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2929 Massachusetts Avenue Roof Restoration

The Kogod Residence on Massachusetts Avenue's Embassy Row could hardly be described as rural. But that's exactly how the neighborhood was classified back in 1918, when then the home was built for a mere \$35,000.

The area that is today filled with notable neighbors (including the Brazilian Embassy across the street) was once home to small farms and country estates. Initially built for Maie H. Williams, the house was designed in a Late Georgian style by Arthur L. Smith and Clarke Waggaman. Waggaman studied law at Georgetown and Catholic universities and was never formally trained as an architect.

Williams sold the house in 1921 to Count Laszlo Szechenyi and his wife Gladys Vanderbilt for \$150,000. The Count later hired Alfred Cass to design the gardens and corresponding north portico, veranda and stairs. The most significant expansion occurred in 1927, when George Ray was hired to develop plans for the ballroom addition, adding 50 percent to the first floor plan. The house was sold to Seafarer's Washington Building Corp. in 1965, after Vanderbilt's death. It was purchased by the Kogods in 1985.



LINDSAY KEEBER

Today, the interior and exterior of Robert and Arlene Kogod's home is filled with art—which created some unique challenges earlier this year when Wagner Roofing was hired to replace the roof and found deteriorated rafters during the demolition.

"We really had to plan our work carefully to make sure that everything could be closed up at the end of each day," said Project Manager Kevin Morgan. "The Kogods have a lot of beautiful pieces, and our focus was on protecting the art." Morgan said typically the crew

Kogod Residence

Location: 2929 Massachusetts Ave., NW

Roofing: Completed structural repairs and installed new slate and lead coated copper built-in gutters.

would have torn out the rafters and replaced them in kind, but in this case, they had to pre-cut pieces like Lincoln Logs and scab them onto the existing rafters. The new rafters consisted of 9.5-inch laminated veneer lumber, so everything would fit together and the house could be kept watertight. Wagner also installed new 20-ounce flat-seam lead-coated copper built-in gutters and roofs on the eyebrow ventilators. New Vermont Slate was reinstalled over the new lumber to complete the roof restoration, which took a total of three months.

"The old roof was in really bad shape," said Kogod Residence Property Manager Fidel Henriquez. "We were very pleased with the great Wagner crew—they protected all the art, did a great job and got it done right on time."

"It was a really challenging job, but it turned out beautifully," Morgan said. "It was one of the best projects I've done. You don't usually run

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Under
the **Roof**
at Wagner

Manny Cerrito

Job: Sheet Metal Mechanic

Years at Wagner: 9

Lives In: Glen Burnie, MD

Challenges: I enjoy challenges, so if there's a tough metal job, that's my job.

Favorite Metal: I love copper, because it's easy to work with and solder, and looks great when the project's done.

Favorite Roofing Job in D.C.: The Folger Building, 725 15th St., NW. I was a helper on this building, and I admire the metal work on the cornice.

Metal History: Metal was a trade I started right out of high school, and I've loved it ever since. It's all I've known.

Tool He Can't Live Without: My snips, which I use to cut metal.

Pastimes: I watch my friends play soccer and go fishing with my brother-in-law.

Manny Cerrito, shop foreman, programming the computerized brake used for metal fabrication.



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Maret's Students See New Light in Academic Center

Maret School, located at 3000 Cathedral Ave., NW, has been home to some notable figures since the mansion, called "Woodley," was constructed in 1801 by Phillip Barton Key. Presidents Martin Van Buren and Grover Cleveland once used it as a summer home, and it was home to two Secretaries of War, Henry Stimson and Lorenzo Thomas. Other residents included Secretary of Treasury Robert Walker, who helped purchase Alaska in 1867; Francis Newlands, the real estate tycoon who developed Chevy Chase and added a block of rooms on the east side of the mansion; and General George Patton, who rented Woodley after successfully winning World War II for the Allied troops.

The school was founded in 1911 by Louise Maret, a Swiss teacher who set out to offer young girls a French primary education. In the fall of 1952, the school purchased Woodley and its eight acres of land, after which boys were admitted to the school. Peter Sturtevant was named headmaster in 1974 and led the school for two decades. Today, Marjo Talbott is Maret's headmaster, and the historic mansion houses the administrative offices and the library. In 1985, Sheila Wagner's first daughter, Wendy, graduated *summa cum laude* and wrote

Wagner Roofing Co.'s first newsletters in 1994.

Maret was not only the summer home to two U.S. Presidents and the school of successful graduates such as Wendy;

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Maret School

Location: 3000 Cathedral Ave., NW

Roofing: Installed a 20-year rubber roof and new custom 15' x 50' skylight.

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Maret School Sturtevant Academic Center

Maret School's original building, Woodley, was built in 1801.



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Letter From the Vice President

Wagner Tour of Washington, D.C.

We had a wonderful summer with family and friends. This year, sticking close to home for our vacation seemed the right thing to do.

Friends from Ohio visited us during the incredibly wet June. We gave our friends the “Wagner Tour of Washington”—which included looking up at a lot of roofs! We visited the National Cathedral inside and out, which is endlessly awe-inspiring. We walked through a 12th century Norman arch (we replaced the lead-coated copper on top of the arch) and into the Frederick Law Olmstead-designed Bishop’s Garden—one of the most special and serene



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spots in Washington. Then we went inside and viewed the 215 spectacular stained glass windows and enjoyed the exhibit, “**Dreamers and Believers: Cathedral Builders,**” which

celebrates the artisans who built the Cathedral.

Our next stop was the Phillips Collection, then a visit with our friend Bill Adair at Gold Leaf Studios. He gave us a history lesson on frames and framing, and taught us about gilding. We drove our friends down Massachusetts Avenue to view the embassies, many of which we have roofed. After more than 50 years of living and working in the city, Chuck intimately knows so many of our city’s cherished buildings that it’s a treat to be on his tour.

Our annual family trip to Charleston, SC, over July Fourth week was the best one yet. We also took family and friends to

St. Michaels, Md., for crabs. And we drove to Tennessee, through the Blue Ridge Mountains and into Great Smoky Mountain National Park—the country’s most visited National Park.

On the business front, we had a good second and third quarter and very much appreciate the work that has come our way. Everyone at Wagner is working hard to provide customers with good service and quality work. Let’s hope that the rest of the year is good to all of us.



Sheila Wagner

Kogod Residence *continued from page 1*

into design-build—which included a ventilation system that started at the eave above the built-in gutter and allows air to flow up to a flat roof above the slate roof. But it was fun to see it come along and then working at the end.”

Kogod, the former co-chairman and CEO of Charles E. Smith Commercial Realty, Inc., and Charles E. Smith Residential Realty, Inc., is an alumnus of American University. The Kogods’ philanthropic contributions have benefited A.U. (Kogod School of Business) as well as several nonprofit organizations and foundations.



Structural repairs, new slate and lead coated copper built-in gutters

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Maret School *continued from page 2*

it is now recognized as one of the top schools in the nation. Maret hired Wagner Roofing earlier this year to install a new 20-year rubber roof and replace a 15-by-50-foot skylight with a new skylight system in its Sturtevant Academic Center.

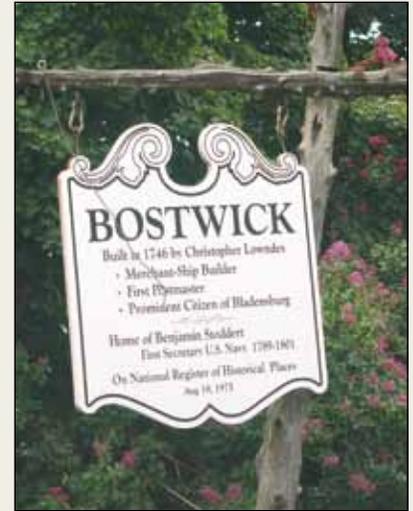
Wagner Project Manager Kevin Morgan said installing the huge skylight was challenging because it is centered over the atrium and is built on a steel A-frame where the new skylight panels were custom-made. “The final product is one of both quality and beauty,” Morgan said. “Jobs like these are always rewarding when you get to work with craftsmen who know their trade yet also know how to work in conjunction with other trades.”

Wagner’s work, which was

completed before school began this fall, followed previous work at Maret by the Wagner crew, including replacing the gymnasium roof and painting the main building’s tin roof in 2008, and replacing the top floor roof of the main building with copper 15 years ago.

“Working with Wagner went great,” said Maret Director of Buildings and Grounds Jon Young. “The project was on time and on budget. I am very happy with the craftsmanship, and I look forward to working with Wagner again.”

The material salvaged from the old skylight will be donated to Boy Scout Troop 343 in Bishopville, Md. The scouts will use the material to build a pavilion on their campground, which will be used for private events and scout meetings, and leftover material will go to other projects that will benefit the community of Bishopville.



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Bostwick House—3901 48th St., Bladensburg, Md. Built in 1746, oldest surviving structure in the town of Bladensburg. Replaced the roof on the kitchen addition and on the adjacent barn.

ICC Building—Georgetown's Student Center—37th & O Streets, NW. Restoration of metal roofs and gutters.



DAN WILLIAMS

Other Wagner jobs in progress or recently completed.

In
the
Works

Delta Sigma Theta—1707 New Hampshire Ave., NW—Replaced built-in gutters, decorative railing and cornice with shop-made balusters using 16-ounce lead coated copper.

Yates Field House—Georgetown University—O Street, NW—Waterproofed the base of the domed athletic center.

In the Works



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IRS Headquarters—1111
Constitution Ave., NW—
Restoration of slate and tile roofs.



LINDSAY KEISER

U.S. Botanic Gardens—100 Maryland Ave., NE., Installation of a weir that raises water flow and diverts water from gutters to hydrate the plants.

Back When...



Photo at left is from *Practical Builder Magazine*, April 1955. Jack Kay (right) discusses with Jack S. Wagner Sr. details of a new roof covered with Certain-teed shingles at his Connecticut Avenue Estates Project, Wheaton, Md. Jack Kay, president of Kay Management, is still working today at 80+ years old.

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