Bella Construction Project

Project: Blue Ridge Home Architect: Paul Whitney, AIA











In collaboration with the owner, Bella Construction built this spacious, 3-story custom home in Seattle's Blue Ridge neighborhood. The house contains an impressive array of sophisticated engineering and structural elements not commonly found in residential work, including large-

span steel-beams and glue-lam structural members, all of which required four crane lifts over the course of construction. Initial site-work required the construction of a 10-foot high shoring wall to stabilize the soils on the site.

The Prairie-style home was thoughtfully designed to blend aesthetically with the site. In addition, there are certain design elements, such as a turreted roof line, that ensures the views from adjacent homes are not obstructed. The many features of the home include a recovery ventilation system, an elevator, and an impressive varied-radius circular staircase which runs the entire 3story height of the house.

The home features a 22-foot sliding/folding door system which opens on to a sweeping view of Puget Sound. The house is sided with Boral TufExterior siding, which is impervious to moisture and insects. Outside, a water cistern was installed to capture rain water for landscape irrigation. Overall, this is an exceptionally well-designed - and built - home for the Pacific Northwest. We call it a "200 Year Structure".