

## **4234 Everett Street, Kensington Maryland**

Set in the close-in village of Chevy Chase View, this beautiful custom-built home melds traditional arts and crafts architectural design and detail, including oak trim, handmade tile and hand-crafted built-in cabinetry, with state-of-the-art efficient green construction to create a home that is both environmentally conscious and warmly inviting. Built to exacting LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) construction standards that maximize durability and minimize energy and water consumption in the home, 4234 Everett is also a “healthy” house, built with low- or no- VOC caulks, sealants, paints, cabinetry, counters and tile and formaldehyde free cabinetry and built-ins, meeting the new EPA Indoor Air Quality Plus standards.

The home’s prairie-style exterior boasts a wrap-around front porch and back pergola that shade the house while providing ample outdoor living space. The home is situated on a large (almost ½ acre) professionally landscaped lot that features mature trees and water saving native and drought resistant plantings.

The first floor is filled with natural stained oak—crown moldings, wide cased openings between rooms, and a beamed ceiling reminiscent of Frank Lloyd Wright homes; built-ins by New Hampshire craftsman Andrew Daum of Victory Woodworking; reclaimed hardwood floors and a gracious staircase. The open design is filled with an abundance of natural light pouring in from large prairie- style windows, complementing the warm, traditional arts and crafts colors.

The living room flows from a spacious foyer and is accentuated by handcrafted oak pillars and a beamed ceiling. A gas fireplace with a tile surround by noted arts and crafts tile maker Norm Lewellen of Bellingham, Washington (profiled in *American Bungalow* magazine, Spring 2007 ), is flanked on either side by built-in cabinets with leaded glass doors, balanced by a beautiful bay window framing the landscaped, tree filled front yard.

The expansive dining room flows from the living room and has a wide bay window facing the side yard with oak leaf hydrangeas and native azaleas. The dining room faces the graceful, open, light-filled staircase and a built-in oak bookcase.

The foyer centers on a handcrafted oak bench, and the powder room off the foyer features a vessel sink and tile-accented walnut mirror created by southwestern Virginia ceramicist Suzanne Crane.

Christiana bamboo cabinetry with glass doors highlights the energy efficient kitchen. Generous cabinet and counter space surround a large furniture-style island. Lovely Zodiac recycled glass counters and Energy Star appliances are additional green features of the kitchen. The kitchen has both a built-in wine rack and beverage refrigerator.

The kitchen opens to the family room with its stone faced fireplace, flanking Victory built-in cabinets, and a wall of windows facing the pergola covered deck and landscaped backyard. A breakfast nook surrounded by glass adjoins the kitchen to create a comfortable, bright eat-in area.

At the top of the staircase is a light-filled hallway connecting to the master bedroom suite, three generously sized bedrooms with large closets, two baths and a laundry room. All the rooms are accented with crown moldings and hardwood floors.

The spacious master bedroom has built-in cherry cabinets by Victory Woodworking. The master bath features a walk-in shower, an oversize spa bath tub, and cherry cabinetry and framed mirrors matching the bedroom cabinets. A separate toilet room with linen closet adds to the functionality of the master bath and an ample, well designed master closet completes the suite.

Bedroom one features a window filled bay and built-in bookcase, bedroom two, a built-in desk, and bedroom three, an en suite bathroom with large shower. All the bedrooms have large windows that take advantage of the sun and surrounding trees.

The open staircase to the lower level opens into a rec room with a coffered ceiling with beams and a wet bar. A large, adjoining room is designed to serve as either an exercise room or a home theater, with all necessary wiring and cabling for the home theater. A fifth bedroom with double walk-in closets, an outside entrance and a full bath create a perfect in-law suite, au pair suite, guest room or office. A walk-in cedar closet and wine closet complete the basement. Flooring throughout the basement is durable and warm renewable cork.

The home is filled with beautiful, energy efficient, hand forged and sculpted lighting fixtures by Hubbardton Forge of Castleton, Vermont, four time winner of the Vermont Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence.

In keeping with the design of the home, all the bathrooms have tile floors and tub and shower surrounds in arts and crafts patterns and palettes. The bath tile, as well as the kitchen backsplash, were produced

by artisans at Trikenen Tile Works of West Swanzey, NH and Hornell, NY, using traditional techniques, but new environmentally sound processes.

Designed by award winning architect James Rill of Rill Architects and built by award winning green builder Bethesda Bungalows, this new home provides a beautiful, green and healthy opportunity to join this close-in, warm community.

### General Information

5 Bedrooms

4 ½ baths

4710 finished square feet

Two story plus finished basement

Lot size: 17,826 square feet

Large two car detached garage

Public elementary school: North Chevy Chase

Public middle school: Westland

Public high school: Bethesda Chevy Chase

Walking distance to L8, L7 and Route 34 Ride On buses

Near Medical Center, Grosvenor and Forest Glen Metro stops, and Bethesda and Wheaton shopping, dining and entertainment districts.

Designed by: James Rill of Rill Architects, Bethesda, MD

Constructed by : Bethesda Bungalows, Bethesda, MD

