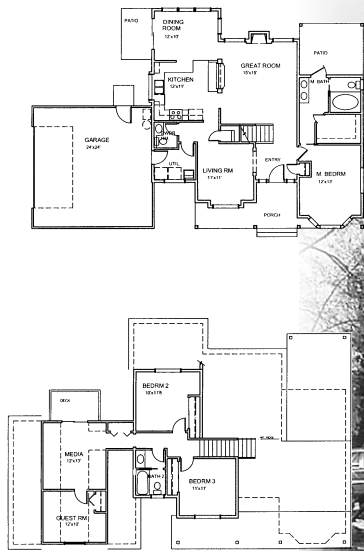


Custom HOME OF THE WEEK



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- 2084 sq. ft. home
- 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths
- Upstairs media/rec room
- 2 car garage

Windows fill this home with light

Marianne McNabb's spacious, two-story home is located on three acres of wooded property that overlooks the water. Because the view is breathtaking, windows were a priority.

"We incorporated lots of large, south-facing windows to enjoy the beauty of the environment and to take advantage of the natural light," McNabb said.

"The dining area has windows on three sides, which give it a light, airy feel. Plus, the sliding glass door opens onto a patio."

Another slider, this one in the master bathroom, opens onto a large, covered patio.

"We recently installed a hot tub there," McNabb said, "so it's become a favorite spot."

The main level of the home is 1,332 square feet, with an additional 752 square feet on the upper level. Upstairs is McNabb's home office, which allows her a quiet space away from the noise of a sometimes-busy household. Also on the second level are the two guest bedrooms, which are in regular use by her frequent

visitors. The large media room is where guests and family can watch television or do some quiet reading. It also affords an excellent view.

"There is an upstairs deck off that room, and we can see the water of Budd Inlet from there," McNabb said.

A large front entry leads visitors into the home and directs their view through the great room to the panoramic view of the woods and water. The open design of the interior adds convenience to the home, while retaining a warmth McNabb wanted.

The family enjoys the library, which originally was earmarked as a living room. The bookcases are filled with novels waiting to be read by anyone wanting to pause long enough to sprawl in a comfortable chair. This room is the McNabb's favorite, and her cats enjoy a special feature that the builder, Mike Cohen, added.

"Mike built a wonderful little window seat, and for some reason all three of our cats like to sleep there," McNabb said.

The time spent designing the house and the building process was a good experience for McNabb.

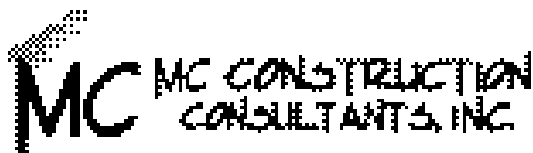
"I enjoyed working with Mike and his crew at MC Construction," she said. "We made many changes to the house design over the course of construction. At Mike's suggestion, we created open ledges in the library and kitchen to display my art glass collection."

"To keep the interior simple and uncluttered, Mike opened up a space under the stairs to accommodate stereo equipment. His crew was also willing to install handmade pottery sinks we had ordered."

Neatness counts, especially when building a home, McNabb said.

"One of the nicest things I experienced during construction was the way the construction debris was cleared away at the end of the day."

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