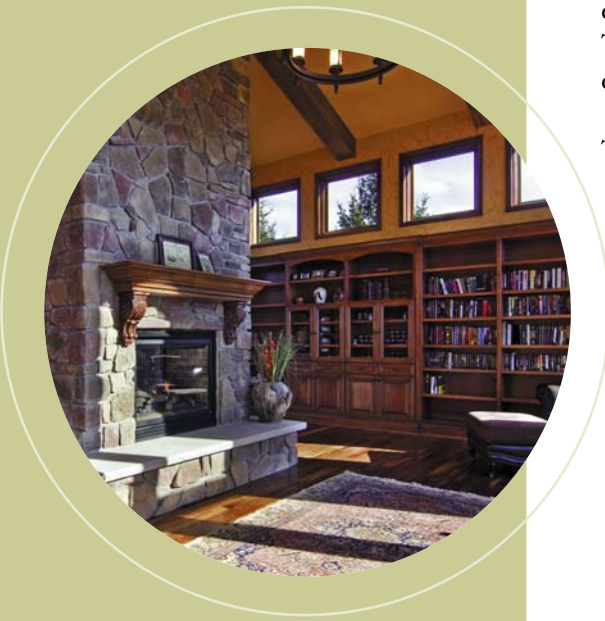




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- **LIKE US** on Facebook to win a **“CHEF NIGHT EXPERIENCE”** see page 8 for details.



President’s Message

As we were putting the finishing touches on this issue of the newsletter, we also were doing the same on a few projects we’re getting ready for the 2011 Parade of Homes® and Remodelers Showcase™. This year we will feature two new homes in the Parade and two projects in the Remodelers Showcase (see more information on pages 4-5).



Darin Pavek

And it occurred to me: Our company has participated in the Parade of Homes with new homes, remodeling projects or both for more than 20 years!

You might ask, “So, why is that significant?”

The last few years have been challenging for many businesses, but especially for the building industry. This is true across the nation and here in Minnesota. We’ve been in business for more than 40 years, and we’ve seen these economic cycles before. Where many other builders have come and gone, we’re still in business. To do so has meant that over the years we’ve done some of our own “remodeling” by restructuring and refocusing.

The annual Parade of Homes event is a time of celebration for our trade and for our company. For us, we celebrate our longevity and presence in the Twin Cities building industry; that even during this trying environment we are going strong; and that we anticipate a brighter future for our country, our company and your family.

We hope you and your friends will visit one or all of our Parade of Homes and Remodelers Showcase homes. We’d love to reconnect and hear about your milestones and celebrations!

— Darin Pavek
President, College City Design/Build

IN THE NEWS



Qualified Remodeler 2011 Master Design Award

We've been named a 2011 Master Design Awards winner by Qualified Remodeler magazine. The annual award recognizes outstanding achievement in residential remodeling projects in 22 categories. We won the Bronze award in the Whole House less than \$200,000 category. Profiles of the projects will be published in the October 2011 issue and will appear on the magazine's website at QualifiedRemodeler.com.



Qualified Remodeler awards ceremony.



Qualified Remodeler Top 500 Award

College City Design/Build was named one of the **top 500 remodelers** in the U.S. by Qualified Remodeler Magazine for 2011. We were ranked number 300 overall and number two of Minnesota's Design/Build companies.



Remodeling Magazine Top 550 Award

College City Design/Build was named one of the **top 550 remodelers** in the U.S. by Remodeling Magazine for 2011. We were ranked number 104 overall and number two of Minnesota's Full Service Remodelers. An article on the awards will appear in the August issue.

ROMA Award

In June, CCDB received an award of merit in the Kitchens Over 300 sqf category, from the Builder's Association of the Twin Cities during its 30th Annual Remodeler of MeritSM Awards (ROMA)



College City's Darin Pavek, Jeremy Perlick, Bonnie Trowbridge and Bjorn Freudenthal at the ROMA awards ceremony in June.

Regional 2011 COTY Award

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) recognized CCDB with its 2011 Regional Contractor of the Year (COTY) award for two remodeling projects: Entire House under \$250K – Hester Project in St. Louis Park, and Residential Interior \$100K+ – Fischer Lower Level Project in Edina.



Professional Remodeler Best of the Best Design Award

CCDB received a silver in the Whole House Under \$300,000 category for the Nelson Condo Renovation in Edina and a bronze in the Kitchen \$50,000 to \$100,000 category for the Astleford Kitchen/Main Level project in Lakeville.

StarTribune

Star Tribune – Hybrid Housing Article

Darin Pavek, President, and Bjorn Freudenthal, Vice President-Sales and Marketing, were interviewed for an article published on June 21, 2011. The article, written by Star Tribune editor Lynn Underwood, featured single family homes that are maintained by associations. To read the story go to our web site at CollegeCityDesignBuild.com or enter this link in your browser, <http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/homegarden/124080449>.

FEATURE PROJECT

Serendipitous Next Stage

NELSON WHOLE HOUSE RENOVATION

CCDB customers Marybeth and Dennis Nelson's remodeling story, *Serendipitous Next Stage*, is featured in the Fall 2011 Parade of Homes/Remodelers Showcase program and guidebook (available at all Holiday stations). Their story is becoming more common among newly or soon-to-be retirees: How to find the right place and palace to call home.

After living in a small town for more than 30 years, the Nelsons decided to purchase a condo at Centennial Lakes in Edina. This move allowed them to be close to family in the Twin Cities and close to the airport to visit family living out of town. Still enjoying entertaining and wanting to have room for overnight guests, the Nelsons found their small condo limiting. Lucky for them a double unit went up for sale.

The double unit condo was just that: Two units with double everything. The Nelsons hired CCDB to remodel the two units into one unit with an open floor plan with plenty of space for entertaining.

According to Dennis and quoted in the article, "The entire space will be lived in. We're really pleased with the results and looking forward to the next stage together."



...Beautiful



Dennis and Marybeth Nelson with (from left) Jerry Novak CCDB Job Supervisor, (Dennis), Bonnie Trowbridge, CCDB Lead Designer, (Marybeth) and Bjorn Freudenthal, CCDB-VP of Sales and Marketing.

Visit the Nelson's
during the Parade of Homes
Remodelers Showcase
Model #50
7440 Edinborough Way
Edina

**It's THAT Time Again:
The 2011 Fall Parade of
Homes and Remodelers
Showcase!**

Come visit us during the Fall
Parade of Homes and Remodelers
Showcase at these College City
Design/Build home locations:

Parade of Homes

Sept. 10 – Oct. 2
Thurs – Sun 12–6 pm

Parade of Homes Remodelers Showcase

Sept. 30 – Oct. 2
Fri – 12–7 pm
Sat – Sun 12–6 pm

Visit our website –
CollegeCityDesignBuild.com
for more College City Models,
Design Workshops and more!



Custom Home #130
4509 Garrison Lane, Edina

Prairie-inspired walkout rambler on a pond lot; large windows throughout the home; 2-chef kitchen, professional-grade appliances, custom steam shower, radiant floor heat in lower level and many more amenities.



Custom Home #89
Liberty Park
1012 Freedom Court, Northfield

Cottage-inspired two story family home; spacious mudroom, enameled Shaker cabinetry throughout; master suite with his and hers walk-in closets, three additional bedrooms.



Whole House Transformation #50
7440 Edinborough Way, Edina

Read more about this project and the homeowners in our Feature Project article (page 3) and the Parade of Homes and Remodelers Showcase program guide book.



Kitchen Transformation #39
14174 Hidden View Rd., Prior Lake

Two-chef Kitchen with an eat-in island, prep sink and 2 pantries. Window over the sink with a garden ledge for growing herbs. All new Boston red birch hardwood floors, cherry custom cabinetry, granite countertops, subway tile backsplash, appliances, cast iron sinks, and brushed nickel plumbing fixtures.

SIGN UP TODAY!

**COME FOR THE PARADE;
 STAY FOR THE WORKSHOPS**

Join us for one or all of these workshops in our Parade of Homes and Remodelers Showcase models.

RSVP today at
www.CollegeCityDesignBuild.com
or 952.469.6900. Space limited to 30 participants.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th
The Teardown and Rebuild Process Simplified
Parade Model #130
 12:00 noon

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th
The Kitchen Design Workshop "Lunch and Learn"
Parade Model #130
 12:00 noon

How to Incorporate Radiant Heat and Build an Energy Efficient Home
Parade Model #130
 1:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st
The Kitchen Design Workshop "Lunch and Learn"
Showcase Home #39
 12:00 noon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd
Condo Living and Kitchen Design
Showcase Home #50
 12:00 noon



The Long and Winding Road

CUSTOM HOME #130

When Jeff Miller and Connie Carrino purchased their 1959 Edina rambler more than 19 years ago, they knew then that the home needed a little sprucing up. The idea was they would make a few improvements, live there for 5 or so years and sell it for something more open and updated.

What they didn't count on was how much they would grow to love the location, their neighborhood and pond lot. So they stayed. Over the years the minor repairs and décor changes grew into a need for much more including changing the foundation due to issues with ground water.

What they also didn't count on was a long and winding road to determine whether a large-scale remodel was needed or a complete teardown where they encountered numerous bureaucratic road blocks dealing with ever-changing ordinances and needed variances. That part—the bureaucracy—is a very long story but it was chronicled along the way in three Sun-Current newspaper stories that appeared between August of 2010 and May 2011.

Jeff and Connie had been visiting CCDB Models several times along the way, and the journey led to an introduction to Bjorn Freudenthal, Vice President—Sales and Marketing of College City Design/Build and the decision to teardown—actually move the house off the foundation—and build a new 2011 Prairie-inspired walkout rambler.

You can see the result on this year's Parade of Homes tour, #130, at 4509 Garrison Lane in Edina. If you're interested in exploring a potential teardown project of your own, we're offering a seminar, "The Teardown and Rebuild Process Simplified" at noon on Sept. 17 at this location. Also, a seminar on one of the home's features, radiant floor heat, "How to Incorporate Radiant Heat and Build an Energy Efficient Home" at 1:30 p.m on Sept. 24.

See our list of other seminars offered during the Parade of Homes and Remodelers Showcase in this issue of the newsletter.

You've heard of house warming parties, right? How about house MOVING parties? Here Jeff and Connie, along with about 20 neighbors, stayed up late into the night to celebrate and watch as their house moved off the foundation and down the street.



CUSTOMER CARE

The first day of fall, September 23, is a good time to take a look around the house—inside and out—and make a punch list of routine maintenance to take care of before winter arrives. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Check dryer vent and air intakes on the exterior of the house; clear any obstructions
- Have your fireplace inspected
- Check caulking and window seals on the exterior of your home
- While you're checking exterior caulk, do so in the bathrooms and kitchen, too

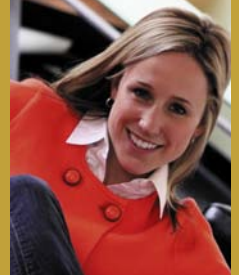


LET US KNOW
WHAT YOU THINK.

Email us at
info@CollegeCityDesignBuild.com
with your comments.

DESIGNERS PERSPECTIVE

We're thrilled to unveil several stunning spaces this fall in our Parade of Homes and Remodelers Showcase projects! Some of the trends we'll be highlighting include:



*Bonnie Trowbridge,
College City Lead Designer
ASID*

KITCHENS

You'll see designer kitchens featuring Shaker-style cabinetry with rich stained finishes, or white enamel for a more classic look; and granite countertops of various species ranging from the uber-dramatic to more simple styles. Center islands include space for informal eating, as well as additional prep space with veggie sinks to accommodate more than one cook in the kitchen. Stainless steel appliances are here to stay — watch for backless ranges and professional cooktops with controls on the front apron, creating a streamlined look. Hardwood floors are HOT! We'll be showcasing beautiful species like Asian Walnut, American Cherry Character Grade, and Boston Red Birch. Make sure to visit our Edina model to see a gorgeous cork floor.

BATHS

Oversized, walk-in showers are in high demand! Showers have become much more than a place to clean up — homeowners want a refuge to relax. We're incorporating multiple showerheads, custom tile work, benches, recessed shampoo shelves, and steam showers to create a spa-like environment at home. Double-sink vanities are a must for Master Suites and we're seeing customized spaces for each user, whether it's 'His & Her' vanities, separate makeup counters, or custom walk-in closets. Look for unique finishes in our models, such as granite and fossilized marble vanity tops, and fantastic plumbing fixtures including a hammered copper sink.

More College City DESIGN WORKSHOPS

If you are unable to attend the five workshops offered during the Parade of Homes and Remodelers Showcase, then perhaps one of these will fit your schedule:

Kitchen Design

Thursday, October 13

6:30 p.m.

Warners' Stellan, Edina

Please register by October 10

Thursday, November 17

6:30 p.m.

Warners' Stellan, Apple Valley

Please register by November 14

**Visit CollegeCityDesignBuild.com
or call 952-469-6900 to register
for these FREE Design Workshops.**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

Summer has kept us busy! We've been helping out at CCDB (Don strapping on his carpenter apron and re-honing his carpenter skills and Bonnie helping out in the office) and spending lots of time with our 7 grandchildren. A few highlights: Dale's daughter Lydia got up on water skis, and our oldest grandson, Parker, got his drivers license – Wow! Does that date Bonnie and I!

As in the past, our volunteer activities are keeping us busy with Habitat for Humanity – building 2 homes in Northfield – and Don's church commitment as Congregational President.

Don and Bonnie Pavek



Like Us On Facebook!

Our Facebook page is newly remodeled — take a tour!

You'll find gorgeous photos, (maybe a shot of YOUR project?), remodeling and building tips, reminders for upcoming events and educational seminars, links to helpful sites plus a prize now and then.

In fact, we're offering a prize now. Be sure to like the page by the end of Thanksgiving weekend and you will be entered for a chance to win a "Chef Night Experience." For details, go to our new Facebook page or visit our website – www.CollegeCityDesignBuild.com.

This is also a great way for us to stay in touch. You can ask remodeling questions, comment on a workshop or let us know how you are enjoying your new College City Design/Build improvement.



THANK YOU

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Together, we produce great projects!