

STONEWOOD Stylebook

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HILLTOP EUROPEAN LODGE

STONEWOOD CREATES A HILLTOP LODGE HOME JUST AS LIVEABLE AS THE COTTAGE STYLE THEY ARE RECOGNIZED FOR



J. Sven Gustafson

Sven Gustafson's family has been building homes since 1920 when his great-grandfather was hand-crafting farmhouses in Wisconsin. Since those early days the technology has vastly improved, but for Sven, a fourth-generation homebuilder and current president of Stonewood, LLC, that commitment to quality artisanship and attention to detail has never waned.

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A Letter From Sven:

Quite simply, it's a great time to build or remodel your home. While we are in uncertain financial times, there exists great opportunity in building & remodeling like we've never seen.

The costs of construction have decreased over the last year making it the ideal time to build or remodel your home. Many common construction materials are at record low prices. We've seen lumber and other construction commodities selling near 1978 prices. Along the same line, labor subcontractors have been more competitive with their pricing & have reduced our overall cost of construction.

In spite of the rumors - banks are still lending. We have a number of great resources for our clients' construction financing needs. While banks are being more critical of loan applications & are requiring borrowers to have more equity into their projects than in the past, interest rates remain extremely low.

The federal government's stimulus package offers some great opportunities to increase the energy efficiency of existing homes, offering tax credits for window replacement. Geothermal heating & cooling systems have also become more affordable through the stimulus. Geothermal systems installed in new, or renovated homes qualify for a 30% tax credit on the entire cost of the system.

We've launched the new Stonewood web site & have incorporated many new features. www.Stonewood.com Check out our current projects with new photos uploaded weekly. We've also added a section featuring available lots on lake Minnetonka, Wayzata, Edina, or wherever else we find a great building site.

Our online client management tool has also been completely redesigned from the ground up. Our custom, industry leading online system allows our clients to manage all aspects of their project remotely - reviewing documents, changes, monthly payment requests, communication with the design & construction team, photos...

Finally, we've just broken ground on our newest model home in Medina at Willow Hill Preserve. Slated for the Spring 2010 Parade of homes, it sits upon a stunning 10 acre, wooded site that's the perfect location for this Peter Eskuche designed masterpiece.

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A HILLTOP LODGE HOME



Hilltop Lodge Home

By Patricia Korum

Without knowing differently, this home, built by Stonewood LLC, could be easily mistaken for a lodge situated in the European countryside. Liberal use of stone horizontally across the front exterior, and on the face of a tall, vertical gabled wall balances the steep cedar roof and establishes a sense of timelessness to this residence.

At the entry, uninterrupted light slices through from front to rear issuing an irresistible invitation to step inside.

The same exterior stone is used generously throughout the interior - in two complementary fireplaces in the great room and dining room, in the sunroom fireplace, and again in the lower level bar, family room, and wine cellar, imparting an unmistakable impression of permanence to the interior. Metal touches and ironwork play an important supportive role in creating an old world lodge atmosphere and can be found in the balusters, embellishments on the granite island and range hood, as mantelpieces on two fireplaces, and prominently in the wine cellar. A lofty barrel ceiling in the great room accommodates two-story arched windows, but flat portions positioned over the seating area contain the





volume to create an intimate space. Stained wood cabinetry and millwork is the logical choice to set off the masculine interior elements to their full potential. Unrefined and rustic, the rough hewn vanity and slab sink in the powder bath appear to have been in place since antiquity.

Fully outfitted with the latest amenities yet brimming with old world flavor, this home provides the best of both worlds.

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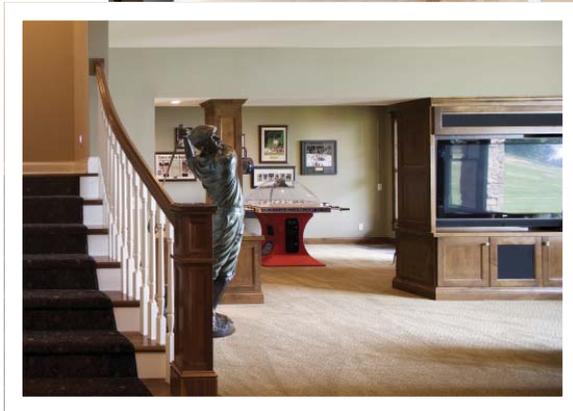
By Sven Gustafson

A half-court with a regulation hoop. A theater. The latest luxury homes for families integrate a rec room. At Stonewood, nearly half our new homes are built with space below the garage or main level. In climates such as Minnesota's, indoor activity areas provide a gathering space for the family and for friends and neighbors, even on the chilliest days.

Using the same pre-stressed concrete engineered for parking garages allows us to design spacious and functional underground spaces. Partnering with Molin Concrete Products means we get the best products at a very cost-effective bottom line. In fact, sport-courts are a surprisingly inexpensive addition per square foot.

One of our most exciting projects was creating a full hockey rink. The plastic ice is 90% as fast as the real thing and even allows a full hockey stop on standard skates. Adding a four wall mural and boards identical to the Xcel Center's, we put together a rink with a professional feel.

Multi-use spaces are most popular, where a variety of sports and rough-housing are encouraged for kids and adults both. Adjacent or overlooking exercise rooms and expansive storage are two more common requests incorporated into our custom designs.





A martial arts dojo realized the vision of one of our clients. Our craftsmen custom manufactured and inlaid mahogany Chinese lettering to accent the rich tigerwood flooring.

From lockers and painting with your team colors to theater seating and the latest AV equipment, we have the resources and the team to make real the rec room you imagine.

SUPERIOR DESIGN LANDSCAPES

ON REALIZING YOUR DREAM LANDSCAPE

Creating Great Landscapes

By Chris Wagner

While in college in 1989, I founded Superior Design Landscapes with one employee. We are now a full-service landscape design/build company with 11 dedicated employees.

I personally design nearly all Superior Design Landscapes projects. All of our landscape foremen and many of our installers have been with the company for nine years or more, a low turn-over rate rare in our business. This means our quality and range of expertise are unsurpassed. We are large enough to take advantage of economies of scale without being too big to operate efficiently. These two factors, quality and



efficiency, make great value for our customers.

Creating great landscaping is a detailed process. We start with a meeting on-site with every client. It is key for me to learn each customer's specific desires: Do they want an herb garden? A raised patio? A fire-pit or water feature? I work to connect with the customer and walk away with an understanding of their individual style and a vision for their landscaping. Clients who haven't yet found their cohesive scheme can rely on me to help build a concept based on that individual style and the personality of their plot and architecture.



After the initial meeting, I present a rough plan and budget for no charge. A second and more detailed plan provided at a fee lays out the way forward—the client owns this and can use it for competitive bids. If we move forward on the project, that fee is credited against the cost of installation.

Great results take more than just a good plan. We start with an integrated vision, but stay flexible enough to let details evolve as the construction continues. Landscape is the last step for a new home, and when the construction and the grading come together, we finalize the landscaping details and make any necessary tweaks.

We install all hardscape (retaining walls, patios, sidewalk, driveway, etc.) when final grade is established. The next step is to walk the site and reevaluate the softscape plans, making changes as needed.

I personally select the focal points of the design from the nursery and spray out the location of each tree and plant, marking every edge to ensure nothing is missed.

When the beds are complete and the irrigation and sod are set, your dream landscape will be realized!





MARTHA O'HARA INTERIORS

ON *STYLE* BY KATE LOFTON

Style

By Kate Lofton of Martha O'Hara Interiors

Clean lines. Textured fabrics. Layers of neutral. When we began staging Stonewood's newest home for the 2009 Luxury Home Tour, our focus was on timeless design. Stonewood created a livable floor plan that lent itself to sophistication without formality. At Martha O'Hara Interiors, our goal was to create simple elegance throughout the home.

To achieve this, we turned to a variety of neutral tones, ranging from light to dark. We wanted the home to carry with it both comfort and ease, so even our gray neutrals had warm brown undertones. Just as we replaced bright colors with refined browns and grays, we also replaced patterns with a variety of textures.

One mistake people often make in designing their homes is in overdoing. At Martha O'Hara Interiors, we approached this luxury home with the intention of giving the homeowners what they needed and nothing more. We avoided oversized furniture, and while we did

choose to maximize seating, we did so without crowding any spaces.

Every home needs a bit of drama and we created this by surprising contrasts: Dark and painted millwork; cream and dark neutrals; sleek lines in otherwise traditional furnishings. In doing so, we created a home founded in subtle luxuries.



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ENHANCED HOME SYSTEMS

Bring it Home

By Phil Hirschey

There are many things to consider when building or remodeling your home. Homeowners are increasingly looking for ways to utilize technology in their homes. Exploring this early in the design process is important. At Enhanced Home Systems we work very closely with you and your Architect, Designer and Builder. With experts in all areas of home electronics and electrical services, we take a holistic view of how technology can enrich your life.

Recent advances in technology give the homeowner more control, are easy to use, and add real value to the home. For example, we can integrate all the sub-systems in your home. By utilizing touchscreens, you can manage and monitor your lights, thermostats, security cameras, motorized shades and audio and video equipment. Just imagine coming home and being able to turn on the lights to just the right setting, select your music and adjust the volume - all with the touch of a button.



In addition, homeowners often seek the ability to operate their whole house systems through the Internet, essentially using any web-enabled device to control every aspect of their home. Many people already depend on their mobile devices, such as an iPhone, for communication and entertainment. These same devices can be used to control the home, even while you are away from home.

Home technology is ever evolving and now more than ever, technology is being utilized to enhance the design of your home. From home theater to whole house audio systems, automated lighting to security, Enhanced Home Systems develops systems that will suit your taste, lifestyle and budget.



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Waterfront Design

By Brit Farley

Simple. Tranquil. Literally, a breath of fresh air. It is hard to deny that there is something quite distinctive and enticing about living by water.

Lake living presents a unique lifestyle. It is as much about engaging with nature as it is about leisure activity. Gathering. Friends & family. BBQ's & bonfires. Proximity to water somehow alters our perspectives, enhancing everyday living.

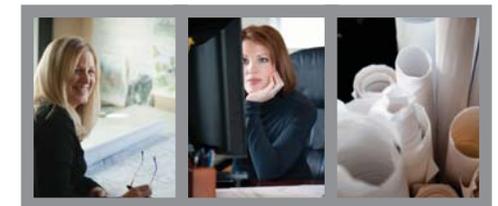


When designing a waterfront home we consider all of the elements that, together, make the lake lifestyle so special. Bringing the outside in. Keeping the flow comfortable and relaxed. Siting the house to capture the best views. Framing snapshots of nature with glass. Designing for the reality of foot traffic and storing lake toys. Making the most of outdoor living opportunities in a challenging climate.



In our 2009 Stonewood Luxury Tour home, we captured these elements in design & detail. We used a phantom screen system, completely opening up the spacious, vaulted Screened Porch to the outdoors at the push of a button. We designed with an emphasis on open, casual interior spaces and an expansive use of glass. This home also features a private Lake Entry on both the main & lower levels. The casual elegance of this European cottage design makes you feel right at home. We remain passionate about quality design & developing new and creative ways to maximize the lake living experience.

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 2009 LUXURY HOME TOUR
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What a Difference Design Makes

This year, Stonewood's home on the Luxury Home Tour, is a perfect example of what results from the VIP service unique to the Stonewood standard. Many luxury builders work side by side with their clients until the home is complete. However, while other builders stop there, Stonewood goes a step further.

From almost the first client meeting, Stonewood includes their full time designers in the home's planning stages. The interior designers work with clients to choose floor coverings, paint, lighting, plumbing, kitchen design, and tile. As well our custom cabinet and millwork designs are done inhouse by Stonewood's designers. With every choice Stonewood keeps the final, furnished home in mind.

For Stonewood, this creates a seamless design process. For clients, this offers a comprehensive design portfolio

that often saves money over the course of a project. Says a Stonewood client and Luxury Home Tour homeowner, "When we decided to build a new home, we talked to several wonderful builders, but none of them offered the complete package of support that we needed. Stonewood had design

professionals help us through every choice." This unique approach to homebuilding leads to smooth transitions from one building stage to another. In addition, it ensures that the home's interior designer understands every element of the building itself.

As Stonewood's Luxury Home Tour homeowner explains, a knowledgeable interior designer can make all the difference. "As the project progressed and we moved into the furnishings selection phase we appreciated Stonewood's approach even more. Martha O'Hara Interiors designer, Rebecca Enck, who works as Stonewood's liaison stayed with us through the furniture process. Rebecca knew us, our budget and our taste. She understood the choices that we made for the house, and that saved us a large amount of time and effort, and it gave us confidence that the things we were choosing would go well with the theme of the home. We can't say enough about Stonewood's approach to integrating home building and professional design."

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A. Early in the building process, Stonewood's designer chose granite countertops, porcelain backsplashes, and Brazilian hardwood floors to create a sophisticated, but highly functional, kitchen.



B. The hearth room is furnished with warm chocolates and caramels. A variety of textures adds depth to this low-contrast room.



C. This girl's room pops with bright greens and bold patterns to create a fun and punchy space.



D. To create a light atmosphere in the library, Enck of Martha O'Hara Interiors used taupe and cream fabrics to cover clean-lined wing chairs and surrounding furnishings.

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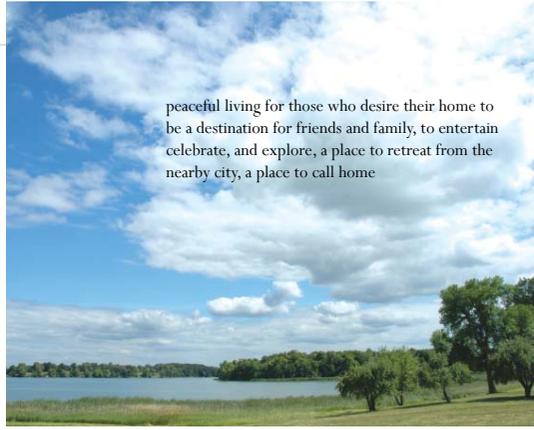
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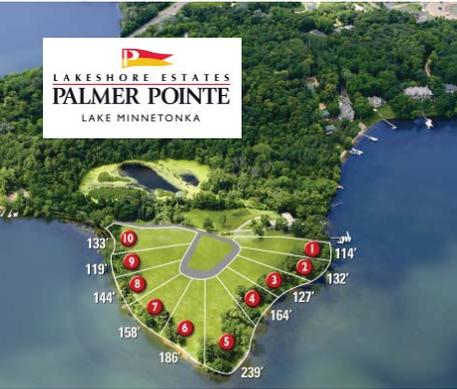
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