



Project: Renovation using salvaged materials in Dellwood, MN.

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Client Goals: With the original Prairie Style house built in the 1950s, and then an oversized addition added in the 1980s, Margaret and Josh wanted to create better harmony by preserving the home's original design integrity while simultaneously updating it. They also felt strongly about incorporating salvaged building materials during the remodel.

Architectural Inspiration: As Stefan states, "We wanted to create more interior light and give a brighter expression to the house so that the inside and outside spaces were less defined." Stefan also honored Margaret's request for design harmony by keeping the addition but changing its external expression and use. In Stefan's new plan, the addition housed the master bedroom and bath. Stefan then expanded the kitchen and added an adjacent family area.

Construction Challenge for Cates Fine Homes: The salvage materials. "Margaret obtained exterior granite, twenty interior doors and windows, and walnut paneling from the Allianz building, which was being demolished to make way for the addition to the Walker Art Center", says Jeff Cates. "To make use of the walnut paneling, we were required to hand cut and seam each individual piece by hand so they would look uniform and perfect on the interior walls of the house."

Client Reaction: "Cates method of building is based on perfectionism", says Margaret. "When you throw a bunch of talented people together with a common goal, a piece of magic happens. Cates willingly took on our remodeling challenges, and the result was that the salvaged materials look like they were meant to be in our house."

