February’s profile of a well-designed living space

The project

Built to scale

A small bungalow turns into a roomy modern home without overwhelming its space

By Michael Wagner

Robert and Jennifer Barker were looking for lots of space when they bought a 1,000-square-foot bungalow in Raleigh’s Five Points. But rather than tear it down and erect another cookie-cutter design, they chose to renovate and build an addition — satisfying both their need for more room and their respect for this historic neighborhood.

Raleigh architects Brett Hanley and Chad Parker of Vernacular Studio created a gracious home that holds its space, interprets period details and maintains the original flow of the house. The addition retains the original street profile with its traditional gabled roof. What’s entirely new is the flat-roofed, two-story, 2,400-square-foot addition in back and the entry court that joins the two volumes into a single home.

The result is a house that is entirely modern in its aesthetic yet fits seamlessly into its surroundings. It is a powerful statement about the value of retaining the characteristics that make this neighborhood special while enjoying the benefits of contemporary living.

The owners declined to disclose the cost of the project. Key attributes: Modern, open floor plan joined with modern bungalow renovation

Home of the Month, a collaboration with the N.C. State University College of Design, shows possibilities for constructing a living space built with homeowners’ living patterns and preferences in mind. Each month we profile a home selected by an expert panel from designs by area architects. The goal: to offer inspiration and knowledge that can be applied to any living space.

A GARDENING TOWN HALL

With spring just around the way and the drought here to stay for a spell, gardeners are bound to wonder: how are we going to garden in these dry times.

The event took place Sunday, March 2. And if you have a photo of a specific plant or idea, send it along, too. Send your submissions to Garden@newsobserver.com, or to Town Hall Meeting, Home & Garden Department, 215 S. McDowell St., Raleigh, NC 27601. Send your submissions to Garden@newsobserver.com, or to Town Hall Meeting, Home & Garden Department.

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in a 1,200-square-foot house down the street. They had been watching the neighborhood evolve. Then, after the couple married, they decided they had to upsize. A large home. They had a child in the way and needed more space.

The answer, it turned out, was an even smaller house just a couple blocks away on Sunset Avenue. When they purchased the home 14 years ago, it was only 793 square feet. The Barkers called the house a “bungalow” and the block the “Barker block.”

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