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Summer 2012

Project Round Up

It is that time of year when we share some of the projects that have been keeping the guys busy this year. It is an eclectic mix to be sure. If we had to pick a theme it would be - modifying existing rooms to better fit the needs of the homeowners. As you will see from the photos below, many of the projects kept a good portion of the spaces intact, yet yielding major changes in aesthetics and functionality. Enjoy the tour!

Catholic Charities
2nd Annual
Aging Conference

September 20, 2012 8:30am—3:30pm 7602 S. High Point Road, Madison, WI

Join Larry and Paul Ganshert, Ganshert Nursery and Landscapes for an informative presentation entitled "Adapt Your Home to Age in Place". Their session will focus on finding solutions and to common concerns with home modifications both inside and out. Presentation is from 2:00—3:00pm.

This homeowner wanted to replace a skimpy island with this gorgeous workhorse. Mission accomplished! This classic island is the focal point of the kitchen and coordinates with existing cabinets. The granite top is beautiful and functional. In addition to seating six, the new island features, pull out storage, a wine refrigerator, and a drawer-style microwave. These features along with additional accent lighting makes this a much more functional space for the family.

We are seeing more and more projects like this one. As life brings changing needs, a typical galley bathroom often needs an accessibility makeover. This remodel features the Sterling line of component shower systems. The new shower has a low-entry, grab bars, hand held shower unit and bench all without changing the footprint of the bath. With this small change the bathroom went from hazard to helpful.

The homeowners of this simple bungalow wanted a little extra street side sizzle. A charming cottage style front porch creates a "come sit for awhile" ambience. The peaked roof line frames the front entry nicely. A curvaceous stamped concrete walkway expands the entertaining area and adds a cozy seating area to enjoy the neighborhood.

Once a converted garage, this home's family room and office were difficult to maintain a consistent temperature. It made for chilly winters and hot summers. Insulation was updated and the fireplace mantel was reinterpreted to create the large room's cozy feel. Custom cabinetry was added in both rooms creating ample storage. Additional lighting allows homeowner to set the mood when entertaining. This project also featured bathroom updates.













Captain's Corner

I have not been enjoying the heat at all! It has been difficult to get outside for my daily constitutional. As a result I spend more time in the office pestering Larry and Kristin. From my observations, I can tell you that they are getting many calls that are referrals from our past customers like you. So I wanted to take this space in the newsletter to say Thank You for keeping the TZ name out there and circulating among your friends and family. That has been the best news about this summer.

PS Don't forget to friend us on facebook or write a Google review. Woof!



A Functional Work of Art

by Aaron Kinas, Owner, Ageless Concrete, LLC

Why settle for plain gray concrete or dull pavers? Colored and stamped concrete can give you the same strength as traditional concrete but incorporate your own expression of artistry. It is a beautiful way to enhance your home and give any patio or entry a little extra pizazz.

What is Colored and Stamped Concrete?

Colored and stamped concrete, or stamped concrete for short is exactly the same as traditional concrete, until the color is added. The entire thickness of the concrete is integrally colored. Before the concrete gets hard, we use special stamps and texture mats to imprint the surface. Our stamp patterns replicate slate, natural stone. cobblestone, various brick designs, and much more. Stamped concrete is given the wow factor with colored antiquing, and 2 coats of decorative concrete sealer. Stamped

concrete, when installed properly is a functional work of art.

What is so great about Stamped Concrete?

Performance:

Concrete is one of the most durable materials on earth, and lasts for decades.

Competitive in Cost: Stamped concrete is more cost-effective than natural stone, slate, or masonry pavers.

Speed of installation: A stamped concrete project can be placed in about half the time as a natural stone pavement of equivalent size.

Design Flexibility:
Stamped concrete offers unlimited design options. It can be shaped, imprinted, textured, and colored to achieve almost any look imaginable.

Sustainability:

Concrete's environmentally friendly features make it the building material of choice for sustainability, meeting present needs without compro-

mising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. (nrmca.org)

Aesthetic Value:

Stamped concrete can blend harmoniously with almost any type of architecture or landscape, making it suitable for everything from breath taking outdoor living spaces to custom front walkways and entry ways.

Where can I find out more about Stamped Concrete?

To learn more about Stamped Concrete and to see our portfolio, please visit our online showroom, agelessconcrete.com.

Ageless Concrete, LLC is a Marine Corps Veteran Owned, Madison, WI based, Concrete Contracting Company; specializing in custom colored and stamped concrete patios, driveways, walkways, stoops, and steps.

Hot, spicy and popular. And that is not just describing the chef! This is Karen's all time favorite salsa recipe. So grab those fresh picked tomatoes and make some today to share with family and friends. Enjoy!

Salsa!

1c. white vinegar

3c. chopped onion (1.5 large) 8 c. tomatoes, peeled and chopped (10 lg.) 3c. green peppers, chopped 1/2c. jalapeno, chopped adjust to taste 12oz. tomato paste 4-5 cloves garlic, pressed 5 t. salt

- 1) Combine all ingredients and bring to a boil uncovered. Simmer 45 mins.—1 hour.
- 2) Prepare canning jars, sterilize
- 3) Fill jars 1/2" from the top with cooked salsa
- 4) Give a hot water bath for 5 mins. or freeze.

Makes 12 medium jars of salsa (or 15 small jars)