

STYLE DEFINED: A FOREVER HOME

ELEGANCE, SOPHISTICATION, AND SERENITY ON MERCER ISLAND

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*Stylishly set up for big events
or intimate evenings*

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Imagine waking up every morning in a home that's tailored to your every need and desire, where every detail whispers "sanctuary". A place where the stress of the outside world melts away, and all that's left is serenity and tranquility. This was the dream that drove Rich and Lori Dewey to embark on a journey to transform their Mercer Island home into a stylish haven that reflected their personalities and lifestyle in their "Forever" home.

THE DREAM TEAM | THE POWER OF COMMUNITY AND TRUST IN COLLABORATION

You could see the recipe for success. The partnership was already in motion because Gallagher Company built the Dewey's first home. Gallagher and Brandt Design are an active collaborative relationship.

Tom Gallagher says, "We built Rich and Lori's first home and when they bought this house which happens to be right

across the street from my house, they asked us to build the new home."

Gallagher Company, led by Tom and Jay Nygaard, epitomizes the advantages of working with friends who share a commitment to excellence and community values. "We've always been super focused on working on Mercer Island because it has such an advantage for our clients and for us as a company to be so much more efficient," says Tom.

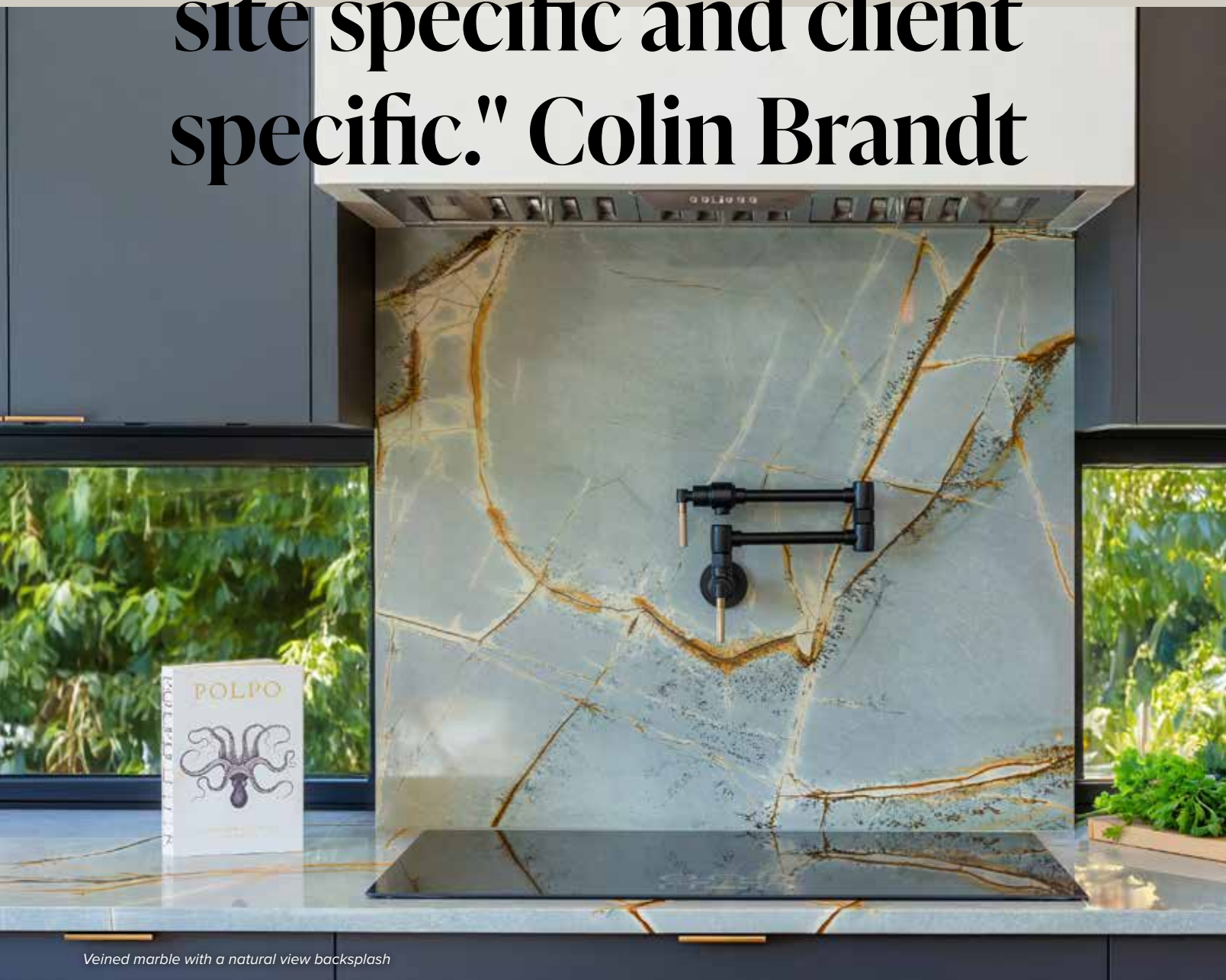
Gallagher Company, known for its tight-knit, collaborative culture, prides itself on hiring and retaining the best talent in the industry. This culture of excellence and teamwork was crucial in ensuring the success of the project.

"We are all about collaboration," says Robin Farrish of Gallagher Co.

This collaboration was instrumental in bringing their vision to life, demonstrating the immense benefits of working with friends and neighbors who share a common dedication to the community.

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"We're a boutique architectural firm. Very site specific and client specific." Colin Brandt



Veined marble with a natural view backsplash



The architect, Colin Brandt of Brandt Design Group, is celebrated for his ability to transform clients' dreams into reality. His innovative approach and skill in ideation made him the perfect choice for this project.

Key to his team is Kate Miller, whose keen eye for style and detail added an extra layer of sophistication to the design. "We don't typically gravitate to cookie-cutter projects because we really want to get to know the client," says Kate.

"We had a name in the office for the project because Rich and Lori were so lovely to work with. Whenever we would sit down and look at design concepts, we'd refer to it as going to 'Deweyland'," says Kate.

This heartfelt reference reflects the deep connection and enthusiasm they had for the endeavor, and the Dewey's on a personal level.

A COLLABORATIVE VISION

From the outset, the project was marked by a spirit of collaboration. Frequently meeting to discuss ideas, share insights, and align their visions. These meetings were not just about blueprints and timelines; they were about understanding the Deweys' lifestyle, their love for entertaining, and their desire to create a space that was both functional and stylish.

"The uniqueness of the lot was very attractive," says Rich Dewey, reflecting on the initial site selection process. "It's rare to capture this view." The couple's decision to purchase the lot was largely driven by its unique features and breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape.

"We wanted to make it a home we could live in forever," says Rich and Lori. "Single-level living for us. Room

for visitors, kids, grandkids (if they have them) downstairs and a little family area for that purpose."

One of the standout features of the remodel is the stunning deck, built with sustainability in mind. "I'm going to come out for morning coffee, afternoon wine, and have some people over for barbecue," says Lori. "So when we downsized, that ruled out condominiums." The deck is a testament to the couple's desire to create a seamless transition between indoor and outdoor living, perfect for entertaining and taking in the breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape.

During the construction phase, the collaborative efforts continued. The Gallagher Company's team, led by Jay Nygaard, worked meticulously to bring the vision to life. Their expertise and attention to detail ensured that every aspect of the remodel was executed to the highest standards.

Jay adds, "We have a lot of resources around here, so it makes the construction aspect a little smoother."

A STYLISH HOME REBORN

The result is a stunning transformation. Their new home features expansive, open spaces that highlight the natural beauty. The large windows provide unobstructed views of the lake and Mt. Rainier, creating a serene and picturesque backdrop for everyday life and special gatherings.

The Deweys' friends and family are in awe of the remodel, and the couple couldn't be happier with the outcome. Their home is a stylish sanctuary that perfectly suits their lifestyle and love for entertaining, truly earning the moniker of their "forever home."

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