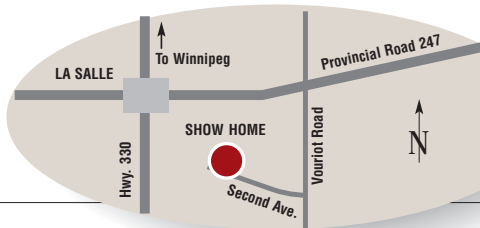


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Designer: Paradigm Custom Homes
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Fun for the family

Expansive backyard allows for plenty of activities

By Todd Lewys

ASKED about the design concept behind Paradigm Custom Homes' latest show home, the two-storey, 2,134 sq. ft. "St. Louis," Jeff Baertsoen pauses a moment to think.

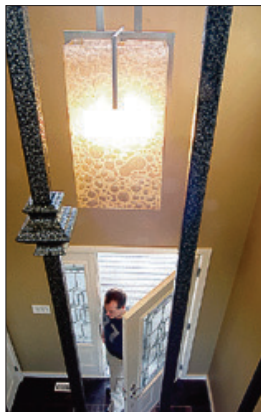
"Overall, I'd say the focus was on making it as family-friendly as possible," he says.

The St. Louis' open concept design definitely makes it a family-friendly home, so do features such as a Kiddie Kubbie storage unit (complete with coat hooks and storage compartments for boots and runners), a clever double-entry foyer closet and an oversized main floor laundry where mom can tame kids' messes and sort laundry all in one fell swoop.

"It's a great little area," says Baertsoen. "For mom, there's plenty of room to move when she pulls out the laundry to sort it, and the kids' storage area should help confine their belongings to one central area that's still more or less out of the way."

There's also no arguing that an expansive backyard, accessed directly through doors positioned between the kitchen and great room, also lends itself to family-oriented activities. Oh, and the two kids' rooms upstairs are plenty large, with deep double closets and big windows, so that there's plenty of room to spread out as they progress from toddler to teen.

As practical as the design of the St. Louis is, it also features its fair share of understated elegance, too. A wide foyer with ceramic tile floor greets you; a look further on toward the open kitchen/great room area reveals antique oak hardwoods set off nicely by a warm caramel finish. A staircase finished in hand-crafted oak with wrought iron spin-



dles, adds warmth and perfectly complements the open concept scheme.

The kitchen is a chef's dream, with wide aisles for ease of motion, tons of espresso-stained oak shaker cabinets (and drawers), and an island preparation area/breakfast nook (which can seat as many as six) with beige coloured granite counter tops. One of the notable features of the kitchen's design is that it doesn't have a corner pantry.

"We went with a series of different-sized drawers instead. Doing that helped increase the size of the kitchen, so when people come in to have a look at it, they can't believe how big and roomy it is," he says. "At the same time, the island wraps around and provides separation for the dinette area, which can house a table for four to six, as well as a buffet in a recessed area



specifically designed to accommodate it."

Mere steps from the kitchen is a mid-sized great room with a custom, dark-stained oak entertainment unit with niche for a big screen television and an abundance of shelves and drawers ideal for display and storage purposes. The centrepiece of the area is a gas fireplace with brown ceramic tile surround framed by two large windows.

"The two windows let in lots of light during the day, and there are all kinds of pot lights that can be turned on at night," says Baertsoen. "And the square light fixtures that hang down in the kitchen look great, too."

There's also plenty to get excited about on the home's upper level. Light is abundant on the upper landing thanks to a large window that literally reaches from the bottom of the stairs to the top of the second level. Meanwhile, double morocco glass doors beckon you to have a look at the master bedroom.

Thanks to two large windows, plus three piano windows placed over the bed, the master bedroom sports a welcoming air. There's plenty of room for a king sized bed, dresser and night tables, even a low-slung seat at the end of the bed. However, the ensuite is unquestionably the piece-de-resistance of the area.



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Paradigm's home is chock full of toys, from the games room and home theatre, above, to the master suite with soaking tub, left, and a kitchen built for entertaining, top. High-quality finishing materials are found throughout the house.

