

# HOME BEAUTY TRAVERSES the carolinas

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Homeowners are not the only ones who experience the happiness and pride that comes with building a dream home or remodeling a current residence that meets demanding expectations. On the other side of the coin is the satisfaction a builder receives from knowing he has delivered on every element, and then some. With this in mind, one of the crucial aspects of the process is partnering with an astute builder who pays attention to every detail to make it all happen.

Jim Benham, president of Charlotte-based Benham Builders, knows the equation well. "Our goal in each home we design, build or remodel is to create something special -- a space that functions at a high level," he says. "We must be sensitive to designing a space efficiently, with the activities that it's meant to accommodate in mind. It must be eye-catching and attractive, taking full advantage of its potential, but most importantly it must bring people together in easy harmony, providing a seamless backdrop for their activities."

When Piper Glen residents Tom and Polly Fenig embarked on building their new permanent home in Beaufort, SC, they were familiar and impressed with Jim's work in Charlotte. Teaming up seemed natural and the results are nothing short of a showpiece. "The home was truly a combined effort from design through construction," says Beaufort Project Manager Jimmy Benham. "It was a pleasure working with the Fenigs and the result was what we strive for with every project -- an enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone involved." Jim and Jimmy, the father and son team, agree that the most important take-

away from each project is being able to surpass a client's expectations.

An alliance between the Fenigs, Benham Builders and their Charlotte home designer resulted in a house that captures each and every detail requested. "They built our home as though it was truly their own," Tom says. "The level of detail is such, that every day I find a new surprise previously unnoticed."

The crowning jewel in this unique standing-seam, tin-roofed home is a stunning windowed cupola that tops out at 40 feet above the finished first floor. The house is a study in elegance, showcasing the exceptional use of indigenous design and materials, natural light and outdoor living areas.

Were the homeowners happy? "Benham Builders is a highly experienced and creative builder who tells it like it is, with vision and taste," Tom says. "For me, they are the only choice to consider. Our experience was so positive that if we were to build again, we would make only one call."

For homeowners interested in remodeling, Benham Builders is also uniquely qualified with a portfolio consisting of furniture and cabinet design, whole house renovations, kitchens and baths, additions and a great deal of structural work - including many historic renovations in and around Richmond, VA, Baltimore, MD and Washington, DC. ❖

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