

## Stewart Interior Contractors, LLC

# Stewart Interiors Celebrates 20 Years!

### A Look Back at the Start

In 1996 **Gordon Stewart** and **Paul Stringer** began discussing the idea of starting a company from scratch that would specialize in the professional, safe and efficient construction of plaster, acoustic, metal framing and drywall systems for projects located in the Greater New Orleans area. After many discussions as to the proper, moral and hopefully profitable method of going about starting a company, Stewart Interior Contractors L.L.C. was born.

Stewart began as two friends working side by side so there were no immediate jobs and no employees. Other than those minor details Stewart was off to a roaring start. Fortunately, relationships came into play early and Stewart began to receive contracts for work and has never looked back. Stewart quickly grew past being a two man shop and began expanding both office staff as well as field man-

agement. Stewart has been very blessed continuing to grow and expand into multiple scopes of work as well as into multiple areas. Stewart has successfully completed projects



Paul Stringer & Gordon Stewart

across the South ranging from Texas to Florida performing metal framing, drywall, insulation, acoustic ceilings, specialty ceilings, plaster and pretty much whatever a carpenter can do other than formwork.

Our first project was small and consisted of re-laminating countertops for a local general contractor, which we were thankful to have. This

initial work was performed by Paul while Gordon ordered the materials/equipment and knocked on every door pursuing additional work. It was not easy and many obstacles presented themselves almost on a daily basis. However, with the dedication and hard work of numerous individuals Stewart successfully grew into one of the larger more vibrant companies of its kind in the Greater New Orleans area. Over the past twenty years Stewart has successfully completed each and every task that we have been charged to accomplish. "No project is too large or too small" has been a staple of our philosophy. While the market and the construction industry constantly changes, several principles remain steadfast and true. At Stewart Interiors we believe hard work, honesty and loyalty to our employees are the best course of a company as we are only as good as our people.



## From the Field

by Patrick Lind



The Stewart Interior field workers are vital members of the team that make-up the Stewart Family. In Stewart's 20 years of business, we have had three qualified General Superintendents. **Paul Stringer** was the first and longest tenured General Superintendent serving for 16 years and currently remains on as a valued consultant. Paul set the standard for the way Stewart Interiors' field leadership approaches each project. His ability to work hard, his determination to follow through without giving up, and his overall respect for his fellow team members laid the ground work for the Superintendents that would come behind him. More recently, **James Cagle** served as our General Superinten-

dent until deciding to return to being a valued Project Superintendent. Currently, **Paul Jacobs** is our General Superintendent and has been with Stewart for over 16 years. Behind the tutelage of Mr. Stringer's 40+ years of construction experience and James Cagle's 30+ years of construction experience, Paul Jacobs is helping drive the legacy that both Mr. Stringer created and Mr. Cagle continued. Paul Jacobs continues to ensure that Stewart Interiors has the strongest metal framing, dry-wall, acoustic and plaster construction field team in the region and that our scope of work is completed safely with quality and efficiency.

**Brian Ganier**, who has been with Stewart Interiors for 20 years, is the Plaster Division's Superintendent. Brian leads a team of plasterers that is second to none when it comes to quality of work. Whether it is conventional three part stucco, gypsum plaster, or historical restoration plaster, Mr. Ganier and his staff have been at the forefront of the industry for the past 20 years. It is our craftsmen's artisan skills that help keep our plaster division the premier in the industry.

With both Paul Jacobs and Brian Ganier at the forefront of our field forces, Stewart Interior Contractors is looking forward to many bright years of construction excellence in the future.

## Estimating & Pre-Construction

by Sarah Stewart

"Stewart Interiors is committed to a detailed and thorough project review from the very start."

In today's construction market, there are several different project types that come across our desks and it all starts with a successful and thorough job analysis and quote. From working on public projects to working from the inception of design-build or design-assist projects, Stewart Interiors is committed to a detailed and thorough project review from the very start. We evaluate each project in detail to provide our

clients with the best quote on Bid Day, when every penny matters. We also work hand-in-hand with general contractors, architects, and owners to provide valued engineering options to help save costs when possible.

We believe that this initial pre-construction review on the front end helps prevent inefficiencies during construction while expediting a well organ-

ized and smooth project during the course of construction.



## Safety First

by Patrick Lind



Here at Stewart Interior Contractors we pride ourselves on our safety program and record. At Stewart Interiors safety is always addressed first when tackling a project. We supply continued training to not only our Superintendents and Supervisors, but to each field worker. We continually update training on critical items such as fall protection, equipment/lift training, and skills on proper use of tools. Typically our foremen are OSHA 30 trained, many of our field forces have OSHA 10 training and we currently employ one full

time employee with OSHA 500 training who is capable of training the entire staff on continued education. In addition, we employ a full time Safety Consultant to review our safety program ensuring we are on the cutting edge of employee safety. Our Safety Consultant conducts independent safety inspections on each Stewart project providing written reports for our review, implementation and improvement. We will continue to be extremely proactive on the safety of our employees and other workers around us.

## Drywall & Metal Framing

The drywall industry has not seen this innovation of products and building methods since the introduction of drywall as a main building product decades ago. Technology is driving the advancement of new products to meet today's building needs. Paperless drywall, high abuse drywall, high impact drywall, moisture resistant drywall are all only a few of the major advances in our industry. It is truly a new day in commercial drywall construction.



Stewart remains on the cutting edge in developing the safest, most cost efficient building methods for the drywall industry now and into the future. Not every product is the same and not every contractor is the same. Stewart's personnel, both in the office and in the field, are second to none in knowledge, safety, integrity, and scheduling in the drywall industry.



## Plaster Work

With the advent of alternative and cheaper building products the plaster industry had been in decline over the past few decades. However, not all of these new options stood the test of time or functionality the way plaster had previously performed for hundreds of years. As a result of plaster long term success we have seen plaster make a significant come back as a viable building skin while having remained

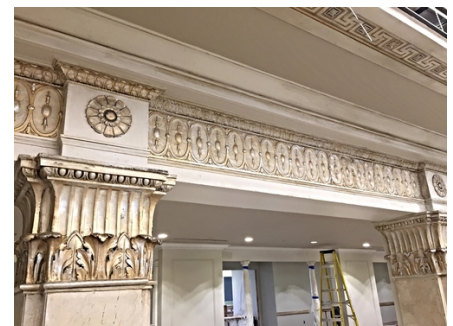
aesthetically superior to other options.

We view plaster in two categories. First, as an exterior skin on new construction and secondly, as an interior decorative material to beautify interior spaces. Most of the interior plaster work in today's construction work is the restoring of existing plaster that was installed in some cases over hundreds of years ago. Stewart has remained committed to

preserving our construction history and beauty with plaster restoration leading this movement. Stewart's plaster craftsmen have successfully restored hundreds of properties to their former glory for today's generation to enjoy.

Stewart remains committed to the preservation of our existing plaster treasures and to the plaster industry as a whole.

**"Stewart has remained committed to preserving our historical buildings and their beauty with plaster restoration being the main industry leading this effort." - Gordon Stewart**







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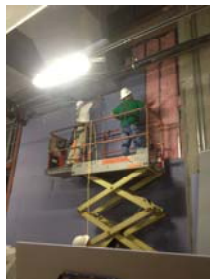
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