

Scott Hobbs has been President of Hobbs, Incorporated since taking over from his father in 1998. He rose through all of the construction roles from laborer through superintendent and project manager in order to learn construction from the ground up. During his tenure, Scott has expanded the geographic footprint of Hobbs to include areas to the east, north, and west of their traditional Fairfield and Westchester County areas of operation. In addition, he expanded the services of Hobbs to include not only their trademark large new and extensively renovated homes, but also smaller additions, renovation work, and on going maintenance of existing properties. In addition, Hobbs has taken a leadership role in helping to bring “green” products and building processes to the custom home building market. By taking advantage of Hobbs’ strong administrative capabilities, dedication to customer satisfaction and great reputation in the subcontractor/supplier market place, these new areas have greatly helped Hobbs to better take care of their existing clients and to expand their base. Scott and Hobbs were named Custom Builder of the Year for 2005 by the industry’s publication Custom Home Magazine.

Hobbs, Incorporated is a market leader in high-end custom home construction services. As a third generation family business incorporated in 1954 by Scott’s grandfather, Hobbs has worked on thousands of homes doing a full range of services. Since Scott took over, Hobbs has successfully completed over 150 major projects ranging in size from \$500,000 addition/renovations to over 30,000 square feet. In addition, Hobbs has done some light industrial work to include a 75 horse stable that is the largest timber frame building built North America this century. Hobbs prides itself on being able to deal with all issues open and honestly with their clients.

Catherine Barton

As Green Depot’s Corporate Director of Business Development, Catherine Barton is responsible for creating relationships with real estate developers, architects, contractors, government, and other key figures in the local green building arena.

With over ten years of business and product development experience, the overarching theme in Catherine’s work has been educating business owners on more sustainable ways of doing business. In this vein, Catherine founded NYIRN’s “Spec It Green” educational series in 2007, to help building professionals gain knowledge about high-performance building designations, strategies, and challenges.

Prior to joining Green Depot, Catherine was the Director of Business Development at DFB Sales, where she was responsible for “greening” the company’s 60-year-old identity, resulting in the company being named NYC Manufacturer of the Year for their sustainable product development. Previous positions included Executive Director of Pinwheel Studio, and President of CAGE Industries, which was honored as one of the 24 Fastest Growing NYC Businesses.

Catherine is a trained architect, and was asked to join the LEED for Homes Evaluation Committee in 2008. She is a board member of both the Centennial Bridge Commission, and the Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corp.

Kristine D'Elisa

Growing up in rural Maryland, Kristine was raised with a great respect for the natural environment; and as her small town developed into a booming suburb, she developed her passion for design and construction. Kristine graduated magna cum laude from the University of Maryland where she received her Bachelor of Science in Architecture and was awarded the prestigious Award for Design Excellence. At the University of Pennsylvania, she continued her studies to receive a Master of Architecture with a Certificate in Urban Design.

After 4 years as a Project Manager in New York City, designing theaters, art galleries and museum spaces, Kristine moved to Connecticut and joined the staff at R.S. Granoff Architects. She has since been delighted to design beautiful high-end homes in and around Greenwich, CT with a focus on sustainable design. The passion for sustainable and healthy living has become ever more meaningful to Kristine with the birth of her first child almost 2 years ago.

Kristine is currently consulting on two residential projects seeking LEED certification and is designing several renovations with a focus on energy efficiency and indoor air quality. She is a principal at RSGA and may be amongst the first handful of professionals who are LEED for Homes Accredited as Kristine awaits her test results from the LEED for Homes beta exam offered earlier this month.

Bill Valus is the Co-Owner of Encon, one of the areas premier heating and air conditioning companies. Bill is a mechanical engineer with 21 years of experience designing energy efficient HVAC systems for homes and businesses throughout Fairfield and Westchester Counties. He has extensive knowledge in all types of HVAC designs including geothermal heating & cooling systems. Bill is certified in geothermal design with the International Ground Source Heat Pump Association. This certification is held by only three other engineers in the state of Connecticut. Bill is a member of the Association of Energy Engineers and a founding member of the Fairchester Green Building Council