

Greetings and welcome to “The Architect’s Corner!” Once a month, my goal is to provide you with useful information to improve your home. For many of us, our house is not only our biggest asset, but also our pride and joy. Because of this, it is important that we make good decisions when embarking upon a project, whether it is a bathroom renovation or a new custom home.

The most discouraging thing I hear from home owners goes something like this: “We put this addition on last year. I guess it turned out OK but, I wish we would have...” You can fill in the blanks. What a shame to spend all that money for something that is, “just OK”. Shouldn’t it be great? Shouldn’t it be exactly what you want? Your home should be a home by design, not a home by accident.

As an architect, I feel passionately, that I can help home owners make good decisions. It is important to think through the complete project to make sure it is not only aesthetically a success but also structurally sound, weather tight, and built to code.

Homes are not just the sum of their parts, they are an extension of our personalities and lifestyle. Two houses may be identical. But, there are no two identical homes. Each home takes on the personality and atmosphere of its occupants and no two people or families live exactly in the same manner. This is why it is important for you, the home owner, to truly understand who you are and how you live. This will help you make good decisions leading to a home that is uniquely you.

We will cover small topics such as windows, cabinets, and countertops. And, we will cover bigger issues like selecting and working with an architect and contractor. We will discuss interior design and home trends as well as market place issues. I hope you will join me next month when we will look at “Blowin’ Out the Walls!”

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