

SARASOTA/MANATEE BUILD & REMODEL SPECIAL ISSUE!

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INSPIRING IDEAS TO MAKE YOUR HOUSE A HOME

HISTORIC HOME
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Expert Tips
and Great
Resources

*Architectural
Embellishments*

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A IS THE ARCHITECTURE CROWNING GLORY

If you are looking to build a new home or renovate your existing one, chances are one of your biggest decisions will be deciding on your preferred architectural elements – the “bones” from which you will create a welcoming nest.

With the real estate boom throughout Sarasota and Bradenton, new home construction and architectural renovations are prevalent. We talked with architect Clifford Scholz, owner of CMSA, about the current architecture in our area.

“Today we’re seeing a growing number of clients interested in preserving the original architecture of their home – just making it better through a renovation,” shares Clifford. “We also have clients who are building a new home and want to stay true to particular architectural elements rather than borrowing from several different forms of architecture.”

A stunning example of preserving the old and making it better is this featured home designed by Clifford. This renovation expanded and brightened the living spaces by removing confining interior walls, enhancing aesthetics with rich wood embellishments, using windows to bring the outdoors in and adding additional outdoor living spaces - all in a pleasingly seamless flow. But perhaps the most impressive element that brought this home alive is the grand transformation of the home’s entry. Now with a majestic gazebo, this home makes quite a statement from the outside in.

“If the home has a good structure, a competent architect can help the homeowners select from a multitude of workable architectural elements that will achieve the desired results,” stated Clifford. It’s important though to consider the benefits of designing a home that is suited to withstand the Florida climate. However, function doesn’t have to forsake style. For example, overhangs, breezeways and covered loggias all work nicely in Florida while providing architectural beauty and relaxed Florida living. In the end, it all comes down to personal tastes and the assistance and expertise of a professional to help lead the way.



Staying true to the home’s original architecture, Clifford’s changes are beautiful while creating additional outdoor living space that allows the homeowners to enjoy the scenic water views.

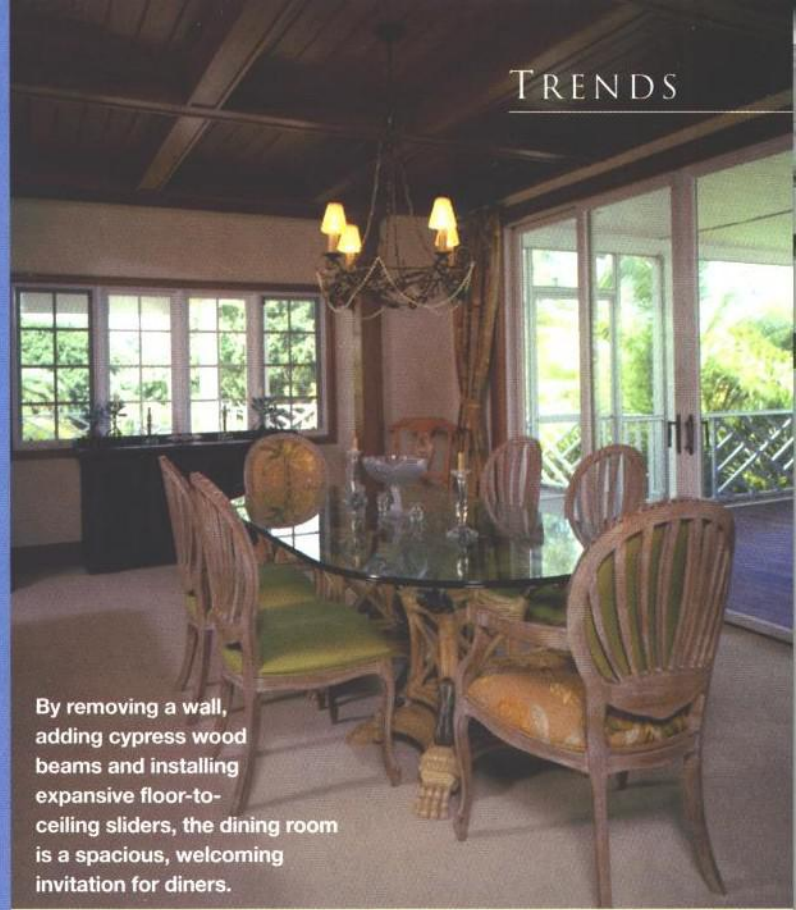


The new entry gazebo, complete with a nautical wrought-iron chandelier, makes an awe-inspiring statement.

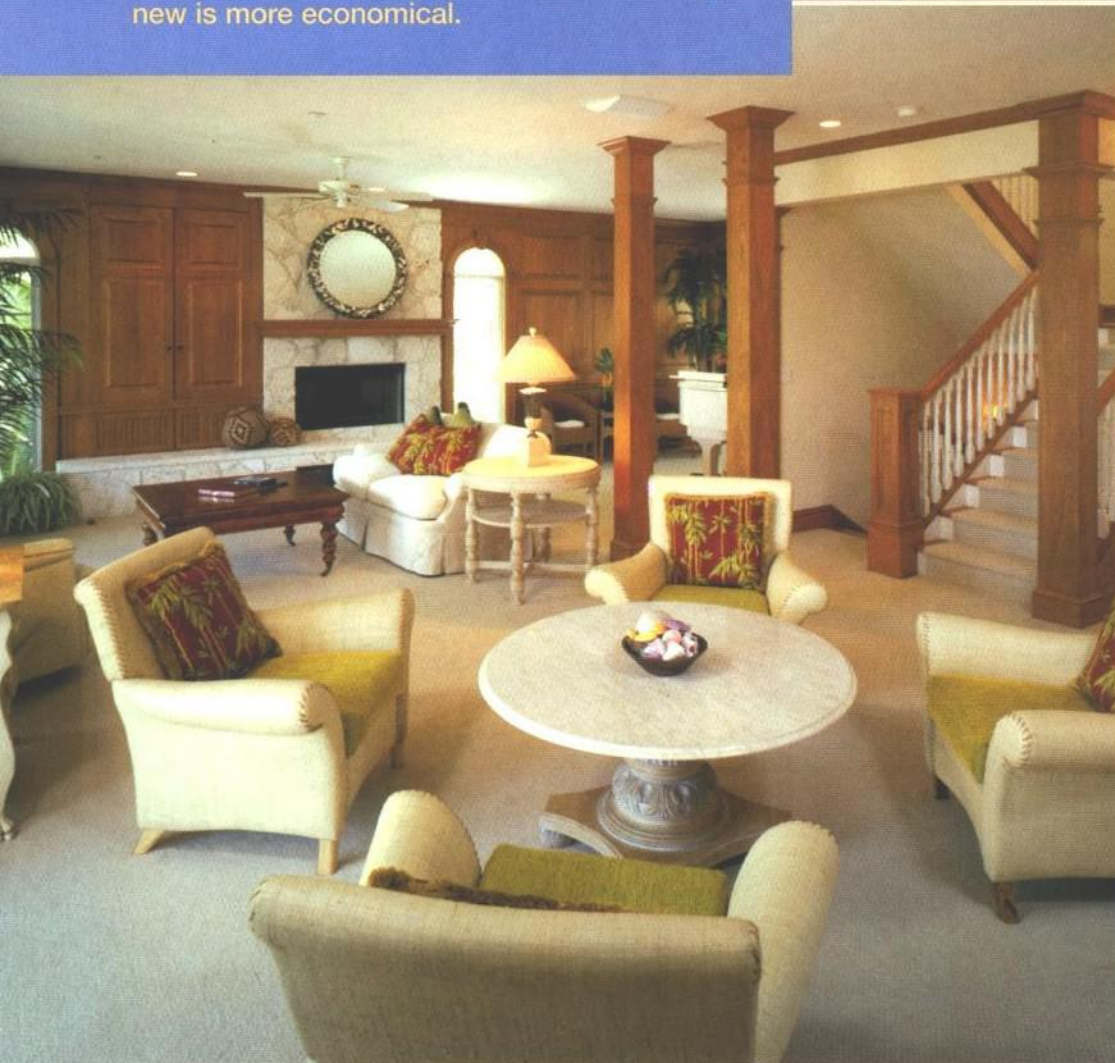
When to Renovate & When to Demolish

Consider these factors when deciding how best to improve your home.

1. Does the home have any historic or design value worth preserving?
2. If your home is on an historic registry, what are the restrictions on any new work?
3. Is the home's existing grade elevation compliant with current FEMA and FDEP requirements? If not, there may be restrictions on the renovation.
4. Is the home structurally sound?
5. What is your budget compared to the costs of building new or renovating? Surprisingly, sometimes demolishing a home and starting new is more economical.



By removing a wall, adding cypress wood beams and installing expansive floor-to-ceiling sliders, the dining room is a spacious, welcoming invitation for diners.



Before

The serene beauty of the living room is the result of turning several separate rooms into one.



Before