

New House, PEI Canada, Due to be Built Summer 2003

As part of Design Clinic, I sat down with a couple about to retire who wanted a new home designed to live in for their retirement. Also the design needed to have the potential to be a bed and breakfast in the future. It has three bedrooms, the two spare rooms functioning as a self-contained area of the house which can be closed off as needed when not in use

Clinic worked in four stages. Each client was offered a free consultation session to stimulate client interest and give them ideas, The designer then called the client, and arranged and signed a contract. Stage one was to produce a survey of the site and check any relevant building code or local regulations. Phase Two was to produce two proposals, phase three was the final design and the four was to produce construction drawings. The client could withdraw at the end of each stage if they wished. My client chose to go to Construction. My drawings were completed to a that could be taken to a contractor to complete.

I am looking forward to having final photographs of this project in the fall. Involved in running this work was client liaison, contract management, communication skills, production and detailing ability.



Exterior Terrace with new planting, Quebec, Canada, Complete

The format and process for this project was the same as above, a student led self initiated design project. This particular client wanted some inspiration for the front of his 1950's style ranch bungalow set in several acres of land in the Gatineau Hills. The client was thinking of an interior 'mudroom' type of space which they could also use as a porch or somewhere to sit in nice weather. I created a design for this option but also proposed a new outdoor space as an alternative, using designed trellis and joinery to create a new approach and dynamic to the front of the house. My proposals also included appropriate plantings based on my knowledge from working in a Nursery ran by Landscape Architects.

After much discussion the client chose my scheme, rather than having an internal space added to his home which in he concluded was not needed. My design would provide a great means of bringing people into his home as well as a great space to sit and watch the wonderful views of the Gatineau hills that they have from the front of their property.

Again, my role was as designer, but I also managed the contract, did all drawing work, as well as specifying. I also worked with the client closely on discussing how to construct the project as he was intending on doing all the work himself.

