



## FEATURE DESIGNER PROFILE

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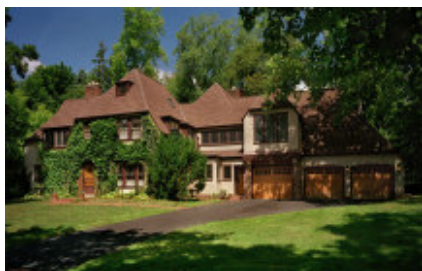
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This newsletter's featured designer is a fairly new member and a great reminder of why our organization exists--FOR THE LOVE OF DOING RESIDENTIAL DESIGN! Michael was a joy to interview and was refreshing to me of why I do this work.

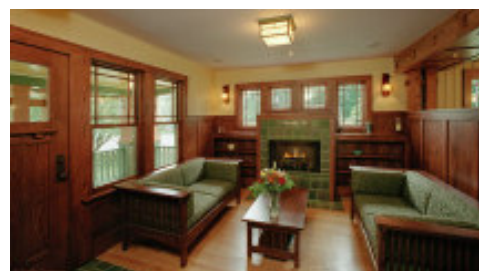


He is a graduate of the University of Michigan's Architectural programs--B.S and M.S.--but this tells such a very small story. He is also a great lover of the Arts--all of the arts, but especially drawing and dance. It was a pleasant surprise to learn he also attended the School of Dance at U of M. His love of residential design blossomed when he worked for Tivadar Balogh in the Ann Arbor area, along with being influenced by the work of the architect David Osler. Most all of us have a story about a mentor that enhanced the direction we went in life. Michael's was refreshing and inspiring to hear. Make sure you take the opportunity to hear it when you next see him.

Michael has lived in various locations: from Grand Blanc, Michigan, to California and New York. All of these led him to his current locale, with a family, in Ann Arbor, Michigan--a very interesting route indeed!



There are two very important things I admire about Michael and his work. One is his love of the arts (as well as architecture of ALL kinds) and his passion to use it in his work. His design and interaction with clients lead to the end result of achieving excellent customer relations; which is very, very important to him.



The second thing I admire about Michael is his love of residential architecture. With all of his training and disciplines, his love IS residential architecture. Please take a close look at the work he does and you will see the wonderful detail that makes his residential design projects a joy to look at. This to me is being an icon for us in AIBD. I imagine his customers feel the same.

What I also like about Michael is his desire to be interested and balanced in all areas of his life. He ironically started out in biomedical engineering, passed through artistic drawings and dance, and then on to architecture. I also like and am thankful that he is part of our organization, showing by example and reminding us why we all do residential design and what we continually aspire to--excellence of residential design with excellent integrity and satisfied customers. I hope that our organization returns the same to him. Congratulations Michael for winning 2 awards at the 2006 AIBD National Design Competition!