

Remodeling Project by Charlie Allen Restorations Wins 2009 CHC Historic Preservation Award

Award is the 4th for the Cambridge-based firm

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 2 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – An 1870s Shingle Style home that was renovated and restored by Charlie Allen Restorations (CAR), the Cambridge, MA-firm specializing in remodeling period homes, has been awarded a Historic Preservation Award from the Cambridge Historical Commission (CHC). The Washington Avenue property is the fourth local remodeling project by Charlie Allen Restorations to be recognized by the CHC. The award was presented in a ceremony at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church on Thursday, May 21.



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“This was a rewarding project for us,” says Allen. “The homeowners not only wanted a thorough, historically-appropriate exterior restoration, but also sought a thoughtful interior renovation that would improve functionality and enhance period detailing.”

The project began in September 2007 and was completed in June 2008. During that time the exterior of the house underwent a transformation that included

a new roof, new wood siding where necessary, a new conical turret top, the replication and installation of porch spandrels, and a historically appropriate paint scheme with colors chosen with the help of the CHC. On the interior, the main staircase of the house was opened up between the second and third floors to make contact between floors easier.

The original balustrade spindles, handrail and newel posts were replicated and installed on the new stairs. The stair system was stripped and stained to match an original section that was uncovered during the renovation. Additional storage space was added to the home's entry, the kitchen, which had been remodeled to look like a Scandinavian boat, was opened-up and updated, and a dressing room was introduced to the master bedroom suite.

In the end, the home was transformed into a beautiful house with thoughtful detailing that preserves the architectural and historical integrity of the neighborhood.

Charlie Allen and Trevor Nelson, project manager for CAR, headed the project. Partners included architect Tom Downer of Downer/Associates, designer Peter Steven of Upland Designs, and landscape designer Kevin McLaughlin of Phoenix Park Landscapers.

"We were thrilled to restore this neighborhood jewel," notes Allen. "To see the project receive recognition from the Cambridge Historical Commission is a great bonus."

Charlie Allen Restorations is an award-winning firm offering meticulous craftsmanship, established project management techniques, and exceptional customer service. The company, founded in 1978, specializes in remodeling period homes.

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