

NARI MINNESOTA 2022 COTY AWARD

PROJECT:
SUNFISH LAKE REMODEL

CATEGORY:
RESIDENTIAL HISTORICAL RENOVATION/
RESTORATION \$250,000 AND OVER

HISTORY

Originally built in 1931, the Sunfish Lake home was designed by architect Edwin Lundie, who before starting his own practice had worked on the St. Paul Cathedral and Minnesota State Capital as an apprentice. Lundie wanted to take his experiences of working on grand and elaborate structures to establish his own distinct residential architectural vocabulary. He began his residential practice in 1921 and designed the home on Sunfish Lake ten years later.

The original home was modest in design, but Lundie returned 5 decades later to expand the home to just under 10,000 square feet for another owner. There is no other property of this scale that we know of, in which Mr. Lundie initially designed early in his career and then came back to expand at the end of his life.

The current owners, over a 30-month period, planned and renovated the 1967 version of the home retaining the historical elements while adding a grand family room and kitchen with specific architectural details found in other Lundie homes.



ORIGINAL DETAILS | before

- Three separate staircases are located throughout the home including the grand main entry stair.
- Custom designed hammered metal hardware, light fixtures, and other accessories.
- A stunning intricately detailed natural wood Georgian butler's pantry.
- Numerous custom designed wood alcoves, window seats, and distinctive rich details.



ORIGINAL DETAILS | before

- A large elaborate Georgian dining room.
- A formal paneled sitting room/parlor with fireplace and elegant curved alcove entry classic of Lundie design.
- A hearth room with oversized Georgian style fireplace and hearth, original wood millwork shelving, and 90-year old hand scraped ceiling beams.
- Crafted rooms rich in wood paneling, hand scraped timbers and exquisite curved wall millwork.



UPHOLDING HISTORICAL INTEGRITY | after

After purchasing the home, the new owners wanted to incorporate more modern amenities while retaining the rich character found in the blend of beautiful wood species throughout its floors and walls.

Situated on 6 acres, the property is beautifully landscaped. The last family to own the home before the current homeowners purchased the property was very involved in the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, and it was important to maintain the immaculate gardens throughout the 30-month renovation.

Stone steps lead from the great-room addition to a new patio and pool.



BLENDING NEW WITH OLD | after

The primary goal was to modernize the home while supporting the unique character of Lundie's design. Nearly every room was renovated in the home, some extensive, while other areas minor. The owners loved to entertain and wanted a space that would flow freely inside and out to the poolside patio overlooking the lake and meticulously landscaped gardens.

A 3,113 square foot addition provided a larger kitchen with stunning 60-inch range and hood, oversized Sub-Zero refrigerator concealed within a "furniture quality" wood finish, and two islands, one for food preparation and the other for serving. A hidden pantry supplies added storage and room for a second dishwasher and sink.

The addition also provided a lodge-style great room featuring 20-foot cathedral ceilings with antiqued tongue and groove planks defined by a stone fireplace with custom metal surround and hand-hewn timber beams. Bi-folding doors open to the outdoor pool and patio area, surrounded by a beautiful and broad landscape to the lake.



THE TRANSFORMATION | after

The large elaborate Georgian dining room retained much of the original character. With the kitchen and great room addition, the east side windows were now blocked. A custom display cabinet was crafted to fit into the window space to match existing hutches in the room.

Named after the original architect who designed the home, the Lundie Room is a formal sitting room/parlor distinctly appointed with paneling, moldings and an elegant dual curved alcove entry, classic of a Lundie design. The elaborately detailed woodwork was refurbished with a custom faux finish, and the original herringbone patterned wood floor was updated with a rich, dark stain.

Off the main foyer entrance, a portion of the 1967 kitchen was transformed into an office adorned with painted light blue cabinetry and ornate wall-covering.

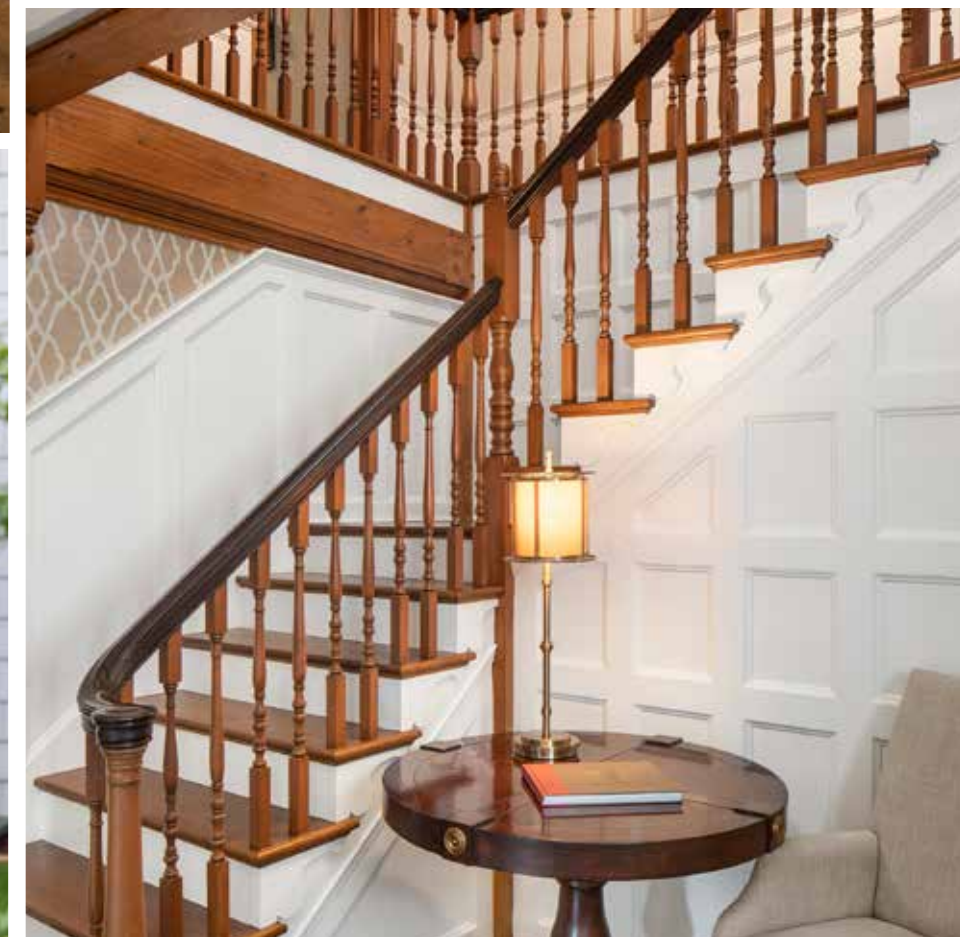
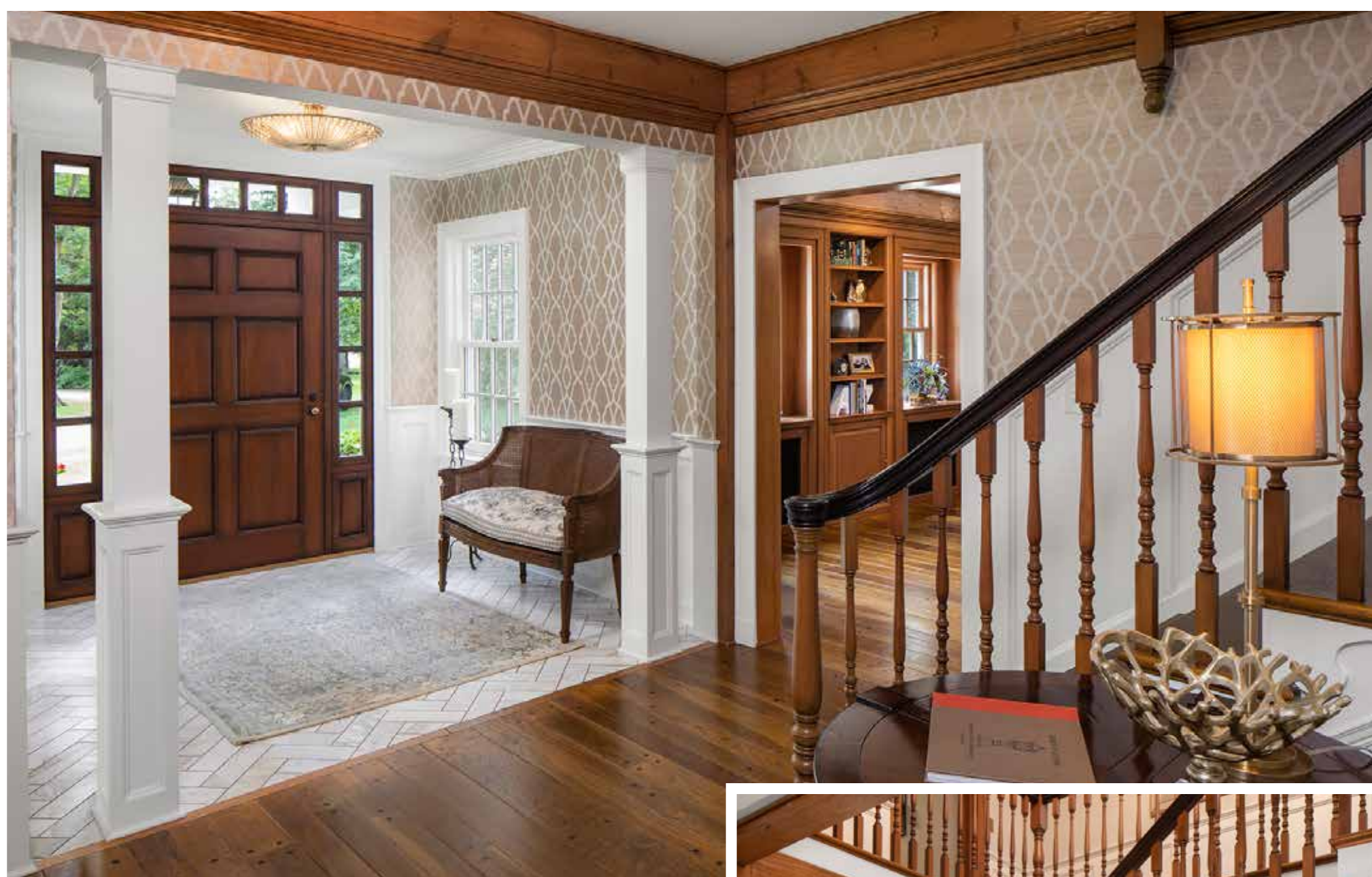


THE TRANSFORMATION | after

The main stair was meticulously renovated by adding white wainscoting and molding enhancements to the beautifully detailed original honey colored spindled staircase.

A new colonial portico entry to the home allowed for a larger main foyer.

The exterior was tweaked by adding a new cedar roof and copper gutters to enhance the home's curb appeal.



THE TRANSFORMATION | after

The Gun Room Conversion. The previous owner used this upper level space as his gunroom. Renovations included adding custom wood shelves, a fireplace, and an elaborate mantle to match the original details throughout the home. A custom built-in desk was made to match the cabinet details below new dormered windows that bring in natural light and views of Sunfish Lake. The existing custom finished hardware was repurposed in the new built-in cabinetry.



THE TRANSFORMATION | after

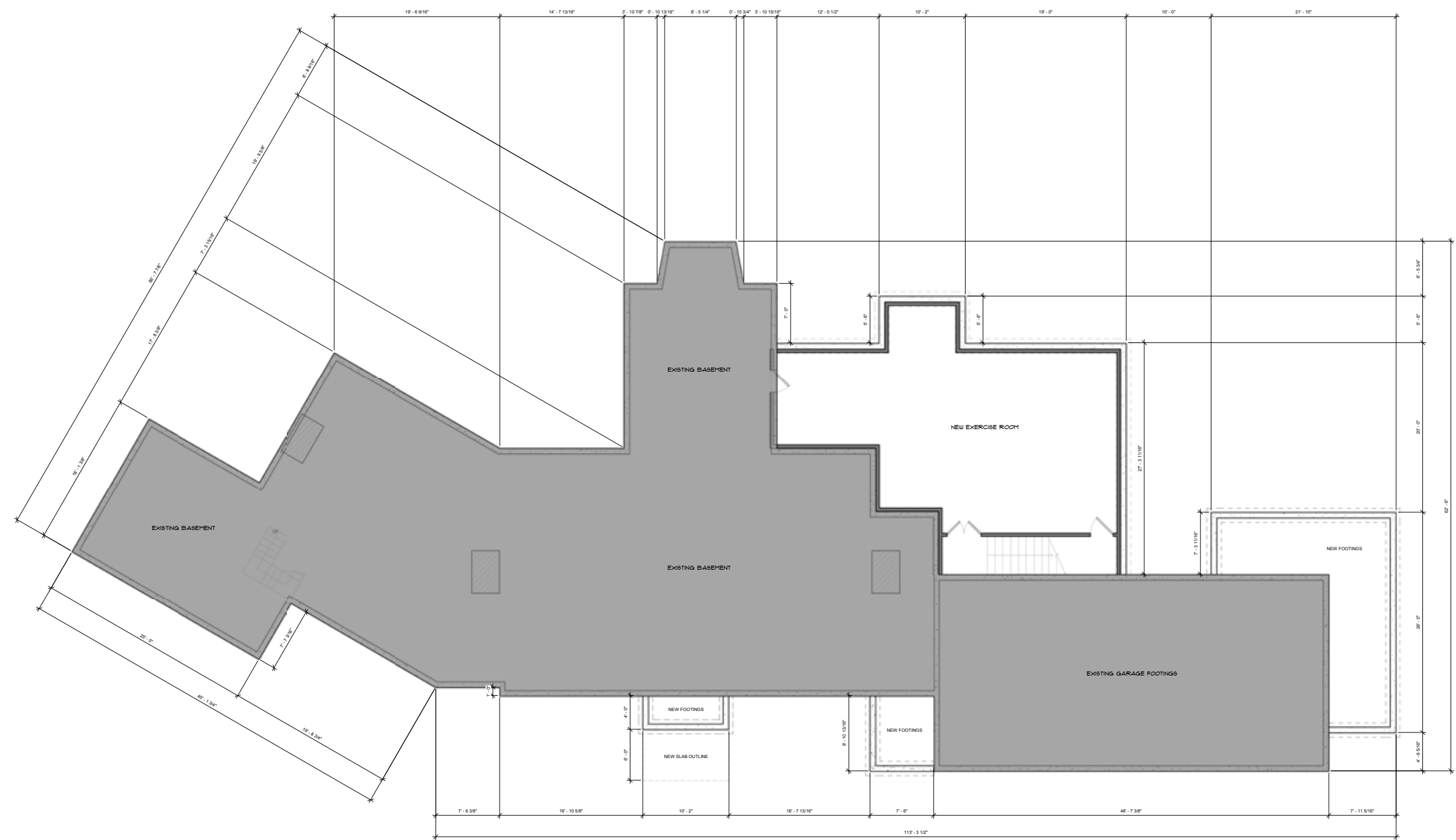
A new marble master bath with jacuzzi and large two-person shower highlights intricate details designed to match the existing architecture.

A motorized shade is discreetly concealed in a custom shade box that matches the adjacent mirrors, constructed within the angled ceiling.

The original wainscoting and wood flooring from the hallway were expertly crafted to match from the bedroom doorway to new bathroom entrance for a seamless transition.



LOWER LEVEL FLOOR PLAN | Existing + New



MAIN LEVEL FLOOR PLAN | Existing + New

