Cranberry Cottage Charm

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Finding an architect-builder

“From the beginning, the homeowner knew that he wanted to work with an architect-builder, someone who could handle the project from start to finish,” says DaSilva. “We served as both the architect and general contractor for this special project. “The homeowners came to us because of our attention to detail and our promise to do the job right the first time. They were looking for a craftsman whose sensibility toward design would enhance the original charm of the house. “We were the perfect fit for this project,” says DaSilva. “We are a craft-oriented firm, using highly trained craftsmen, comparable to the best restoration firms anywhere.”

The homeowners enlisted the services of Polhemus Savery DaSilva Architects Builders (PSD), an integrated architecture and construction firm on Cape Cod, which has been serving homeowners in the area for over 20 years. “We are a full-service firm, from design to build, and we have a team of professionals who are dedicated to creating beautiful, timeless spaces,” says DaSilva. “We are proud to say that we have won the Design Achievement Award from the Massachusetts Home Builders Association in the last two years.”

Basement upgrade

The basement was lifted in order to put in a new, full foundation and a finished basement, which includes a new bathroom, a new bedroom, and a new entertainment area. The basement’s nine-foot-high ceiling offers plenty of headroom, and the homeowners are pleased that the owners were interested in the porch/pavilion,” says DaSilva. “It was a nice space to spend outdoor time—a cozy living room with the original beams now exposed.”

The view from the kitchen into the newly finished basement, the mudroom is a multifunctional space with ample storage. Above: A new bath was added onto the master bedroom; cozy living room highlights the hidden beams that were uncovered during the renovation. Above and left: Polhemus Savery DaSilva retained the quaint and classic and ideal Cape Cod setting. The mudroom is now adjacent to the newly finished basement, the mudroom is a multifunctional space with ample storage.

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Descriptions of images:

- The historic home is surrounded by greenery and has a welcoming porch.
- The basement has been renovated to include a new bathroom, bedroom, and entertainment area.
- The newly finished basement has a cozy living room with exposed beams.
- The mudroom is a multifunctional space with ample storage.
- A new bath was added onto the master bedroom.
- Polhemus Savery DaSilva retained the quaint and classic Cape Cod setting.
- The porch/pavilion was an appealing space to spend outdoor time.
- The homeowners are pleased with the renovation and the new features added.