

Design/Build Projects

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1964-2014



My first design/build project – built originally in 1965 in Edwardsville, Illinois, on my parents property. It had a small split-level apartment (on the left) with a garden storage space under it accessed from the back on a lower level; a two car garage (later converted to my mother's ceramic studio, then later still to my father's violin teaching studio. Under the garage was a wood-working workshop, also accessed from the lower level at the back.



The garage/apartment/shop under construction. It was a modified post-and-beam structure, using as much recycled lumber as we could. We laid the concrete block walls, did the plumbing and electrical work, and milled and glazed all of the fixed-glass window frames. In the picture, I'm the bearded guy; my brother is with his back to the camera and my father has the hat. A good part of the design and construction work was improvisation.



The door on the left leads to the split-level apartment; the door to the right leads into the studio



This is the apartment/garage/studio in 2013.



The "barn" at the bottom of the hill from the house in Edwardsville. The large beams are recycled from the 1904 World's Fair (Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis) which we bought for \$1.00 each (they had been used to build a warehouse in Edwardsville, which was subsequently demolished, with the beams salvaged. The semi-circular window was salvaged from an old school, the siding is flooring salvaged from a house being demolished, and so on. The "barn" was built in the late 1970's.



The "barn" as seen from the path leading from the house to the lake. The roof was ceramic tiles.



The "barn" in 2015.



The post-and-beam framing system being erected for one of the Plyframe houses at Punta Aloe. The system was developed and patented by architect Rudd Falconer. I was involved in designing houses using it, as well as helping to build several.



Benny's house at Punta Aloe, on Culebra, Puerto Rico. I was part of the team building the house using the Plyframe Building System. Here I'm helping to install the roof sheathing.



The Paxon house addition, Mellon Lane, Edwardsville, Illinois. This was my first "formal" design-build project for which I was paid. It was built in 1977.



The interior of the Paxon addition, showing the built-in furniture I designed and built. I did all of the concrete-block foundation, framing, roofing, milled and installed the windows, did all of the interior trim, but subcontracted the electrical and heading duct-work.



The Paxton addition in 2012. The “butt-corner” and other fixed glass windows had been replaced by thermal units, and a corner mullion installed.



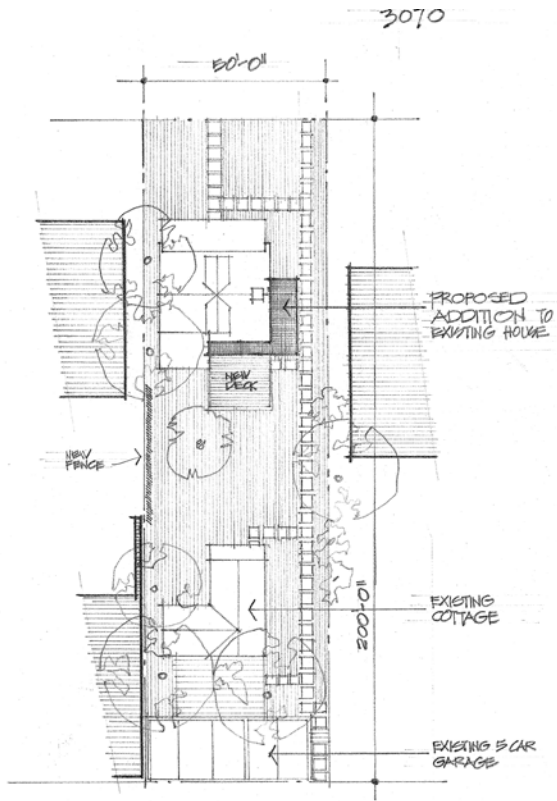
SK visiting the Paxon addition in 2012.



All of the windows had been replaced by now – this photo was taken in 2015.

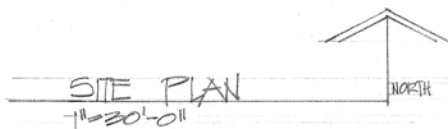


The Techbuilt house in Edwardsville, Illinois, built in 1964. I did most of the interior trim, much of the broken-up concrete retaining walls, and later designed the extension shown here at the front door.



6672 Washington University City, MO.

(rebuilding of the house and cottage
and garages – 1978-82 and views in
2010)





A photo taken in 2010, of Yoshiko and me in front of the house we renovated between 1978-82 in University City, Mo.



The gut-renovation of the house at 6672 Washington, University City, Mo, 1978



6672 Washington, University City, Mo.



The back porch and basement entrance



The back garden



The path leading to the back garden and the cottage



The house, sandwiched between two apartment buildings



The back garden and the Cottage



The back courtyard of the Cottage

**Basement Renovation of
Nancy and William Foster's house
7717 14th Street NW, Washington, DC
1987**



Basement renovation of the Foster house in Washington, DC - 1986



Detail of the basement renovation of the Foster house in Washington, DC - 1986



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“Folly” at Winona Court

Silver Spring

1999



A folly built in the backyard at Winona Court, Silver Spring, MD, the summer before we moved to Indiana - 1999

**Projects at 3100 West Beechwood
Avenue, Muncie, Indiana**

1999-2014



A wooden deck I built at 3100 West Beechwood Avenue, Muncie, Indiana - 2010



The trellis I built in 2011, along with a table I built and the kitchen bay-window extension at the left, using a recycled awning window.



The trellis and patio behind our house in Muncie



**My first home office in Muncie,
with the ceiling I installed**



The kitchen bay-window under construction



The kitchen bay-window