2014 RAVE Awards 1st Place Winners

New Home More Than 3,500 Square Feet

Lake Minnetonka Retreat

Snow Kreilich Architects

As co-owners of an architectural building firm, the clients' vision was clear: to build a contemporary home that would honor its position on the water, and blend seamlessly with architectural traditions of the shoreline mansions, bungalows, and summer cottages in Deephaven's Cottagewood neighborhood.

New Home 2,000 - 3,500 Square Feet

The Red Cottage

Rehkamp Larson Architects, Inc.

Looking forward to retirement, the clients wanted a warm, modern cabin reminiscent of Sweden's traditional red cottages and their Nordic heritage, with an interior that would complement their stylish collection of secondhand Danish furniture. Also requested: a study room for him, a sewing room for her, a bunk room for their grandchildren, and a screened-in porch to enjoy the lot's forest and water views.

New Home Less Than 2,000 Square Feet



Madeline Island Retreat Home

Albertsson Hansen Architecture

The client family wanted a rustic, yet well-appointed retreat where they could relax together or with guests in the serene privacy that Lake Superior's Madeline Island offers. Inside, architects paired light woods with white painted walls and white enameled surfaces to achieve balance in textures and tones. Sleeping lofts in the cottage and storage building to expand guest capacity to 12, without disturbing the intimacy of the 1,100-square-foot abode.

Two Bear Retreat A Cabin Ed Doyle, AIA Sole Proprietor

Designed for a family of five as a retreat from their city home, this small cabin sits on Two Bear Lake in Wisconsin, which prohibits gas-powered motors, resulting in exceptionally clean and tranquil waters. The cabin honors this commitment to sustainability in several ways, from strategic solar orientation, to reclaimed Douglas Fir framing and sheathing, to a high-efficiency wood-burning stove that keeps it toasty warm on even the coldest winter nights.

Remodel/Addition More Than 3,500 Square Feet



Cedar Lake International Style

Peterssen Keller Architecture

Built in 1935 as a weekend retreat on Cedar Lake, the homeowners loved their Minneapolis Landmark home's modern expression and Art Deco influences, but wanted more living space and airtight climate control efficiencies. The Peterssen Keller team worked hand in hand with the City of Minneapolis Historic Preservation Commission to expand the home in keeping with its original architectural style, adding space and a new terrace to the living room, and building a new main-floor study and third-floor master suite.

Remodel/Addition 800 - 3,500 Square Feet



Orono Transformation

Yunker Associates Architecture

An active Scandinavian client wanted a more functional layout for his 1992 lakeshore home that would also provide closer connections to its natural surroundings. The Yunker Associates team removed the odd collection of angled walls to reveal a more natural flow throughout, anchored by a centralized walk-in pantry and pair of refrigerators concealed behind bamboo walls.

Remodel/Addition Less Than 800 Square Feet



Southwest Minneapolis Attic Renovation

U+B Architecture and Design

Built in 1893 for the Armatage family, this historic home was among the first in the Lynnhurst neighborhood of southwest Minneapolis. The owners wanted to expand living space in their attic, which had been badly damaged in a 1937 fire. A recent second-floor renovation had revealed that extensive structural work, along with insulation and a new mechanical system, would be necessary for it to become safely habitable.

Kitchen



1980's Kitchen Addition & Remodel CityDeskStudio, Inc

The family wanted to expand their kitchen, create an open floor plan between the kitchen, dining, and living areas, and build a stronger visual connection to the outdoors. CityDeskStudio architects were careful to continue the home's clean, modern aesthetic in their design, which orients the new kitchen design southwest, toward the treetops.

Bath



Coconut Bath CityDeskStudio, Inc

Over the course of multiple remodels, this 1963 home's master suite had been broken up into many small spaces, some going unused. The CityDeskStudio team combined spaces into fewer, larger, more livable areas that would honor the home's original design by architect Lorenzo Williams, who also designed Zion Baptist Church in Minneapolis.

Multi-Family Housing, Loft, Existing Family Structure

Riverfront Renovation

MSR Design

When a beautiful loft space in one of Minneapolis's historic mill buildings had been hidden behind a poorly conceived renovation, designers were charged with removing all traces of the previous renovation to creating a home that properly reflected its Mississippi River setting. The MSR Design team removed fauxplaster finish on the walls, ceilings, and columns to reveal the old mill's original concrete columns and shell, along with a graffiti-covered brick wall.

Outbuilding Detail Special Project Less Than 800 Square Feet



Fenix SALA Architects

Designed by influential architect and professor James Stageberg, this mid-century modern home overlooking Minnehaha Creek features clean forms and open spaces. Over the decades, portions of the home had fallen into disrepair, with rotted and missing cedar siding, and a leaking garage near collapse. SALA Architects were asked to build a new, naturally-daylit garage that would accommodate both of their cars, and fit Stageberg's design.