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BY HEATHER SHONING

# TABLE TALK

Recent discussions with a panel of area architects revealed some clear trends in residential architectural design for the Denver area

## TRENDS ON THE WAY OUT

Some key items that were once popular in both single-family and multi-family residences are no longer sought-after design elements.

It's clear from each of these professionals that overly large homes are no longer the status quo. Many factors could be contributing to the trend, but no matter how you look at it, homes are getting smaller. Jim Bershof, of OZ Architecture contributes this to "wasted space and expensive upkeep, especially regarding energy costs." Multi-family dwellings are now being built for renters, not buyers, according to Kelly Davis of OZ Architecture. "Younger renters don't require as much space. They are more concerned with a good location and the neighborhood as a social environment," he says.

Formal dining and living areas have taken a backseat to open, flexible spaces. While



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## THE PANEL

**Kelly Davis, AIA, LEED AP**  
Managing Principal, **OZ Architecture**

Kelly Davis joined OZ Architecture more than 15 years ago after six years as an associate at Anshen + Allen in San Francisco. He has designed award-winning multi-family residential projects including the Waterside Lofts and Creekside Townhomes in Denver.



**Jim Bershof, FAIA, LEED AP**  
Managing Principal, **OZ Architecture**

Jim Bershof, a 30-year veteran of architecture, has numerous multi- and single-family residential projects to his credit. The Denver native has a keen interest in urban infill projects and revitalization of historic properties and neighborhoods. In 2010, Bershof was awarded the honor of Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.



**Karen Keating**  
President, **TKP Architects and Structural Design Partnership**

Karen Keating recently created the designs for the Betts Lake Community, the Colorado Golf Club as seen in our Open House feature. She presents an acclaimed seminar on communication skills for home building professionals and has written several articles on design for a variety of publications.



**Brian Sipes, AIA, LEED AP**  
Senior Project Manager,  
**Rowland+Broughton Architecture,**  
**Urban Design + Interior Design**

New to Rowland+Broughton, Brian Sipes spent 18 years in Avon, Colorado with Zehren and Associates, where he worked on multi-family lodges, ski and golf support facilities and environmental learning centers. He also led several prominent projects including the gondola connection to Silver Creek Ski Mountain and the Heat Recovery Project using sewer plant effluent to heat recreational pools and snow melt systems.