

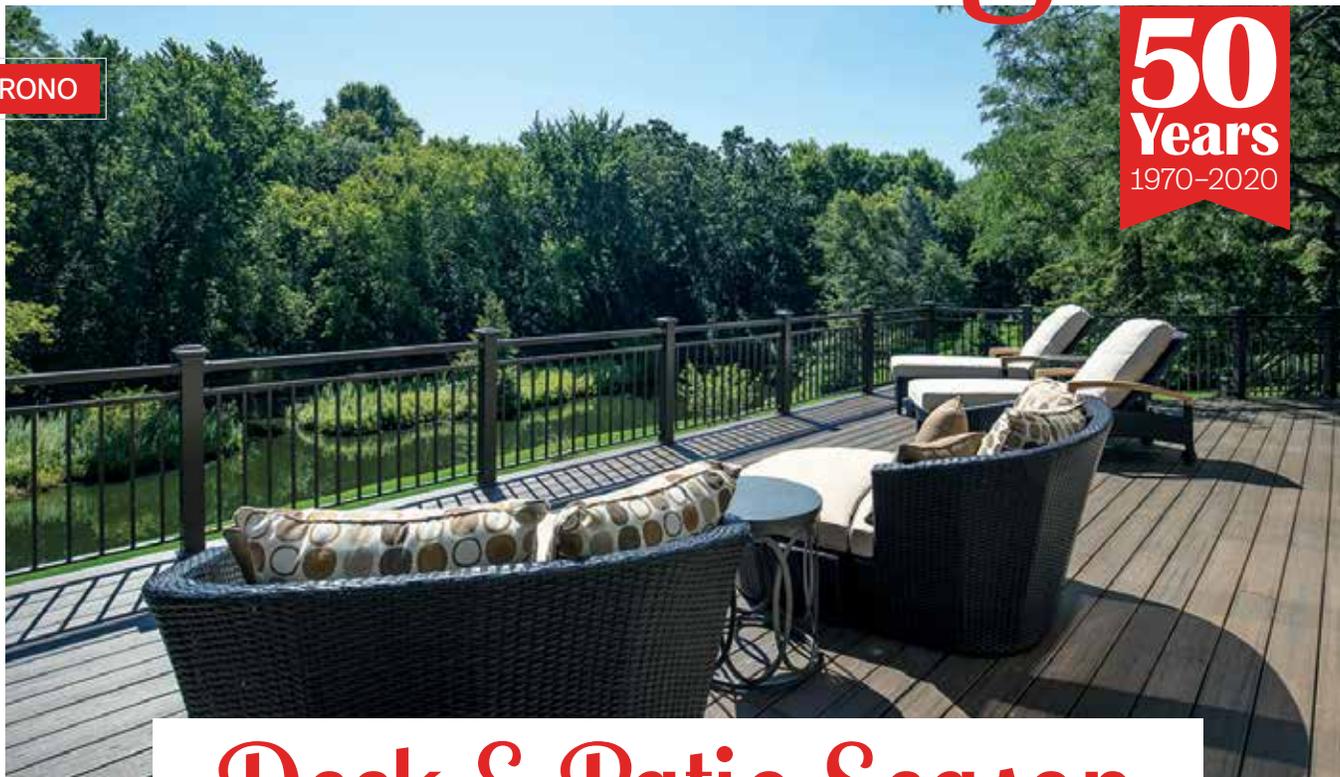
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Deck & Patio Season

It's finally here! The sun is out, the air is warm(er) and the last of the snow has melted. Now is the time to create your backyard retreat!



One of the things that gets us through a long winter is the thought of better things to come—sunny days filled with outdoor fun, gatherings on the patio and sunbathing on the deck.

This backyard in Orono was transformed into the ultimate space to socialize or just relax. Though the location was picturesque, the homeowners wanted more defined areas and easier access to the backyard. Plekkenpol Builders added a new deck, screened porch and staircase. The patio features a fire pit and hot tub. The screened porch offers protection from insects and weather. The family is thrilled with their new backyard retreat!



A new screened porch features a ceiling-mounted TV and plenty of comfortable seating. In the evening it's the perfect bug-free spot to enjoy the nearby pond.

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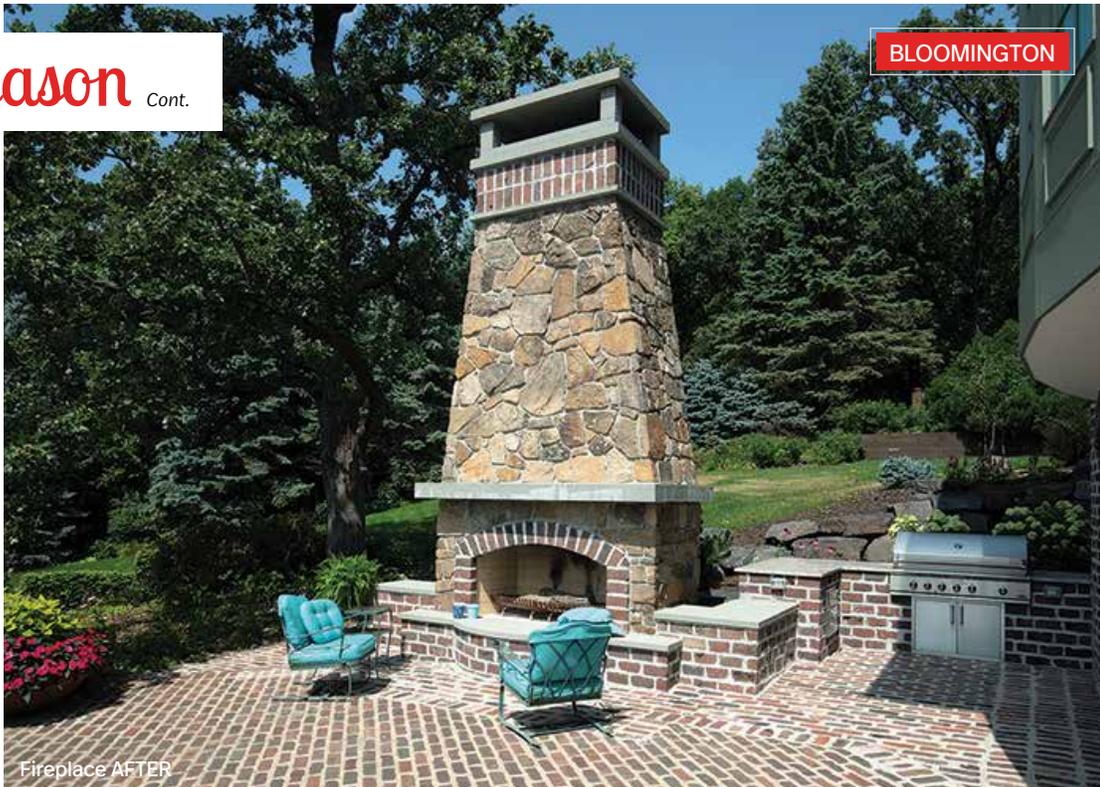


Deck & Patio Season Cont.

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Outdoor Dining

Erecting this new outdoor fireplace presented many challenges, but it ultimately provided the family-friendly gathering area that the homeowners desired. To integrate the new fireplace with the existing landscaping and retain the home's character, a truckload of salvaged original bricks was used to create the archways, walls, steps and patio.



Fireplace AFTER

Fireplace BEFORE

Large slabs of stone and massive quantities of salvaged brick were used to construct the outdoor fireplace and patio.

MINNEAPOLIS



Backyard Pergola

Adding a pergola to this Minneapolis home created the ideal shaded backyard space (left). A covered pergola offers protection from sun and rain while allowing the patio to seamlessly co-exist with the rest of the backyard. It adds visual interest to the landscaping and value to the home.



Outdoor Kitchen

Adjacent to the patio and fireplace (top) is a new custom outdoor kitchen. The archways and walls match the patio bricks and create a cohesive look.

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A Room with a View

What started as a plan to replace an aging deck evolved into an extensive remodel including a screened-in porch, new wood deck, new patio and even interior renovations. Double French doors lead to the three-season porch, which becomes an extension of the house and brings the outdoors inside.



Bringing the Outdoors Inside

The octagonal screened-in porch is the ideal spot for relaxing and enjoying mosquito-free evenings.

Photos by Brandon Rowell

Our Efforts to Stop the Spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Plekkenpol Builders is committed to doing our part to keep our customers and employees safe

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We are grateful that Governor Walz included construction as a critical business. This allows us to work on the many remodeling projects that are in process, as well as continue to provide design, plans and estimates, but only in the safest manner possible.

We are extremely concerned about the spread of the COVID-19 virus and want to assure you that we are prudently following recommended safety steps.

- Only crucial support staff are working at the office and their work areas are at a safe distance from one another.
- Our staff at the office are sanitizing surfaces, doorknobs and all other frequently touched areas and items daily.
- Our other staff who typically work at the office have been provided the tools to work from home.
- If you are invited to come to the office to meet with your Project Manager, we will sanitize the office before your visit and after you leave and practice safe distancing.

We will continue to make thoughtful decisions as we navigate this unexpected and serious situation. Thank you for your understanding and thank you for doing your part to help keep others safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Project Manager, your Production Supervisor or call our office at (952) 888-2225.

- We have asked our customers to follow safety precautions at the jobsite and when visiting the office.
- We have asked our customers to let us know immediately if someone in their household is ill or has been exposed to the virus.
- Our Project Managers are instructed to notify office staff if they intend to come into the office to meet with a customer or get something from their work area that they cannot obtain electronically, so that the space they will use is sanitized.
- Our field staff and associates have been instructed to use recommended safety steps on jobsites and when visiting vendors.
- All staff members are instructed not to come to the office or a jobsite if they are feeling ill or have been exposed to the virus.
- We ask that both employees, associates and homeowners minimize unnecessary face-to-face and hand-to-hand contact to slow the potential spread of the virus.



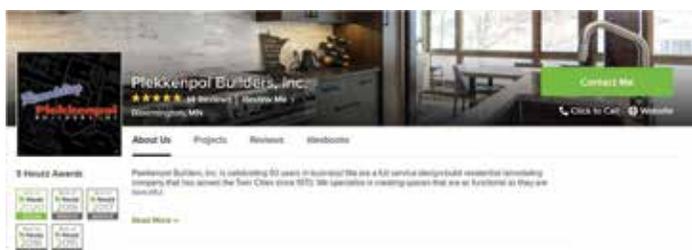
Best of Houzz Award Winner

Plekkenpol Builders wins
2020 Design Award

Plekkenpol Builders was awarded the **2020 "Best of Houzz" Award for Design** on Houzz, the leading online community forum for home remodeling and design. The "Best of Houzz" award serves as a homeowner-to-homeowner guide to the top residential remodeling professionals across the country and around the world. This exclusive award recognizes just three percent of the more than 2.5 million active home professionals on the Houzz platform and is awarded annually.

In addition, Plekkenpol Builders has also received the "Best of Houzz" Award for Customer Satisfaction, as well as the "Houzz Influencer" badge, which is given to professionals whose knowledge and advice is highly valued by the Houzz community.

You can view our profile and scroll through our numerous project photos on Houzz at www.houzz.com/design-build-firms/plekkenpol-builders-inc.



SUN CURRENT Featured Article

Home Renovations can help Senior Citizens Age in Place

Plekkenpol Builders was featured on March 19 in the *SUN Newspapers* in an article spotlighting our recently completed aging-in-place home remodel in Roseville.



Project Manager
Pam Velandar

Project Manager Pam Velandar discussed common renovations that enable senior citizens to stay in their homes rather than move to assisted living. The goal often is to reconfigure spaces to allow access for walkers and/or wheelchairs. Renovations usually involve bathrooms and kitchens, and often include things like adding grab bars and cabinet shelves that roll out.



Modifications often include grab bars

Our clients needed to make their home more accessible after the homeowner suffered a stroke and was using a wheelchair. Plekkenpol Builders added a walk-in shower and grab bars, widened some doorways and added sliding glass doors on the bedrooms and bathroom.

"I introduce possible changes based on what people need. Often people find that being able to stay in a home where they know their neighbors and like the area will prevail," Velandar said.

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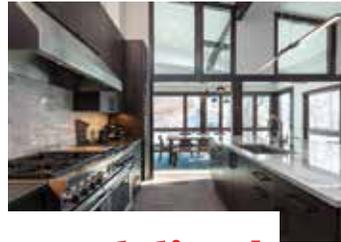


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Remodel your home for safety and ease of use as you age



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Celebrate Remodeling!

May is National Home Improvement Month!

Plekkenpol Builders can help you adopt Universal Design Best Practices for a Safer Home

With available housing at a low, more and more homeowners are deciding to stay in their existing home. This trend extends to baby boomers who are electing to remodel kitchens and bathrooms for safety.

Understand Your Needs

Before starting any remodeling project, take the time to define your needs:

- How do you live in your current home?
- What health issues—current and future—should be considered?
- How can a remodel help make your space safer and easier to use?

Safety First

Stairs pose a considerable hazard for those with decreased mobility. Ensure the first level of your home provides space for sleeping, eating and has at least one full bathroom. Other items to consider:

- Widening doorways to accommodate walkers or wheelchairs
- Incorporating non-slip flooring surfaces
- Removing thresholds that may create a tripping hazard
- Creating well-lit rooms
- Expanding hallway widths

Kitchen Updates for Ease of Use

Cabinets and counter heights, as well as the location of appliances, can improve the cooking experience, including:

- Installing dishwashers in drawer units to eliminate the need to bend over when loading or unloading
- Including refrigerators with drawer unit options or side-by-side models
- Placing ovens and microwaves in the wall at appropriate heights
- Incorporating clear space, especially in front of kitchen appliances

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