

Custom HOME OF THE WEEK

Home spotlights custom builder's talents

Doug and Grace Sutherland's home offers a dramatic view, both inside and out. The elevated position of the uniquely designed home allows for a panoramic view of the Olympic Mountains, Black Hills, Mount Rainier and everything in between.

But the picturesque interior of the home is nearly as pleasurable. With its 20-foot vaulted ceilings, massive windows, large rooms and distinctive placement of features, the home is atypical — even for its designer, Mike Cohen.

Cohen, president of MC Construction Consultants Inc., is known for building homes to match the lifestyle and personality of the homeowners. From a dog shower in the garage to hand-carved framework around a large fireplace to dramatic walls of windows, Cohen and his staff have made an indelible mark on custom home building in South Sound.

Grace Sutherland says those qualities and more make her and Doug happy they selected MC Construction as their builder.

"They did such a marvelous job of getting everything we wanted and they pay such attention to detail," exclaims Grace. "We have friends who went with a different builder and it's been a nightmare for them. We've been in our house a year and their house is still sitting there, unfinished. We were very fortunate to get Mike."

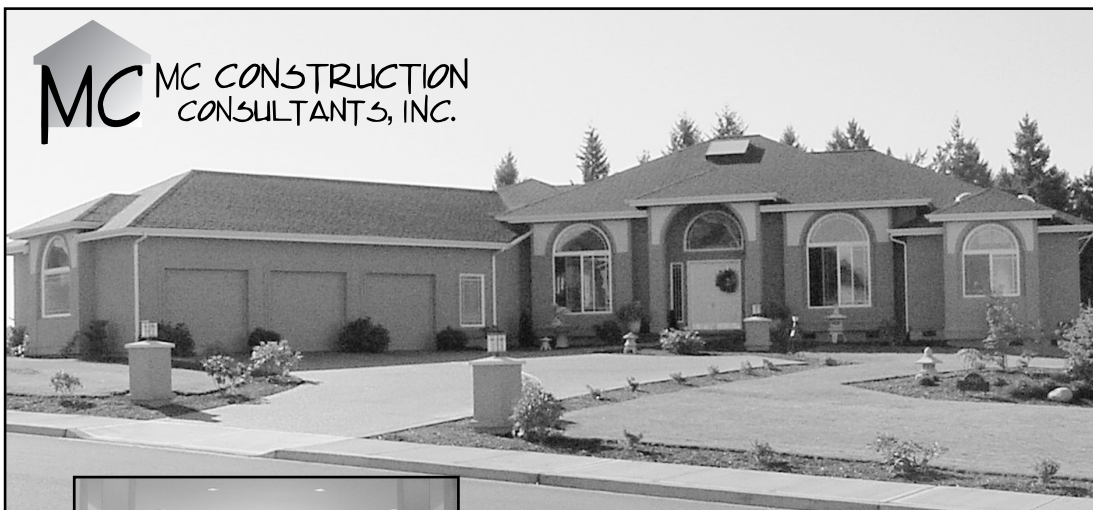
Acting on a homeowner's idea is sometimes tough for a builder. It also sometimes proves to be a good lesson in design.

"My kitchen is wonderful, but in the beginning, when I had sketched out what I wanted, Mike thought the kitchen was going to be too long and narrow," she says. "But afterwards he said it was perfect — and it's exactly what I wanted because everything is within easy reach."

Another feature Grace requested was what she calls art ledges throughout most

of the house. The shelves hold her assortment of collections while keeping them separated in the various rooms. For

The spacious master bedroom is designed for comfortable living. It has an entry onto the large deck that connects



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- 2920 sq. ft.
- 2 bedrooms
- 2.5 baths
- Study

the entire living area at the back of the home. The bedroom also has his and hers walk-in closets leading to the large bathroom, which features his and her sinks and vanities. There is a private toilet area, a large walk-in shower and a jetted bathtub.

The front of the home is designed to add additional spark to the interior. There are matching large windows and arches that flank the entryway, which also has a corresponding arch overhead.

Instead of locating the garage to the side of the house, Cohen shifted the design and angled the structure so it's not visually separate from the rest of the home. The result gave Sutherlands something they didn't expect, but appreciate. It solved a problem that most families have: storing the abundance of ornaments and giftwrap for numerous holidays and family celebrations.

"When Mike did that it gave us extra space in the garage for storing our decorations. Mike built shelves in there and I love it — in fact, I'm thrilled with it. It's a prime example of what Mike comes up with."

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example, the shelf in the kitchen is for her bird cages and collection of blue and white pottery, while other shelves around the house showcase artwork from two glass artists in the family. The shelf in the laundry room holds numerous birdhouses and the ones in the master bedroom hold art the couple has collected during international travels.

Also in the roomy laundry room is a long counter for folding clothes, a full-sized closet and a built-in ironing board designed to automatically shut off the iron when the board is folded into the wall.

The entry into the study is heightened by glass French doors that open into the room that serves as a home office for Doug. A deep closet holds his desk, computer and necessary equipment, so when the doors are closed the room is transformed into a comfortable reading or conversation area.

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