

19233 Blue Ridge Mountain Road

Comprehensive Architectural Renovations

Bluemont, Virginia

Whole-Home Architectural, Finish & Systems Renovations

Architectural & Spatial Redesign

- Structural alteration of interior walls to optimize interior floor plan flow, room scaling, and panoramic vistas.
- Entry area opened with custom arches; an existing half wall was removed, and the entry was reconfigured to create a more formal arrival area with a coat closet.
- Entry-level full bathroom was reconfigured as a powder room.
- Multiple doorways and openings were widened to improve flow between rooms.
- Dining-room entrances were widened, and a closet was removed to create a more usable dining space.
- Main staircase transition reworked by extending the wall to create a more conventional stair entrance.
- Trim profiles were simplified in select areas to create a more cohesive, updated appearance.

Custom Millwork, Woodwork & Built-Ins

- Custom paneling and architectural molding were added in the bathrooms, offices, dining room, pantry, and lower level.
- Meticulous addition of custom structural arches added in the entryways, kitchen, and living transitions.
- All native wood flooring, custom arches, and staircases completely refinished.
- Custom cabinetry and custom woodwork were used throughout the home.
- New and expanded closets were added in multiple areas of the home, including bedrooms and lower-level spaces.
- Custom built-ins and closet spaces were added for additional storage, replacing walls and former awkward spaces.
- Original and locally reclaimed wood was thoughtfully incorporated throughout, including the window shelf in the family room and the fireplace mantels in the family room and basement. The pantry shelving uses reclaimed local wood and bracing from the original house rafters.
- Historic-style millwork details, including windowsills and other trim profiles, were replicated by finish carpenters to maintain architectural continuity.

Flooring & Interior Finish

- All native wood flooring completely refinished.
- Existing white-oak and Brazilian-cherry flooring was refinished in coordinated tones to unify previously varied wood colors throughout the house.
- New 6" oak hardwood was installed in the primary bedroom suite where carpet previously existed.
- New Brazilian cherry hardwood flooring finished in espresso was installed in the multi-generational living area where carpet previously existed.
- New mahogany hardwood flooring was installed in the multi-generational bedroom suite where carpet previously existed.
- Interior painting was completed throughout to create a beautifully cohesive palette.

Electrical & Control Infrastructure

- Comprehensive copper rewiring brought to Code.
- 100% of switches and electrical outlets replaced with premium Lutron lighting controls, dimmers, and designer decorator plates throughout.
- Existing oversized/older recessed lighting was removed and replaced as part of the lighting overhaul.
- Electrical fuses were replaced.

Designer Lighting

- All lighting throughout the home upgraded with Restoration Hardware (RH), Visual Comfort, and deVOL across interior and exterior living areas.
- Select kitchen fixtures and hardware were handmade in England by deVOL.
- Exterior lighting and floodlights were replaced; exterior decorative lighting is Restoration Hardware.

Plumbing Infrastructure

- Legacy plumbing lines replaced with high-capacity, modern distribution networks designed to support multiple luxury fixtures simultaneously with zero pressure drop.
- Main plumbing locations were worked around and reconfigured as walls and room layouts were altered.

Chef's Kitchen, Pantry & Dining Areas

Expanded Chef's Kitchen

- Kitchen reimaged from the studs up to more than double the original footprint.
- Windows expanded and/or moved, and an exterior three-panel French door added to the deck.
- The kitchen window was expanded into a three-panel window to increase natural light.
- Doorway openings around the kitchen were widened to improve connection to adjacent spaces.

Custom Cabinetry & Storage

- 10+ foot statement island with artisan-crafted inset cabinetry.
- Large built-in deep-drawer double pantry with deep pull-out cookware drawers and soft-close operation.
- Custom storage for spices, boards, cutlery, and wine.
- Glass cabinets with oak shelving and brass railings.
- Built-in trash storage and specialty cabinet inserts added.
- Additional overflow/dry-storage pantry created with reclaimed-wood shelving.

Countertops, Fixtures & Hardware

- Dolomite natural-stone countertops.
- Classic Shaws apron-front sink handcrafted in England.
- Perrin & Rowe luxury brassware.
- Hand-forged deVOL brass hardware and lighting from England.

Commercial-Grade Appliance Suite

- Wolf 48-inch Flagship gas range with six dual-stack burners and infrared griddle.
- Wolf 52-inch Pro ventilation hood.
- Dedicated return-air accommodation was added to support the high-capacity professional hood system.
- Sub-Zero 48-inch Classic refrigerator.
- Wolf 30-inch Professional drop-door microwave drawer.
- Cove/Wolf 24-inch ultra-quiet dishwasher.

Bathrooms & Primary Suite

Comprehensive Six-Bathroom Overhaul

- All six bathrooms renovated/modernized.
- Custom vanities used throughout; premium plumbing fixtures and finishes installed.
- Toto toilets installed throughout the home.

Primary Spa Suite Expansion

- Primary spa suite expanded from the legacy sitting-room footprint without reducing the home's total bedroom count.
- Features dual 60-inch custom vanities with premium quartz countertops.
- Toto Drake water closet.
- Classic marble checkerboard flooring.
- Restoration Hardware / Brasstech fixtures and lighting.
- Former sitting-room/bedroom configuration was reworked to create a true primary suite.
- Primary closet areas were squared/reconfigured and expanded with additional custom closet storage.
- Primary-bedroom window was enlarged vertically by approximately 18 inches.

Primary Spa Shower

- Massive custom-tiled enclosure with integrated Brizo luxury steam-shower system.
- Restoration Hardware / Brasstech multi-function fixtures with three body sprays, hand sprayer, and rain head.
- Hand-curated Ann Sacks earthenware and Marble Mosaic tile.
- Marble flooring and trim used in the shower/bath area.
- Steam-shower equipment was installed with code-required service access concealed within the closet/storage layout.

Secondary Bathrooms

- All five remaining bathrooms have been completely modernized.
- Custom vanities, including a 54-inch vanity in the guest suite.
- Custom glass enclosures.
- Premium Ann Sacks, marble, granite, and soapstone tiling.
- Premium Newport Brass / Brasstech fixtures.
- The second upper-level bath was structurally reconfigured: toilet and sink relocated, ceiling opened into the turret for added volume, and a cast-iron tub installed. Also installed a Restoration Hardware marble vanity, marble flooring, stacked tile, and Toto toilet.
- A bath in the historic cabin area was renovated with marble flooring, an antique custom vanity crafted from locally reclaimed wood, a soapstone countertop, a soapstone ledge surrounding the shower, and predominantly Ann Sacks tile.
- Entry-level full bathroom was reconfigured as a powder room.
- The lower-level half bath was renovated.

Dedicated Living & Utility Spaces

Multi-Generational / Extended Living Suite

- Completely separated living space created with a private exterior entrance— The suite has direct, independent access from the garage.
- New Brazilian cherry hardwood flooring finished in espresso was installed in the living area where carpet previously existed.
- New mahogany hardwood flooring was installed in the bedroom suite where carpet previously existed.
- New custom full kitchen with dishwasher, stove, microwave, sink, and refrigerator.
- Premium cabinetry, granite counters, and Kohler fixtures.
- Walk-in storage plus pantry/linen storage incorporated into the suite.
- In addition to the living area and full kitchen, the suite has a private bedroom with walk-in-closet and en-suite renovated bathroom.
- The suite bathroom was completely reconfigured, replacing the former jacuzzi-tub layout with an expansive glass-enclosed shower featuring floor-to-ceiling tile, a built-in bench, hand shower, grab bars, and marble mosaic flooring.
- Privacy doors were added to provide further privacy from the rest of the home.

Lower-Level Wet Bar & Finished Areas

- The lower-level previously not considered “finished”, was renovated with a new wall, refinished and coordinated stair railings and spindles, custom cabinetry, and new finished-use areas.
- Lower-level wet bar added with custom cabinetry and granite countertops.
- Sub-Zero under-counter beverage center installed.
- Integrated sink with deVOL Perrin & Rowe fixtures and custom Restoration Hardware lighting.
- Lower-level fireplace insert was replaced.
- Additional closet and built-ins added in the lower level.

First-Floor Laundry Suite

- Laundry relocated from the lower-level to a main-level laundry suite with premium soapstone countertops and custom cabinetry.

Mudroom / Garage Entry

- New mudroom added off the garage.
- Installed furniture-grade lockers, bench seating, coat hooks and a custom coat closet.
- Created a dedicated expansive dog / boot wash station with Newport Brass fixtures.

Fireplaces, Stonework & Historic Interior Fabric

Fireplaces

- Two original fireplaces were made operable with new equipment, including new gas regulators and fireplace inserts.
- One additional gas fireplace added in the family room featuring an exterior stone chimney, an interior surround utilizing native-fieldstone, finished with a custom antique wood mantel.
- The family-room layout was recentered around the new fireplace; an existing exterior door was removed, and a second French door was added to provide access to the expanded deck while creating greater balance and symmetry within the room.
- All three fireplace inserts are new.

Architectural Stone

- Architectural stone added across the front façade, exterior accents, and primary chimneys.
- Stone was harvested directly from the estate grounds, transported for precision cutting/milling, and returned to the site to match the historic stone and preserve the property's natural mineral coloration.
- Approximately 120 tons of property stone were removed for cutting and processing; a substantial quantity of cut matching stone remains stored on site.

Windows, Exterior Envelope & Outdoor Living

Window Replacement

- Approximately 80% of the windows were replaced with architectural-grade, high-efficiency units.
- Window sizes increased in the kitchen, living room, and primary bedroom to maximize views.
- Windows were also replaced in original bedrooms as part of the broader window program.

Exterior Siding & Carpentry

- The exterior was structurally rebuilt with new cedar siding across the front and rear elevations.
- The former front balcony was removed as part of the rebuild.

Exterior Paint

- All siding was sealed and finished with a multi-coat, weather-resistant Sherwin-Williams Rain Refresh paint system.

Doors & Exterior Entries

- The sapele mahogany front door, originally heavily stained red, was stripped to its natural wood tone and clear-coated.
- Existing colonial-style exterior columns were replaced with custom copper-clad columns, creating a cleaner architectural expression that complements the home's updated exterior detailing.
- The original entry to the Quaker home, now the side-entry door, was refinished and thoughtfully integrates with a stone porch.

Deck Expansion

- Existing wood decking completely removed.
- New structural footings installed.
- Outdoor deck footprint was expanded to more than twice its original square footage.
- Deck configuration was expanded to improve circulation between the family room and outdoor living areas.
- The expanded deck now provides three access points from the home— one from the kitchen and two from the family room.
- New Trex decking and updated high-visibility railing system installed.
- Full-home Restoration Hardware exterior lighting added.

Mechanical, Water & Safety Systems

HVAC

- Four brand-new high-efficiency HVAC units have been installed.
- All legacy electric baseboard heating replaced, providing 100% climate-controlled, multi-zone digital conditioning throughout the entire home.
- Heat and air conditioning were added to areas that previously lacked full conditioning, including the upstairs.

Water Heaters & Water Treatment

- Two new high-performance water heaters have been installed, including modernized main-line plumbing distribution networks.
- Whole-house water-filtration / UV-light system updated.

Security

- ADT system with integrated smoke and carbon monoxide detection.

Garage, Driveway, Gates & Site Infrastructure

Garage & Access

- Garage retained while adjacent interior space was reconfigured for the new mudroom/utility functions.
- Garage provides tall/wide clearance suitable for larger vehicles

Driveway Infrastructure

- Excavation, grading, and deep-aggregate installation of a heavy-duty 21A gravel driveway.
- An additional driveway/access spur to outbuilding areas was added when the driveway was redone.

Gate Access System

- Automated and modernized the gate-access system— Former landline-based gate system was replaced with a modern keypad-based setup.
- Wood gates throughout the property updated.

Landscaping, Fencing & Land Improvements

Acreage Clearing & Grading

- Extensive selective clearing and grading completed.
- Multiple expired pine trees removed from the backyard.

Professional Landscape Redesign

- Professional, custom landscape design by Epling.
- Low-maintenance estate-home landscape installed.
- 10+ overgrown front-elevation bushes and five expired pine trees removed.
- Stone barrier, fresh sod, Limelight hydrangeas, boxwoods, and a specimen dogwood tree added.
- Large existing mulch beds were reduced/removed and replaced with sod in select areas.
- Additional stonework was extended around the garage, along the side of the house, across the front of the original cabin and along the side of the cabin base, and in front of the family room to create a more cohesive and visually integrated exterior.

Irrigation & Fencing

- Fourteen-zone irrigation/sprinkler system serves the landscaped areas.
- Main house and yard area is fully fenced with approximately eight-foot fencing and electric/barbed deterrent components designed to keep deer and wildlife out.

Outbuildings & Property Utility Improvements

Existing Outbuildings / Utility Features

- The property has five total outbuildings.
- Goat barn includes water service and had previously been used for livestock/horses.
- Wood shop is approximately 40'–45' long x 10'–12' wide, with loft, concrete floor, separate electrical panel/high-voltage service, and a deck area.
- Additional shed outbuilding with a set of double doors is conveniently located along the drive.
- New heavy-duty, predator-proof chicken coop constructed.
- Garden/potting shed provides additional storage and includes lighting.

The 1880 Quaker Core & Historic Cabin

- The historic heart of the residence preserves the original Quaker home thought to be built between 1880-1905, as well as the once detached cabin built in 1880 that has now been thoughtfully incorporated into the home.
- Originally part of the Elizabeth Fox Moore estate, the property carries a remarkable literary history: the irreplaceable cabin served as a writing sanctuary for the legendary American author John Fox Jr. It was within this structure that Fox wrote his landmark, best-selling novel *The Trail of the Lonesome Pine*, published in 1908. The popularity of the novel was so great that it was reportedly only outsold by the Bible and *Gone with the Wind*. The novel inspired three films including the 1936 Paramount Studios first outdoor Technicolor movie ever produced, starring Henry Fonda, Fred MacMurray, George "Spanky" McFarland and Sylvia Sidney.
- Existing antique walnut surround woodwork in the historic cabin portion was retained and preserved.
- The historic cabin fireplace surround was reworked, revealing original stone that had been concealed for decades, with new tile added to create a more cohesive finished look.
- Existing beams and historic architectural features were refinished and carefully coordinated with the newly added arches and updated trim to create a seamless architectural transition.

Overall Renovation Scope

- The extensive and complexly detailed renovation involved approximately three years of work from closing through completion.
- The work extended well beyond cosmetic updates and included architectural redesign, structural changes, complete systems work, room reconfiguration, custom finish carpentry, exterior rebuilding, and extensive site improvements.
- The renovation work was fully permitted.