PERSPECTIVES

WINDRUSH CREEK, ST. LOUIS, MO



Initially, Dick Busch Architects started creating plans for large developments. However, over the years, they've transitioned towards designing large custom residences that are as individual as the homeowners who commission them. Working with a handful of key staff members, their vision is to create high-end residences that cater to the specific needs of their clients.

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Located in Creve Coeur area of St. Louis, the Windrush Creek property pays homage to craftsman and ranch-style homes. The original Dick Busch started working as an architect in 1972. 20 years later, he branched out to create what is now known as one of the top residential home design firms in St. Louis.

site was a tear down and the client wasn't keen on contemporary design. This blank slate allowed Dick Busch the ability to create one of his favourite styles of home and something that celebrated the heritage of the city.

The homeowners were an integral part of the design process, working hand-in-hand with the firm to realize their vision. However, unlike a lot of projects where an architect can end up designing forever with client input, the relationship was more symbiotic. Both parties worked towards creating something that reflected the needs of the homeowner and the vision of the architect. The final result is a 3.100 square foot home that features two bedrooms on the main level and an additional two bedrooms and a game room in the finished lower level.

Whereas some architects are hands-on throughout the entire planning, building and finishing process, Dick Busch only works with the homeowners to draw up the original set of plans. After the design process has been completed, a builder takes over the project. This approach requires a lot of trust for both the designer and the homeowner. That's why the firm only recommends a handful of qualified builders who are able to handle the project.

ARCHITECTURAL CASE STUDY

On this particular home, Teiber Construction oversaw the build. When you're going for a particular look and feel for a property, it's the small details that make the difference. That's why modern products were used that emulated character details. The roof for instance, is metal, but is designed



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to look like clay tiles. In addition, Loewen Double Hung windows and prairie style doors were used to match the character and aesthetics of the design.

Just like the initial planning portion, the homeowners were involved in

the tail end of the project as well. They requested that the finishing of the home be left off of the project scope so that they could do it themselves. These types of personal, hands-on additions help to make the homeowners feel like they are not only part of the design, but also the build.

With a host of awards under their belt, Dick Busch Architects continues to push the envelope and to create unique homes specific to



the firm and the clients they work with. If this project is any indication, their vision from within will continue to shape the landscape of St. Louis for years to come.

LOEWEN PRODUCTS USED

The Loewen Double Hung window is authentic, charming and the epitome of Classic American Architecture - the same qualities that resonate in the Windrush Creek Property. Constructed with Coastal Douglas Fir, these windows feature authentic details such as stile and rail aesthetics, a tall bottom rail, a narrow checkrail and a hidden jamb liner.

Thanks to the innovative balance system, Loewen Double Hung windows open and close smoothly while a single-handed lock/tilt mechanism allows for inward tilting of the sash for easy cleaning or complete removal. Luxury grade hardware is standard on all Double Hung units and comes in a variety of finishes and optional sash lifts add layers of depth and character for the most exacting projects.



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