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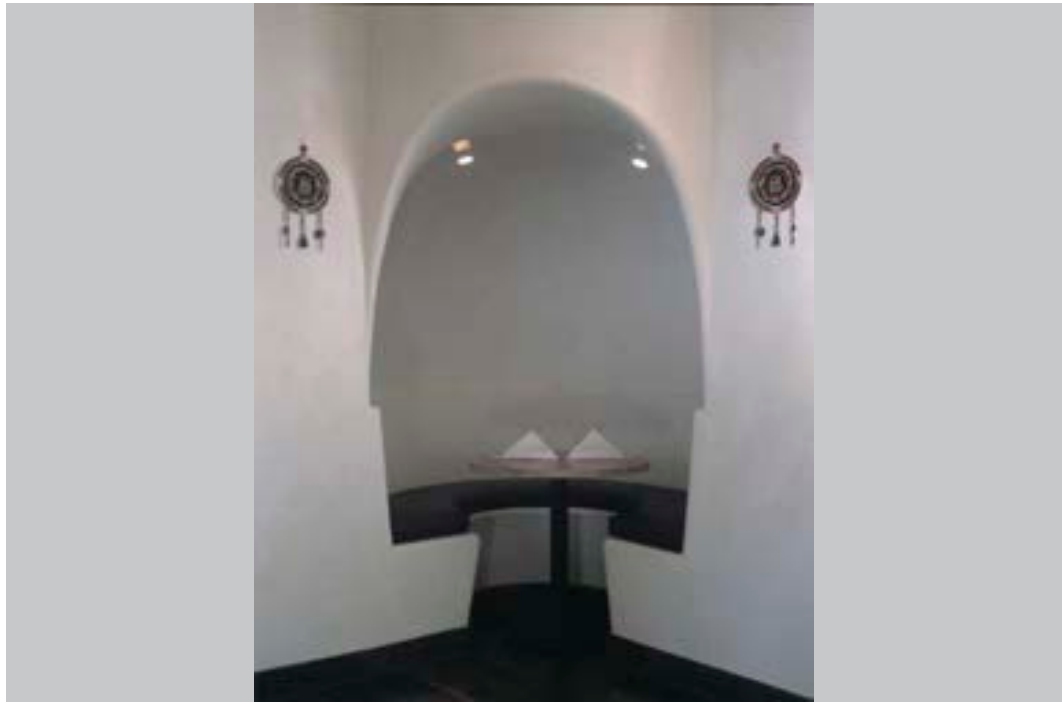
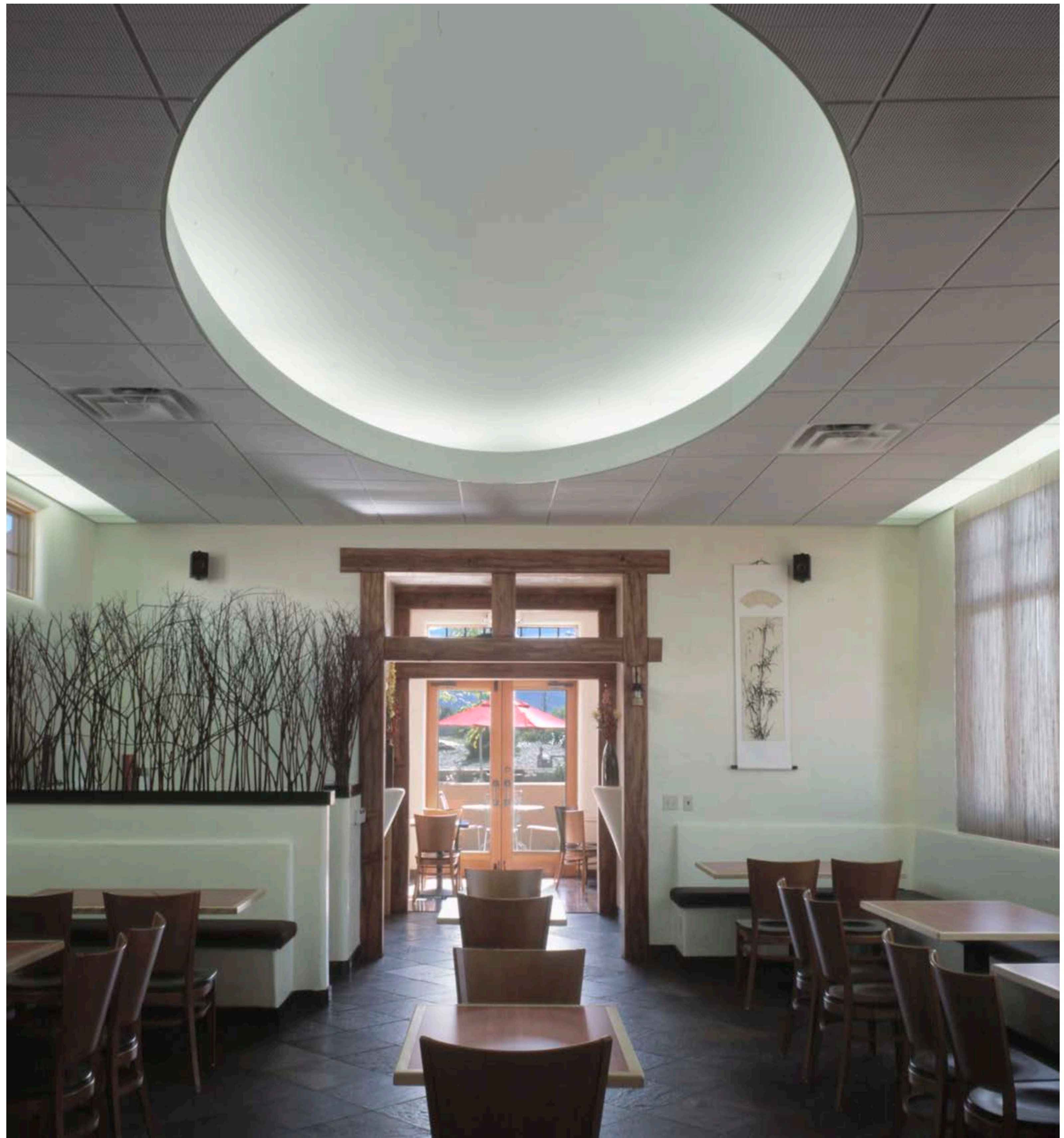
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**SUN AND SHOWERS ASIAN BISTRO, TAOS NM  
ARCHITECT  
2005**

Sustainable, Suave and Salvaged, this restaurant starts a new chapter for a city property that had been a drive-in fast food restaurant for more than 30 years- until the franchise abandoned the old structure. After removing the decrepit metal canopy and speakers, the concrete block building was gutted and renovated for the new kitchen and a new 1200 sf dining room was added.

Inspired by heavily buttressed local churches, the building is a blend of Southwestern and Asian influences. Rather than supporting the building structurally, however, the buttresses at the Asian Bistro house the restrooms, a fireplace and a romantic dining nook. Dramatically carved panels behind the hostess desk simulate a waterfall while red willow twigs surround the wait station like dancing flames.

This green renovation uses recycled styrofoam concrete forms for the exterior walls and ceiling tiles with 72% recycled content. Natural materials such as slate, ceramic tile, red willow accents and plaster with integral dyes complete the finishes. A stylish waterless urinal reduces water usage.



Alumnae Biography

**BIOGRAPHY**

After graduating from Wash U, I worked at KRJ-DA in CT, working on designs for museums and corporate headquarters. I earned a MArch at Yale Univ then moved to NM in 1990 to design off-grid homes and communities. I founded EDGE Architects ( Environmental Design Group Enterprise, Inc.) in 1994 in Taos. We focus on

eco-friendly design, often using alternative materials and technologies to create homes, businesses and community buildings that do not depend on the power grid. Our projects are site-specific, taking advantage of local microclimates and they celebrate the unique qualities of the client.

**AWARDS**

Citation Award, AIA-Santa Fe, Azzari-Birdsong Residence

Honorable Mention, Environmental Design + Construction Magazine, Excellence in Design Awards, Casita Nuaanarpoq

**PUBLICATIONS**

TREND, 2012, Zimmerman Off-Grid Photography Studio  
The Simple Home, 2007, Azzari-Birdsong Res Su Casa Magazine, 2009, Adcock Residence Straw Bale House Plans, 2007, The Dojo Green By Design, 2003, Marx Residence Building with Earth, 2006, Casita Nuaanarpoq