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**by
Judy Foy**

Webster's Dictionary defines passion as a strong liking or desire for or devotion to some activity, object or concept. If we use this definition, then I can safely say that Dan Pether, the President of Greenstone Builders, has a passion for what he does.

And what he does is build...from custom built homes, to decks, to room additions. However, what he is most passionate about when it comes to building is the concept of building "green." He recently completed a project in Delavan to show that building "green" doesn't necessarily equal big dollar signs.

I knew very little about building "green" until I arrived to meet Dan and his wife Andrea, and their two daughters, and took a tour of their model home. By the time I left, I had a newfound appreciation for his concept and realized that in my

existing sixty plus year old home, there are still many projects and ideas that I can incorporate to do my part to reduce, reuse or recycle. Many, that I wasn't aware of prior to this visit.

Before I tell you about this stunning home, I should give you a bit of background on how Greenstone Builders came to be. About the time Dan and Andrea's first daughter, Lucy, was nine months old, they made the decision to relocate here from Colorado. Andrea is originally from the area and wanted to be closer to her family. Since then, second daughter, Ava, who is now nine months old has joined the family and her big sister Lucy, is now two.

Earlier on, Dan had begun working as a carpenter on custom homes and ski lodges in the mountains of Durango, Aspen and the Roaring Fork Valley of Colorado. From there it was a



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Dan Pether, President of Greenstone Builders holding daughter Ava, and wife, Andrea Pether holding daughter Lucy in the model home.

natural progression to General Contracting, which Dan has done for the last six years—and two years ago when they moved here, Greenstone Builders was born. Based on quality craftsmanship, and an honest approach to the building experience, Dan brings his integrity to every project he undertakes, large or small.

Seeing is believing, so a visit to their model home is a good place to start. This lovely home is located in Delavan; at 4310 Silverwood, about two blocks away from Lake Delavan. It boasts 1,800 square feet and does include lake rights. The open dining and living room area makes for a light and airy feel, with 3 bedrooms, a 2.5 car garage and a deck off of the kitchen, rounding out the picture. When you take a tour, you will be treated to both a home of which the design flows smoothly, and a bit of a science lesson on the ideals and philosophy of building "green."

Greenstone Builders, partnered with Wisconsin Energy Star Homes and Wisconsin Green Built

Homes, to demonstrate that energy efficiency and green building don't have to break the budget, or take you off the power grid. Builders who participate in the Wisconsin Energy Star Homes Program, combine custom design with materials and building techniques proven to ensure a high level of performance. Builders must also pay special attention to air tightness, ventilation capacity and combustion safety.

While the home is being built, a third party consultant comes in to document and test the home's performance. This building and inspection process verifies compliance with the standards set by the program. What this means to the new home buyer is that in the end you are getting a home that is safe, durable, comfortable and energy efficient, that features among other things, certification of the homes efficiency, giving you peace-of-mind that you will save money year after year on your utility bills.

Green Built Homes is another company that Greenstone Builders has part-

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nered with. To qualify as a Green Built Home, you must earn a minimum of sixty points by meeting specified criteria using the Green Built New Home Check List. This home exceeds the standards regarding energy efficiency, ventilation, combustion safety

and indoor air quality by earning one hundred and ten points on the Green Home Checklist. Once again, the homebuyer can purchase this home with confidence knowing that they have purchased an energy efficient home.

While the excellent

quality and craftsmanship of the home on the surface is quite obvious to the eye, many that aren't visible become clear as the educational part of the tour proceeds.

This home was constructed using a compact carbon footprint. The foundation and interior slabs are insulated using R-10 insulation which is three times greater than the local building code requires.

Once again, this emphasizes Dan's mission of building quality construction that goes above and beyond what is expected. All exterior walls are 2x6 allowing for more insulation than the traditional 2x4...which means you are going to save on those utility bills.

You will find that a portion of the floor is made of bamboo. The look is spectacular and still in keeping with

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DELAVAN WATERFRONT \$779,900.

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LAKE ELIZABETH \$284,900.

Deeded Lake Rights to Lake Elizabeth PLUS this pretty 4 bedroom home on almost half acre with back yard fenced. Large above ground pool and deck perfect for those lazy HOT summer days! Lower level (700 sq.ft.) features large windows, 4th bedroom, family room and stubbed in 3rd bath, entrance to garage. Lot is larger than fence line.

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The bathrooms boast dual flushing toilets that have been in use in Europe for a couple of decades. American Olean Porcelain tile has been laid. Porcelain tile floors are by far the strongest of any manufactured flooring.

the "green." Did you know that bamboo matures in three years, and regenerates without the need for replanting, and requires minimal fertilization? Well I didn't, and took away some new-found knowl-

edge and appreciation for bamboo flooring.

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the strongest of any manufactured flooring. This type of flooring provides a durability and resiliency not found in any other fired flooring. The water absorption rate on porcelain tile makes it suitable for interior applications in all climates, and because these tiles have low absorption, they are usually frost resistant. The manufacturing difference between ceramic and porcelain tiles make porcelain tiles an excellent choice when it comes to value and durability.

The carpet is Shaw Anso nylon carpeting and is made of recycled content. Did you know that 4.6 tons of carpet are sent to landfills annually? This carpeting is not only durable, but attractive to the eye, as well as the touch.

The paints used in the house are low voc's, which stands for volatile organic compounds. What does that mean to you or me? Actually more than I realized. Low voc paints preserve both the indoor and outdoor air quality. These paints do not emit the smog forming chemicals into the air that are a major contributor to ground level ozone pollution.

The bathrooms boast dual flushing toilets that have been in use in Europe for a couple of decades. The operation is pretty self explanatory, with a #1 and #2 button. Each of these toilets can save about two thousand gallons of water per year...or in the case of this house, which has three toilets, a whopping total of six thousand gallons per year, again lowering those utility bills for you.

Have you ever passed homes that are being built? Notice all the dumpsters that are used to haul away the debris? Obviously that debris is going into landfills. However in this home, built by Greenstone Builders, only one, twenty ton dumpster was used. The cardboard that most of the building materials came in was recycled, as was anything else that could be. Even the left over wood from the house will be turned into mulch to be used in the landscaping for the property.

Speaking of landscaping and the outdoors, it should be noted that the deck off of the kitchen was made with recycled wood content. And the home boasts a built in rain barrel on the side of the house to collect the rainwater for you to reuse in watering your garden.

An important note, is that this home is also solar ready. This means if the new homeowner chooses to operate off of solar power, all three elements that

need to be in place for that to happen have been installed. Those elements include the roof-where the solar hot water collector would be installed, the utility room-where the controls would be run between the roof and the utility room, and lastly the pipe run or "chase" where the pipes will be run between the roof and utility room.

In addition to building "green" homes, Greenstone Builders is equally capable of building a home that meets your specifications. If you are not ready to join the green movement, they fully respect your wishes, and are ready to design and build to your taste. Whether green, not or in between, Dan's quality craftsmanship, honesty and integrity are always a part of every project he undertakes.

Perhaps you have some remodeling that needs to be done. From kitchen and bath remodeling to decks and basements, Greenstone Builders can meet that need as well.

Don't have a home to be built or remodeled, but do have construction that needs to be finished? From tenant finishes to office buildings, Greenstone Builders will bring their same personal attention to detail, to your light commer-

cial jobs.

If all of this great information has got you to thinking about what you might do to incorporate the "green" concept into your own home, give Dan a call. He will be happy to meet with you and give you some suggestions and ideas; and in most cases be able to do them for you without breaking your budget.

Is your group or club looking for a new and different topic or speaker? Or does your group have some questions on what all this "green movement" is about? Dan Pether is available to speak to your group on green built homes, and how they can offer economical advantages and offer a higher level of comfort efficiency. Just give him a call.

If you are interested in touring this model home, you may contact Christine Fox at Century 21 Affiliated for your own private tour. She can be reached at 262-740-7707 or via her cell phone at 262-903-0717.

To reach Dan Pether, of Greenstone Builders, you may contact him at 262-758-2330. He may also be reached via email at dan@greenstonebuilders.com. To visit Greenstone Builders on the web, you may go to www.greenstonebuilders.com.



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