

Inspired

by Pioneer Craftsmen

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Feature Renovation

Expanding a home to reflect the owners' lifestyle and travel experiences.

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Practical Solutions

Moisture in your bathroom? Try these simple solutions before it becomes a problem.

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PC News

Changing roles and welcoming new faces to our Pioneer Craftsmen family.



*Creating Inspired Renovations in Kitchener,
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How do we thank our clients for 60 wonderful years?

Tough question but we think we have a great solution. We hope you can join the celebration and allow us to say thank you for all the valued relationships we share with you. Check inside your envelope for your Client Appreciation Invitation.

As we take time to reflect on our history, there are many people who have helped shape and guide us to where we are today. Two people in particular, come to mind with this quote from Isaac Newton: my grandfather, Ken Adam, and my uncle, Glen Adam, both unable to be with us to celebrate I offer this quote to them "If I have seen a little further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants."

The excitement in the air that we were feeling in the spring has continued on through the summer and into the fall! The renovation scene is quite lively for all types of projects; loft & condo renovations, dormers & attics, decks & porches, & lots of additions. Our valued clients get priority scheduling, but just a reminder to call us early so we have the necessary time to plan it right...just for you!

Hopefully I'll see you at our big Thank You event. Book early so we can assure you a ticket!



Sincerely,
Jamie

Jamie Adam, President

Feature Renovation



Designer notes
Enchanting light fixtures, handmade by artists, add to the distinctive look.

The vaulted ceilings complement the existing ceilings and add perfectly to the open look throughout.

Renovations perfectly *expressing you!*



Wide Open Spaces: The Kitchen and Dining Room

The Dream

A home that reflected their varied life & travel experiences with larger living area and bigger kitchen/dining area for entertaining.

The Challenges

Grand River Conservation Authority bylaws, septic restrictions and future accessibility issues.

The *shuffle*

- Master bedroom is now the kitchen
- Master bathroom is now a master bedroom closet
- Kitchen is now the study
- The addition created the new master bedroom & bathroom

The result was well worth the effort!

Great vistas contribute to the magic of this intriguing space. The stunning combination of energy efficient windows bathes the interior in natural light. The vaulted ceilings complement the existing ceilings and add perfectly to the open look throughout. Even the upper level sewing room receives the warmth of this natural light.

Possible future accessibility issues were addressed subtly in the kitchen design and with the Wedi waterproof shower system with sliding & pivotal glass. Railings at level changes were installed and consideration for ramps was also incorporated into the design.

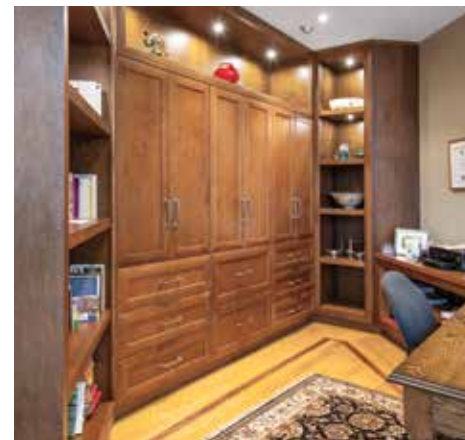
Our clients are thrilled with their bigger space and their eclectic collection of artifacts and photos from around the world are being displayed wonderfully.



Suite Dreams: Master Bedroom and Ensuite.



Thoughtful Details for a *finished* Touch.



Flooring:

The new flooring was chosen to match the existing and an original captivating floor inlay was carefully removed and reinstalled maintaining the character of the home. Cork flooring in the kitchen is soft and warm.

Inspired functionality:

The client's unique handmade office desk was integrated beautifully into the new space by designing cabinetry to match.

Lighting:

A nice combination of safety and ambiance is achieved with the lighting features including LED lighting in the stairs.

Your Bathroom: Practical *Solutions* to Moisture Problems

Did you know that in a heating season when your home is typically closed up, 2,000 to 10,000 liters (400 – 2,000 gallons) of moisture can be trapped. Excess moisture can lead to mold and air quality problems. This is a topic that is much too complex to discuss here.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has an informative booklet *"Moisture and Air Householder's Guide, Problems and Remedies"*. If you would like a copy, give us a call and we will be happy to send you one. Or you can order on line at www.cmhc.ca.

Here is an excerpt we thought you would find helpful:

Turn on the fan when showering or taking a bath

Squeegee or towel dry surfaces in the shower stall or bath enclosure after use

Keep the caulking in the shower stall and tub in good condition

Install a bathroom fan exhausted to outside (windows only cannot be relied upon)

Close bathroom door when showering

Install a toilet with a lined tank – these do not sweat

Allow fan to run for 15 minutes or longer to remove moisture. Timers are a great help with this

Fix leaky plumbing as soon as it is detected

Clean all surfaces regularly!



PC News



We're happy to have Brian Carson on our team now as a Production Manager!

Many of you have met lead carpenter **Brian Carson** who has been with us since 2002. Well known for his fine skill in Cabinetry, Brian is transitioning and will be putting his organizational skills to work as Production Manager for us. We're excited about this move as we continue to strive to offer you our clients a great renovation experience.

Nic Odd & Ilona Breedon have been with Pioneer Craftsmen for 7 and 4 years respectively. They share many of the same interests and both love their work. Over time they have come to love each other and this September will join hands in marriage. We're excited for them and will share a wedding picture in our Spring Newsletter.



Zack Anstett

Tyler Nolte

We have two new Carpenters on board since last fall. **Welcome Zack Anstett & Tyler Nolte!** It's great to have you on our team!

Upcoming Community Events

Grand River Film Festival
October 22 –26, 2013

A 5-day celebration of films from around the world, GRFF is bringing 6 regional premieres and 1 provincial for your viewing pleasure! A quality local cultural event! Check it out at www.grff.ca See you at the movies!

Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery 2013 Black & Gold Gala

October 24 at the Holiday Inn (Waterloo Ballroom)

Ticket includes; buffet dinner, complimentary wine and desserts, entertainment, live and silent auctions, signature art activities, prizes and more! Visit www.kwag.ca/en/support/FundraisingEvents for ticket information.

Habitat for Humanity Waterloo Region 25th Anniversary Gala

October 26, 2013 at Bingemans

Featuring keynote Speaker Frank O'Dea, Co-Founder of Second Cup. Help support this great organization as they change lives of families in need through home ownership.

St Mary's General Hospital Foundation Winter Wonderland

November, 2013 at the Hacienda Sarria

This event features a Tree Auction where local designers and decorators are invited to adorn sponsored holiday trees that will be bid on by silent auction. Our very own Frances Boychuk is one of these great designers. Come on out and be inspired!

We've been showered with some very kind words from many of our clients over the years. Here's one from a young family we'd like to share:

April 2012

Dear "Mr. Mike"

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your hard work on our renovation and giving us a dream kitchen. It was such a comfort to know that you were looking out for us and taking the time to make sure everything was done properly. Your guidance, wisdom and patience with our endless "hellos" from Bend and Heidi were also greatly appreciated! Little did you know, but you were the topic of many conversations in our house.

"Why doesn't Mr. Mike just sleep here so he doesn't have to drive to work?"

"Does Mr. Mike have a family?"

"Does Mr. Mike live in a house?"

"What does Mr. Mike eat for lunch?"

"Does Mr. Mike like granola bars?"

"What is Mr. Mike's favourite colour?"

"Do all those tools belong to Mr. Mike?"

"Where will Mr. Mike go when our kitchen is done?"

"Can I go and work with Mr. Mike when I am bigger?"

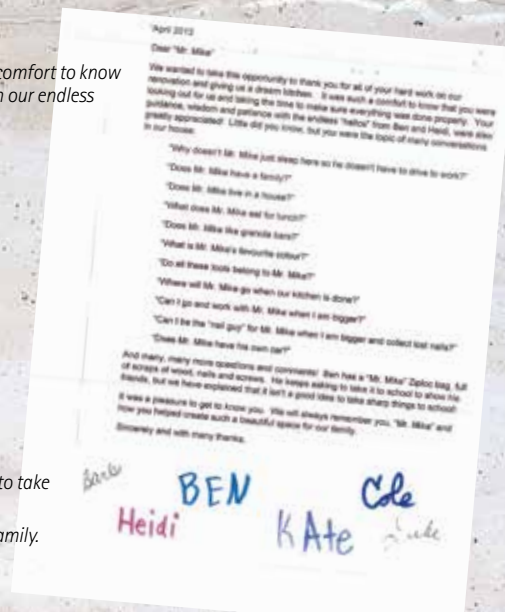
"Can I be the "nail guy" for Mr. Mike when I am bigger and collect lost nails?"

"Does Mr. Mike have his own car?"

And many, many more questions and comments. Ben has a "Mr. Mike" Ziploc bag full of scraps of wood, nails and screws. He keeps asking to take it to school to show his friends, but we have explained that it isn't a good idea to take sharp things to school!

It was a pleasure to get to know you. We will always remember you, "Mr. Mike" and how you helped create such a beautiful space for our family.

Sincerely and with many thanks,
Barb, Heidi, Ben, Kate, Cole, Luke




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