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## A New Vision for Empty Nesters

When their daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren moved in across the street, these empty nesters decided to stay in their longtime home and invest in its interior.



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After raising two children in their 1950s two-story in Edina, the owners – now empty nesters – decided it was time to refresh their home. They wanted to open it up, create more usable spaces for their lifestyle, and also incorporate statement pieces and bright, bold colors to create a new vision throughout.

In the living room (above), a larger fireplace mantel was a must. To create better visual balance, the adjacent window was enlarged. French doors lead to a three-season room. In the “piano room” (right), the flooring boards were laid diagonally at a 45-degree angle to draw people into the home.

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A custom cabinet in the piano room stores dinnerware in the lower cabinets and art objects in the illuminated glass-front cabinets.

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# A New Vision Cont.

## Kitchen Focal Point

The kitchen in particular needed to be reconfigured with a large island as its centerpiece, rather than replicating the existing angled countertop (below). To make the kitchen bigger, the adjacent den's square footage was incorporated into the kitchen. A vivid tile backsplash breaks up the all-white kitchen.



A colorful tile backsplash, created by a Minnesota artist, evokes a lake at sunrise and creates a bold focal point.

## A Pop of Bright Color

The large screen porch was upgraded to an insulated and heated three-season room to make it more usable year-round. Because the porch is the entry point from the backyard pool, the flooring is a practical and easy-to-clean woven vinyl.

Storage was carefully thought out throughout the home. A beautiful custom built-in provides storage for wine, glasses and cake plates.



A raspberry accent wall in the three-season room adds a pop of color.



Custom wine cabinet just off the kitchen



Homeowners Beverly and Craig Clafin



## Repurposing Spaces

The rarely used formal dining room was eliminated and transformed into a library. Built-in alder wood cabinets are perfect for storing and organizing the owner's music. The cozy fireplace welcomes visitors as they enter the front door.

The owners love the bright open spaces of their newly improved home and look forward to entertaining family once again, post-pandemic.

*Designed by Annette Wildenauer, Design Mode Studio  
Photos by Randy Hoepner Design & Photography*





## Jamie Olinger

January 12, 1963 – February 17, 2021

Jamie passed away unexpectedly on February 17, 2021 at age 58 of a brain aneurysm. We will miss Jamie so very much and we will never forget how much of himself he gave to us, our company, his responsibilities, his co-workers, associates and customers during the 37 years we were blessed to have him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Diane, his daughter Jessica, his son Michael and everyone he touched. Rest in peace Jamie.

## Thank You for Another Successful Remodelers Showcase®



We would like to thank all of our visitors for helping make the 2021 Spring Parade

of Homes Remodelers Showcase a success! We enjoyed seeing all of you while touring our lakeside lower level remodel in Plymouth. If you missed the Showcase weekend, photos of this home, as well as past Showcases, can be viewed on our website at [www.plekkenpol.com/gallery/showcase](http://www.plekkenpol.com/gallery/showcase).



## “Best of Houzz” Award Winner Plekkenpol Builders wins 2021 Awards for Service and Design



Plekkenpol Builders was the recipient of two 2021 “Best of Houzz” Awards. The “Best of Houzz” award serves as a homeowner-to-homeowner guide to the top residential remodeling

professionals across the country. Just 3% of the 2.5 million home design and remodeling professionals on Houzz receive a Best of Houzz award each year.

The badges on our profile page help communicate to potential clients that homeowners value our work and expertise. We are honored to have received these awards!

## Eden Prairie “Everything Spring” Expo Saturday, April 24, 2021 | 11 am–7 pm

Prepare for your spring projects! We are proud to be a Supporting Sponsor at the 19th Annual Eden Prairie Home, Landscape & Garden “Everything Spring” Expo!

This year’s expo will be held at Eden Prairie Center and operating under all necessary COVID mandates at the time of the event. We invite you to stop by, speak with one of our experienced Project Managers, and see how Plekkenpol Builders can partner with you to help realize your home’s full potential. Admission is free!

For details and directions, visit [www.plekkenpol.com](http://www.plekkenpol.com)



## AVIVO Essential Housing Project

Plekkenpol Builders, together with Housing First Minnesota Foundation, is renovating two South Minneapolis apartment units for AVIVO, a nonprofit that specializes in addiction treatment and recovery.

This facility houses women along with their children as they seek services for substance addiction. Safe housing is critical for mothers to focus on recovery, go back to school and find employment.

The project updates will include millwork, lumber, drywall, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, cabinets, countertops, tile or shower surfacing, appliances, paint, flooring and more. Project Manager **Pam Velander** said, “To give them a safe, warm place to reset in keeping the family together, I believe this will give them the tools and work to achieve their goals of a better life.”



Working hard to create a safe and nurturing environment for mothers who are struggling with addiction and their children. The units are scheduled to be finished by this summer.

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# Porch Living

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We can help build the sunroom, screened porch, three-season porch or deck you've been dreaming of. A porch enables you to enjoy the beautiful Minnesota weather for as long as possible. Plekkenpol Builders can help find the solution that best fits your needs and your home. Contact us today for a complimentary consultation!

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A screened porch allows you to enjoy the best of Minnesota weather for as long as possible!