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THE EXTENDED ROOF AT THE FRONT ENTRY FEATURES A CRISP, KNIFE-EDGE FASCIA. THIS CONTROLS THE WATER RUNOFF WITH DEEP OVERHANGS AND A SYSTEM OF AREA DRAINS AROUND THE HOME. FLAT-ROOFED ADDITIONS AT THE HOME'S FOUR CORNERS SIMPLIFY THE ROOF CONFIGURATION AND OVERALL EXTERIOR APPEARANCE.



THE DRAMATIC, CENTRAL VAULTED CEILING ENDS AT THE REAR PATIO, ASSURING GENEROUS COVERAGE AND PROTECTION FOR THIS SERENE OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT. FLANKING BRICK PYLONS PROVIDE SUPPORT, GIVING A SENSE OF VISUAL ANCHORING. AN ADJACENT TRELLED PATIO, ACCESSIBLE FROM THE MASTER SUITE, GIVES THE KELLOUGHS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SAVOR THE LAKESIDE VIEWS.

THE DINING ROOM IS ACCENTED WITH BRICK COLUMNS AND A DARK METAL BEAM WITH FINE DETAILING THAT BRINGS THE EXTERIOR MATERIALS INTO THE INTERIOR.



A REVIVAL FOR THE AGES

When couple Bill and Beverly Kellough discovered a rather ordinary ranch-style home overlooking a midtown Tulsa lake, they knew it was the perfect place for them. They also knew Brian Freese, owner of Freese Architecture, was their choice to transform it into a beautiful, modern residence.

Freese's challenge was to have the home complement the tranquil setting and perfectly suit the couple's lifestyle. Both are retired; Bill was an attorney and district judge, while Beverly was an executive at a publicly traded gas company.

"Since we are older, we knew it was important to have a home where we would be aging in place," Beverly says.

Other special needs for the home included





THE KITCHEN, DEFINED BY A DARK METAL BEAM AND FLANKING BRICK COLUMNS, BOASTS A GREAT VIEW OF THE LIVING ROOM AND LAKE BEHIND THE HOME.



THIS HIGHLY FUNCTIONAL GALLERY SPACE SERVES MULTIPLE PURPOSES. IT IS HER OFFICE, EXERCISE AND CRAFT AREA, HIS ART STUDIO, AND EVEN THEIR OVERFLOW DINING SPACE FOR LARGE PARTIES. A 20-FOOT SKYLIGHT PROVIDES VARIED NATURAL LIGHT THROUGHOUT THE DAY.



THE KITCHEN FEATURES WALNUT CABINETRY AND A DECIDEDLY MODERN DESIGN. THE ISLAND CHAIRS ARE FROM ITALY.



THE MASTER SUITE INCLUDES A DOUBLE-SIDED FIREPLACE AND THE COUPLE'S READING ROOM. THE COLOR SCHEME THROUGHOUT THE HOME IS WHAT FREESE DESCRIBES AS "LIGHT AND BRIGHT." THIS ELEGANT SUITE ALSO FEATURES AN UNUSUAL CEILING WALLPAPER WITH A WOOD GRAIN APPEARANCE.

an office for Bill and his occasional clients, a room for arts and crafts and a workout space.

"My husband is an insomniac, so a reading space for him was very important," Beverly says.

The small, secluded lake, surrounded by 16 homes, was a major draw after they looked at several other properties.

"We mentioned this home to Brian and he had seen it before," Beverly says. "We spent a lot of time with him while he was designing a complete renovation. I think it was a labor of love for him."

What particularly impressed the homeowners is the way Freese integrated the interior and exterior spaces.

"There's a lot of glass and beautiful views from the windows," Beverly says.

Freese adds: "The home's vaulted family room gives it an entirely new gathering area, with expansive lake views, which the home never had before."

The spacious, 4,600 square-foot home includes abundant patio space, perfect for casual entertaining. This is Freese's favorite area of the home.

"It's a glorious outdoor space, very roomy, and a wonderful place to enjoy the neighborhood lake," he says.

Various wildlife frequent the lake, adding to the home's charm.

The kitchen and family rooms are major assets for entertaining. The family room's white walls and black fireplace create a dramatic setting. The focal point is the Steinway baby grand piano. Bill plays the piano and guitar, so there's no lack of music at their gatherings.

The home is a new style and residential departure for the couple.

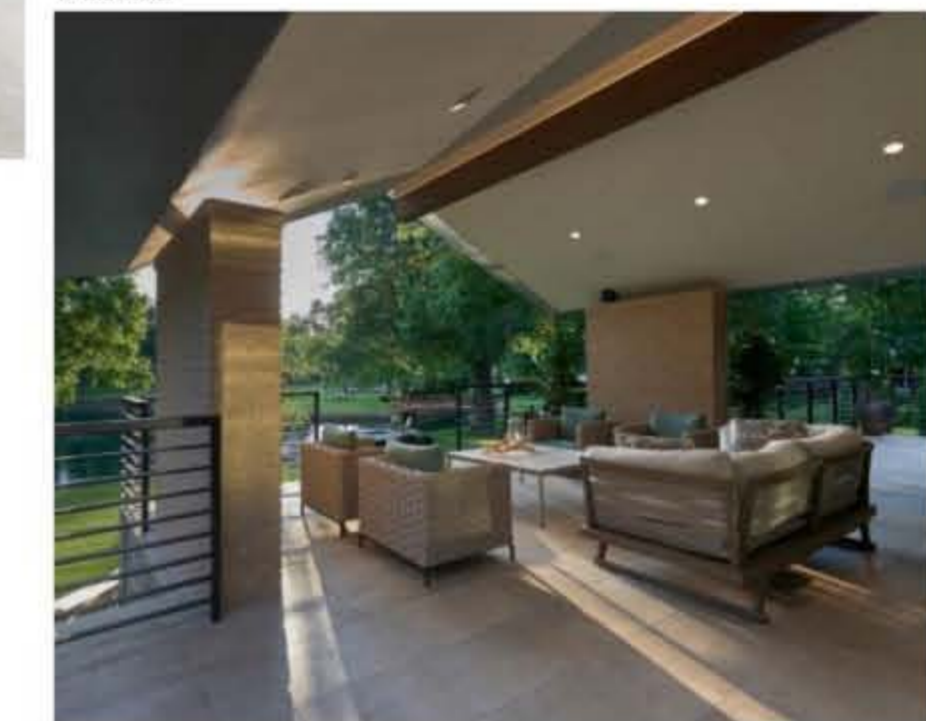
"Neither of us had ever lived in a modern style home with this kind of architecture," Beverly says.

Now they can't imagine living any place else.



THE TRELLISED PATIO OUTSIDE THE MASTER SUITE OFFERS AMPLE VIEWS OF THE LAKE. INSIDE IS THE COUPLE'S READING ROOM.

THE FINAL PIECE OF THE LONG, EXTENDED ROOF ENDS DRAMATICALLY AT THE LAKESIDE VIEW AT THE BACK OF THE HOME.



THE MAIN LIVING AREA HIGHLIGHTS THE DRAMATIC, VAULTED CEILING AND THE LED-ILLUMINATED WOOD BEAM THAT EXTENDS THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE.



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Architect, Residential

Jack Arnold in Tulsa, known as an expert in European residential design, promotes a sophisticated style for modern living. Since 1994, **Brian Freese** of **Freese Architecture** specializes in custom single-family and multifamily residences that minimize stress on the planet. **John Duvall** of **Duvall Atelier** has a portfolio ranging from complete custom-home designs and single-room makeovers to successful restaurants and bars.

In Oklahoma City, **Rand Elliott** of **Rand Elliott Architects** says, "We really believe that we cannot only build great buildings but impact people's lives." **Perry House Plans** offers custom designs, floor plans and modifications for entire houses, extensions or individual rooms. **Bruce Bockus** at **Bockus Payne Architecture** maintains growth and dynamism with the same family feel established by its founders more than 30 years ago.

Architect, Commercial Firm

KKT Architects, Inc., in Tulsa touts character, creativity, community and collaboration as core values, with projects including the children's Discovery Lab, set to open next year at the Gathering Place. **MATRIX Architects Engineers Planners, Inc.**, embraces inspiration springing from clients' ideas and designs one-of-a-kind spaces.

TriArch Architecture always focuses on the clients because they are the drivers and motivators of a project. **Selser Schaefer Architects** states, "Great design is nothing without people to experience it, interact with it – and connect with each other because of it."

In Oklahoma City, **GH2 Architects** provides on-call services to the State of Oklahoma offices and the University of Oklahoma. **Mass Architects** is heavily into historical preservation, shown by the restora-

tion of the state Capitol. Among the projects of **Butzer Architects and Urbanism** are the Skydance Bridge, iconic OKC Memorial and up-and-coming Scissortail Park. **Prime Architects** provides comprehensive architectural and building operations services to both government and commercial clients.

Bathroom Fixtures

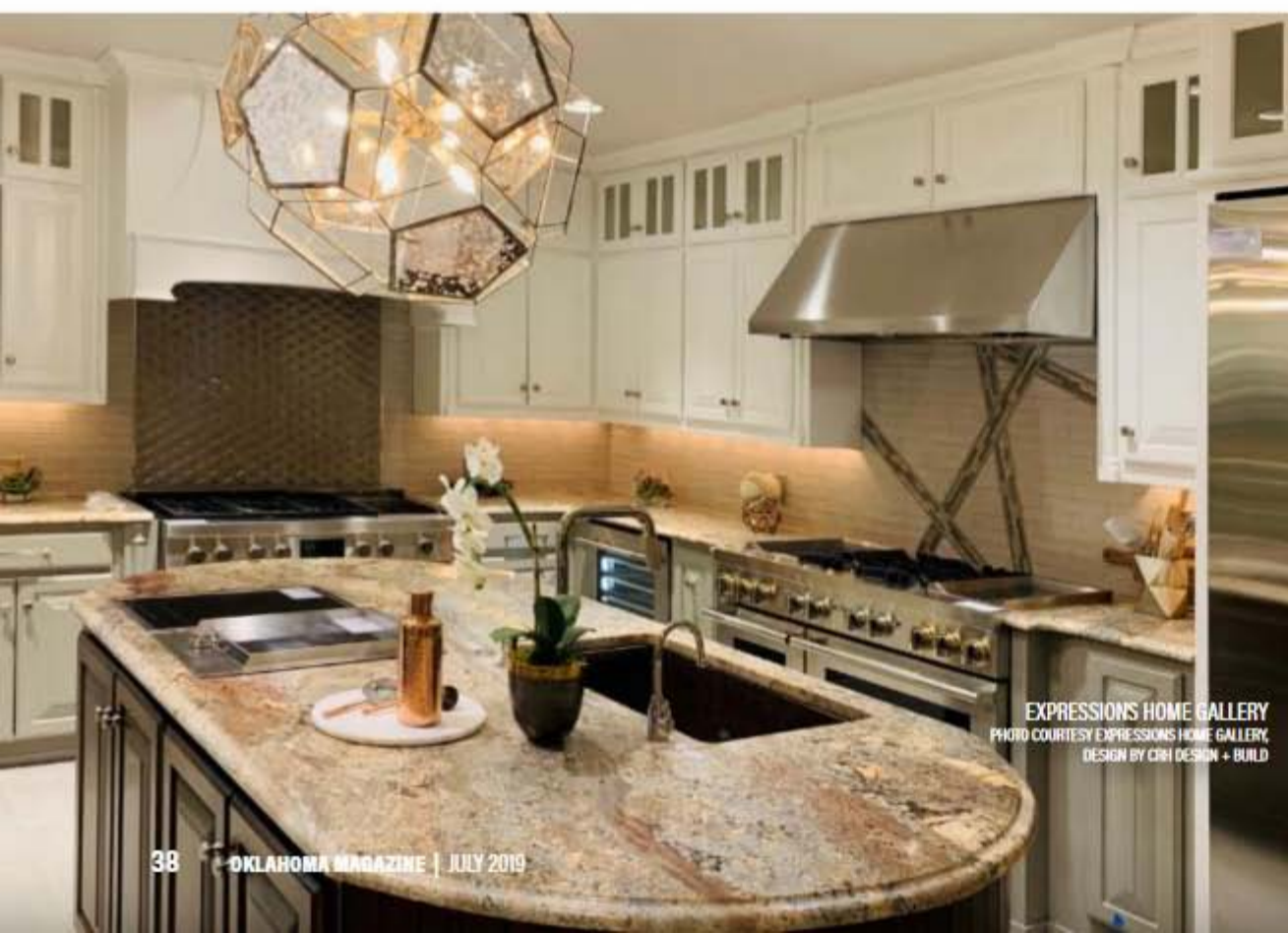
Expressions Home Gallery, in Tulsa and OKC, carries high-end brands for fixtures, lighting, accessories and fans. **Heatwave Supply and Showroom**, a Tulsa business for 58 years, has a 6,000-square-foot showroom. **Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery**, with showrooms in Broken Arrow and Oklahoma City, takes individual appointments. **Hoffman Kitchen and Bath** in Tulsa has a design team and products to help with any update or renovation.

In Oklahoma City, **Architectural Hardware Designs** promotes accurate, transformational designs and products.

Cabinetry

Tulsa's **Sullivan's Custom Cabinetry**, in its 40th year of business, employs dozens of highly skilled designers and craftsmen. **K&D's Wood Refinishing** focuses solely on woodwork and cabinets, offers a five-year warranty on its work and does not subcontract jobs. **Mill Creek Lumber**, founded in 1934 as Commercial Lumber, has always been owned by the Dunn family and offers high-quality products. **Jay Rambo Co.**, begun in 1953, has an 80,000-square-foot building and sells to individuals, builders and dealers.

The national chain **Lowe's** is a favorite in Oklahoma City for its array of products. Also, **Suburban Cabinet Shop** provides sales, service and old-world craftsmanship within a 70-mile radius. **Wilshire Cabinet +**



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