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THE YEARLONG VACATION HOUSE

In the gorgeous golf course community of Royal Melbourne, there is a residence the Orren Pickell team has affectionately nicknamed the “Vacation House.” Owned by Lora and Stewart Shiman, this 5,180-square-foot residence was built by Orren Pickell Designers Builders with the idea of creating a getaway—a place where the Shiman family could feel like they were miles away from the hubbub of day-to-day life.

One of Stewart’s wishes was to have at least half a dozen good places to read the Sunday newspaper each week. Another goal was a place to hang a hammock. The couple envisioned a home that was contemporary but not stark, with livable space paramount.

“The design team [Orren Pickell, Kent DeReus and Tony Perry] did an outstanding job,” says Stewart. “When people walk through the house they say, ‘Yes, it is a big

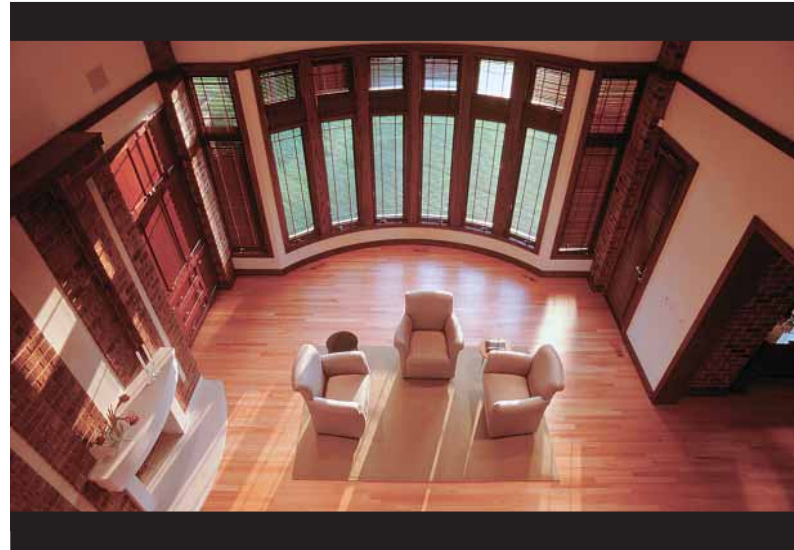
house, but it feels comfortable and I feel at home here’ and that’s exactly what I wanted. What’s more, the Pickell experience exceeded all our expectations.”

Almost every room in the house offers a view of the natural wonders right in the Shiman’s back yard as the home overlooks a nature conservancy and pond in addition to the golf course. The master bedroom suite features a terrace that Stewart says not only adds beautiful architectural detail (and a place to hang the hammock!) but also acts as a shelter and provides warmth and protection, even during winter. One of the truly unique features of the home is the two-story screened porch. The lower level of the porch is located off the kitchen, perfect for sunlit breakfasts. The upper level, which the family has nicknamed the “golf perch” because of its view of the course, is an informal sitting room.

The lower level of the home, instead of being a typical English-style basement, is just as much a part of the home as the rest. What the family calls the “cabaret” room is an elegantly furnished leisure room, complete with a kitchenette, large screen TV, and fireplace. Stewart especially enjoys the cigar-smoking room and wine cellar,

as well as his own private workshop.

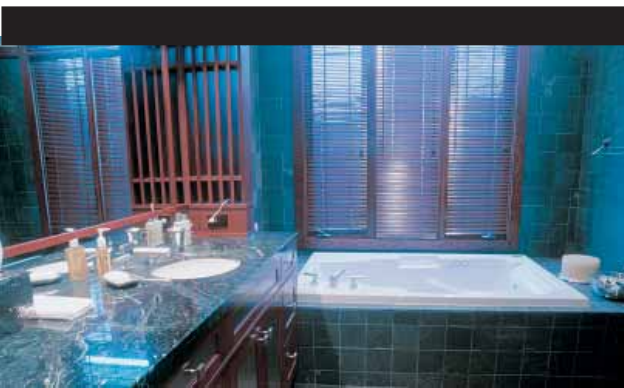
The exterior of the Shiman home is a testament to the Prairie School tradition of Frank Lloyd Wright. The Shiman’s furniture is also reminiscent of this architectural style, giving the home true flair and a feeling of unity both inside and out.



*I call architecture
frozen music.*

—Goethe





*Architecture is
inhabited sculpture.*

—Constantin
Brancusi

REMODELING MADE EASY



To many homeowners the word “remodeling” brings with it visions of total household chaos— not being able to use the kitchen for months on end, sheets of plastic everywhere, as well as having to deal with all the headaches that go along with decision making.

Remodeling your home doesn't have to be this way. Orren Pickell Designers Builders remodeling division

was created so that remodeling and full renovations of the utmost quality are delivered on time and on budget with only minimal disruption. We eliminate unnecessary “in-house time” by making sure all selections are made, scheduling is complete and building materials are delivered before we even step foot in the house. This process is helped along by our state-of-the-art computer design program, which allows clients to see a 3D image of their home come to life.

One of the major projects that the remodeling group is currently undertaking is a complete renovation of a home in Glenview, including a 1,500-square-foot addition. Owned by Rick and Elaine Enriguez, the interior of the

home will be virtually unrecognizable upon completion.

“Ideally, I wanted to find a home, knock it down and rebuild but it was too pricey,” says Rick, who opted to remodel an older, English Tudor-style residence with great character. “Thanks to the talented Pickell architectural team, this was a much easier process, and we'll still have the same fabulous results.”

The time frame for this large project is four-and-a-half months from start to finish. A single-room renovation can be done in just two-and-a-half weeks.

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who I can confidently say are among the finest in their given fields. We are available to do projects both large and small, from sensitive restorations of historic homes to full or partial renovations and additions.

PICKELL HOMES RECEIVE SEVEN KEY AWARDS

The Pink Residence, pictured below, walked away with a Gold Key in the Custom Homes Category (over 5,001 square feet) at the 1998 Key Awards. Sponsored by the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago, the Annual Key Awards set the standard for design and technology in the housing industry. Judged by their peers from 250 entries, industry professionals look forward to this annual roundup of the best and brightest.

Pickell received six other Key Awards including the prestigious Crystal Key for the Shiman Residence featured in this issue.



MEET CRAIG WOLSKI



Welcome to our new chief estimator, Craig Wolski, who comes on board with eight years of estimating experience. Craig describes the field of custom home building as ever exciting and always open to creativity. The joy of creating is what drew Wolski to the construction field in the first place, and we've already seen how this enthusiasm

translates into his work. The estimating division of our company is critical. Craig strives to get the very best value possible for each home, while maintaining superior quality and craftsmanship. By the way, Craig has a twin brother, Greg, who is an architect. We guess talent and an appreciation for this fine art must run in the family!

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