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Today's garages are more than just places to keep the car. In fact, in many cases, they are used for just about everything *but* the car

South Burlington-based Peregrine Design/Build, sees your garage as an opportunity to add dynamic, airy, and functional spaces to your home, be it an office, guest bedroom, recreation room, man cave, or light-filled studio. And Peregrine Design/Build has the expertise to do just that, having provided design and construction services and built many unique and beautiful garages for more than 25 years.

ACHIEVING YOUR GOALS

"We always start by asking questions about a customer's 'wish list'—what they want to include; how long they plan on living there; if they want to store things like skis, bikes, canoes, or mo-

torcycles; or a workshop, or firewood storage, or add actual living space above the garage, like rec rooms," says Cliff Deetjen, head of design. "It's also important to consider the existing architectural style and use complimentary materials, sizes, and proportions so the new garage isn't too big or too small." No matter how fun your new space will be, after all, it shouldn't upstage your home.

DESIGN IN ACTION

One recent project—a carriage-style garage in Burlington—highlighted some of the challenges and rewards of taking garages to new levels of style and comfort. The garage is a



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freestanding, completely self-sufficient building designed to complement the home. It has warm, inviting spaces and includes a kitchenette with a tough epoxy floor surface, a small bathroom, an upstairs office area, a rec space for kids, and a glass garage door that opens to the outdoors and a beautiful bluestone patio complete with fire pit. Large windows in the dormers provide ample natural light and spectacular views of Lake Champlain.

“The owners wanted a functional space that would work for them now and well into the future,” says Cliff. “When the couple’s children are grown and gone, the space can also be reinterpreted and split to create a rental apartment, or they could rent their house and live in the carriage style structure themselves.”

Another project saw a more traditional style garage added to a beautiful, early 1900s brick home. An attractive mudroom entry with a tile floor was installed so family members and visitors no longer need to enter the home by the front door, and covering it all is a slate roof with wood and





copper details, including gutters and downspouts that match the look of the original, century-old home.

“The garage was designed to look and feel as if it’s always been there rather than [being] a new addition,” adds Cliff. “It has a separate entry to the music studio on the second floor that’s a really inspirational, professional space with great natural light and views that lend themselves to composing beautiful music.”

From a design perspective, the challenge is to tie the new building in with the existing structure in appearance, style, and proportion so it complements the home. But cutting through the red tape can be just as difficult, particularly on city lots with strict zoning regulations and rules around lot coverage, setbacks, and property lines.

Thankfully, the team of professionals at Peregrine Design/Build possess the skills, expertise, and experience to meet these challenges efficiently and successfully.

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