



Josh Tobias

Tobias Construction, Inc. *Solid Craftsmanship*



rooflines and an eyebrow window over the entryway. The other has a vintage Birmingham style design, with fieldstone exterior, cupolas, and dormer windows. Both homes have exceptionally well-designed floor plans."

A well-executed custom home project combines the desires and needs of the homeowner, the vision of the architect, and the imagination and skill of the builder and his team. Behind the magnificent facade of each Tobias-built home awaits intelligent design, exquisite detail, and solid craftsmanship.

"No two homes are the same," notes Tobias, "but that is what I enjoy. I love the creative aspect of custom homebuilding. The most important element is that my clients achieve what they set out to achieve in their new home. Each client relationship, like each home we create, is built to last."

Builder/Architect Magazine congratulates Josh Tobias, and all of the associates of Tobias Construction, for being selected as our featured builder. We wish them continued success.

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Left: This captivating octagonal sunroom space is highlighted by pairs of arched-top windows and a dramatic cathedral ceiling. Photograph © Carlson Productions, LLC.

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Above: The master bedroom suite is the homeowner's retreat. Spacious yet intimate, a private sitting area, cozy fireplace and built-in cabinetry provide the perfect ambiance for this quiet haven in the home. Photograph © Carlson Productions, LLC.

Right: Innovative elements in a custom home, such as this soaker tub with center overhead shower, create lasting impressions. Photograph © Carlson Productions, LLC.

Tobias Construction is in the process of completing a lakefront home on Lower Long Lake. The 14,000-square-foot residence features a European-style kitchen, theater room, oak hardwood flooring, and a structural steel infrastructure that eliminates support posts in the basement, allowing greater versatility in finishing the space. The home combines the latest building technologies and techniques with an alluring Old-World charm.

Tobias states, "We are beginning two projects in Commerce Township, each with an exciting and unique style. One has many characteristics of an old English estate, with thick wood doors, sloping

neously so I can focus my time and attention on those projects."

Tobias encourages homeowners to take an active role in the design and material selections for their home. In fact, a recently completed home was designed by the homeowner, Nancy Browning, a leading Realtor® in the Bloomfield Hills home market.

"Nancy and her husband, Lee, have built nine homes, so they were very educated clients," Tobias observes. "Their home has a wonderfully laid-out floor plan. It is a waterfront location, and the master suite, great room, living room, dining room, kitchen and sunroom all take advantage of the lake views. The cabinetry is hand-crafted, and marble is used extensively throughout the home. There are many highlights, such as four guest bedroom suites, theater room and lower level bar. It was approached in the true spirit of a custom residence."



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By Jim Akers

A carefully planned, finely crafted product provides value that endures. The unique designs, skilled workmanship, and select materials Tobias Construction utilizes in each custom residential project create memorable homes that are built to stand the test of time, and satisfaction for generations. Founded in 1992 by Josh

Tobias, Tobias Construction specializes in new homes and residential remodeling tailored to the unique, individual desires of each client.

"I enjoy the challenge of building unique architecture," states Tobias. "That to me is true craftsmanship. The workmanship of our trades people and the grade of materials we use are top-notch. The clients I

work for are concerned with having the job done right, creating something exquisite."

Tobias continues, "A custom home or remodeling project presents many challenges during construction. Typically, we join the project after the architect and homeowner have developed the home design. During construction, the

Exquisite details, such as the intricate moldings, barrel ceiling and gorgeous arched-top window in this beautiful great room, are all hallmarks of a Tobias-built home. Photograph © Carlson Productions, LLC.



Each Tobias Construction home is unique and memorable, such as this wonderful Bloomfield Hills residence that was inspired by the homeowner's design. Photograph © Carlson Productions, LLC.



The spectacular lakeside facade of the residence pictured in the preceding photograph radiates amidst the approaching twilight. Photograph © Carlson Productions, LLC.



architect continues to have an active role in the project, and we work as a team with the homeowner. It is very important that the homeowner and builder have a compatible relationship and that expectations are well-defined." Tobias began his construction career after completing his degree at Michigan State University in Construction Management. He met Ann Arbor-based architect Scott Bowers, of Bowers & Rein, who inspired Tobias to start building custom homes and remodeling.

He recalls, "Scott began referring small construction projects to me, such as brick entrance walls. That led to larger projects such as ga-

rages and additions in Birmingham. It was at that point that I formed my own construction business."

His company's first large-scale project was a custom remodel and addition for a residence on Franklin Park Drive in Franklin Village. Perfectly capturing the flavor of the existing home's early-American architectural charm, the success of the project launched Tobias Construction's reputation for first class workmanship and attention to detail.

In the mid to late 1990s, Tobias also oversaw the construction of a luxury condominium project in Ann Arbor and was one of the design-

nated builders for the beautiful Winans Woods development located near Brighton. During this period, Tobias continued building impressive custom additions and renovations in the Birmingham and Bloomfield area. "Because I need to be able to readily access each job site," Tobias states, "I began focusing on projects that were within a reasonable distance from my office in West Bloomfield. Homeowners expect the builder to be on the job site regularly in a custom home project. While I have assistants in the field, I am on the building site daily. I also limit the number of larger projects underway simulta-

Custom, hand-crafted cabinetry, granite countertops, tile flooring and backsplash are among the gorgeous and enduring elements gracing this gourmet kitchen space. Photograph © Carlson Productions, LLC.

