



### **Cates Fine Homes - Whole house renovation in Stillwater, MN.**

**Cates Fine Homes Goal:** As Jennifer Cates Peterson tells it: "The original house is beautifully situated across from the Stillwater Country Club golf course and had not been updated since the early 1950s. So our goal was to give the house a complete facelift by increasing the square footage and bringing it into sync with how today's families actually live. We also wanted to capitalize on the great views out the windows by adding many more windows to the footprint of the house. I think we accomplished this without destroying the essence of the house too. We even kept the original interior columns which separates the kitchen from the living room, and it was the hit of the Parade of Homes. I think people resonate with the fact that you need to keep part of the old while still bringing in the new."

**Construction Challenges for Cates Fine Homes:** "When we added the large laundry room off the kitchen and the double garage, the roof lines were definitely a challenge. We wanted there to be a seamless transition between the existing home and the addition, so getting the exterior lines of the house right was very important. Now the house looks as if it has always been on the lot. It doesn't look like an addition was added." - Jennifer Cates Peterson

