

Architect sees change in lifestyles

By CORINNE ABATT

Like music, dress and literature, houses send out signals about a people and their culture.

Bloomfield Hills architect Louis DesRosiers (pronounced De-Rose-yah), a graduate of Lawrence Tech, said, "The style of living is more open than ever before. People are more open minded, people are more outgoing and they are receptive to open, contemporary planning."

He differentiated between modern and contemporary: "Modern is a classic. Contemporary to me has always meant the latest thing," said the 53-year-old architect.

DesRosiers takes considerable pains to observe the lifestyle of a client before starting to design a home. His preference is to interview the client and family in their home.

"Most peoples' homes reflect their personalities, and I can get a very strong pick-up on their lifestyle by seeing their home and how the family functions. I can tell if there is an atmosphere of openness or a desire for privacy."

SOME OF THE INDICATORS of changing lifestyles are the gradual demise of the family room, fewer walls, the move from dining rooms to dining areas, the demand for sunny areas for plants, and a return to the big, open, farm-style kitchen.

The gathering room, which is a living/family room room, has taken place of the former family room.

Gathering room is DesRosiers' name for what is frequently the largest one in his houses. It often can be seen from the foyer, the dining areas and the hallways.

This architect likes to plan his homes so the sun-plant room is also the breakfast area—which will have a flood of morning sun. The kitchen is adjacent to the sunny, plant-filled eating area. It actually is an extension of the kitchen, marked by counter islands.

This way the kitchen becomes an enjoyable place to work and spend time—a center for family activity.

FEWER PERMANENT WALLS in the interior of the house allow more flow, visual and actual movement, from one area to another.

Many clients often insist on, and the architect is willing to provide, a study.

The reason for a study stems from contemporary life.

"There is a lot of book work and a lot of paper work connected with running a home. While we are putting desks in the kitchen, this really is just for making lists, not for home record keeping tasks."

"I like to put the study off the foyer and convenient to the master bedroom."

The reasoning here is that a trade, service person or business acquaintance can be taken from the door to the study without having to go through the home.

In checking lifestyles, DesRosiers has found that many people like to work in the study just before retiring or will get up in the middle of the night and work in the study. It's proximity to the bedroom is an extra convenience.

WHILE GETTING AWAY from walls, DesRosiers said it is vital to retain "the cozy, comfortable feeling that everybody loves."

This is accomplished by proper scale of spaces, types of materials used and curved walls. "Everyone relates to a curved, linear surface."

In his study of people and their preferences, DesRosiers thinks this has something to do with the basic human form and the fact that it is totally curved, rather than rigid.

"For whatever reason, people seem to enjoy the softness of a curve."

He mentioned the Renaissance Center and the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn as examples of the use of curved lines and open interiors.

DesRosiers is the third generation of his family to be an architect. His father, Arthur, designed many buildings and churches in the metropolitan area. The younger DesRosiers some strong beliefs about his profession.

"I feel very strongly about contemporary architecture because it gives you the flexibility of design for today's lifestyles."

"I have three design concepts, the building must function for its intended purpose... it must be economically feasible... and it must be aesthetically pleasing to the eye."

As he talked about his philosophy, it was obvious that this energetic, en-

thusiastic professional is sun-oriented, view-oriented and energy minded.

"We have such small quantities of sun in Michigan that I think we should be able to enjoy it as much as possible."

DesRosiers uses skylights and lots of windows to bring in as much light, sun and view as possible.

"When there's a view, I make certain that each room of the home shares the view, and most of them will have viewing decks."

While use of glass and concern about saving energy may initially seem like

'How Great Thou Art' comes as Lenten treat

The Fine Arts Committee of Nardin Park United Methodist Church will host a "special Lenten treat," said Barbara Reid, spokeswoman for the committee, at 8 p.m., Feb. 8, in the church sanctuary.

"How Great Thou Art," a program of stereo music, photography and poetry, is offered to the community without charge, at the church on Eleven Mile, west of Middlebelt.

The program will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bush, of Allen Park, using four projectors, three screens and a battery of electronic equipment.

During the 75-minute program, the

viewer-listener is made aware of the "beauty which surrounds us every day if we just take the time to look and listen," Mrs. Reid said.

Bush is a graduate of Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, Calif., and has just recently retired as chief photographer at Ford Motor Co.'s design center.

Mrs. Bush is a secretary at Ford's and enjoys writing, some of which is included in the presentation.

A free will offering will be taken and a fellowship hour will follow the program.

insulation more than meets regulations.

With glass, non-glass walls and ceilings properly insulated, heat loss is minimized, he said.

As far as solar heat in Michigan is concerned, DesRosiers sees it only when coupled with conventional heating systems.

"We must have both, we can't rely on solar heating because the sun in Michigan is too intermittent and we have no way to store solar energy for extended periods."

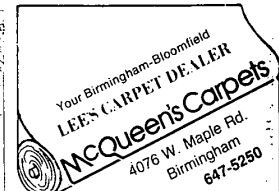
DESROSIERS, WHO SAID, he has researched solar heating extensively, believes that if solar heating is to be properly used, it should be in sunshine states such as parts of California, Utah

and Arizona and let them ship their excess conventional fuels to areas where total solar heating isn't feasible.

He said that if homeowners would install windmills to supplement electrical power, there could also be a sizeable energy savings. However, the windmill will take a long time to pay for itself.

It pleases DesRosiers most when former clients living in his homes in North Wabek, on area lakes or in nearby suburbs tell him that living in one of his homes is like "always being on vacation."

Then, he knows, he succeeded in doing what he set to do—to provide a house that meets the family's needs, that is devoid of boredom, that is continually exciting to live in.



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Children 12 and under get their own special menu. These are some of the selections they can choose from.

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Fish dinner.....	1.00
Burger patty dinner.....	1.00
Grilled cheese sandwich.....	.50
Vegetables.....	.25
Tossed green salad.....	.30
French fries.....	.20
Pancakes (four).....	.50
Waffle.....	.95
French toast.....	.60
Bacon or sausage, egg, four pancakes & toast.....	1.10
Pudding.....	.40
Sundaes.....	.50

For Light Appetites

Beef patty plate.....	1.80
Fish filet plate.....	1.80
Large chef's salad or tuna salad.....	2.25
Tuna stuffed tomato.....	1.35

A La Carte

Vegetable of the day.....	.45
Potato salad.....	.45
Tossed green salad.....	.60
French fries or hash browns.....	.45
Onion rings.....	.60

Desserts

Flaky crust pie.....	.65
Strawberry shortcake.....	.65
Gelatin.....	.40
Carrot cake.....	.75
Brownie a la mode.....	.80
Ice cream/Sherbet.....	.30

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Some of the more popular choices from our famous breakfast menu.

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Sausage or bacon & two eggs, pancakes.....	2.10
Ham & cheese omelette with six pancakes.....	2.10
Lite breakfast (one egg, English muffin, grapefruit juice).....	1.25
Waffle with egg and bacon.....	1.60
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Corned beef hash & egg.....	2.55

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