the original developer of Aldea de Santa Fe failed to provide the necessary build out of the Aldea's commercial center and one critical pending commercial property deal was locked up in a legal dispute, John introduced and successfully negotiated a deal that solved the dispute while at the same time selling most of the remaining mixed-use commercial center property to two motivated buyers who demonstrated their commitment to get the property developed.

Representing one of the buyers (Arroyo Verde LLC) and acting as a liaison between Buyer and Seller, John successfully:

- Introduced Arroyo Verde as a viable Buyer for all remaining vacant commercial property around Aldea's plaza, including Aldea's hotel site.
- Negotiated initial deal point terms for a successful sale between Buyer and Seller in a manner that resolved a longstanding dispute that the Buyer was involved with concerning some of the same property and an adjacent commercial spa property.

Fledged out and helped finalize with the original developer final drafts of all necessary village center documents, including:

- The Second Amended and Restated Village Center Declaration (of charter, easements, covenants and restrictions),
- Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Aldea de Santa Fe Village Center Association,
- Village Center Rules and Regulations,
- Village Center Design Code and Building Regulations,
- Aldea Commercial Parking Plan including related commercial parking requirements and regulations,
- Aldea de Santa Fe Master Plan documents,
- Aldea de Santa Fe Water Budget including final commercial allocations,
- Documentation of Aldea's final commercial development rights, including an incremental breakdown specifying final commercial development right allocations for every village center property,
- Final documentation of Aldea's commercial water rights,
- And other details required for the Arroyo Verde property acquisition.
- Created a first draft land purchase agreement for the Arroyo Verde transaction followed by subsequent drafts as needed to move the negotiations along with Buyer, Buyer's attorneys, Seller and Seller's attorney.
- Maintained necessary communication and negotiations between Buyer and Seller for a very complicated land deal for over 7 months until all deal points were fully resolved and the land purchase transaction closed.

Live/Work 7478 Building & Aldea Plaza Live/Work Lofts – Designer & Developer

Aldea de Santa Fe, New Mexico – 2000 – 2006

John designed and co-developed the first mixed-use commercial building located at the new urbanist village of Aldea de Santa Fe, located on lots 74-78 framing the west side of Aldea Plaza. John designed, developed and owns the live/work Lofts on Lots 74,75, & 76. Located on sunset side of the plaza, each Live/Work Loft includes luxury residential spaces on the top floor, premium commercial space on the plaza level and alley level commercial support spaces. Framing the west side of Aldea's plaza these Live/Work Lofts offer a premiere commercial storefront location on Aldea Plaza.

Aldea New Urbanist Development - Advocate & Planner, Aldea de Santa Fe, New Mexico – Dec. 2000 – present

- As an advocate for sustainable commercial development that demonstrates the principle of relocalization, John has volunteered effort needed to promote Aldea's unique commercial center development to viable commercial prospects that support localized goods and service business models and strategies.

In an effort to help promote Aldea's unique Commercial Center opportunities and Aldea Plaza, John created and provided designs and renderings for all Live Work Lofts and commercial properties surrounding the Aldea Plaza. Located in the heart of the Aldea de Santa Fe Village, the Plaza's commercial center is designed to provide residential living over commercial businesses that are all within easy walking distance from every Aldea home. In an effort to help prospect entrepreneurs understand and embrace the commercial opportunities at Aldea, Comet Studios designed 27 Live Work Lofts surrounding the Aldea Plaza and rendered them in a manner that shares the magical Territorial and Pueblo Revival style village experience that Aldea has to offer.

Sample of Development Projects

Kachina Mountain Lodge – Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico



(KML) project has been thoughtfully master planned with three phases, including first phase development of four Euro-alpine Wilderness Cabins followed by future phase development of a four-unit residential Wilderness Lodge and a unique in-ground sod covered commercial building that feels like part of KML's landscape garden.

Each wilderness residence possesses a distinct character that welcomes the natural warmth of a sunny south exposure and breathtaking mountain views through generous passive solar curtain wall glass. Architecturally designed to be hand-hewn and sturdy, KML's authentic euro-alpine wilderness residences contain many sustainability features and the timeless qualities of whimsy, elegance, permanence and fascinating details.

Visit the web site: <http://http://www.kachinamountainlodge.com>

Kachina Village Project Planning, Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico



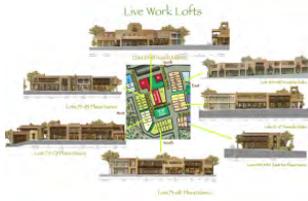
John has been instrumental in developing a Master Plan for the Kachina Village Commercial Core Area of Taos Ski Valley.

The Village's Planning and Zoning Commission has directed Village staff to work with the Kachina Village core property owners in the development of a Kachina Village Master Plan. By promoting appropriate mixed-use commercial development, realistic project phasing and a logical extension of Village utilities, this plan will ultimately offer many benefits to local property owners and the Village of Taos Ski

Valley community.

Visit the web site: <http://www.KachinaVillage.com>

Aldea Live/Work Lofts Around the Plaza, Santa Fe, New Mexico



John was key consultant in the negotiations with the Aldea LLC. & Arroyo Verde in successfully implementing a development plan & purchase for the remaining Live/Work lofts & Hotel site around the Aldea Plaza.

Visit the web site » www.AldeaPlaza.com

Aldea Live/Work Lofts 74-78, Santa Fe, New Mexico



Located in a new urbanist Village, Aldea de Santa Fe, are 5 unique Live/Work Lofts nestled on the sunset side of the plaza. Each Live/Work Loft includes top floor residential spaces above the plaza and alley level commercial spaces. Framing the west side of Aldea's plaza these Live/Work Lofts offer storefronts with a premiere commercial location.

Visit the Web Site » <http://AldeaLofts.com>

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Publications & Articles

- Articles & Awards: <http://cometstudios.com/the-studio/articles-awards/>
- Blogs: <http://cometstudios.com/blog/>

Skills

- Project feasibility studies, land analysis and land acquisition
- Comprehensive project programming & all aspects of development entitlements
- Sustainable land development planning & infrastructure construction management
- Eco-community planning & development that includes eco-lifestyle planning, recreation amenities & sustainable-community resources
- Planning & design of condominiums, live-work lofts & mixed-use commercial
- Planning & design of custom single family homes, estates & cabins
- Environmentally conscious green building design & renewable energy solutions
- New urbanism, urban agriculture, aquaponics & permaculture planning
- Bidding, construction contracts and construction management
- Project management for all phases - before, during and after construction
- Marketing & sales program development, oversight and inventory assistance
- Home Owner Association planning, setup and management assistance
- Renewable energy planning and solutions - sourced from solar, wind, geothermal &/or biomass
- Extensive computer, CAD, & social media experience
- Design, implementation & management of sustainable policy programs

Interests

- Arts, Music, Entertainment & Community Culture
- Environmental stewardship interests & volunteer involvement
- Skiing, Hiking, Traveling

Education

University of California, La Jolla, Santa Cruz, Berkeley & Davis, California
Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Design: Professional architecture
degree with emphasis on environmentally conscious planning and design.

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