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# Guest House Addition for Daughter in Med School

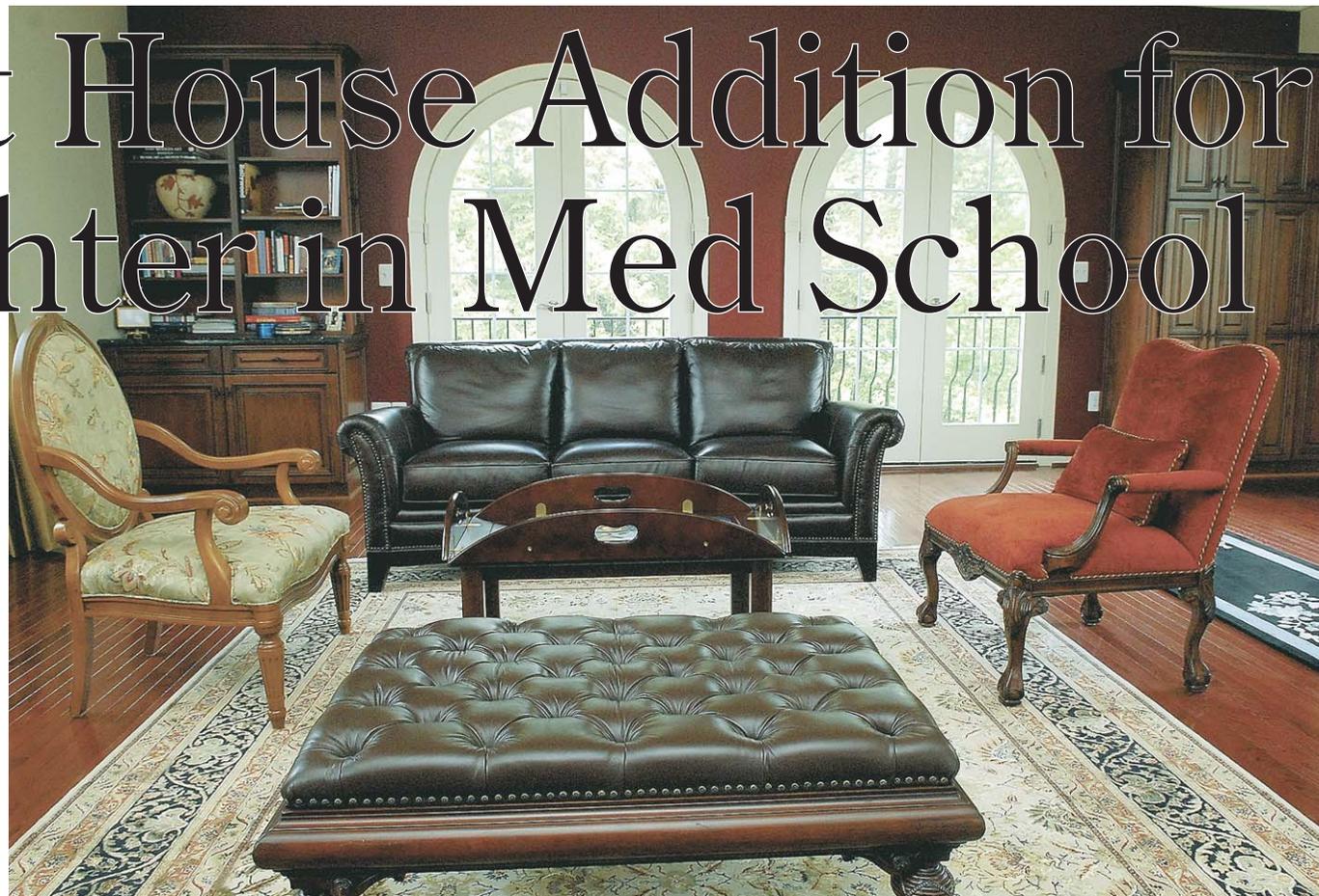
BY JOHN BYRD

Vijay and Sayeeda Chaudry have been quietly ensconced in their spacious Mediterranean-style home for almost 20 years, so deciding to add guest quarters over the garage in time for their daughter's wedding presented a distinct change of pace for an otherwise relaxed household.

"We wanted an apartment my daughter and son-law could live in while she was finishing medical school," Sayeeda Chaudry said. "But we were also having the wedding at the house, so everything needed to be guest-ready in about six months."

Given the architectural challenges and the tight timeline, Sayeeda said she was pleased with the results, which also won Michael Nash Kitchens and Homes a "Contractor of the Year" award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

Among many visible merits, the top-level addition to the Chaudry's L-shaped home is perfectly reconciled with the ornate existing facade. The design marries engineering and infrastructure solutions with well-articulated elevations and an interior scheme that is architecturally appropriate, highly functional and warmly inviting. The new suite also provides the privacy of a separate residence. The new elevation repeats the arch-and-



The living area of the guest suite with French doors that open out above the pool deck.



The guest suite at the Chaudry residence.

column design motif framing the front door by introducing paired gables, each featuring stilted arch windows and Tuscan columns.

The apartment's interior extends several front elevation design elements — most notably the arches and columns, which are used to delineate the living area from the sleeping quarters in an otherwise open floorplan. Ascending 12 feet



The master bath with walls of marble.

each, a pair of tray ceilings with recessed lights help distinguish the apartment's two primary chambers. Cherry wood built-ins, crown-molding, French doors and Adam-style window and door frames provide formal accents.

The luxury master bath features warmly hued marble walls and floors, granite countertops and a large frameless shower. The space



A small kitchen area with a dining bar.

was also designed to accommodate a stacked washer and dryer.

One enters the new apartment from a glass door that accesses a five-by-six foot foyer finished in rojo allacante marble. Wood stairs with forged iron railings climb to the apartment — or you can choose an alternate foyer door to the main house — privacy elegantly maintained in either case.

All in the Family

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/CONNECTION

Home shines with wood and light; remodel recalls South Africa heritage.

# Connecting Family & Nature Indoors

Family Space

BY DONNA MANZ

When Sue and Bruno Castegnaro of Vienna decided to remodel and expand their kitchen, they knew what they did not want.

“The thing I find with these big American houses is that the family can be home at the same time but still be alone,” said Bruno Castegnaro.

“People are in different rooms in different parts of the house and don’t know each other exists.”

The Castegnaros contracted with Govan Builders of Vienna, who knocked down the wall between the existing kitchen and dining room, replaced flooring throughout the main level, installed new cabinetry, cut out an expanse of window on the far wall and relocated work areas.

“I love what Dan [Govan] did,” Castegnaro said. “At every point, I can see most anywhere in the house. Sue can be in the kitchen, I can be on the couch, and the kids are either doing homework at the kitchen table or playing Wii, and we’re all in close proximity. ... You can talk to each other, see each other. You have a sense of family.”

Openness was paramount in the clients’ vision and wall removal was critical to achieving that vision, an expansion of kitchen and airiness.

“Our goal with the overall



The floors were redone with Brazilian cherry and the cabinets of American cherry.



A pair of rhinos stand on the sideboard in the dining room.

Bruno and Sue Castegnaro with their children Carla, Zack and Ian.



The dining room opens up to a sitting room on one side and the kitchen on the other.

kitchen design was to merge the two rooms, kitchen and dining room, together as seamlessly as possible,” Govan said. “We positioned the island between the two rooms so that the space works just right on each side.”

“Coming from South Africa, Sue and I spent a lot of time out in nature, in the bush. ... I wanted real wood through the house — handmade wood furniture, wood floors, wood cabinets. ... It brings the outdoors in,” said Castegnaro.

Brazilian hardwood flooring anchors the main level’s sense of continuity. Cabinets were semi-custom made from American cherry. The tables, chairs and

decorator pieces accent their wood-carved figures from Johannesburg, the countryside and Zimbabwe.

Govan uses Kleppinger Design in Merrifield for all the company’s kitchen and bath projects.

Construction costs came in at approximately \$80,000 with an estimated additional cost of \$15,000 for the high-tech appliances.

“We don’t care if we get our investment back at re-sale,” said Castegnaro. “We’re enjoying living here. This is the house we’re going to grow old in, so we would like to enjoy it.”

# The Art of Garden Architecture

BY MIKE DICICCO

The Great Falls home of Charles and Betsy Owen is spacious and classical, but a mansion of another sort surrounds the house, one comprising a maze of “rooms” created by walls of vegetation and changes in altitude.

In each “room” of Domaine St. Charles, as the garden is called, a variety of attractions draw the eye, from the little flowers hardly enough to be stepped on that are planted between cobblestones to a pair of sphinxes to the classical fountain statue visible through a passage into the next “room.”

“A view transcends from

one garden room to the next,” Charles Owen said. The key is “integration between architecture and garden art.”

“The idea is to trick the eye into thinking the space is larger than it is,” he said. Indeed, the two-and-a-half acre property can be daunting for the navigationally challenged.

Rounding a corner on a stone staircase, one comes upon a volleyball court — the Owens’ daughter plays on a team. Further along is a semicircular stacked-stone pool accompanied by a built-in Jacuzzi and a pavilion.

Nearby is a bocce ball court and what Owen calls the “tree house,” a tower that commands a view of the garden.

Having grown up in Paris and Madrid, Owen said he was trained in the classical arts as a child, and his father taught him about gardening.

“I always say I bring a French influence to the American landscape,” he said. Owen said he tried to “bring together formal garden structure with Cotswold whimsy.”

The garden includes six water features, from classical fountains to a natural stream. “The water feature is another key thing because I’m on busy street so the sound of the water helps to dim the sound of traffic,” Owen said. He lives off Georgetown Pike.

Owen’s company, Fine Landscapes Ltd., and his shop, Maison et Jardin, provide the sort of furnishings, garden ornaments, plantings, cabanas, pools and other supplies that he used to build his garden.



Charles Owen in the garden with an empire styled garden sphinx.



A view from the casino and the pool.



The long view to the garden temple.

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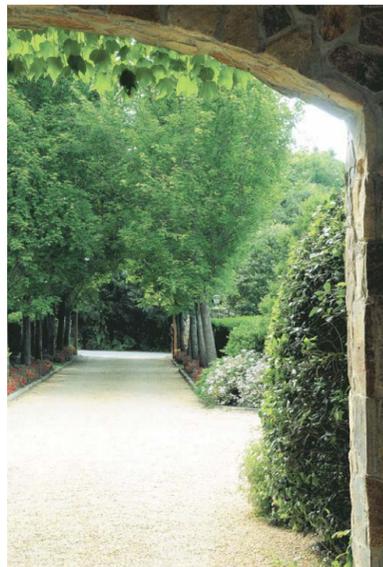


“A little getaway” for a young daughter is set back in the garden.

In the Garden



A hedge of roses frames a back courtyard.



Wrought iron grills embellish the windows of the casino.



French antique doors open onto a patio.



The Four Seasons adorn a green, enclosed by a hedge of boxwood.



A pair of French garden urns at the gates of the garden.



Boston Ivy climbs the front entry to Domaine St. Charles



A view to the north.

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## Vienna

- ❖ 406 Glyndon St Se (a 5BR, 5 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 0.50 acres in Onondio sold for \$1,315,000 on May 19, 2009
- ❖ 9611 Pembroke Pl (a 5BR, 4 FB, 2 HB) detached home on 0.93 acres in Beau Ridge sold for \$1,250,000 on May 28, 2009
- ❖ 1835 Elgin Dr (a 5BR, 4 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 0.83 acres in Elgin Manor sold for \$1,200,000 on May 22, 2009
- ❖ 8091 Westchester Dr (a 5BR, 4 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 0.30 acres in Tysons Crossing sold for \$1,185,000 on May 05, 2009
- ❖ 2093 Hunters Crest Way (a 4BR, 3 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 5.11 acres in Hunters Crest sold for \$1,050,000 on May 14, 2009
- ❖ 549 Orchard St Nw (a 5BR, 4 FB, 2 HB) detached home on 0.43 acres in Jackson Archie R Propert sold for \$1,020,000 on May 05, 2009

## Oakton

- ❖ 10809 Tradewind Dr (a 5BR, 4 FB, 2 HB) detached home on 0.90 acres in Windsong Creek sold for \$1,600,000 on May 29, 2009
- ❖ 3004 Applebrook Ln (a 4BR, 4 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 0.83 acres in Windsong Creek sold for \$1,400,000 on May 29, 2009

## Great Falls

- ❖ 860 Nicholas Run Dr (a 5BR, 5 FB, 2 HB) detached home on 1.78 acres in Grovemont sold for \$2,600,000 on May 05, 2009
- ❖ 9211 Black Riffles Ct (a 5BR, 10 FB, 3 HB) detached home on 5.00 acres in Black Riffles Estates sold for \$2,250,000 on May 06, 2009

# Sold: Million-dollar Homes

In May, 78 home in the area sold for \$1 million or more.



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909 Whann Ave (a 5BR, 4 FB, 2 HB) in Mclean sold for \$2,600,000 on May 14, 2009.



1107 Robindale Dr (a 5BR, 4 FB, 3 HB) in Great Falls sold for \$1,600,000 on May 15, 2009.



3004 Applebrook Ln (a 4BR, 4 FB, 1 HB) in Oakton sold for \$1,400,000 on May 29, 2009.



4401 35th St N (a 4BR, 4 FB, 1 HB) in Arlington sold for \$1,600,000 on May 21, 2009.

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