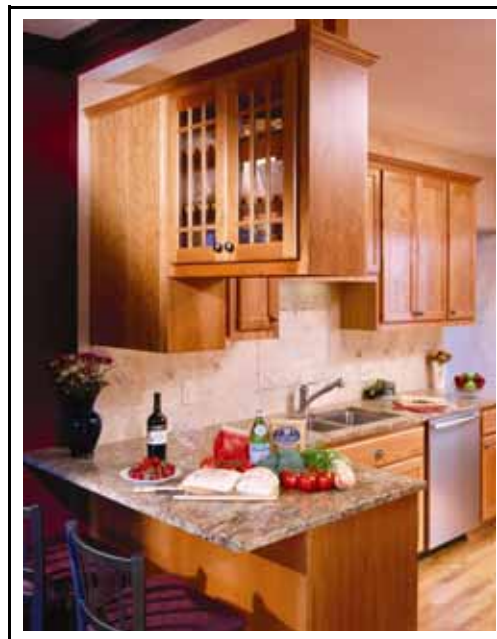


RECENT PROJECTS



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Design Trends

Daylighting

Homeowners want their homes "lighter and brighter." The solution is larger windows, more windows, stacked windows, feature windows, skylights, sun tunnels, interior windows, mirrors and open floor plans that share light from other rooms.

His & Her Space

There is a strong proclivity for "defined space" in the home. Given the choice, homeowners will opt for small walk-in closets of their own rather than a shared walk-in. And vanity areas that are across the room from each other are much preferred to the ubiquitous side-by-side arrangement.

Making It Real

Home owners are choosing higher quality materials for every room in the house. Tile or granite countertops instead of plastic laminate, porcelain or cast iron tubs over fiberglass.

THE EUREKA MOMENT

Every successful design project has a point of inspiration. This "Eureka Moment" is where everything seems to come together to suddenly solve the needs of your project. This moment of inspiration can involve large or small decisions. In either case, it is where the success of the design and your excitement for your project originates.

This is precisely what happened during the design of the kitchen renovation/family room addition at the Christiansen residence. The design challenges that were faced on this project were two-fold: First, the owners wanted a very open floor plan between the kitchen, breakfast area, and family room, leaving less than adequate wall space for kitchen cabinetry and storage. In order to design the kitchen to their desires – and have a good functional design, we needed to find a design solution for additional, yet convenient storage outside of the kitchen footprint. Second, in order to be in reasonable proximity to the existing dining room, the kitchen needed to be positioned in the center of the house creating a potentially bad scenario where a major walkway would travel through the kitchen. In addition this family frequently entertains large groups of friends and family, they wanted a central area where people could freely circulate to for snacks and drinks, from any part of this large home.



The design solution that was developed included the creation of a butler's pantry between the kitchen and stairway. The butler's pantry not only solved the storage and circulation issues, it also was an element that was in keeping with the architectural style of this 1912 home. Nearly 7 feet of wall space was available for the butler's pantry, providing ample room for solving the kitchen storage needs and also a large enough serving surface to accommodate a large group. Plenty of modern day conveniences maximize the efficiency of the available space, including drawers with full extension drawer slides, roll-out shelves behind the doors of the base cabinetry and cubbies at the countertop to hide the mail and assorted items that collect throughout a typical day. Beautiful detailing allows the created butler's pantry to look like a piece of built-in furniture. The decorative features include paneled door and drawer fronts, decorative newels that extend from the countertop to the floor, a maple butcher block counter top and upper cabinets with decorative glass, which all add up to a dramatic detail that helps this modern day project blend beautifully and seamlessly with the original home.

TALE OF TWO SHOWCASES

BLOOMINGTON SHOWCASE - MCCABE RESIDENCE

The McCabe remodel was one of the two projects that Heritage Builders featured in the 2004 Fall Parade of Homes Remodelers Showcase home tour. This remodel project is a great example of how exceptional design can reclaim existing floor space within the four walls of a home and put it to greater use.

The area of the home that Heritage Builders designed and remodeled originally had three very cramped rooms – the kitchen, family room, and dining room. None of these rooms flowed or functioned very well for the McCabe's large family. Our design staff at Heritage Builders worked with the McCabe's to create an open design that allowed eye contact and free-flowing conversation



between people as well as a space that was more comfortable for the family. Our distinctive and budget-friendly design solution removed the separation walls between these three rooms; thus creating an

open room concept that makes an amazingly transformed use of existing floor space. The remodeled kitchen space features beautiful custom cherry cabinets, granite tops, a large center island with seating for six, a huge pantry and many special custom touches. New hardwood floors throughout the remodeled areas help to tie the spaces together and the new natural stone fireplace becomes a stunning visual centerpiece of the entire room. The spectacular end result is a space that looks and feels like an addition was made to the home – *except not one square foot was added to the existing footprint!*

THE REMODELING EXPERIENCE

SHOULD WE STAY OR SHOULD WE GO?

Perhaps it's inevitable. Your home is showing signs of aging. The kitchen cabinetry is outdated, the bathroom tile is looking a bit rough, windows are getting harder to open, the hardwood floors are scuffed up, and the whole house could use a fresh coat of paint; or maybe your family is simply outgrowing the space that seemed so adequate just a few short years ago. Every family gets to a point in the life of their home when the question becomes unavoidable. Should we stay or should we go? A most difficult decision, to be sure. You love the neighborhood. Your children have lots of friends at school and are involved in community sports programs.

Everything is convenient; you're no more than a few minutes away from work, school or church. The thought of packing up all your belongings and pulling up your roots is overwhelming; even a little scary. If you could



just find a way to stay put and avoid that ominous prospect you certainly would. Helping people stay in the home they love is the kind of challenge that Heritage Builders, Inc. faces every day. In fact, we relish that challenge. We can find unique ways to make the most of your existing space; develop an open kitchen plan, a great room or a master suite. We can finish off your basement, find a way to utilize that attic space, or create a wonderful new addition. Our award winning design team can find a creative solution while keeping an eye on the budget, so that when all is said and done, the decision to stay or go is an easy one.

TALE OF TWO SHOWCASES

EDINA SHOWCASE - CHRISTIANSEN RESIDENCE

The Christiansen whole house remodel in Edina was the other project that Heritage Builders featured in the 2004 Fall Parade of Homes Remodelers Showcase home tour. The Christiansen's had many design goals, first and foremost was to retain the architectural integrity of the home's interior and exterior. The home was built in the early 1900's and the goal was to add large amounts of square footage and modern amenities without losing the flavor of the classic American Four-square design.

The Heritage design team worked closely with the Christiansen's to achieve every remodeling goal they had in the beginning and we even found a few unexpected design gems along the way. Once we got into



the design process we discovered that we could remove the entire roof of the home and replace it with a steeper roof and 3 dormers. This allowed a third floor future expansion of

several hundred square feet. This new space came along at a modest additional budget impact and without a doubt adds multiples more to the value of the home than it cost. This

space was never envisioned in the beginning but quite quickly it became a large part of the ultimate design solution. The finished remodeling project features a stunning open plan family room/kitchen space, expanded dining room, billiard room, mudroom, master suite, re-worked stairways, reconfigured bedrooms and much, much more. As you view the house today it is virtually impossible to distinguish where the new meets the old. All the design goals were met and exceeded in every way. This home is testimony to the power of collaborative design between the Heritage team and the homeowners.

HERITAGE NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HERITAGE

Congratulations to Steve and his girlfriend Lauren who just purchased their first home together in Maple Grove. Maybe they'll be in need of a Heritage remodeling project?

Tom and his wife Joslyn are looking forward to their trip to Hawaii this January for some relief from our cold Minnesota winters.

Ike and JoAnn are back from their trip to Italy and had such a great time they're already planning a return trip! The Daughenbaugh family is also looking forward to a snowmobile trip to Grand Lake, CO, this January.

Ken and his family are looking forward to holiday get-togethers this season. It looks like

it'll be a busy winter season for the kids with activities ranging from basketball, art classes, and karate!

Mark is proud to announce

that his daughter Emily has recently graduated from Scot Lewis school of cosmetology with a degree in Esthiology.

Don is looking forward to



The Heritage Builders Team

getting out of the city and heading up to Northern Minnesota for some deer hunting this fall.

Congratulations to Bob and his wife Heidi who are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Anabella, who was born last August.

Rob is looking forward to visiting his family in Colorado for the holidays, and getting to the slopes for some mountain skiing.

Kirk and his wife Liz are proud to announce that their daughter Julie will graduate from Concordia Moorhead this spring and she will be heading to South America shortly thereafter with the Peace Corps.