

Martha J. Chester, AIA, LEED AP

Vice President

“As an architect my goal is to use creativity and ingenuity to answer my client’s needs with a product that exceeds their expectations.”
- *Martha Chester*

Martha is experienced in the design of many types of projects, however the primary focus of Martha’s work with Hughes Associates is religious assembly projects. She works closely with individual clients or building committees to determine the special requirements for their projects. Martha is dedicated to producing design solutions both practical and aesthetic to meet those expectations. These facilities often include special requirements for licensed day care, administration, recreation and worship centers.

Martha coordinates the Continuing Education program at Hughes Associates, planning and producing seminars designed to update staff on products, codes, and educational information.

Having owned and managed her own practice for 10 years, Martha has experience in managing all phases of project development, from conceptual design to construction administration. Her private practice involved projects ranging from residential to commercial facilities.

Education

1977 Bachelor of Architecture, VPISU

Architectural Registrations

Virginia #5013
LEED Accredited Professional

Professional and Civic Activities

Virginia Society & Blue Ridge Chapter AIA
VSAIA Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art and Architecture
Knowledge Community Leadership Board Member, 2008-2013
Leadership Roanoke Valley, Class of 2009
Leadership Roanoke Valley Advisor, 2009-2010

Experience

2000- Hughes Associates Architects; Associate
1998-2000 Hughes Associates Architects; Architect
1988-1998 Martha J. Chester, Architect; Principal & Proprietor
1980-1985 Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern, Inc.; Architect
1977-1980 Hughes & Associates; Architectural Technician

Related Project Experience

Religious Assembly

St. John’s Episcopal Church - Sanctuary Renovation, Roanoke, VA
Christian Life International - New Construction, Roanoke, VA
First Baptist Church - New Children’s Wing, Roanoke, VA
Troutville Baptist Church – Addition & Front Entrance Portico, Troutville, VA
Sovereign Grace Community Church Site Study, Botetourt, VA

Sovereign Grace Community Church – Facility Planning, Roanoke, VA

New Beginnings Church, Rockingham County, VA

Rosalind Hills Baptist Church - Sanctuary Renovations, Education & Fellowship Hall Addition, Roanoke, VA

Melrose Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA

First United Methodist Church, Salem, VA

Cambria Baptist Church – Education Addition, Cambria, VA

Commercial, Industrial, Retail, Office

Shenandoah Legal Group, Roanoke, VA

Medical

Shenandoah Valley Podiatry Office Renovations, Roanoke, Virginia

Residential/Housing

Campbell Residence, Smith Mountain Lake, VA

Strelow Residence – Addition & Detached Garage, Salem, VA

Coulter Residence – Kitchen renovations and enclosing a screen porch to convert to a sitting area, Roanoke, VA

