



PROJECT PROFILE

## Arts & Crafts Entertainment Area



Project Type: Remodel

Location: Saint Paul

Constructed by the contractor of the Minnesota State Capitol building, this Beau Arts Renaissance-style residence was once home to Sinclair Lewis. The current owners have undertaken a meticulous restoration including updating three bathrooms, which entailed replacing much of the plumbing in this solid masonry building. Considerable care was given to duplication of the original slab marble walls, matching floor tile, and period appropriate fixtures throughout the house.



There has always been a finished recreation room in the lower level of this 1914 Summit Avenue residence. Removal of the acoustic tile ceiling, simulated wood wall paneling, and carpeting revealed the cues to the original Arts & Crafts aesthetic of the billiard room. Technical modifications came in the form of an air filtration system, re-routing of surface-mounted electrical and plumbing within decorative architectural elements, remodeling of an existing bathroom, and construction of a new kitchen. A flat-panel television was recessed over the fireplace, and the room was fitted with a surround sound audio system.



Architectural features including the wainscot, casework, and iridized glass panels combine with interior design specifications to establish the Craftsman-style identity of the room. Stickley furniture and modern upholstered pieces harmonize with the custom-designed fireplace screen and pool table light fixture. The use of wall stenciling and other period elements root the project in its historic context while making it a livable room for today's family.



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