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Originally a circa 1935 Great Falls dairy barn, Bill and Brenda Bosch began converting the structure into their personal residence in 2007.



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A Design Solution as Big as a Barn Door

Master bath renovation explores themes from Great Falls' bucolic past.

BY JOHN BYRD

Talk about rustic charm.

In 2007, Bill and Brenda Bosch purchased what boutique remodelers sometimes refer to as a “barn conversion” — specifically, a spacious modern home which, five years earlier, had been constructed inside the exterior of a 1935 dairy barn.

With its metal roof, stucco siding and silo, the 5,800-sq-ft., five-bedroom Great Falls residence exuded nostalgic references to the community's bucolic past.

Getting the house to owner requirements, however, entailed a commitment.

For starters, the second level primary living area (formerly, a hay loft) was too dark and poorly finished, and offered only limited views of the splendid setting through re-purposed skylights. An early renovation effort focused on “gutting” the kitchen, dining room and family room, and introducing a more appropriate glazing solution that included dormer

windows in key locations.

More recently, as the children moved on to college, Bill and Brenda Bosch began to see the house from an empty-nester's perspective.

The first level master bathroom was plainly still unacceptable. With its circa 1990s white ceramic tile, tiny vanity and walk-in shower stall, the design was like something out of a builder-grade starter home.

Moreover, at 90 sq. ft., it was cramped and pinched, offering no opportunities for such upscale necessities as built-ins for toiletries and towels, a showering option for every whim, unhurried zones to dry-off and re-acclimate, and (especially) a breathtaking view of classic Virginia countryside.

Views, in particular, ranked high on the couple's wish list.

“We wanted to see our beautiful surroundings from the bed, but this wasn't feasible,” Bosch said.

The problem: the southwest corner of the house where the master suite was located was wrapped around 80-year old post-and-beam supports that held up the second floor. Given the critical structural consideration, the original master bedroom had been configured into an L-shape (sleeping quarters with a sitting room addenda). Moreover, under the existing plan, one entered the bathroom through an equally-size sitting room, an arrangement which

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To make room for the larger master suite, Chris Arnold at Foster Remodeling Solutions devised a way to eliminate an obstructive bearing wall by installing an 8” x 17’ steel beam attached to concealed vertical supports. To reinforce the rustic design theme, the exposed beam is wrapped in reclaimed barn board. The floors are also old barn wood milled to specification.

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The interior to the new master bath is a study in textural and tonal contrasts. Porcelain tile flooring. Mirrors framed in polished nickel. Plantation shutters. The door to the commode is reclaimed barn door mounted on antique rollers.

A Design Solution as Big as a Barn Door

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Bosch saw as wasted space.

“We wanted to reconfigure the rear corner quadrant of the house to improve both the space plan and the view fields,” Bosch said, “I just wasn’t sure how to do it.”

Enter Chris Arnold of Foster Remodeling Solutions, the firm that had successfully renovated several aspects of a friend’s home over a 10-year period.

As Arnold recalled: “We were asked for ideas for a sweeping interior makeover, but nothing could happen without implementing a significant structural change.”

Arnold’s plan: shift second floor loads to an 8” x 17’ steel beam attached to vertical supports concealed behind interior walls. The move would widen available bedroom floor space by 50 square feet and add another 20 square feet for an upgraded master bathroom.

To reinforce the emerging design statement, the exposed steel beam is to be wrapped in reclaimed barn board. The new bedroom flooring is, likewise, made from old barn wood that’s been milled to specification. As a final grace note, one enters the commode via a reclaimed barn door mounted on antique rollers.

With the additional floorspace, the couple’s new king-sized bed is now positioned on a wider interior wall that features a spot-on view of rolling paddocks and grazing horses.

Though augmented by a comparatively modest increase in square footage, the new master bath is, likewise, far more comfortable.

“Brenda and I can occupy the new bathroom at the same time,” Bosch said, “which was difficult before.”

Meanwhile, at 21 square feet, the “curbless” walk-in shower — fitted out with a bench and personal cubbies — boasts many cutting-edge amenities, including a programmable control that remembers each user’s preferred water temperature.

Consistent with the broader design goals, the shower now features a window with an adjustable screen that affords a panoramic view of wooded back acreage.



The “curbless” walk-in shower boasts many cutting-edge amenities, including a programmable control that remembers each user’s preferred water temperature. The porcelain floors are heated.

The interior itself is a study in textural and tonal contrasts that reinforces a softly relaxed ambiance.

The porcelain tile flooring — which Arnold found after careful research — is an exact match for natural blue stone. As an added nod to personal comfort, the flooring is heated via electrical coil integrated into the underside of the tile itself.

Other design details, explore themes from the 1930s and earlier. Period cabinetry provides drawers and shelving for towels and personal toiletries. Quartz counter surfaces and mirrors framed in polished nickel help to balance the light and dark contrasts. The scones are early-electric Edison-style replica with an exposed filament.

“The project has allowed us to express our creativity,” Bill Bosch said. “That’s what really makes a home special.”

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