



Cindi Mac Swain



## CINDI MAC SWAIN: POSSIBILITY THINKER, CREATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVER, AND NATIONAL TRAINER.

SHE WAS ONE OF THE ONLY FEMALES IN HER FIELD. AND FROM DAY ONE, CINDI LET THEM KNOW SHE WASN'T THERE TO TYPE.

“Just because something is the way it is, doesn’t mean it can’t be different. There’re a lot of ways of looking at things.” She followed up by saying, “In some ways when your back is against the wall, that’s when you’re forced to be creative.”

Cindi Mac Swain is an established residential architect and owner of Vanney - Mac Swain Home Planning. Growing up in a military family gave her a different kind of confidence - but it’s her possibility thinking that really sets her apart.

When we talked with Cindi about her early years in architecture; she didn’t harbor any resentment towards her gender biased colleagues. She just laughed about how life came full circle. Like when Cindi placed second at her college’s senior design awards and the keynote speaker - the owner of a construction company - hired her on the spot. Only a few weeks earlier, the manager there had

refused to look at her application. Her second job was at an architectural firm, where she soon gained the confidence to start her own business.

A few years ago, life came full circle once again when she accepted a nice little side job - from her first employer - training builders / dealers from all over the country on the Chief Architect software. For Cindi, it was more about the experience than the extra money. She simply said, “If you want to be proficient at something, teach it!”

We can learn a lot from Cindi. Whether raising a family, starting a firm, serving NAHB, training in Chief Architect, or personally working with clients; thoughtful planning is what it’s all about. In fact, we lean on those same creative problem-solving skills to showcase the beauty of nature’s unpredictabilities in stone. If we can do that while providing best experiences - that’s our full circle.



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