



Crowning Glory

The difference is in the details
of this Wayne builder's home

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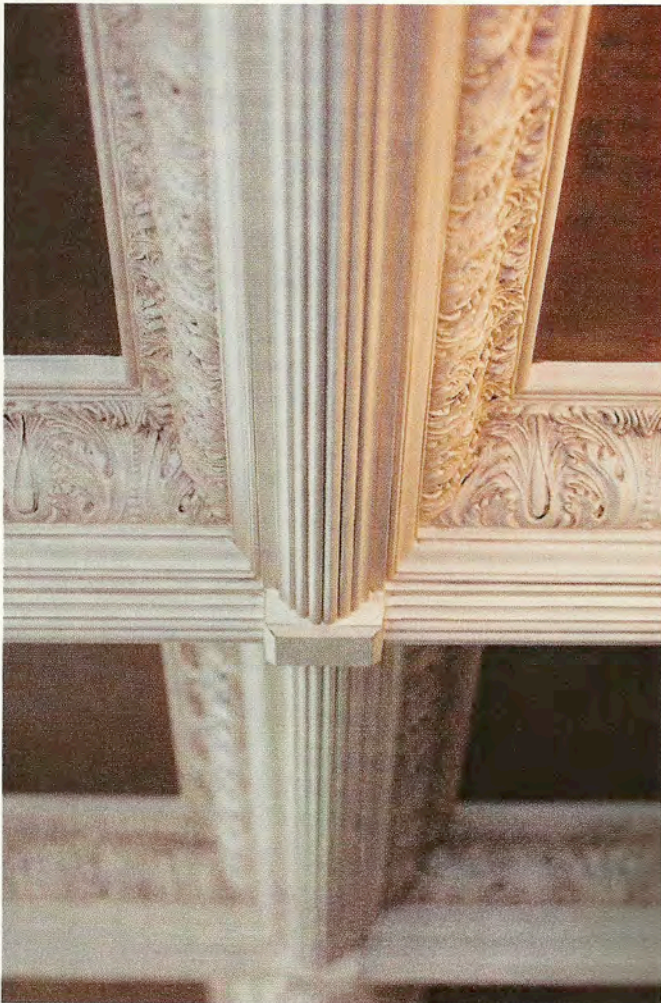
Photos by Anthony Bianciella

For Wayne resident Dean Theodorou, president of TAAS Construction Corporation, Inc., building and design are all about the detail work. The home he shares with his fiancée and their dogs is a showcase for what his company has perfected: finishing touches. "Elements such as crown moulding, coffer ceilings and columns totally change the finish of a room," says Theodorou. "They are what make a home grand," he states.



DEAN OF DESIGN

TAAS Construction, although primarily a commercial building company, has a fair amount of residential clients. The bulk of Theodorou's business comes from word-of-mouth referrals from customers who know just how much he pays attention to the details of sound engineering as well as interior design. Calling his home's style "an eclectic mix of traditional and Tuscan influences with a hint of a modern flair," Theodorou says he selected every aspect and as a result, customers have asked him to assist them with interior decorating. ▶



GRAND AND GREAT

Theodorou chose his home based on its Wayne location. After having worked on homes in the Waterview Estates section, he came to appreciate Wayne's proximity to shopping, his gym, karate (he's a brown belt) and his corporate headquarters. "And, I like the block where the house is located," he adds.

However, that is all Theodorou liked. "The house was structurally sound, but I gutted the inside and expanded the footprint," he recounts. "I added a 26-by-20-foot great room and turned the former family room into a library. I needed more space for entertaining," he says.

With a background in carpentry, Theodorou has become a connoisseur of decorative moldings and incorporated architectural carvings from Pearlworks and Enkeboll Designs throughout the house. "I used 5 or 6 different moldings for every section and put them together like a puzzle to achieve an ornate look," he explains. ➤







BE HIS GUEST

The formal dining room boasts a ceiling medallion, delicate friezes and wainscoting that add Old World charm and warmth to a room that holds an oversized dining table.

The completely updated gourmet kitchen incorporates TAAS signature cabinets that are rich in traditional detailing, stainless steel commercial grade appliances and a few modern luxury additions such as a built-in coffee maker and pot filler. A breakfast nook that overlooks and opens out to the pool area was added for leisurely meals.

Outside, the back yard features modern hardscapes and plantings by Precision Landscaping of Wayne, which surround a free form pool perfect for summer entertaining. ■

