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# Georgian Country House

LOCATION: River Hills → BUILT: 2007 → SIZE: More than 5,000 square feet

**SCARLETT O'HARA WOULD** have felt right at home in this Georgian country house.

Although the home was inspired by the Georgian homes of the 1920s, several decades past Scarlett's time, the home remains "quintessentially gracious and exudes a level of formalism that is from days past," says architect Wade Weissmann.

In addition to providing Weissmann and his team the opportunity to explore an architecture style not often seen this side of the Mason-Dixon line, the clients' appreciation for craftsmanship meant Weissmann's team got to work with some of the finest building materials. The authentic stone veneer features three different types of natural stone. Black glazed clay chimney pots cap the slate roof, while copper and western red cedar ship-lapped siding accents bring warmth to the home's dramatic presence.

With majestic pillars, arched entryways to the lower level and elegant staircases flanking the upper landing, the back porch brings a rich sense of the Old South to Milwaukee.

Landscaping possibilities were like a blank canvas that ultimately led to a stately front courtyard and reflecting pond, all visible from the rooftop by way of a spiraling staircase.

But the exterior didn't get all the attention. The interior is a treasure chest of clues that give guests a peek into the family's daily life. A home gym, subterranean sports court, swimming pool and spa speak to the clients' active lifestyle, while a two-level garage allows them to have vehicles for everyday and recreational use. Plenty of gathering spaces on the home's main level – including living areas, a billiards room and a generous kitchen – bring the family together at the end of a day filled with work or play.

"The layout reflects the lives of an active young family," says Weissmann. "It truly is an expression of the clients." ■

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