

# Details Make This Peregrine Design/Build Renovation Stand Above The Rest

Susan Teare photos



This project won the Best Condo award for Peregrine Design/Build at the 37th annual Better Homes Awards. The existing fireplace (see inset photo) in the living room was given a whole new look by designing it as strong feature of the apartment.



By Charlotte Albers

Peregrine Design/Build of South Burlington was again among the top winners at the Better Homes Awards, sponsored by the HBRANV, winning four top awards. Among them, the Best Condominium award for a project in Burlington that involved extensive redesign and remodeling.

“Our client wanted to change the dated style of his condominium which had traditional detailing but no unifying features and seemed visually cluttered with ideas,” recalls Cliff Deetjen, architectural designer with Peregrine. “He was very interested in exploring new contemporary interior architecture that would celebrate his more modern aesthetic and honor the beautiful view from his 6th floor unit overlooking Lake Champlain and

Adirondacks.”

As the homeowner is required to be mobile in a wheelchair, the task in this extensive remodel was to integrate his functional needs into beautifully redesigned spaces to allow for better

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mobility and ease of living.

Deetjen designed a new spacious entry foyer using a durable porcelain tile floor with cherry accents. The installation of an interior window feature brings in borrowed natural light from the adjacent space.

The entrance hall now features a horizontal built-in wall mirror that extends light into the hallway and reflects the beautiful view beyond. New functional and durable pre-finished maple flooring was installed throughout the remainder of the two bedroom unit.

In the kitchen, the granite countertops were saved and cabinets just refaced with flush faced cherry doors for a refined look. The addition of a neutral glass tile backsplash on the walls gives the kitchen

space a new personality and life.

“The kitchen island was refaced in cherry wood and given an accent of decorative stained wood panels and a functional high top counter,” notes Deetjen. This special island design was further defined by a suspended cherry ceiling and pendant lights sourced from Hubbardton Forge, the Vermont-based lighting company.

The remainder of the apartment has all new lighting design throughout. By providing a blend of decorative, accent and general lighting, different moods can be created throughout the day and night.

The existing fireplace in the living room was given a whole new look by designing it as a strong feature in the apartment. The fireplace was raised off the floor for better viewing enjoyment and its surround was given a multi-dimensional, Venetian plaster finish applied by a local craftsman. This plaster technique in rich colors was also used on other accent walls in the apartment to give each space its own sense of character.

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In the master bedroom, custom cabinets were designed to meet the client’s daily needs. Similar cherry and decorative stained cabinetry and shelving was provided.

Special hidden pocket doors open to the rest of the apartment and large sliding doors create one big open en-suite space with the bathroom. A voice activated system for audio visual and lighting was also installed for further convenience of day-to-day living.

Deetjen accepted the award at the banquet sponsored by the trade association, which took place on Nov. 6. in South



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Burlington. Peregrine also took home the awards for Luxury Home Over \$750,000, residential Renovation Over \$250,000 and Energy Efficiency. Deetjen was previously named Remodeler of the Year by the Home Builders & Remodelers Association in 2012.

“The success of this extensive remodel was built upon listening to our client’s functional needs and aesthetic desires and responding with creative design ideas and building craft which gives him a new spirit of living and a place to call home,” he said.

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## PC Construction Awarded \$19 Million Contract For Taconic Hotel In Manchester

PC Construction was recently awarded a \$19 million construction project for Vermont’s newest premier boutique hotel, The Taconic Hotel, located in the heart of Manchester Village.

Nestled at the base of Mount Equinox, the four-story, 58,000 sq. ft. hotel will include 78 guest rooms and combine country elegance and luxury accommodations to deliver a unique lodging experience. The rustic-inspired interior design with its warm neutral colors, dark wood and comfortable furnishing will put travelers in a tranquil state as they soak in the majesty of the surrounding Taconic Mountain range. Additional features of the upscale resort will include three cottages with 11 guest rooms, a pavilion building and a pool.

This latest construction project to land in Manchester will serve as a learning opportunity for area students. PC Construction invited 10 future architecture students from Burr and Burton Academy to the jobsite to learn about the project process from concept to completion. The South Burlington-based firm plans to continue visiting the class periodically to maximize the learning potential associated with an active construction project.

“It’s exciting to welcome the next generation of builders and architects to a live construction site to witness the work in action,” said Jay Fayette, senior vice president at PC Construction. “We are pored to play a significant role in the construction of Vermont’s newest resort, and to help these students explore a career path



A rendering of the Taconic Hotel in Manchester, now under construction.

they may not have previously considered.”

In 2013, PC Construction completed work on Burlington’s first eco-friendly independent luxury hotel, Hotel Vermont. The resort was recently named one of Conde Nast Traveler’s 12 Best New Hotels in the World.

Construction on the Taconic Hotel is underway with expected completion in September 2015. To learn more about the Taconic Hotel, please visit [www.taconichotel.com](http://www.taconichotel.com).

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