

HERITAGE NEWS

NEWEST STAFF



Heritage Builders is excited to announce our newest addition to the company! Ryan Pecinovsky joins the team as a Lead Carpenter, which means that you'll be seeing him working at many of our projects around the metro area this summer. Ryan's extensive knowledge and 8 years of carpentry experience make him a great asset to the field and office alike. Ryan is from the Winona area and attended Winona State University prior to becoming a carpenter. In his off hours, Ryan enjoys playing his guitar and snowboarding in the winter.

OTHER NEWS

Have you visited our website lately? Be sure to log onto www.HeritageBldrs.com and check out our new and improved site! You'll find more exciting information about what we do, and find answers to many of your remodeling questions. Be sure to check out our extensive project photo galleries, previous newsletters, and links to appliance and fixture manufacturers!

Heritage Builders Inc. is a fully licensed Design/Build Remodeling firm located in Saint Louis Park, MN. We specialize in all types of home design and remodeling, from the smallest of handyman jobs to entire house remodels. Our 32-year tradition of in-house design services combined with our on-staff craftsmen can help you create the home of your dreams.

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If Your House Could Talk...

Don't Sweat It!

- More warm weather is on the way! Make sure your air conditioner is clear of any weeds and obstructions. It helps keep your system working well and can save energy!

Safety First!

- Check the batteries and test all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

Glug, Glug, Glug!

- Make sure your downspouts are aimed away from your house to prevent water seeping in your basement during heavy rains.

Breathe Easy!

- Be sure to check your furnace filter at least monthly, and replace it when it gets dirty - this will help keep your air conditioner running at peak efficiency!

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

SWINDLEHURST RESIDENCE

It seems that more and more lately we're given the opportunity to bring our clients' visions of a brand new kitchen to life - and with good reason! The kitchen is a constant center of activity and acts as a hub for interaction between family and friends alike. And when guests are over to visit, it seems inevitable that they will congregate in the kitchen. This adds up to all the more reason to make your kitchen as functional and eye-catching as Rick and Sherry Swindlehurst's elegant new kitchen remodel.

Stifled by a dark and cramped space, an update to their kitchen floor plan was needed. When the Swindlehurst's decided that it was time for a change, they began their search for a new kitchen and qualified remodeler by visiting the Parade of Homes Remodeler's Showcase, which takes place every



The Swindlehurst's beautifully designed kitchen.

year in October. After two years of surveying many kitchen remodel projects, they came upon one of Heritage Builder's Showcase homes - and it was the start of a beautiful design/build relationship.

Working closely with Rick and Sherry, we learned what they wanted from their investment in a new kitchen. Using our computer-based Chief Architect software, we were able to create detailed three-dimensional views of their new kitchen before the construction even began. This way, there was no guessing as to how their completed remodel would look once in place.

Combined with the efforts of Pam Enz, ASID certified Interior De-

signer and owner of Tangible Space Design, we worked together to create a truly remarkable kitchen! The custom panels on the Sub-Zero refrigerator create the look of an old-time icebox, complete with large metal handles and oversized hinges. The elegant Viking range stands on its own as an especially eye-catching piece, as functional as it is beautiful.

The Swindlehurst's kitchen island makes a statement of its own, giving the impression of a free-standing table more than a permanent island. Stunning granite countertops tie it all together, complete with a large granite backsplash behind the range.

The Swindlehursts will enjoy their new kitchen for many years to come, and with the design/build professionals at Heritage Builders, you too can have the home you want, where you want it!



The antique ice-box design of the Sub-Zero refrigerator is truly eye-catching.

THE REMODELING EXPERIENCE

PROTECTING YOUR HOME DURING A REMODEL

Of all the elements of a remodeling project, the most overlooked aspect is probably the impact of the construction process on your daily life. It's

easy to get caught up in the more exciting parts, like how the floor plan will change, which walls are going to be removed, or how the new lighting scheme

will enhance the dramatic design. Chances are, the way you'll look back on your remodeling experience will have a great deal to do with the process that leads up to your project's completion.

It goes without saying that the remodeling process is a stressful event. In Heritage Builders' 30-plus years of experience, we've paid special attention to minimizing the negative effects of the construction process. During all phases of a project, the number one enemy is dust. Left unchecked, construction dust can find its way into the most unassuming of places- in-between dishes stacked in a cupboard, inside your rolled-up socks, and even on your toothbrush! That's why when a project begins, we at Heritage Builders make dust control a number one priority. We find that it's most effective to seal

off each room, or in some cases, an entire level of a house! While these measures cannot guarantee a 100% dust-free environment, we can say that we're always a step ahead when it comes to minimizing construction dust and debris. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. There are many other ways that we'll protect your home, from special coverings for wood and ceramic floors to protecting expensive furniture and irreplaceable family heirlooms.

It makes sense to us that we should use the same attention to detail in our client's homes as we would in our own. Our many tried and true methods of site protection will ensure that the experience of your remodeling project will be as painless as possible.



Dust control measures are an important part of protecting your home

IT'S BEEN A BUSY SEASON

It's only the middle of July, and we've been hard at work at many homes in the Twin Cities. In the past few months, we've wrapped up construction on some exciting remodeling projects! Recent projects include the **Swindziehurst's** beautiful new kitchen and porch addition, the **Kanter's** kitchen countertops and living and dining room remodel, and the **Hughes-Pittman's** stunning new kitchen remodel in Bloomington; the **Guidinger's** lower level bedroom and exercise room finish and new porch and deck in Shorewood; the **Porter's** new porch, deck, and landscaping project and the **Young-Starkebaum's** wonderful new kitchen and living room remodel in Plymouth; in Minneapolis, we're about to begin construction on the **Williams'**



new kitchen; we've also just completed work on a beautiful garden building at the **Chil-der's** home, which is a beautiful addition to their picturesque backyard; and in Edina, the **Duffy's** will soon be enjoying their beautiful new kitchen.

As always, we're pleased to be doing new projects for our past clients, including many small projects inside and out at the **Gordon Residence** in St. Louis Park; after completing the new master bath suite at the **Wagenheim's** in Golden Valley this spring, Steve was so pleased with the project that he's invited us back to create a beautiful new home/office complete with built-in oak cabinetry, and to install granite countertops in his kitchen; in Eden Prairie, we replaced kitchen countertops at the **Tobias Residence**, and also returned to the **McCullum Residence** for a few more small remodeling projects; we also revisited our friends the **Rindal's** in Minnetonka to install some new windows. And there's still six months to go!

Mark Your Calendars!

The 2003 Parade Of Homes Remodelers Showcase is on the way! Be sure to look for Heritage Builders' entries in the showcase this year, and watch your mailbox for our mailing announcement. This three day event allows us to open the doors to our client's homes and show off their beautiful remodeling projects. The Showcase will be on October 10th, 11th, and 12th this year. See you there!

IKE'S CORNER

By Ike Daughenbaugh, CR, Owner

If we could sum up what makes us successful in just one word, perhaps the best word to choose would be *collaboration*. In all aspects of the remodeling process, we understand the value that collaboration with our clients, subcontractors, and fellow design professionals brings to the quality of work that we produce.

As a contractor in the design/build industry, we know that it pays to recognize where your strengths are as well as realize how beneficial it can be to work with other design professionals. Specifically, we have found it to be extremely advantageous for both our clients and ourselves to retain the services of a Professional Interior Designer. There are many reasons to seek the professional advice and experience of an Interior Designer, whether your remodeling project is a simple master bathroom remodel or a complex whole house renovation.

An Interior Designer will have the right tools and resources to find out just what it is that you're looking for with your project and how to get you there.

It can be somewhat overwhelming when faced with the many decisions that come along with your remodeling project, from room finish selections to cabinets, appliances, plumbing and electrical fixtures. Many of our clients have a good idea of the look and feel of what they're after, but are unsure of how to make their selections come together.

In many ways, an Interior Designer is like a composer - they find the subtle rhythms and nuances of your style and arrange the many selections and specifications together to complement each other in a perfect composition.

The services of an Interior Designer are not limited to the job-site, either. It can be most helpful to have your designer accom-



An Interior Designer can be the catalyst that brings it all together.

pany you to the various showrooms to lead you in the right direction when making the important decisions about your remodeling project. Your time is a precious asset - a Professional Interior Designer can bring large-scale efficiency to your project by pre-selecting finishes for your approval.

We find that when we bring a Professional Interior Designer on board with our projects, our

clients are more satisfied with their remodeling experience, the remodeling process goes much more smoothly, and the end result is always spectacular. Interior Design Professionals are an invaluable resource, and we at Heritage Builders believe that all of our clients can benefit from their wealth of resources and design experience.

REMODELING TRENDS

CAD DESIGN: VISUALIZING YOUR REMODEL BEFORE IT'S BUILT

One of the most exciting parts of the remodeling process is creating the design. After all, a remodel usually begins with a vision or idea of how a particular room in your home can be added to or rearranged to create a better space. Sometimes a new design can be easy to visualize- especially in the case of a simple bathroom or kitchen remodel where there is minimal shuffling of plumbing fixtures and cabinets. But what happens when your dream design includes changing wall locations, adding or removing doors and windows, or creating a completely new addition?

It can be challenging to grasp what that new space will look and feel like until it has been built. With such an important investment into your home, it can be unsettling to trust your new kitchen, basement, or

three-season porch to the vision in your mind's eye.

We at Heritage Builders have an amazing tool that eliminates almost all of the guessing when it comes to how your new remodel will look. We use a computer-aided drafting and design program called Chief Architect

for all our design and construction plans, and for creating 3D views of both the interior and exterior of new projects. This advanced program is extremely accurate and can show just how your new design would look like if you were standing there in the room.



Computer-generated views take the guesswork out of visualizing your design.

When we meet with our clients for a design meeting, we present both 2D (floor plans) and 3D drawings. Together, these drawings illustrate what the completed project will look like and provide the opportunity to make design changes that wouldn't be noticed with a floor plan drawing alone.

As a result, our clients are extremely pleased during construction when they see their new remodel coming to life in just the way they imagined it would. No guessing or worrying about, "How the upper cabinets would look like if they went all the way to the ceiling," or, "Just how does that porch look with a vaulted ceiling?"

This exciting design program is an exceptional tool that can provide you with the visual assurance that the final design will be the right design for you!