



October/November 2009

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A Midwestern Home Well Situated in the Woods of Durham

Although his heart remains true to his Topeka, Kansas roots, Rand Lumber customer Gregory McMahon has shown more than a little Yankee ingenuity since beginning new-home construction on his Durham property.

The 42-foot by 34-foot home is a one-and-a-half story Arts and Crafts side gable bungalow. Gregory says, “I spent months researching Arts and Crafts styles. It’s the kind of style that would be built in the early 20th Century—but it’s also my attempt to bring the Midwest to Durham.”

Gregory and his wife, Mindy, first purchased 6.5 acres with a small, outdated home for their family in 1999. Prior to that time, we had provided materials to Gregory for an addition to his former home in Portsmouth. He says, “I was fortunate to have discovered first-hand that Rand Lumber had wonderful hardwood, Pickwick pine and moulding. Occasionally, they would also do a run of Pickwick at my request—so when we began work on the Durham house in July of 2000, I knew that Rand would have what I needed.”

Over the past nine years—while Gregory has also been actively working as a UNH history professor and traveling to Turkey for annual six-week archaeological digs—we have witnessed him output



The McMahons' addition seamlessly brings the Midwest to New England



a superhuman amount of woodworking and construction work, with only limited help from friends and colleagues. “We academics tend to be autodidactic,” Gregory jokes; “I figure if I need to learn how to do something, I will.”

Gregory first tackled the outside of the house, which is covered in a smoky, sky-blue stucco that blends naturally into the property’s woody setting. Most challenging was the roof line, which is comprised of a complicated intersection of gables and dormers. (He admits, “I had to ask for a little help tackling that part.”)

Inside, the upstairs features an abundance of red oak, showcasing Gregory’s finishing touches throughout:

custom-routed trim, handcrafted double-panel doors, and personalized design details in each of the three bedrooms.

Gregory also milled the crown moulding for the window trim in the smaller, finished family room. He used Rand Lumber pine for the Pickwick walls, wainscoting, and custom TV cabinet. All Pickwick was stained and coated with three coats of Tung oil.

Although every room in the house seems to reflect Gregory’s love for hardwood, this is no rustic cabin.

Typical of the Arts and Crafts style, the kitchen, dining room and family room—on which Gregory’s nights and weekends are currently focused—are accessed through elegant wide entryways that lead into large rooms with airy, bright windows.

Between the old and new properties hangs a “connector” room that Gregory cleverly designed to capture the sun from every angle. The floor-to-ceiling windows are convertible to screens, allowing the McMahons to enjoy the room during all four seasons of the year. All of the walls are also lined with Pickwick and edge-and-center bead.

Just around the corner of that entrance sits the focal point of the house: A porch

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that to Gregory's view, captures the essence of the Midwest. "Having a porch was always part of the plan," he notes, pointing out the edge-and-center bead ceiling boards capped with crown



The sunny "connector" room hangs between the original structure and the new addition.

moulding. "You would call this a farmer's porch in New England, but it doesn't matter because in the Midwest we wouldn't dream of not having a porch. To me, no matter where I am, it's what makes this home."



Gregory milled the beads and crafted his own crown moulding for the trim on the Arts and Crafts-style windows.

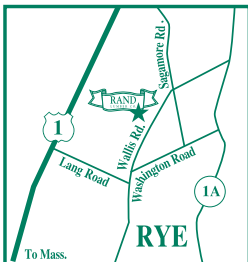
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