

# The Oak Leaf House

1222 Merlin Ave

December 2005 – May 2006





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Front

Removing the awnings, cement shingles, and overgrown landscaping allowed the Craftsman character to be seen.



Intense landscaping included plantings of many shrubs and perennials and the planting of 16 blossoming cherry trees. We also installed a small brick retaining wall using antique bricks.



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Porch

We removed the rotted porch columns and chose to replace them with a more architecturally interesting design. The historic paint scheme accentuates the details.



Inspired by the large oak tree in the backyard, this stained glass was custom designed and crafted for the house. It is stunningly backlit at night.



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Living  
Room

Many layers of paint were hiding the natural beauty of the living room. Ribbon light windows, 15 light French door, and trim (all original to the house) are simply gorgeous when stripped and shellacked. The fireplace transformed from black hole to focal point.





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Room

We enhanced the striking natural woodwork by adding to it: we created a custom crown molding milled from heart of pine cotton mill beams, then added the same treatment on top of the mantel to tie the room together.





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Dining  
Room

The dining room features restored original windows, new Craftsman wainscoting, and spicy red walls. The space is bright, historic, and inviting.





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Dining  
Room

To create a gorgeous,  
open entertaining space,  
we removed the wall  
between the kitchen and  
dining room.

(The pictures above and to  
the left were taken from the  
same spot.)





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Kitchen



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This space is sun-flushed and character rich. Custom built beaded board cabinets bring historic appeal, featuring flush inset doors, oil rubbed bronze bin pulls and clasps and chamfered feet.



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Kitchen

Cabinets run to the ceiling and feature an upper pane of glass. Black granite, slate backsplash, furniture styling, and convenient access to the washer and dryer exhibit well-crafted & beautiful design.





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Master  
Bath

This seemingly useless addition became a stunning bathroom and large double closet. The shower boasts marble and ice slate with an inlaid mosaic border, double shower heads, and a glass door.



The ribbon light window is original to the house and was moved from the kitchen. Antique heart of pine floors, medicine cabinet, and lighting were added to make this modern bath timeless.



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Master  
Bedroom



The master suite is a welcoming space and features a cherry fan, heart of pine floors, and convenient access through the vestibule to the rear deck.





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Main  
Bathroom



Marble tile, reclaimed oak floors, antique medicine cabinet, transom, and period plumbing fixtures took this bathroom from dark and dated to bright and luxurious.





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Guest  
Bedroom



The guest bedroom features restored heart of pine doors, an antique pan fixture, copper washed fleur de lis hinges, oak floors, restored windows, and vestibule access to the rear deck.





Restored brass pan lights  
hail from the 1910s



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Details

Original Craftsman door  
to the side porch.





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Side  
Porch



This side porch was  
rebuilt to match the  
front.





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Back



View of the back of the house with the new deck, new roof, new siding, new fence & driveway.

