



Project: Renovation in Mac Groveland area of Saint Paul.

Architect: SALA Architects, Inc.

Project Description: The project began when SALA Architects expanded the original 1940s Sears Catalogue design to meet the growing needs of a young family with both parents working from home. Cates Fine Homes transformed the limited original design into a spacious, 5 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home. The renovation also offered the 21st century family such modern amenities as a designer kitchen and a playful dining nook, while assuring the contemporary necessities of a mudroom, pantry, family room, home office, and master suite. Cates Fine Homes enhanced the exterior by adding a new front porch and two back decks. While the home floor plan was updated, the home decor kept to its past with soapstone countertops, dark stained and enameled woodwork, character oak floors, designer fixtures and thoughtful wall colors.

Architectural Response: "The new spaces are elegantly revealed and intertwined with the original architecture, creating an engaging and uninterrupted experience." - SALA Architects, Inc.

Proudest Moment: Jeff Cates is most proud of the minimal disruption to a family with three small children and both parents working from home. Cates Fine Homes doubled the space of an 86 year-old house in a constricted time period. The project demanded careful and inventive juggling of planning, scheduling and executing all the steps of the building process. Cates Fine Homes delivered another client's dream with apparent ease.

Client Reaction: Jennifer Cates Peterson reports the surprise of Katie Mack when she found out that she was not the only client Cates Fine Homes was serving. Katie described that the constant attention made her feel as though she was their only client!

