



reworks co-founders

Chotsie Gregson

Chotsie Gregson is a third-generation artist and New Orleans native whose classical formal art training started at age 9. She earned her bachelor's degree in fine art and painting from Louisiana State University and then went on to enjoy a successful career in both the corporate retail industry and home design-build industry.

Gregson has more than 35 years experience in retail purchase, design development, interior staging, home building, and fine art, which has given her an impeccable eye for beautiful, stylish design. She spent 14 years as retail director at Mignon Faget, a jewelry designer, manufacturer, wholesaler, and retailer with an enormous cult following in Louisiana. As retail director, it was Gregson's job to manage the retail spaces that served this unique art form and its customers.

After Hurricane Katrina, Gregson moved to Austin where she co-founded the design-build company, Cypress Works, with Willem Sypesteyn. When the housing market crashed in 2008, she and Sypesteyn realized their ultimate potential when they melded their lifelong passions and experiences in art, design, and architecture to create reworks.

Willem Sypesteyn

Willem Sypesteyn, also a New Orleans native from an artistic family, earned his bachelor's degree in pottery from Trinity University in San Antonio. After graduating, Sypesteyn and a friend created and co-owned a pottery studio in Austin in the 1970s.

The opportunity to renovate an old home for pay drew Sypesteyn back to New Orleans, which marked the beginning of his boutique business renovating high end homes. He worked with some of the city's top architects and designers and enjoyed a successful career in home renovation for nearly a decade. In the late '80s, Sypesteyn decided to try his hand at the restaurant business. He built two successful restaurants: a gourmet pizza restaurant and a Santa Fe-style restaurant. After selling both restaurants, he returned to construction as a "spec" builder and built numerous homes before moving back to Austin following Hurricane Katrina.

Sypesteyn's diverse career and keen attention to detail has rendered him an expert craftsman, artist, and builder. He has spent a lifetime acquiring experience in home design and building, interior and exterior architecture, art, business, and project management, cumulating in the co-founding of reworks in 2008.