

Revival VERNACULAR

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Creating Beautiful Homes and Lasting Relationships

Award *Winning* Spring

This spring two leading industry organizations have recognized the collaborative efforts of Revival Construction, Inc. and D. Stanley Dixon Architects for renovations of two classically designed residences in Atlanta. Revival Construction, Inc. was awarded the **2008 Regional Contractor of the Year (CotY) Award** for the Southeast region for Residential Historic Renovation and Restoration given by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) for a whole house renovation designed by Dixon, and D. Stanly Dixon Architects received the **2008 Shutze Award** given by the Southeast Chapter of the Institute for Classical Architecture and Classical America (ICA & CA) for a whole house renovation built by Revival.

NARI is a professional association whose members voluntarily subscribe to a strict code of ethics and is the only trade association dedicated solely to the remodeling industry.

www.nari.org

The Institute of Classical Architecture & Classical America (ICA & CA) is the leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the practice and appreciation of the classical tradition in architecture and the allied arts. The Shutze Awards are named for Philip Trammell Shutze, the Atlanta architect whose work is revered internationally as one of the twentieth century's most devoted classicists.

www.classicist.org

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Welcome!

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the *Revival Vernacular*. I founded Revival Construction, Inc. in 2000 with the mission to create beautiful homes and lasting relationships, and eight years later, Revival has a team of ten dedicated professionals working together to accomplish that goal. We look forward to staying in touch with you through this quarterly *Vernacular* and sharing some of our projects, expertise, and adventures. Enjoy!
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Help Save the Crum & Forster Building (above)
<http://save771spring.blogspot.com>

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Revival's *Growing* Family

The Revival family has added three new members in the last few weeks. Revival's president, Wright Marshall, and his wife Shelly welcomed their second child, Turner Wilson, on May 19. Typically old fashioned, the Marshalls let the baby's gender be a surprise. Everyone is doing well, and Lawson, two, is adjusting to the new addition.

Within a span of two weeks, two of our production team, Steve McMillan and Eric Thalacker, were married. Steve and Lydia Lagalla were married on May 24 in Queens, New York, and honeymooned in Costa Rica following the wedding. Eric and Kate Algee were married on June 7 here in Atlanta and travelled to San Francisco for their honeymoon.

Revival is happy to add these new members to its family and wishes them the best!

TIBBETTS' TIDBITS... Andrew Tibbetts, Director of Production

Now that summer is here, it is time to move the party outdoors. Revival has built many of you great decks, porches, and outdoor rooms. If you do some basic annual maintenance, you will be able to enjoy them for years to come.



Stone patios require the least maintenance. Do a quick inspection to ensure no stone or mortar has worked its way loose from the winter's freeze. A soap and water solution should be sufficient to handle normal grit and grime, and stronger acid products should be reserved only for stubborn stains. A good scrubbing with a stiff brush and a thorough rinsing should ready your patio sealing. Most home improvement stores sell a wide range of sealing products. Read the directions for the appropriate one. Most are easy to apply with a sponge mop.



Wooden decks require a bit more maintenance but follow the same basic steps. First inspect for any loose or rotten boards, and have them replaced or reattached. If your deck has become discolored, scrub it with a light bleach solution or simple soap mixture. Wash the entire deck thoroughly and let it dry for at least 24 hours. Then spray on a quality wood sealer with a deck or bug sprayer. Be careful to cover any surrounding plants, bushes, or adjoining areas.

We can not stress enough that doing maintenance routinely is more important than the products that you use. With just a little work, you will be ready for another season of spectacular outdoor entertaining.

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Residential Historic Renovation and Restoration

This colonial revival house on West Wesley Road was designed by the locally renowned firm of Hentz, Reid, and Adler in 1922 and built for the Webster family. Several newspaper articles during the 1920s and 1930s featured the house and were included in a picture album started by the Webster family and passed down to subsequent owners. In 1968 the house was sold to another family who commissioned architect Kemp Mooney in 1975 to design a large renovation and addition to the house. Mooney, known for his more contemporary designs, created an addition that was significantly different from the original home. After many years, the home was sold to the Poindexter family in 2001 who selected Stan Dixon to design the restoration project. This was one of the first projects for the firm of D. Stanley Dixon Architects which was founded in late 2005.

The main goals of the project were to alter the previous additions to compliment the original house, to add modern amenities, and to correct numerous construction and maintenance issues. The renovation succeeded not only in renovating the home to the modern requirements of an active family but also in returning the home to its original grandeur.



“Our goal was to create a house that felt as if it always belonged in the neighborhood. The house is surrounded by great homes designed by Atlanta’s best architects, and this house blends well with its neighbors.” – Wright Marshall of Revival Construction

Shutze Award

The award-winning project on Vernon Road is a dramatic renovation of a 1950s ranch. The goal of the project was to instill the classical proportions and historical details of the surrounding neighborhood to this modest ranch home which was built well after the surrounding homes. The existing qualities of the house led Dixon to the French provincial style and its historical precedents for the renovation. Not only does the design fit within this beautiful, historical area, but also the construction recalls the materials and techniques of the 1920s and 1930s.

To create this French style home, Revival made numerous alterations to the existing structure including the addition of a new limestone entry, various dormers, and a dining pavilion. The existing windows and doors were replaced with custom mahogany units of Dixon’s design. The completion of the mansard roof and rearrangement of the interior plan created continuous axial arrangements of the home’s rooms. The formal parterre garden and grass lawn now accentuate the symmetry and balance of the front façade.



Revival Takes a *Field Trip*



Several of the Revival team joined members of the Georgia Trust in April to tour Savannah College of Art and Design's restoration of the **Peters House**, an Atlanta landmark built in 1893 that many natives know as the Mansion Restaurant. Revival employees Chrystal Butts and Philip Dunphy both graduated from SCAD.

Ivy Hall, as it was christened by the Peters family and renamed by SCAD, was designed by Swedish born and trained architect Gottfried L. Norman. Norman was a prominent architect of the period who worked in both Savannah and Atlanta. Norman was a brief partner with Neel Reid and Hal Hentz at the beginning of their careers.

Ivy Hall is considered the finest remaining example of Queen Anne Victorian architecture in Atlanta. Revival encourages you to visit the site and the website, www.artofrestoration.org, and support the preservation of this Atlanta landmark.



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Vernacular Terms

Cricket

On the jobsite the term cricket does not refer to the chirping insect or the English bat and ball sport. In residential construction a cricket refer to a small framed pitch such as a gable or shed in front of a chimney or other dead valley that is used to shed water and avoid leaks.

Cantilever

A structure or beam is often cantilevered when it appears to be supported on only one end. A cantilever is a beam that is not supported at one end because it is supported by the weight and shear stress of the attached structure. This is commonly used on balconies and bay windows.