

VISION + CRAFTSMANSHIP = ULTIMATE LUXURY

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MARCIA AND JERRY DONNAN ARE PARTNERS IN LIFE AND IN BUSINESS. INDIVIDUALLY THEY EACH BRING UNIQUE ABILITIES TO EVERY ENDEAVOR THEY UNDERTAKE, BE IT RAISING A FAMILY, GROWING A BUSINESS, OR BUILDING A HOME.

THE DONNAN'S HOUSE IS A CONCEPT SOLIDIFIED, WITH SWEEPING VIEWS UNOBSTRUCTED BY NEIGHBORING STRUCTURES OR ELEMENTS WITHIN THE HOME ITSELF. CARRIED BY COLOR AND ROOTED IN TEXTURE, THE OUTDOORS FLOW INSIDE. MEADOWLAND AMBERS BEAM FROM ALABASTER PENDANT LIGHTS IN THE DINING ROOM. THE GREAT ROOM'S SIX CHANDELIERS ESTABLISH THE COMBINATION OF OILED BRONZE AND GOLDEN LIGHT THAT CARRIES THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE IN DOZENS OF FIXTURES LARGE AND SMALL.





Double fireplace enhances dining and conversation areas of Great Room.

Meet the Donnan's



They originated Factual Data Corp. in 1985 with the idea that speed, accuracy and excellent customer service would carve them a place in mortgage credit reporting. The Donnans possess diverse experiences in financial services and credit-reporting management; they are not afraid to expect the same high caliber performance they set for themselves from others. Their team responded in kind.

The success of Factual Data is founded upon technological innovation, its people and community support, which has allowed for growth and the acquisition of 60+ companies nationwide. Headquartered in the Centerra Business Park, Loveland, Colorado, Factual Data went public in 1998, sold in 2003, and now operates as Kroll Factual Data. Marcia cuts to the core of it, "We have been fortunate. We had a vision; the members of our team shared our vision and drove it forward."

The Donnans are now retired from Kroll Factual Data; while sons James, as president and Russ as chief information officer, propagate their father's professional yet friendly atmosphere, which is evidenced by long term

employees and community involvement. KFD supports the community with ongoing philanthropy that supports the foundation of its success.

On a more personal level, Marcia and Jerry formed the Donnan Charitable Foundation, Inc., which targets needs of disadvantaged children. Recently incorporated, Donnan LTD invests in start-up companies and real estate investments in the region.

Marcia is active in Foothills Rotary, where she serves on the Board of Directors and the Community Service Committee. Jerry takes the management lead for the couple's foundation and Donnan LTD. Jerry and Marcia have utilized their magnificent home to host fundraising events for Project Self Sufficiency (www.ps-s.org), Foothills Rotary Charitable Foundation (www.rotary5440.org/fortcollinsfoothillsco/Foundation.htm), Timberline Church (www.timberlinechurch.org) and Team RAMstrong, a cooperative fundraising venture linking CSU (www.ramnation.com/fundraiser/ramstrong.html) and the Lance Armstrong Foundation (www.livestrongchallenge.org).



Guy DiMatteo's mosaic greets visitors in the Great Room's entry.

Getting started

Building a custom home starts with a vision to blend lifestyle, offices and residence into one unique unit. It requires a huge commitment of time and resources. The Donnans had a good start with a solid wish list of "what if's" and a general concept.

How did the myriad of diverse elements come together into such smooth synchronicity?

The Donnans will tell you it was a combination of several factors.

First, they had to find the right building site. Jay Stoner, President of Stoner Company and developer of The Hill believes choosing a custom home site has many components, including open space, access to private lake, exercise trails, privacy, and view. The Hill evolved into a place where homeowners feel like "every day at home is a vacation" through careful consideration of each site's impact on neighboring homes' view and open space.

Marcia Donnan is pleased. "We have a sense of community here, but we are not on top of each other."

Another huge part of the equation is the imaginative skill and innovative attitude of our region's finest craftsmen. They demonstrated an inimitable willingness to play off one another's abilities and ideas and take something from sketched hypothesis to finished product. Jerry Donnan applauds these professionals, "We are amazed and in awe of the superb craftsmanship in all areas of the house. Their knowledge and abilities in the design and completion in their areas of specialty is just awesome." Integral to this process was the masterful direction of builder Harry Poehlmann.

Poehlmann points to the Donnans. "From start to finish, working with the Donnans was fun. Building a home starts with building a long term relationship with the family." He notes it can take a year to design and over two years to build a custom home, so it is essential to think things through. "Men in particular, will research a car thoroughly before making a purchase, but put less effort into buying a house. The features people want in a home depend on the age of the homeowners, if their children are young or grown, and their appreciation for detail."

Even in the kitchen - it's the view

The kitchen is resplendent with the out of doors. Its most distinguishing feature? A spectacular view of the lake, totally unobstructed by culinary fixtures. Spacious, inviting and carefully appointed, two cooks can easily work without crowding.

The house is designed with age-in-place forethought with accessibility and easy conversion in mind. All first floor thresholds are flat, two bathrooms are wheel-chair accessible, and an elevator facilitates movement between floors.



Ingeniously hidden two-story Christmas tree closet; coat closet sits beneath the curve of the stairs.



▲ Newel post topper, "Dance of the Seasons" by Wyoming artist Dawn Senior-Trask, depicts 23 wildlife species.



Knotty alder's warm tones pull together the soaring spaces of the Great Room's vaulted ceiling dotted with magnificent chandeliers. ▶