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Awards (2)

1993 - 1999
Multiple Awards



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From a fixer-upper to a home

This suburban Montgomery County couple's odyssey began with the purchase of an investment property. The goal was to remodel the 1950s, 1208 square foot, three-bedroom rambler, then turn it into a rental or offer it for sale. That was not to be the case. As the Alexander Group began the early demolition stages of the project, they found extensive water and insect damage which changed the scope of the project completely.

Over time and a few excruciating decisions, the homeowners began to fall in love with the property, and saw the project as an extension of their own creativity, turning what might have been a disaster into an opportunity.

The Alexander team expanded the main living spaces by adding a new section to the existing foundation, then designed a series of custom beams to transfer the new second floor loads between the two. This allowed for a new second floor with four bedrooms and three baths over an extra-large 22 x 24.5 foot two-car garage, and the addition of a 4.5 foot covered front porch.

When completed the first floor, with high 9.5 foot ceilings throughout, consisted of a living room, library, dining room with built-in custom cabinetry, family room with a stone-faced gas fireplace, and a mud room. The kitchen, a showpiece in and of itself, was finished with style and functionality using Bosch

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Access to the new second floor is through an extra-wide hallway and stair system, and boasts two bedrooms with a buddy bath, guest bedroom with bath, a laundry, coveted attic storage area, and a resplendent master suite with a tumbled marble master bath. The exterior was wrapped with expensive, but durable "Cedar Impressions" vinyl shingles framed in wood corner boards accenting new Pella windows and doors.

And what was the opportunity? When the Alexander team finished the project, the homeowners didn't rent it to anyone, nor did they put a "for sale" sign in the front yard. No, they did neither of these; they had, in effect, built their dream home, so they moved in.

An abundance of natural light enhances the family room



Carved niches highlight favored pieces of art



The rear exterior offers graceful lines



The bedroom also enjoys an open, airy feeling with the placement of multiple windows



Alexander Group honored with 6 awards

Since 1993, The Alexander Group has been honored with numerous awards, and in 2002 Alex Dean added six more to the wall of plaques gracing its office walls. The most recent awards are:

- 2002 NARI CotY Metro DC Chapter Merit Award: Residential Kitchen \$60,000 and Over (pictured at right, top)
- 2002 NARI CotY Metro DC Chapter Finalist Award Winner: Residential Bath \$30,000 and Over
- 2002 Montgomery County Builders Association Award of Excellence: Best Bath Remodeling Project under \$150,000 (pictured at right, bottom)
- 2002 Montgomery County Builders Association Award of Excellence: Best Contemporary Whole House Remodeling Project \$300,000 to \$400,000
- 2002 Montgomery County Builders Association Award of Excellence: Best Contemporary Whole House Remodeling Project \$400,000 to \$500,000 (featured on page 1)
- 2002 Montgomery County Builders Association Award of Excellence: Best Kitchen Remodeling Project \$200,000 to \$250,000



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Remodeling: The Insurance Conundrum

Planning to remodel your home? If so, be certain your home, your contractor and his trade contractors are all adequately insured.

You might think the time to contact your insurance agent is after the new addition is complete, but that could be too late. If the new addition is destroyed or damaged before insurance coverage has been increased, you may find yourself responsible for the cost of repairing or rebuilding the addition! Contact your insurance agent or representative before, or shortly after, the construction agreement is authorized to increase the insurance coverage on your house to reflect the increase in the cost (and subsequently home value) to rebuild the structure.

Your general contractor must not only have sufficient general liability insurance, but work-

ers' compensation insurance as well. Don't be shy. Ask to see a copy of the policy. Workers' compensation pays for medical and rehabilitation expenses and covers lost wages if a worker were to sustain injuries while on the job. Injured workers can, and often do, sue the homeowner if the contractor does not have proper insurance. Verify the insurance coverage of the contractor and the trade contractors before your project begins. If the coverage is insufficient, fill in the gaps by extending the limits of the liability portion of your homeowner's policy.

The Alexander Group is fully insured, as are all The Alexander Group's trade contractors. If the unthinkable were to happen, we've got you covered!

Our clients said...

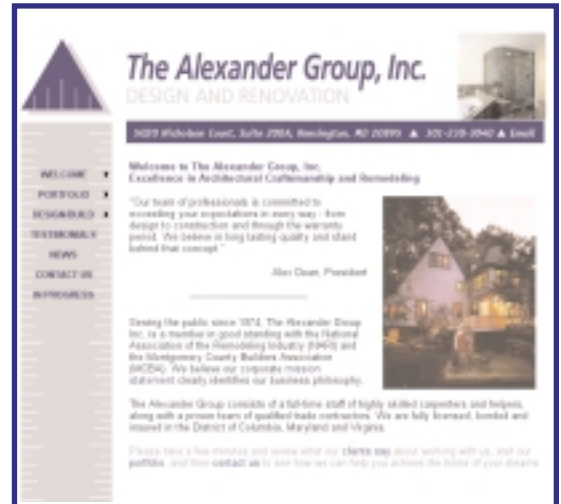
We love to hear from our satisfied clients. Here are a few recent comments:

• The Alexander Group is realistic in projecting what it will take to deliver the renovation, especially in the timeline estimate. Respectful, considerate, and clean—putting away things in a clean and safe manner is very important. It's easy dealing with Alex Dean in the early stages of a project and all the (trade) contractors are very professional and have ultimately become whom we call when we need an appliance serviced such as the air conditioner. The Alexander Group is very service oriented.

— Jill Klein

• Our kitchen is beautifully installed and wonderful to work in. Your lead carpenter did excellent work under difficult conditions and solved all the problems very well.

— Amy Fine & Barry Barbash



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