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HOME #5

Green Meets 1920's Detailing
 (See what you can do with a "Not So Big House")

REMODELING GOALS

2008 Transform a musty basement, overflowing with storage of sporting goods, pantry items, and Christmas decorations, into livable, cozy family space complete with a home theater, cheerful laundry and second bath.

2010 Rescue a classic Craftsman bungalow from a 1970's era kitchen by restoring the home's rightful aesthetics and, ultimately, its market value.

Coming Soon! Create a more sustainable lifestyle by dramatically reducing the home's energy use with a geothermal heating/cooling system and photovoltaic panels.

Welcome to the Markert home!

Like many families, Paul and Kristin Markert had been contemplating remodeling since first purchasing their Bryn Mawr bungalow in 1995. A few "cosmetic" changes were made upon moving in such as removing blue fake fur and red carpet from the basement, however they did not get serious about their dreams until hiring *DiGiacomo Homes & Renovation* in '08.

As a design-build firm, we collaborated with Paul and Kristin. We look forward to showing you through these new spaces and answering your questions about remodeling design, construction, cost, and zero energy living.



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2008 FSC National Award Winner for Residential Construction

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PHASE ONE: MULTI-FUNCTION LOWER LEVEL

COMPLETED IN 2008 COST: \$84,500 492 SQ. FT.

FAMILY ROOM/LAUNDRY/BATH DESIGN FEATURES:

Custom-Depth Storage Cabinets with roll-out trays. Designed to disguise oversized items such as snowboards and skis; plastic tubs full of camping gear and Christmas decorations; and overstock pantry items.

Open oak bookshelves designed to aesthetically warm the space, complement period finishes found in the remainder of the home, and further integrate storage functions.

Open stair wall and arch-opening to frame the period newel post and allow more natural light to spill into the new space.

Abundant lighting and lightly colored enameled cabinets introduced to further brighten the space.

Projection system installed to transform the family room into a home theater whenever the mood for a movie strikes. The retractable screen and laptop driven projector disappear when not in use.

New laundry room with plenty of built-in storage, bench, hooks, and shoe cubbies doubles as the kids' "mudroom" with ample off-season clothing and pantry storage.

Spray-foam insulation and electric in-floor heat installed to address chill and mildew issues.

FAMILY ROOM FINISHES

Wall Color: Homeowner selection

Hardware: Gilmore knobs, oil-rubbed bronze finish, Restoration Hardware

BATHROOM FINISHES

Field Tile: Horus Art, cream crackle, 3X6 subway

Accent tile: Jasba Chiara, Venetian Green 1X2 subway

Wall Color: Palladian Blue, HC-144, Benjamin Moore

GREEN FEATURES

FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified hardwoods for cabinetry and softwoods for framing

Spray-foam (lycene, soy-based) insulation

Marvin brand, clad, energy-star, low-e windows



Additional project images are available at DesignBuildMN.com

PHASE TWO: HIGH-FUNCTION CRAFTSMAN KITCHEN, DINING & SIDE ENTRY

COMPLETED IN 2010 COST: \$62,850 126 SQ. FT.

KITCHEN DESIGN FEATURES:

Ceiling height pantry with extension roll-out trays that maximize dry goods and canned goods storage.

Pull-out doors disguise garbage cans and recycling bins.

A small serve-thru that doubles as a counter-height table where kids can enjoy after-school snacks or complete homework while Paul and Kristin are cooking in the kitchen.

A family "information center" to charge cell phones, i-pods, and the family laptop were incorporated below the phone and a built-in chalkboard (for phone messages.)

A full-length, built-in bench in the dining room to accommodate dinner guests when the Markerts entertain and improve traffic flow through to the kitchen.

SIDE ENTRY DESIGN FEATURES:

Pin-up board for calendars, coupons, school reminders, grocery lists ... anything that needs remembering as family members head out the door.

Sturdy hooks to house the current season's jackets and backpacks.

Shoe cubbies to encourage little (and big) members of the family to remove those muddy soles and store them out of sight and, more importantly, out of the way.

Full view glass door invites natural light into the kitchen & lower level.

KITCHEN/DINING FINISHES

Countertops: Carrera marble

Tile: Fiddlesticks, Chai Tea, RBC Tile

Wall Color: Copper Gold, 7805A, Hirschfields

Cabinet Enamel: Grand Teton White, OC-132, Benjamin Moore

Hardware: Dakota pulls and knobs, Chestnut finish, Restoration Hardware

Lighting: "Columbia" fixtures with "Schoolhouse" shade, chrome, Lightworks

Dining wall color: Homeowner selection

LOCAL ARTISANS

Charlie Leuthner, Artistic Visions Cabinetry, <http://www.avcabinets.com/>

Kathryn Daly, Lightworks, <http://www.lightworkslighting.com/>

GREEN FEATURES

Built to Last: Materials and aesthetics designed for a 100+ year life cycle

FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified hardwoods for cabinetry and softwoods for framing

Energy-Star appliances

Recycled job debris through Atomic Waste



PHASE THREE: GREEN ENERGY

PROJECTED COST: \$65,000*

*NET COST ESTIMATED AT \$11,500 after state, federal, and Excel Energy rebates!

GEOHERMAL AND PHOTOVOLTAICS will allow the Markerts to live a zero energy/zero carbon life. Their next phase in the remodeling process will include the installation of a Geothermal heating and cooling system. The use of a heat pump furnace (similar to those used in refrigerators) will employ the constant temperature of deep soil to heat and cool the home without natural gas. The rear south facing roof will be fitted with Sharp USA® photovoltaic panels to generate a surplus over the Markert's present electrical usage. With current rebates these systems will pay for themselves in 3-4 years after which Paul and Kristin will actually earn money selling their excess electricity production to Excel Energy at clean energy rates!

REBATES AVAILABLE AS OF MARCH 2010

GEOHERMAL

- State rebate (cash back) = 35% (\$8,750)
- Federal rebate (tax deduction) = 30% (\$7,500)

PHOTOVOLTAICS

- State rebate (cash back) = 35% (\$14,000)
- Federal rebate (tax deduction) = 30% (\$12,000)
- Excel Energy rebate (cash back) = \$2.25/watt @ 5,000 (\$11,250)



DiGiacomo Homes & Renovation is an award-winning, husband-wife, design-build remodeling firm with over 20 years experience helping families create the homes they want in the neighborhoods they love like **Bryn Mawr, Tyrol Hills, South Harriet Park, and Linden Hills**. Many families who wish to put down roots in these exceptional neighborhoods struggle to find "just the right home" amidst housing stock built for a by-gone era. As a solution to cramped, compartmentalized layouts, insufficient storage, and woefully inadequate kitchens, many families are choosing to undertake major renovations and, in some cases, to build new.

DiGiacomo Homes & Renovation has collaborated with many families to remodel their homes. We have also helped families locate and transform properties in desired neighborhoods through a process that is informed, rewarding, financially prudent, and rightfully green. **Let us help you create the perfect home - in the neighborhood where you long to live.** Contact us for a design consult or to learn about city properties available for renovation or new construction.

We look forward to hearing from you!

- Rocky & Gigi DiGiacomo, info@DesignBuildMN.com

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