



→ The great room features floor-to-ceiling windows, which welcome and embrace nature's artistry: views of the Red River and nearby open, rushing water. Dolomitic limestone columns and interesting architectural lines complement warm Brazilian cherry floors and an inviting floor plan.

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Red River Home Combines Nature's Artistry with Architectural Distinction

A Fargo home is designed with modern conveniences, protection and luxury throughout.

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When they decided to build on a south Fargo Red River lot, they initially wanted a two-story home. However, after considering the lot's natural beauty, the couple realized they desired to reflect the same architectural renderings and concepts of Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Water House.

"We've always lived on the river, so building at this location was important," she notes. "It's private with magnificent views of rushing, open water throughout the winter. It's not uncommon to see wild turkey, ducks, geese and deer."



↑ Inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Water House, this home features Dolomitic limestone columns with granite entryway steps and sidewalks. Flood protection panels and considerations were implemented to match and enhance the existing horizontal design.

→ The back exterior is stately with Dolomitic limestone, tiered levels, granite patios, stone benches and coordinating red accents on window trim, railings and patio furniture.



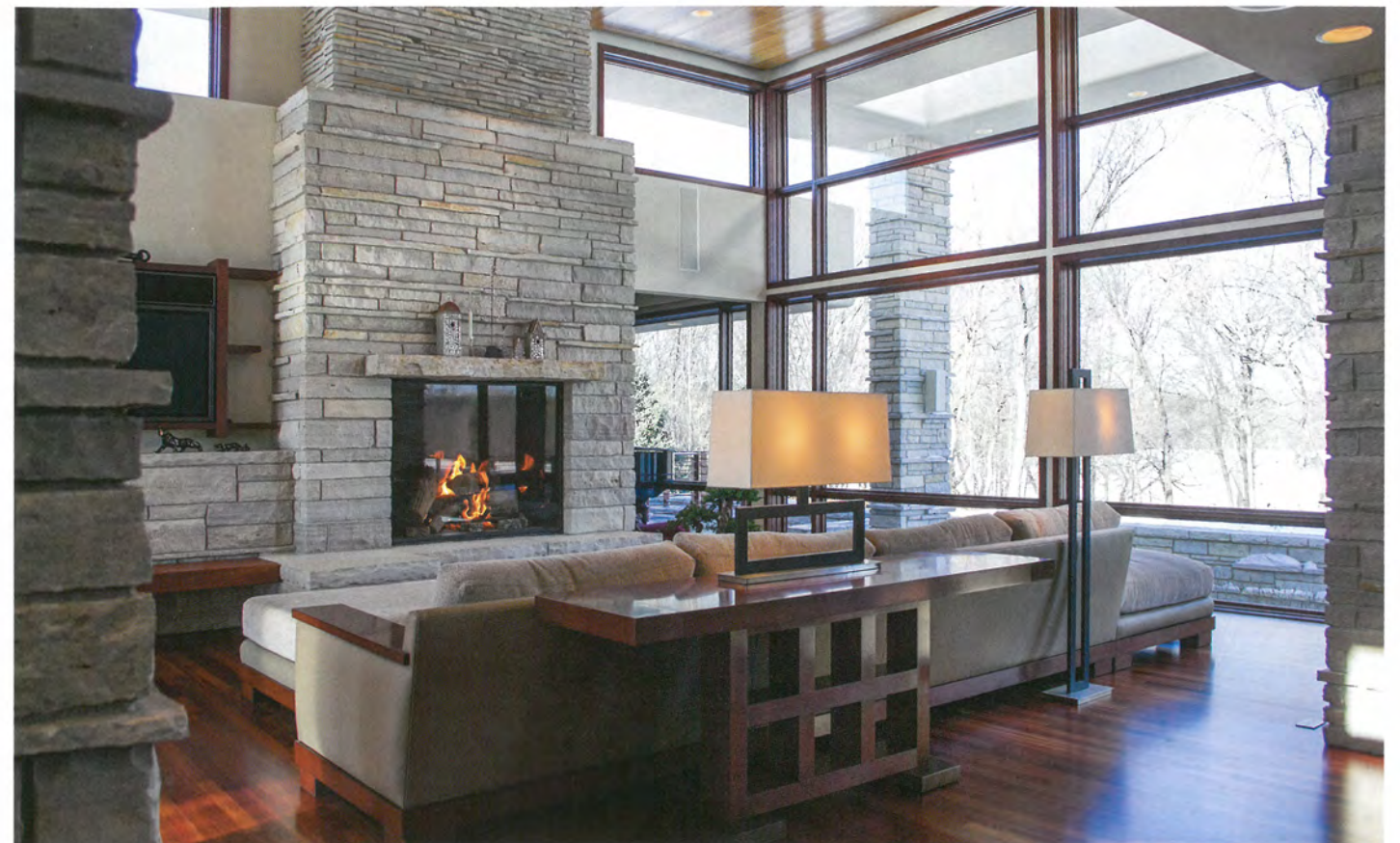
↑ An additional entrance is opened to show the magnificent Frank Lloyd Wright style of virtually seeing through many sections of the home to reveal the outdoors.



Working with architect Jack Smuckler of Minneapolis and general contractor Tomlinson and Sons Inc. of Detroit Lakes, they designed their four-bedroom, seven-bath rambler to utilize natural materials and welcome nature's artistry indoors. Strong horizontal and vertical lines throughout the home's interior and exterior are complemented by European-inspired style. Dolomitic limestone, tiered levels, granite patios, stepping-stone

pathways, a gas fire pit with stone benches, and water fountains enhance the home's natural setting. Exterior red accents for window trim, a powder-coated aluminum railing and matching patio furniture add color. Neutral interior colors complement warm cherry woodwork, Brazilian cherry flooring, limestone columns and natural stone throughout the home.

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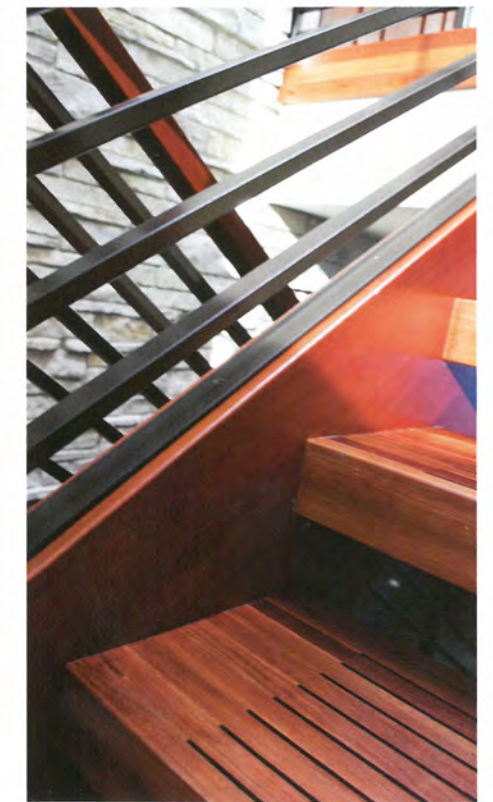


↑ Neutral interior colors, warm cherry woodwork, Brazilian cherry flooring and limestone columns and natural stone are prevalent throughout the home. A camp-size, 54-by-44-inch gas fireplace provides an inviting focal point.



↑ A European-inspired textured glass door lends a grand entrance to incredible outdoor views from the home's entryway. Down the hallway, a central office, pantry, powder room, laundry room and four-stall garage are conveniently located.

→ A close-up of the stairway reveals architectural details of the European-style, cherry open treads and modern bronze and cherry railings.





↑ Great for entertaining, the climate-controlled wine cellar – kept at precisely 65 degrees – in the unfinished cedar has an actual family crest displayed upon the wall.



↑ The homeowners asked Granite-Tops granite company to create a cut a granite backsplash to complement the kitchen's honed granite countertops.



↑ A stunning kitchen features honed granite countertops and matching backsplash, a multilevel island, warm cherry cabinetry with glass inserts and brushed nickel hardware. High-end gray Viking appliances and a nearby breakfast nook complete this sensational space.

in harmony with the primary feature of our landscape," he explains. "The stone was chosen and laid in a manner that accentuates this theme."

Magnificent outdoor views from the home's entryway enhance the great room with its campfire-size gas fireplace and open dining room, kitchen and bar. A custom cherry dining table seats 10, and the buffet cabinet provides serving and storage space.

The kitchen's honed-granite, multilevel island is perfect for four barstools. A matching cut-granite backsplash complements cherry cabinetry and brushed-nickel hardware. Deep Elkay sinks with a reverse osmosis system and dark-gray Viking appliances in the kitchen and bar area were chosen for convenience and entertaining ease. An oblong cherry breakfast nook table is positioned next to the outdoor kitchen.

An office, large pantry, powder room, laundry room and four-stall garage with heated epoxy floor are just down the hall.

Directly behind the fireplace is a den. Solid cherry French doors, built-in cabinetry with glass shelving and a cherry desk amidst stunning river views make this space as grand as the Steinway piano that shares the room.

The master suite features a Cyclone gas fireplace, cherry furniture and shelving and a pocket door that leads to an expansive walk-in closet. Tranquil river views create a relaxing space. Inside the master bath, a corner Kohler whirlpool tub with ceiling water feature, glass shower and heated ceramic floors complete the suite.

Cherry open-tread stairs with bronze and cherry railing lead to the lower level. Two bedrooms on each end frame a centrally located family room. Massive 1,500- and 2,500-pound limestone boulders form the fireplace hearth. Lower-level windows view tiered flower beds and patios.

A climate-controlled wine cellar, bar, two hobby rooms, an exercise room, three mechanical rooms, a theater room, electronics room, additional laundry room and baths finish the lower level.

Built with technology, protection, efficiency and comfort in mind, the home incorporates several operating systems within the design. Working extensively with the city of Fargo to certify that their home was flood certified, these homeowners took special considerations to construct a footed flood wall that protects the entire home and matches its horizontal design. The heating and cooling comes from 23 highly efficient geothermal wells located in the backyard. This system features an air exchanger incorporated with a steam generator for humidification. An expansive 800-amp service is backed by a 20-kW Onan generator that protects the home in case of power loss. The exterior sound-activated alarm system was integrated into the security system. Finally, a snow-melt sensor system keeps sidewalks, stairways and patios dry.

"We combined modern design with textures and the warmth of woodwork for a clean look," she concludes. "The home is an eclectic mix of mainly modern with a touch of antiques for interest." *



↑ Behind the fireplace is a den featuring solid cherry French doors, built-in cabinetry with glass shelving, a cherry desk and grand piano. Dramatic river views make this a fabulous office setting!



← An intricate-patterned, open-tread cherry stairway with bronze and cherry railing has abundant lighting and features electronically controlled light-blocking shades.

DESIGN Thoughts...

The initial stages of building a home are somewhat of a metamorphosis. Everyone has an appreciation for various styles of architecture and design, but it often takes going through a refining process to arrive at what resonates most with preferences, lifestyle and the location where the home is built.

We were honored to partner with the homeowners, Smuckler Architects, and Ron Scolman Interior Design in building this beautiful home. With plans finalized, we secured a team of talented, highly detailed craftsmen. We were enthusiastic about the materials selected, the blending of various stone textures and the broad expanse of glass that embraced views of the Red River.

This was a wonderful opportunity for our company to expand our horizons on new frontiers. The knowledgeable engineers and collaboration of professionals challenged our team to new levels. We approached and resolved those challenges with a positive attitude and proactive communication, which was imperative to the success and completion of this remarkable home.

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