

RESIDENTIAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR*Best new designs presented by area architects*

Historic Charm

Ballard Mensua brings a 1913 DC home into the 21st century



Ballard Mensua was hired to update a 1913 residence in DC's Cleveland Park by realtor Hans Wydler and his wife Ginny, who is passionate about interior design. The plan called for an exterior makeover as well as a major expansion that would more than double its square footage and create a host of modern amenities.

One of the challenges was to design a light and airy, transitional home that would still maintain the historic charm of the existing structure. To achieve this goal, the team sourced antique oak beams, Belgian oak floors and custom iron railings. The exterior brick was painted so the additions would blend in with the original. The home now encompasses formal living and dining rooms, an eat-in kitchen, a sunroom, five bedrooms and a rec room.

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Founded in 2005, Ballard Mensua specializes in architecture as well as interior and landscape design. The seven-person firm handles about 60 projects annually, ranging from \$150,000 to \$30 million.

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