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“Changing the way you live in your home.”



Left: Sunlight drenches the Great Room, bringing to life the warmth of the natural pine floors and fir millwork details. Above: The welcoming front porch entry is framed in Douglas fir timbers.

The design and construction team at Peregrine Design/Build, based in South Burlington, has built a superb reputation through their professional and collaborative process and the high quality of their work. The firm has been remodeling existing homes and building new ones in the Northeast for a quarter of a century.

“Our approach has remained formal yet fun, as we love what we do,” says Cliff Deetjen, Manager of Design and Sales. “We listen carefully to our clients’ needs and respond by offering creative design solutions and making sensible construction recommendations that are aesthetically pleasing and functionally smart. Our personal design attention from the office and our craftsmanship in the field culminate to bring out a client’s true spirit of the home.” ▶





Above: The beautiful fieldstone chimney is double-sided for outdoor enjoyment on the screened porch beyond. The warm Douglas fir cathedral ceiling unites the master bath and bedroom en suite. Below: Sliding barn doors created from site-salvaged barn boards give a fun, informal character to this lower level walk-out recreation room. Inset: Owner Tim Frost with Cliff Deetjen.

REFINED TIMBERFRAME

“The family built this home for longevity. The homeowners imagined what they want and what their grandchildren would want,” says Deetjen about this spacious home that Peregrine designed and built on a wooded knoll. Though currently a vacation residence, with an area of 5,000 square feet, the owners plan to eventually make this their primary home.

“The owners fell in love with this property,” says Deetjen. “The solitude, wonderful hardwood growth, and pastoral setting were among the things in the landscape that they connected to on a personal level.” Peregrine worked with the clients to site and design the home to emphasize those features.

Extensive use of warm Douglas fir timber and cedar siding gives this spectacular retreat

a comfortable lodge feeling. In addition to using local stone and milled lumber, Peregrine’s construction team reclaimed timbers and boards from an old barn that had stood on the property to create doors and mantels in the home. Custom cabinetry and furnishings from local artisans further enhance the home’s Vermont quality.

“This home is a celebration of the land and landscape,” states Deetjen. “It is designed to celebrate its surroundings as a series of connected and stepped forms along a well-defined ridge and an exclamation point—the screened porch nestled into the trees. The rustic yet refined feel of the house is further connected to the landscape with a rear walk-out basement opening up to a sculpted pool and landscaped patio area.” ▶







“Size follows function but certainly is not everything: The quality of well-proportioned spaces, architectural details, natural and artificial light, and the deep understanding of how the clients want to live in their home are the most important qualities.”

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Above: The kitchen and dining area opens up onto the screened porch, extending the family's life at the lakeside. Opposite: Clean and crisp painted architectural details highlighted by natural dark cherry and granite accents give the interior interest and character.

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ELEGANT LAKESIDE

“Enjoying life in a simple elegant way,” explains Deetjen, was one of the main goals of the homeowners of this compact lakeside home. The home was honored by an award from the Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Northern Vermont in 2013. “The family owned a camp and wanted to turn it into a year-round property and a home to retire to in the future. They wanted to get the house ready and begin enjoying it now.” Given the limitations of the narrow lakefront site and the condition of the old camp, the homeowners and the Peregrine team decided to start fresh, razing the camp and designing a new home on the same footprint.

In designing this 2,000-square-foot home, the Peregrine team had an eye to the family's interests—her gardens, his cars (a shop garage was built separately), and their shared enjoyment of lakefront living inside and out. The desire for long-term easy maintenance guided the selection of materials, including the durable exterior finishes. Substantial insulation, efficient windows, and passive solar benefits also contribute to the home's energy efficiency.

Clean architectural lines, porch details, and well-proportioned windows give the new home a sophisticated cottage feeling, and the interior spaces connect to the outdoors. The fireplace design and cathedral ceiling bring loftiness to the living room.

“The small-house design concept uses overlapping spaces to function together as one for a larger, more expansive feeling,” explains Deetjen, an approach used especially effectively here in the open floor plan of the kitchen, dining, and living spaces. “Small and smart has a lot of appeal,” he says. ✨