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French Country Manor

Anmore, BC

Started:
August 2009

Completed:
June 2010

Size:
5,017 square feet

Building Type:
Residential

Estimated Value:
\$2 million

When Barone Developments set out to build a spec home in a subdivision nestled in an old-growth forest, it had no idea the project would end up being a 2010 Georgie Awards finalist for Best New Home in the category of 3,000 Square Feet and Over.

"The Village of Anmore, where the home was situated, had municipal bylaws regarding the cutting and retention of trees, and the subdivision property developer had detailed architectural design requirements," Rob says. "These were important factors when designing the home."

The result, however, was nothing less than spectacular. The exterior of the home, designed by Oscar Woodman Design, pays homage to French Country architecture with the use of old-world stone, copper roof dormers, and arch-topped wooden shutters and windows. The interior features an open plan with a great room, kitchen, and eating area connected to a 500-square-foot covered outdoor living area with a built-in barbeque and refrigerator, as well as a

Barone Developments Ltd. By Julie Schaeffer

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Barone Developments, founded in 2006 by Rob Barone and his wife, Christie, is a high-end residential home builder based in Vancouver. The company's goal is to create finely crafted homes, unsurpassed in their distinctive design, elegance, and style.

The company's success (evident in its numerous awards, including eight nomina-

tions from the Canadian Home Builders' Association in the past three years) is due to its construction knowledge and unwavering commitment to detail.

"I'm involved in every aspect of the construction of my homes, from design to completion," Rob says. "I take a great deal of pride in what I do."

Moreover, Rob understands the customer's interest. "I can appreciate how overwhelming the building process can be," he says. "I'm committed to working with our clients to achieve their vision."

2

West Coast Craftsman Home

North Vancouver, BC

Started:
2010

Completed:
In progress

Size:
5,100 square feet

Building Type:
Residential

Estimated Value:
\$2.1 million

Barone Developments' latest project is a 5,100-square-foot home located in North Vancouver's Edgemont neighbourhood.

The home boasts all of the classic elements of Craftsman architecture, such as wide eaves, decorative knee braces, rafter tails, and an inviting front porch. However,

the use of Hardy Island Granite—a local product found off the coast of British Columbia—and muted grey painted wall shingles give it a distinctive West Coast style.

Designed by Rommel Design Ltd., the three-bedroom home features a functional floor plan designed for both entertaining and casual family living. "The clients wanted an understated yet elegant home where friends and family could feel relaxed," Rob says.

To that end, the kitchen, family room, and

eating area create the feeling of a large great room and serve as a hub of household activity. This zone of the house, which has impressive views of Vancouver's coastal mountains, is just steps away from an expansive yard and outdoor seating area complete with an in-ground fire pit.

"Like most of my clients, the owners of this home are very detail oriented and have a clear vision of what they want," Rob says. "In many ways, this makes my job a lot easier."



custom-designed stone fireplace and infrared patio heaters.

Other notable features include a family-friendly mudroom—equipped with a utility sink, double closet, and lockers—located just off the kitchen and adjacent to the three-car garage; an airy laundry room with countertop space for sorting and folding clothing, as well as efficient storage; and a living area with divided-light low-E picture windows and nine-foot French wood doors that let natural light stream in from all angles.

Christie worked with Young-Moore Design Group to create a stately, classic home that had well-considered finishes. "We selected a fresh colour palette for the upper two floors to complement the dark maple hardwood flooring and a warm colour palette on the

lower level, which melds contemporary with traditional design," she says.

"Other design features include white shaker-style cabinetry, pewter wrought-iron railing, Carrara marble flooring, and mosaic accent tiles," she continues. "Polished-chrome door hardware, elegant lighting, and plumbing fixtures serve as transitional elements to the classic interior architecture."

"Over the last several years, most of our projects have been custom homes, so this was a terrific opportunity for us to showcase our own unique design style," Rob says. "Christie and I have traveled throughout Europe and have a great appreciation and fondness of French architecture. And the response has been positive: we're seeing a great deal of interest from people who are interested in having a French Country home built."

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