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Summer House “Like a Tiny Jewel Box”

The Summer House may not be the most recognized building on the U.S. Capitol grounds, but the brick open hexagonal structure, designed by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, has been of utmost importance for more than a century for those seeking shelter, a place to sit or a spot for a quick meeting.

“It’s a unique building,” says HITT Contracting Vice President Mitch Filipowicz. “All the bricks are handmade, the roof

tiles are handmade, and the gates are made by a blacksmith. It’s like a tiny jewel box.”

HITT hired Wagner Roofing last year to work on the Summer House’s roof—removing approximately 1,200 tiles by hand, working with an architect to inspect them and replacing roughly 50 that were rejected

for damage or quality. The new tiles have been ordered and will be ready in April.

The roof work was part of an overall renovation project, which included repairing damaged bricks and mortar joints, redoing much of the foundation and repairing cracks in the fountain. A blacksmith is

putting a new iron gate on part of the building.

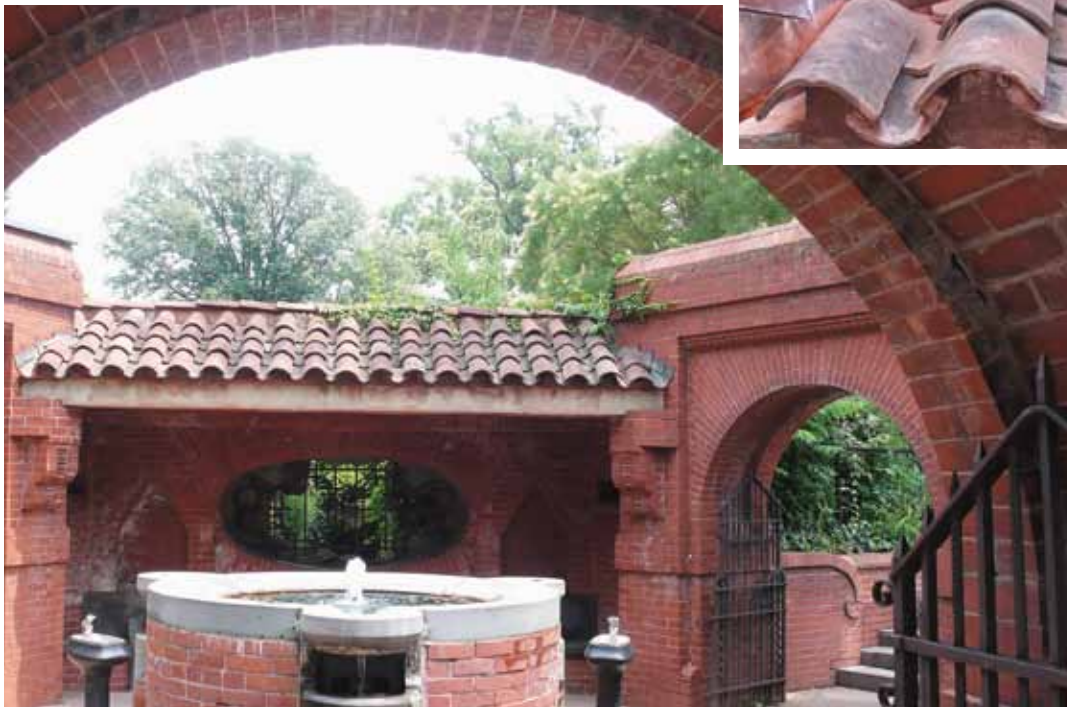
“There were years of damage,” Filipowicz says, “but it’s a wonderful project. I love the old buildings, and I very much appreciate Chuck [Wagner] taking an interest in these types of projects. It means a lot to me to have the Wagner crew with their hands on the tiles and treating it like a treasure instead of some junky old building.”

Inside the structure, stone benches with armrests alternate with arched doorways and provide seating for 22 visitors. Each doorway offers a different view—one faces the Capitol, one looks across the west lawn to the National Mall and one faces a tall hedge. The fountain in the center of the Summer House originally provided drinking water piped from a spring. Today, three drinking fountains connected to the filtered city water supply provide drinking water.

Filipowicz, who has previously worked on U.S. Capitol projects, says it’s an honor to work on the Summer House. “But with that honor, you have to do the work the right way,” he says, “so it’s good to have people like Wagner, who are experienced in working on these historic buildings.” ●

Summer House

Location: West front of U.S. Capitol
Managed by: Bob Coberly
Roofing: Tile relay and replace



CHUCK WAGNER, INSET PHOTO BY DAN WILLIAMS

Under the Roof at Wagner

Andrzej Tybor

Job: Metalwork

Years at Wagner: 10

Born in: Poland

Last Jobs: Metalwork in Germany and Poland

Favorite Roofing Job in D.C.: The Folger Building, 725 15th St., NW

Favorite Metal: Copper

Tool He Can't Live Without:

I brought tools from my work in Poland and Germany. I have a hand tong that you couldn't buy here when I first arrived—it's so much better than the American ones. With the European tool, you can bend metal three inches, but the American tool only bends it one inch.

Pastimes: In Poland, I worked in the garage and fixed things in the house, but now I live in a condo, so I work on my car. In Poland, I played hockey. Here, I just watch hockey and boxing. I haven't been to a Washington Capitals game yet.

Polish Food: I haven't found a Polish restaurant here yet. My wife makes Polish food. But American food is good too. My favorite is the New York strip steak.



KEVIN MORGAN

New Roof, New Avian Visitors

Congregants at St. Paul's Rock Creek Parish, the oldest Episcopal church in the District of Columbia, knew there was a renovation under way last year. After all, services had moved to the Great Hall, so the Wagner Roofing crew could install the new roof without worrying about interrupting anyone.

But it wasn't until the Buckingham slate roof was entirely replaced and the three-month project complete that the renovation really touched the congregants and Rector Rose-mari Sullivan. Wagner Roofing, as the company has been known to do, took some of the material from the old copper roof and created a birdhouse. The rector had the birdhouse placed in front of the altar for services in October, and many of the parishioners were touched by Wagner's gesture. Rector Sullivan's sermon that day included messages about enjoying our environment, offering acts of kindness for others and being creative in our daily lives.

Chuck Wagner says the best surprise of all was when the rector told him she is an avid bird-watcher. The grounds crew set up a birdbath (made from an old monument about to be thrown away) outside her window, and the rector recently planted three trees nearby to attract birds.

Katie Howell, the church's manager of Buildings, Grounds and Environment, said the



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Manny Cerrito built this birdhouse (see inset), using 100-year-old barn siding and copper from St. Paul's steeple.

birdhouse was a hit all around. She also said it was a pleasure working with Wagner's Dan Williams and the crew.

St. Paul's was founded during the reign of Queen Anne, in 1712. The church building, part of which dates back to 1721, held the first school in what is now the District. In 1810 St. Paul's was largely rebuilt as a result of the efforts of the Rector of St. John's, Georgetown, and of a local lawyer named Frances Scott Key, better known as the author of the American national anthem. An act of Congress in 1840 established Rock Creek Cemetery in St. Paul's Churchyard, making it a vital facility for the population of the District.

The church building has suffered fire damage several times in its long history. The most severe fire was in 1921. Today,

St. Paul's Rock Creek Parish
Location: Rock Creek Church
 Road & Webster Street,
 NW, Washington, DC

St. Paul's continues to be a vital presence in the local community. The parish will celebrate its 300th anniversary in 2012.

If you visit: St. Paul's Rock Creek Episcopal Parish is located at Rock Creek Church Road and Webster Street, NW (202.726.2080). The cemetery's better-known residents include U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan, National Geographic Society Chairman Gilbert H. Grosvenor, author and Pulitzer Prize-winner Upton Sinclair and NBC journalist Tim Russert. When you visit, allow enough time to visit Lincoln's Summer Cottage at 3700 North Capitol Street, which is just minutes away. ●

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Letter From the Vice President

Roofing Family Comes Together in Time of Challenge

We at Wagner Roofing have been feeling the effects of the recession just like every other business in town. We wonder what the future holds, while still trying to provide a top-quality service, generate more business and employ our exceptional workforce.

At a recent staff meeting, I found one of the essential keys to getting through these tough times was right in our office: our staff. We had called a meeting to discuss ways to reduce overhead, and the suggestions made around the table are bound to save us money. They're steps that many small businesses can take to cut down on expenses:

- Make your own coffee instead of using a coffee service;
- Use your own coffee mugs instead of Styrofoam (much better for the environment, too);
- Eliminate water delivery service since the kitchen tap already filters water;
- Reduce office cleaning to one day a week;
- Use recycled paper for weekly reports;
- Freeze office supply orders until existing supplies are depleted;
- Keep doors to empty offices closed to save on HVAC costs.

I was thrilled to hear our employees' suggestions about



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ways to help Wagner save money. Even more, I was delighted to understand that our staff is fully invested in our future strength and fortitude.

We are proud that in these times we haven't had to reduce the size of our staff. Should we have to cut back, we discussed with our staff the option of reducing their total number of hours so that everyone could keep their jobs and benefits. We are a company that works closely as a team on a regular basis. However, the economic crisis has brought us even closer together and reminded us what an invaluable asset our employees are. They are more than that; they are family.



Sheila Wagner

Did you know?

The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, signed last October, provides a tax credit for high-performance roofs "placed in service" by Dec. 31, 2010. Homeowners can obtain a tax credit up to \$1,500 maximum (30 percent of the cost, up to \$5,000) for all ENERGY STAR-qualified roofs.

These roof materials reflect ultraviolet and infrared radiation, which reduces heat transfer to building interiors, reduces the energy used for cooling equipment and prolongs the life of the roof system. For more information, go to www.energystar.gov and search "tax credits," or contact John Mulhern, LEED AP, at 301-927-9030 (john.mulhern@wagnerroofing.com).



Serving the Community

Wagner sponsors baseball team



The coach, Dan Ryzcek, center rear, is a former Wagner employee. Ryzcek also played center for the Washington Redskins and now serves as vice president of the Redskins Alumni Association.

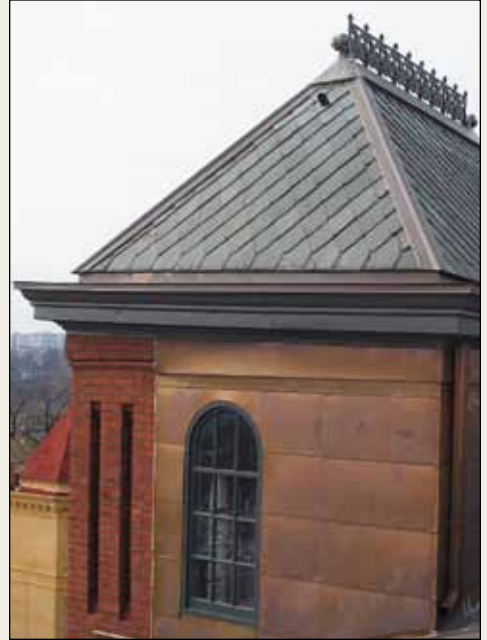




Old Post Office Pavilion, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC, Phase III. General Contractor: Kaleo Construction, LLC. Replace slate and flashings on 17 dormers and restore masonry. Unique ladder design used to restore the masonry on 8 towers saves GSA money for scaffolding.



JEFF BRAUER



DAN WILLIAMS

Wormley Row Condos, 3325 Prospect Street, NW, Washington, DC. General Contractor: Encore Development. Architect: Mary Oehrlein. New copper cladding, built-in gutter, hip and ridge metal, slate relay and new fencing on ridge.



National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, Phase II. NPC Project Managers: Tony LeManger and Larry Eighmy, Stonehouse Group. New flat seam copper roofs.



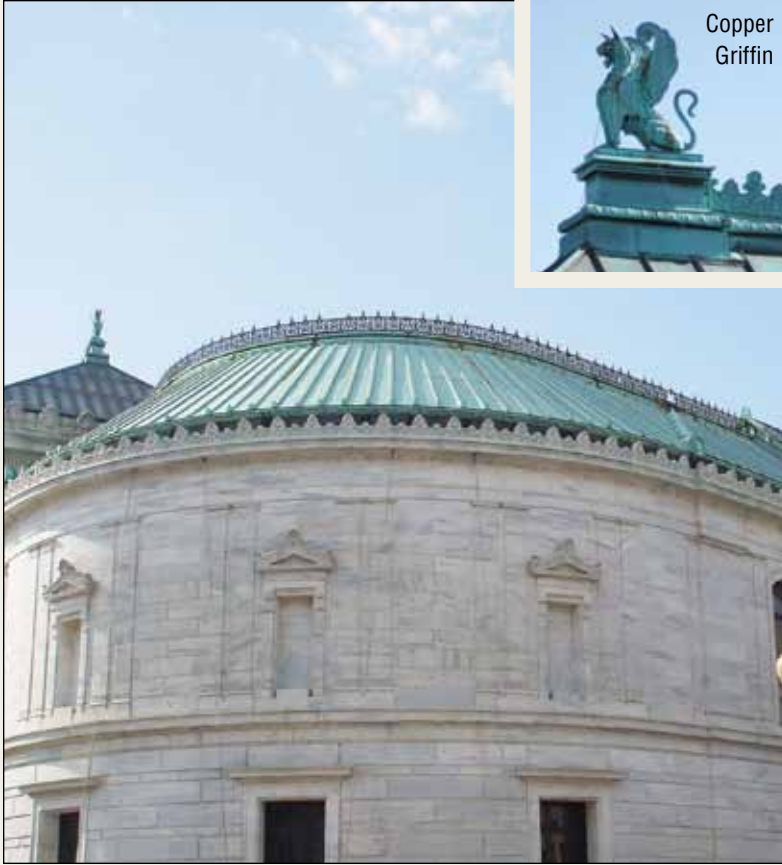
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Other Wagner jobs in progress or recently completed.

In the Works

Saint Alban's School, Mass. & Wisc. Avenues, NW, Washington, DC. New rubber roof.

Saint Bernadette's Church, 70 University Blvd. East, Silver Spring, MD. New rubber and slate and copper repair. Chuck Wagner, 1957 graduate.



Copper Griffin

BILL SAUSE

Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC. General Contractor: Christman Company. Triage roof repair.



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Hawkins Residence, 5407 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD. New slate and copper roofing.



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1517 U Street, NW, Washington, DC. Repoint brick joints and limestone, repaint all wood and cornice. Relay tile, new lead-coated copper.



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7209 Arrowood Road, Bethesda, MD. General Contractor: Carl Petty & Associates. New slate and standing seam copper roof on dome.

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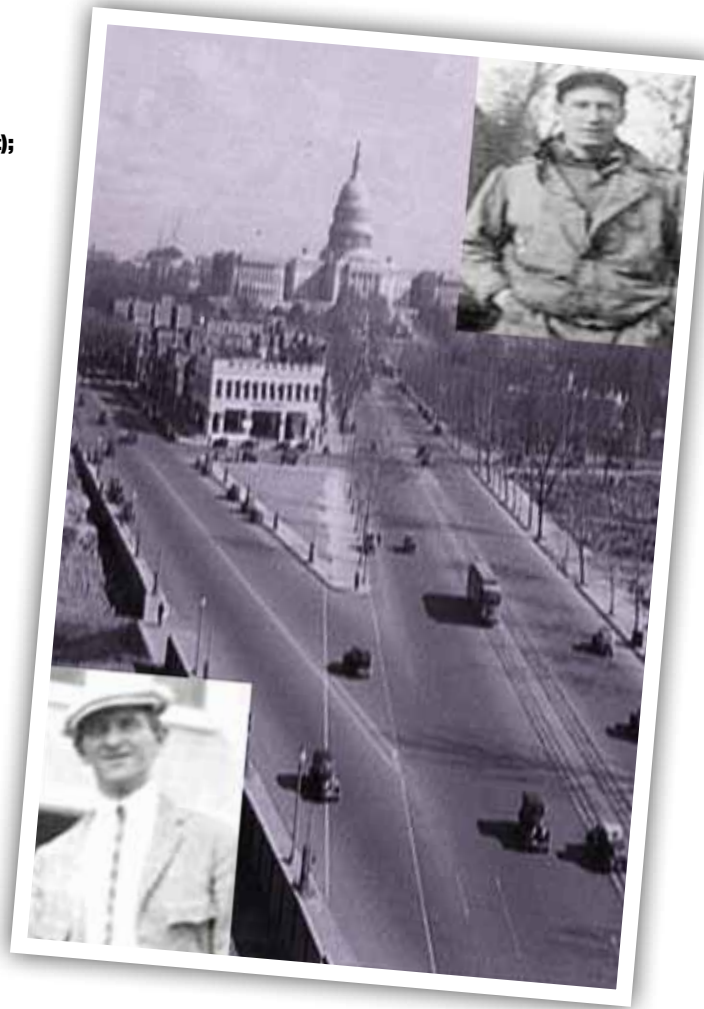
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Webster School, 940 H Street, NW, Washington, DC. General Contractor: Edifice Group, Inc. New Vermont slate roof and copper built-in gutter.

Fort Myer Military Community, The Stables Building (Built 1878), Sheridan & Jackson Avenues, Arlington, VA. General Contractor: JTR Finishing Contractors. New slate roof.

Back When...

Washington, DC, circa 1930s.
Jack Wagner Sr., 1952 (top inset);
and Otto Wagner, 1914 (bottom
inset).



Who We Are

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