

Renovating and restoring an historic home is no small feat. It involves the incorporation of modern features while simultaneously adhering to the original character and personality of the home. It takes a custom and expert design remodeler to dive into this undertaking and bring forth the historic charm and appeal of the traditional bones of the home while

all about the details, and we highlight those details and make them correct to the time period from which they came. Each historic home has a language of its own and we strive to understand that particular language.”

A leader in the home remodeling industry with solid expertise in custom design renovations, Architectural Craftsmen began



also giving its homeowners exactly the kind of home in which they desire to live.

“We go out of our way to make the houses we work on stay true to their original character,” noted Joe Thompson, co-owner of the award-winning home remodeling company, Architectural Craftsmen. “We are

18 years ago, but Joe and his wife Mary have been in the business for much longer. Mary has an academic background in education but has also studied design extensively. Joe attended architectural school and has a background in commercial construction.



With a strong passion for history, Thompson loves coming up with ways to make a detail within the home stand out. He enjoys learning about the home along the way and seeing what the stonemasons and carpenters of yesteryear did with respect to the architectural features of the home and the obvious use of the materials that speak to the overall craftsmanship of the home.

“For us, it is about honoring the house



and the neighborhood in which it is located,” emphasized Joe. “We believe that sense of Mayberry – that small town vibe – still resonates with people, and we work to create an intimate house that presents itself well to the street.”

The Thompsons enjoy working with clients to achieve a finished product that not only reflects each client’s individual lifestyle but also brings out the soul of the home.

“Our clients fall in love with their own house and get excited about the renovation,” expressed Joe, who believes every home has a unique story to tell. “Our mission is to discover that story and express it through the design, the materials we use, and the craftsmanship.”

Attention to detail is a highly integral part of this company’s practice, and the proof is in the results. The Thompsons maintain clear and constant communication with their clients throughout the entire renovation process and strive to make the experience as painless and as rewarding as possible.

TRENDING...

We’re seeing a trend toward simpler backsplashes. Instead of accent tiles, homeowners are using the countertop material on the backsplash as well. It creates a no-fuss, unified look in the kitchen.



“People get excited to live in their homes, and we enjoy giving them a variety of opportunities to experience their space in different ways,” noted Joe. “We find



Roanoke, Hyde Park, and Brookside, Architectural Craftsmen also offers remodeling work in Leawood, Overland Park, Prairie Village, Fairway, Westwood



ways to make each house a statement, highlighting the things that make it special to the homeowner and to the home.”

In addition to working with historic homes in neighborhoods such as

and Kansas City, Missouri. Additionally, they are members of Historic Kansas City and the Kansas City Bungalow Club. ■



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