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## An Outdoor Getaway

The backyard of this family's house boasted an in-ground swimming pool but lacked amenities to truly make their urban yard an outdoor oasis! The generous lot provided the perfect area for a pool house with a fully equipped outdoor kitchen. The kitchen boasts amenities such as a stainless steel refrigerator, dishwasher and sink, a glass-tile backsplash, black granite countertops, vaulted tongue-in-groove ceiling, and cement flooring stamped to look like wooden floorboards giving it an upscale, yet fun casual feeling. An indoor changing area and bathroom with shower guarantees guests and family can enjoy their fun in the sun uninterrupted by long walks back to the house. The perfect getaway without leaving home!

#### James Barton Design-Build Offers the Following Services:

Full House Remodel – Interior/Exterior | Additions | Garages | Kitchen Remodeling & Updates

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SPRING 2015

# James Barton

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## Remodelers Showcase

#### HOME #R14

17583 Iberia Avenue, Lakeville March 27-29, 2015 Friday 1-7pm, Sat. & Sun. 12-6pm Admission: FREE



**Directions:** 35W south to Co. Rd. 46; East to Ipava Ave; South to 175th St. W; East to Iberia Ave; South to home

Join us for refreshments at our Remodelers Showcase home!

## Imagine the Possibilities...

James Barton Design-Build creates space and functionality by resourcefully restructuring one couple's home.

When Leslie and Phil Jensen started seeking quotes for a landscaping project, they did not expect the result to be the dramatic home remodel they had dreamed of for years.

"This whole project started out as a landscaping project to get rid of a very steep hill in our backyard," said Leslie. "While we were discussing the options, we talked more seriously about the addition we had contemplated for the house for several years."

Feeling challenged by the limited space on their main floor, especially in the kitchen, an addition seemed like the ideal solution. The James Barton Design-Build team and the homeowners agreed to build the addition along the side of the house where the couple's deck was situated.

The new space was sorely needed. "We had lived in the house for 20 years at the time and the kitchen was no longer working for us. The layout was awkward and the decor was dated," explained Leslie. "We wanted a large open and well lit area that would create a good entertaining space along with a defined space for an office and music room. We also wanted a larger foyer and wished to have a powder room on the main level of the house."



# A Note from James

Spring is once again upon us and we see the toll that another Minnesota winter has taken on our homes. We also see the potential in our homes and what they can become. We are excited to announce a new division of our company to service our clients both past and future in the home renovation segment. As of March 1st we will be opening a division called "James Barton Home Services LLC". This division of our company will focus on exterior updates such as gutters, siding, roofing, window replacements and exterior stone work. We will also be able to offer stone and tile work for the interior of your home. The new division will be able to focus on updates where major design and remodeling is not required. We are trying to provide our customers with a one stop shop for all their home renovations and this is an important link in doing so. Thank you for your support which allows us to grow as a company. It's a pleasure to help our clients realize "It's good to be home"!

Best regards, James Madsen President – James Barton Design-Build

An open floor plan with natural light

creates a main floor which is ideal for entertaining.



The inviting new kitchen features rich wood and plenty of space

Once constructed, the roomy addition allowed for confining interior walls to be replaced with open areas that highlighted the home's vaulted ceilings, improved the flow of the main level, and provided ample space for entertaining.

More importantly, the addition gave JBDB Designer Tamra plenty of room to create Phil and Leslie's dream kitchen. The new kitchen is twice as large as the original with abundant natural light, a generous island with casual seating and a spacious walk-in pantry with plentiful shelving. The old laminate countertops and oak cabinets were replaced with warm contrasting Cambria countertops and select alderstained cabinets. Double wide corner windows, stainless steel appliances, and a patterned porcelain tile backsplash

also afforded distinctive visual interest. Complimenting the stunning new kitchen, the JBDB team built an elegant beverage center on an adjacent wall.

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The homeowners love their large dining area in the newly opened-up living area! The now-empty front area of the home became Phil's music room, accented with bold red walls and large windows. A half bath was conveniently located between the music room and dining area.



An elegant bar complements the kitchen and dining areas



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-Leslie Jensen, homeowner

A much needed main floor office was added and shares a striking see-through fireplace with the living room creating a cozy office space.

The entire main level was brought together by rich, hand-scraped acacia wood flooring and accent railings to create a warm and inviting atmosphere. A new transom window in the living room provided ample natural light and gave the couple a beautiful view of their backyard, where JBDB had built a new deck out of

composite materials and partnered with a landscape company to install a retaining wall to address the problematic hill.

"We had entertained a couple of landscape bids for fixing the hill in our backyard. Because of work that would be required with the city on flood plain designations, others had not been willing to take the project on," said Leslie. "James did not shy away from the challenge. He called the city directly and got a meeting together to come up with a viable solution.



The backyard is highlighted with a new composite deck.

The Jensens are thrilled to have replaced their cramped, drab kitchen and living areas with beautiful open spaces and a stunning back yard that will easily accommodate large groups of family and friends

"The experience with JBDB was positive. I appreciated that they communicated start and finish dates up front and met them. They managed my expectations well," Leslie said. "The design experience was enjoyable. Tamara got to know us and what we liked and was able to guide us to very tasteful design decisions. The JBDB crew was fun to be around each day and paid close attention to the details. It's obvious that they care about delivering a high quality product."



The addition allowed for a new music room, half bath, and large living spaces



### JBDB Welcomes New Designer Emily Thull!

Since receiving her interior design degree in 2007, Emily Thull has partnered with some of the top designers, architects, and builders in the Twin Cities. Clients respect her relaxed and honest approach to design which leads to successful, fulfilling project results. A Burnsville native, Emily now resides in Apple Valley with her husband Rob, daughter Mackenzie, and two lively labs – Bubba and Chica.