

Richard W. Harris Resume

SUMMARY

Richard W Harris aka Rick and "R.W." (to a select few).

I am a well-versed union trained carpenter, project manager and contractor/estimator with over 30 years of experience in both the commercial and residential aspects of the trade. I have owned and operated two residential companies in two different states and my time has been spent in both management and the actual "building" of each and every project that I have attended to. I supervised (and worked on) crews at an early age during the building of "Silicon Valley in N. CA until 1988 and about two thirds of my career was spent being in business for myself. I consider myself very fortunate during all of these years of building; my knowledge has become widespread and applicable to all phases of construction.

My experience allows me to be a competent and well liked supervisor who has "been there and done that". My work attitude, presence and talents have always commanded respect, which in turn, makes me an invaluable asset on any jobsite.

I have, as a rule, always become very involved in my task and maintain the highest levels of quality and standards when guiding the work to completion. I have also trained and qualified more than 50 apprentice carpenters throughout my career. At fifty years of age, I still enjoy working with my tools in an effort to maintain my own skill level and physical shape (as well as to be involved with the problem solving and solutions that are sometimes required in this line of work). This has allowed me to keep up on the latest technology, methods and products as they became and become available for our use. I also have a huge inventory of information, products, suppliers and subcontractors available for reference. I am well versed in contracts, building codes and plan drawing, which has also given me a keen sense of design.

Thank-you in advance for your consideration.

Rick W Harris-General Contractor.

WORK HISTORY

2003-present Contractor/Homebuilder/Owner, R 'n R Custom Builder CA #833924

Returned to the San Francisco bay area in May 2003 after a fifteen year absence to build a 900sq ft+ second floor room(s) addition for my younger brother and step dad in San Jose. Ended up finally marrying Rosanne, the other "R" (after all those years), and I plan to continue to build on my portfolio here until retirement. So far, since coming back, I have contracted and built two custom homes, five room additions (2-2nd floor), two huge deck accomplishments and a couple of other remodels and repairs squeezed somewhere there and in between. I am currently accepting completed plans for bid and any other future projects. I am also willing to supervise contracts or crews for others. Please see my website @ rnrhomebuilder.com

- 2001-2003 Framing sub-contractor, general superintendent, lead carpenter and layout foreman for other General Contractors in the Seattle and Olympia areas of Washington state.
- In particular, I worked on a Microsoft executive's home (can't reveal his name by law) for five months in Bellevue. I wish I could have arrived there sooner. This was a union carpenter position. After that I built three new homes with a G.C. named Ed Zarvinsky and then was employed by Harrington Construction, a non union shop doing a large surgical Center. Andy let me be leadsman for his crew during this gig. We made record time for completion. My last project in WA was layout and lead for a 7 story wood structure in downtown Seattle with North Coast Construction (another union outfit). I left that job after completion to return to CA in April 2003..
- 1991-2000 Owner/Contractor. Northland Interiors/Harris Construction. MN License #20076731
- An upscale custom homebuilder licensed in the state of Minnesota, offering CAD design and layout changes on high-end homes and room additions, custom decks, kitchens and baths. This was a full service company usually involved in all aspects of the new home. A good reputation was built over the years as a quality craftsman and designer. Again, please see my website. I built seven homes during this time.
- 1988-1991 General Superintendent and lead man, various companies through the Carpenters Local 606 in Virginia MN.
- Included the supervision of company employees and coordinating with sub-contractors. Customer relations, including the remodel of two local malls, construction of an apartment complex, an addition to a hospital, a ski resort, and many stores, clinics and offices for some of the local doctors and lawyers. I also did "some" home construction during this time and became vested with the Wisconsin carpenters in 1994.
- 1982-1988 General Superintendent/Carpenter Foreman, Arco Concrete Inc. Hollister CA
- General commercial type construction to include offices and warehouses built with the tilt-up methods. Typically ran crews with 40 plus members. Also, tenant improvements built with metal studs and drywall, Did a number of residential projects using "Harris" Construction as a back-up company. I was also licensed as a general contractor in the state of California during this time.
- 1976-1988 Apprentice Carpenter, Carpenter Foreman and Layout Supervisor for various companies through the Carpenters Local #1622 in Hayward CA
- I was involved with the start and continuation of construction in the "Silicon Valley", strictly commercial projects that were later used as office space for the computer and service industries. Also, many tenant improvements and build- to-suit type projects to include employers: Arco Concrete, Devcon Construction, Hollander Smith Inc., Barney Barnhill Construction, Concrete Shell Inc., L&S General Contractors and some of the "tract" home projects that were built to support the area. 100+ homes were typical on site at that time. I became vested with the CA carpenters in 1986.

- EDUCATION Graduated from Piedmont Hills High School in San Jose, CA 1975.
- 1976-1980 Completed the four year carpenters apprenticeship program through the state of CA in three years, obtained the journeyman's certificate in 1980. I also attended miscellaneous college courses at various local colleges to include, small business management, real estate and contractual estimating.
- 1981-present Maintained continuing education in construction and real estate to maintain various licenses and certificates. My average is 7 credits per year since 1981. Passed contractor state license board test on three different occasions.

COMPUTER & MANAGEMENT SKILLS

- Self taught and attended seminars with turbo-cad, Architect, and others. I own three computers, including a laptop, and use them on a regular basis for both business and personal needs.
- Familiar with estimating, design, and business programs. Also a good knowledge of various operating systems to include excel, word, outlook and others.
- * 30 years of experience with onsite management and a good safety record.
- * Outgoing and knowledgeable with employees, subcontractors and clients.
- * Highly motivated and can lead or train others.

LICENSES & CERTIFICATES

- Journeyman's certificate United Brotherhood of Carpenters.
- * Union member and Contractor for over thirty years.
- Licensed General Contractor in two states.
- * Certified in safety, tool operation, permits and C.P.R.
- Possess the skills required to obtain "cost out" and co-ordinate job projects until their completion. Complete construction understanding from pre-site to finish.
- * Familiar with the supervising and the hiring of employees.
- * Understand, RFI's, safety reports, logs and all communications.
- Complete knowledge of all the current building codes and regulations.
- Including shear wall, transfers and loads.
- Fully competent in the other trade knowledge as well. For example, I have experience and a complete understanding of the install, techniques and requirements of electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems. Also various foundation, concrete work and roof covering systems with all aspects included.
- Outgoing and knowledgeable experience with sub-contractor and customer relations, including negotiations, addendums and change orders.
- Maintain excellent quality standards in all phases of work. (considered a craftsman). Lots of stair and unusual design experience.
- * Layout and blueprint plan reading expert.
- Published in trade magazines with custom homes and "other" projects.
- A well rounded "framer" with good climbing skills. Not afraid of heights.
- Proficient in the installation of metal studs and drywall, taping and finish.
- A patient "finish" carpenter with a broad background to include own tools and equipment.
- Some experience in elevators, high-rise construction, and site preparation.
- Completely tooled-up and always ready to consider offers of employment and contracts.
- My references are available upon request and will be supplied at interviews.

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