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Architect

Bob Wilkoff, Archaeon

Architect Bob Wilkoff has collected a number of awards in his 30 years of practice, including the American Institute of Architects' Award for Design Excellence. But it's his ability to incorporate clients' styles that makes him one of Montgomery County's premiere home designers.

"We want an understanding of our clients' personal aesthetic and what it is they're trying to accomplish," says Wilkoff, 56, whose firm is based in Cabin John. "We never try to dictate a design." Wilkoff estimates half his projects are in Bethesda, and almost all are in Montgomery County.

Lawyer Russell Fox hired Archaeon to renovate his brick Colonial near Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, asking that it not conflict with the look of his neighbors' houses. The 14-month project, completed in June, expanded the house and increased natural light with large, strategically placed windows. "We were trying to strike a balance between traditional-looking space and something that's new and different," Fox says. "Bob struck the perfect balance."

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Phil Leibovitz likes to drive prospective clients around Bethesda to show off some of the 70 homes Sandy Spring Builders has constructed. "I can show them 15 houses in 15 minutes," says Leibovitz, a partner with the firm for 15 years. "We've really put our stamp on this community."

In business since 1982, Sandy Spring Builders has won seven awards from the Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association, including Custom Home of the Year and Best Whole House Renovation. In 1999, the Bethesda-based company also helped build the 600-seat Shirley Povich Field, home of the Bethesda Big Train Baseball Club.

In its efforts to stay on the cutting edge, the company last year introduced a line of custom modular homes that take just a few months to complete. The homes use recycled material and varnishes and sealants that don't emit harmful pollutants. The modular home line is "green"-certified by the National Association of Home Builders.

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