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Petra Completes Unique Narrows Island Home

The new Jadick residence on Narrows Island in Guilford features 5,750 square feet of custom construction. From the marble shower to the hand made circular stair, the beauty of this traditional New England/French Country home, designed by New York architect Kenneth Nadler, is unsurpassed.

For Petra Superintendent Jeff Haynes, this project meant keeping a handle on a myriad of details. "I loved it," he said. "For me, the more complicated things are, the more I enjoy the work."

Begun in November of 1999, the house was ready for occupancy in August of 2000. A great deal of the work was done on the job site. Petra set up their own small shop on-site to fabricate custom cabinetry, archways, raised panels and ultimately the unique circular stairs. "The original layout for the stairs placed them quite close to a window. I suggested a circular staircase design that left the beauty of the window undisturbed. Then I hand carved a mermaid newel post to reflect the home's seaside location," said Jeff.

Norm Benjamin, Petra's Project Manager, thoroughly enjoyed working closely with the architect and the homeowners, Ted and Rosemary Jadick. "Rosemary was very involved in every aspect of design and decorating. She was terrific to work

with." Jeff often made mock ups for Rosemary so she could visualize sections of the house as she contemplated design decisions.

"I was dreading the construction process, but working with Petra was extraordinarily pleasurable!" said Rosemary Jadick. "Every single Petra employee was friendly, concerned about our satisfaction, focused on details and highly professional. Now I know why Petra has such a good reputation in the field and in the community." She was also impressed by how beautifully Ken Nadler, the architect, worked with her on the design and how well Nadler and Petra worked together. "Everyone developed a real affinity for the house."

The 10-room wood structure is sided and roofed in cedar shingles and its many windows and huge porches offer panoramic views of

Long Island Sound. The location, however, did have its drawbacks, particularly when it came to supplying drinking water. A custom water purification system designed by Atlas Water Systems, had to be installed. With reverse osmosis, the brackish well water was turned into drinkable water for the household.

Looking back on the project, Norm and Jeff agree that the challenges of the Jadick house were well worth it. "It's spectacular," said Norm. Jeff added, "Petra really excels on projects like this. We work very hard to achieve perfection."

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Exterior view, Jadick residence, Narrows Island

Building Quality Into Every Job

The surest route to a successful building project is the selection of the building team. The right team is one that can meet every need of the project from design through construction. The members of the team must have a good rapport with each other and the owner to ensure that all project objectives are met, including maximizing quality, cost, efficiency, and time savings. Of course, the ultimate goal of the team should be to provide quality service from the time the project begins until the owner takes possession and beyond.

The owner can accomplish all this and more by bringing in the general contractor very early in the design phase of the project. When the general contractor and designer work in tandem from the very beginning, accountability is maximized and every obstacle can be overcome with speedy solutions. The stress on the building owner is minimized because the owner can efficiently oversee and track each phase of the project.

Quality planning

Every building project is unique. The construction process must be tailored to accommodate the individual requirements of each project. Having the general contractor and designer at the same table from the outset eliminates potential communication problems because the team works directly with the owner to establish the project requirements and design

parameters. The team and owner examine each aspect of the project to define objectives, assign priorities, and establish time frames.

Quality design

After clearly defining the objectives, the resulting design can be developed, modified, and refined as required, and ultimately incorporated into contract documents. Every aspect of the project then undergoes value engineering analysis, a proven system for obtaining optimum return on every dollar invested in a construction job. All building materials are integrated and constructed to meet the form, function, and budget goals established in the planning process.

Quality construction

When the general contractor and designer work together from

the start, the complicated task of transforming the design into a finished building can begin well before the design details are finalized and put on paper. Fast-track construction, which overlaps certain design and building details, can significantly shorten the overall project time. As construction proceeds, all of the details and finishing touches are incorporated into the design to produce a building that performs to the owner's exact specifications.

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