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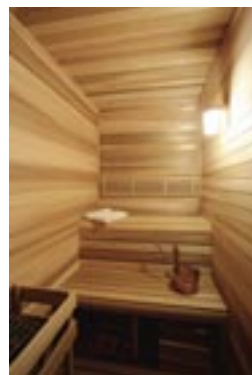
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“We pulled out all the stops to create the house we had always wanted,”  
– Paul Streeter



# A Better View Of The Good Life



**Two years ago**, Paul and Roz Streeter found the home they wanted to retire to on a peninsula at Lake Norman. At the time, the two-story house wasn't perfect, but the couple shared a vision for making it everything they'd always wanted.

“The house had good bones,” says Paul. “But it was typical of a lot of homes built with formal dining rooms and living rooms we would never use. We wanted to open up the home's main living spaces, and have views of the lake on all three sides.”

The Streeters interviewed three renovation companies, asking each for references from three recent projects. “Advanced Renovations came out ahead, both for the quality of their work and their commitment to follow through,” says Paul.

The renovation began with a large addition on the side of the home that included a new covered patio, a new garage large enough to house a horse trailer, a workshop area, an outdoor living space, wine cellar and sauna. A guest suite was added above the garage, offering panoramic views of the lake and providing the perfect place for Paul and Roz to live while the home's interior was gutted for the major renovations.

On the exterior, all the roofing was replaced and the home's stucco siding was removed and replaced with hardishake and stone. Inside, the kitchen was moved from one area of the house to another to take ad-

vantage of the lake views, all new variable width hickory hardwood floors were added throughout the house, and the dining room, living room, front foyer and office were all renovated.

Paul and Roz are particularly proud of their new kitchen, which opens into the family room and is the perfect gathering point for family and friends. Some of the features include a painted mural of a Tuscan country scene encircled with stone, textured walls, granite countertops and a farmhouse sink.

Duane Johns, with Advanced Renovations, says communication between the contractor and homeowner is essential for the success of any remodel. “Communication was excellent on this project,” he says. He also credits the floor plan by Jenny Pippin of Pippin Home Designs, which improved the flow of the existing home and made the most of the home's space.

“This was a good experience,” says Paul. “Duane has a design flair. The ideas he brought us embraced what we were trying to achieve, without cutting corners, as some contractors will do. There is nothing we would have done differently.” ❖

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