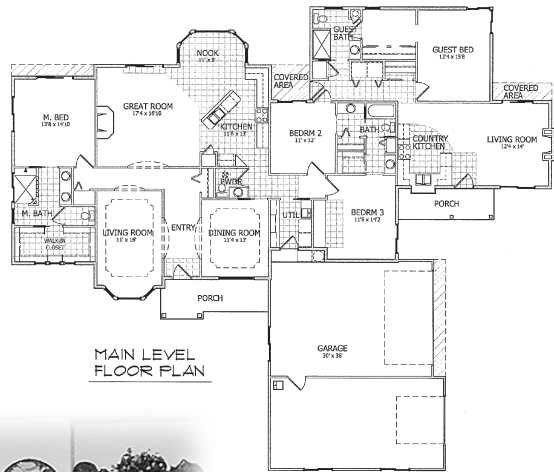


Custom HOME OF THE WEEK



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- 2,236 sq. ft. home with 850 sq. ft. apartment
- Shop area
- 4 bedrooms
- 3.5 bathrooms
- Custom tile work
- Fireplace
- Arched doorways



Custom-built home is a family affair

By Elizabeth Bennett

Family is very important to Ron and Kathy Sisson. So important that, when they decided to build a home, the couple wanted to include space for Kathy's 79-year-old mother Gloria McMaster.

Working closely with MC Construction Consultants Inc., the Sissons developed the perfect solution: an 850-square-foot apartment.

"It's so fun for her to be here," Kathy says. "She has her own private entrance, and her own deck and back porch."

The home is located in the scenic development of Pleasant Glade Ranch in Lacey. It's the perfect place to live, according to Kathy. "It's a country setting, but we're still only three minutes from Starbucks."

The 3,086-square-foot home backs up to a wetland, which affords them both a serene setting and sufficient wildlife to make life more interesting. What makes living at Pleasant Glade even nicer is having their oldest son and his family within a

few hundred feet.

"The kids and grandchildren are coming in and out all the time, which Mom really enjoys. Living here is a blessing for all of us."

The home has the warmth of family and an ample touch of European style, which stems from a trip to Italy made by Kathy and her sister. The sisters were enamored by the brickwork, tile and arches they saw during their travels. That passion for Italian design shows up in the large, brick fireplace in the great room of Sissons' new home. Arches accent the wide doorways of the living and dining rooms, plus an arched niche in the hallway mirrors the design.

Creativity is also showcased in the kitchen, where Italian tile was sliced thinly and then mortared, so it curves around the rounded corners of the eating bar. Kathy still marvels at the complexity of the project and the patience of the man who built it.

The fireplace was a collaborative effort

of MC Construction's customer coordinator Hayley Cole and Kathy. It took patience, creativity and good design sense to build the arched brick design within the fireplace front. "Everyone at MC is very, very good at being able to visualize what we were talking about."

Other rooms that received master design treatment were Ron's computer room and his workshop. MC built a desk that's tall enough for Ron to work standing up, plus shelves to house equipment and office supplies.

Ron is proud to show off his workshop, where he is refurbishing a classic car. He explained to MC designers that he'd be using a generator for the air tools, but didn't want to deal with the noise.

The generator is encased in a small, insulated room and the air is fed through pipes that have several valves for connecting his tools.

"They listened to me, understood what I needed and came up with the design. It's great," Ron says with a grin.

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