

PARAGON

Fixtures and material selections rule. No matter where you look in design, architecture and building, details matter now more than ever. The more unique, the better. Even budgets are being redefined based on the attachment to the well-designed objects that will decorate the spaces we bring into reality. Like the flame of a candle or the cherry on a sundae, the finishing details have become what defines the final presentation of a product. We visit one of our modern renovation projects with the founding partner of Cluck Design Collaborative.

SPOTLIGHT

When it comes to home design, there is a basic emotion that every homeowner shares. "People want to love their home," explains Chris Scorsone LEED® founding partner of Cluck Design Collaborative. Renovation projects are

often about tearing things down, but this modern home provided our team with a blank canvas to add details to. In this case, it was all about adding décor.

"This home was cold. It lacked the precious nature of materiality."

stated Scorsone. "Together with the help of a very design savvy client, a talented GBI team and interior designer, Paige Brice, we worked on adding what I like to refer to as the next layer of

▼ *Detail of 15 ft. crystal light fixture.*







▲ *Clear-coated walnut shiplap wall and TV surround adds warmth.*

refinement and sophistication to a home that was dominated by concrete and wall board.” Modern design demands an approach that blends residential and commercial construction knowledge, something that we

are uniquely qualified to handle. It is a special type of design detail that challenges our team to take uncommon, clever creative ideas to a high standard of construction – an effort that truly demonstrates the talent of the GBI pool of skilled craftsmen. Cluck Design Collaborative worked on each space with consideration

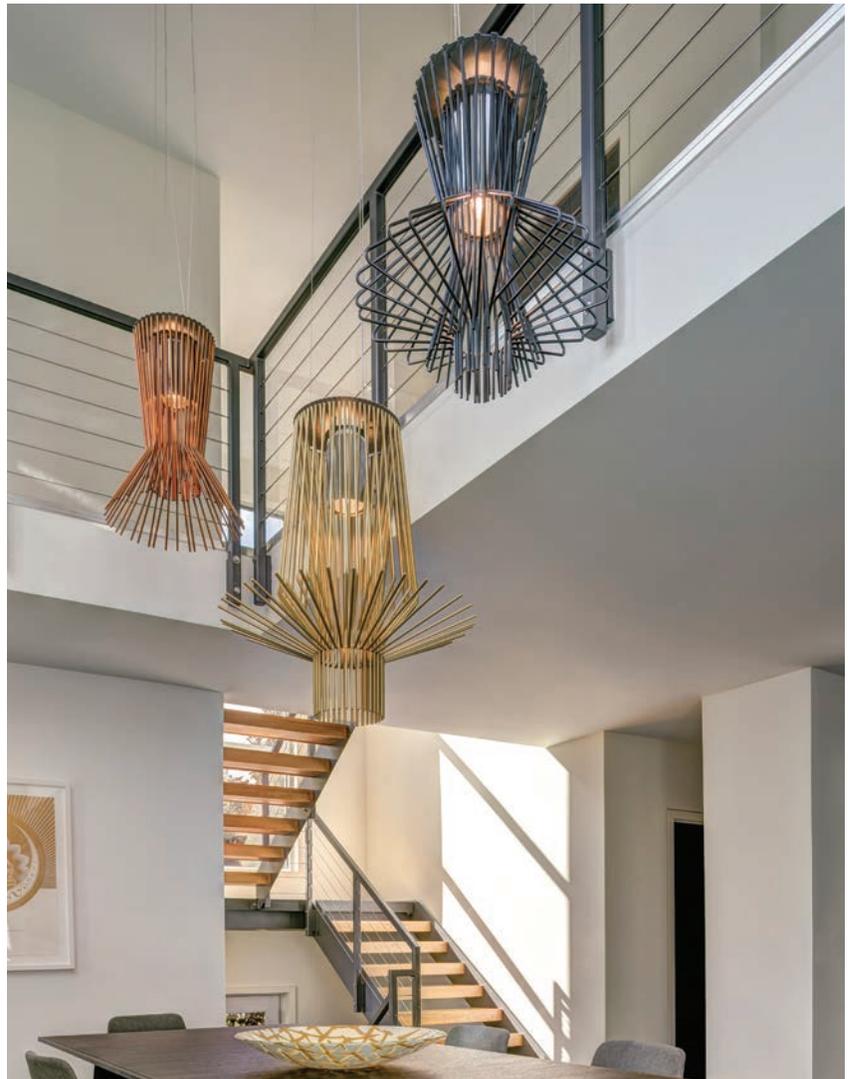
for what was missing. In the pool room, they sought to create vertical interest or what Scorsone refers to as “the vertical journey from playing pool and going up.” That journey was defined by a stunning 15 ft. crystal fixture that glows with the abundance of natural light in the James Iron & Steel stairwell.



▼ *Muted warm hues, black granite Japanese soaking vessel and metallic dining room fixtures.*

In the living room, the priority was to add warmth by introducing surfaces that are more tactile and visually appealing. “Wood is associated with touch. It is nature at its best,” Scorsone points out about the addition of a walnut shiplap wall. There were more subtle adjustments as well that focused on redefining appropriate scale for the space. Some examples include changing the dimension and proportion of the fireplace and the positioning of the TV. The delicate art of achieving relative harmony and balance is even more critical in abstract environments.

In the master bedroom, Scorsone wanted to create a memorable element that compliments the high ceiling. He refers to a bedroom as the “shaper of your day” – a space where your day begins and ends. So with that in mind, a floating, custom headboard was constructed out of 2,000 lbs. of illuminated onyx. A kitchen vent could not be removed inside that wall, so





we matched the bump out on the one side of the headboard with another on the opposite side for symmetry and created a hidden access panel to the lighting system.

Elegance is in the details. Even the stone work in the master bath and the fireplace surround is a Renaissance-inspired gem: Book-matched marble. When a block of natural stone is processed, it is cut into slabs by a large gang saw which works much the same way as a bread slicer. Once the slabs are cut, they are laid flat to be polished, and then bundled

together in the same order at the end of the processing line. Book-matched slabs are slabs which were adjacent to each other, but have been polished on opposite sides. When these slabs are placed side by side, they are a near mirror image of each other and veining can be aligned to create one unbroken pattern. "The beauty and symmetry of book-matching stone is simply breath-taking," muses Scorsone. He concludes, "Restraint is important in a modern home. All of us were focused on honoring and respecting this in our approach." 🔄

▲ Backlit 2,000 lb. Onyx headboard and Crema Ondular book-matched slabs in Chrome Therapy shower.



THE A-TEAM

Architect:
Cluck Design Collaborative
Stone:
The Marble & Stone Workshop
Onyx Wall Steel Grid:
Marty Blackwelder
Interior Design:
Paige Brice, Kari Molnar

SOUTHERN WINTER

A YEAR ROUND OF DELIGHT AT THIS LAKE NORMAN ESTATE

OUTDOOR LIVING



Southern winters in Charlotte are truly enjoyable with temperatures that typically range between the high 30's and low 50's – although 2016 will be remembered for temperature ranges even higher than that!

Outdoor living spaces have always been a priority in these parts and one home we built has pulled out all the stops. The French Country estate home designed by Carolina Design Group did not originally fit on the lakefront lot due to so many lake setbacks, but with some creative modifications we were able to finally make it work.

▼ *Closeup of the outdoor bar and kitchen pool cabana and view of the heated swimming pool and rock-shaped fountain detail.*



▲ Exteriors of the estate show the scale of the property as it reaches to fill the long and narrow lot to the water's edge.

The property boasts huge outdoor living areas that negate the tight, long and narrow lot. True to French Country, there is a plethora of stone and cast stone design elements by Stone Development and artisanal doors by Clark Hall Doors.

The 6,319 sq. ft. residence is flanked by side and rear loggias that provides ample covered outdoor space to enjoy the lake views, flora and fauna.

A generous covered outdoor bar and kitchen pool cabana beckons





JOE'S MAINTENANCE CHECK LIST FOR YOUR HOUSE

Replace furnace filters
once a month

Clean gutters to prevent
unnecessary roof leaks
from leaves and winter
ice build up

Check weather stripping
around doors/windows
and replace if necessary

Close crawlspace vents
(if applicable)

A hard freeze could burst
pipes. Turn off outdoor
spickets prior to first
forecasted freeze

Check fireplace
chimney for soot
build-up and clean
professionally if needed

Schedule irrigation
winterization
(if applicable)



entertainment and convenience
by the heated swimming pool.

A jumbo-sized semi-sphere
hanging fire pit is the centerpiece
feature of the outdoor seating
area for warming up on winter
nights and closer to the edge
of the property, a sandy fire pit
design on the beach provides the
most unobstructed view of
sunsets on the lake's horizon. 🌀

▲ Beachfront stone surround firepit and
745 sq. ft. loggia with French Country
cast columns at sunset.

THE A-TEAM

Stone:
Stone Development
Doors:
Clark Hall Doors
Windows:
Metro Windows & Doors

GRAINDA