

Designer Profile

HDA, Inc. is committed to making your home building journey an easy one. To assist in the process, we asked the co-owners of *Drummond House Plans*, Marie-France Roger and Yves Carignan, to give homebuyers some guidance. *Drummond House Plans* is a nationally renowned design firm who designed the cover home.

Drummond House Plans has provided excellence in home design since 1973, developing and customizing residential home plans for consumers, builders, developers, and home manufacturers. As a company, their greatest honor is the faith bestowed upon them by their clients. Over 115,000 Drummond House Plans have been chosen and built throughout North America and the world. The distinctive rendering style of Drummond House Plans is their hallmark and is popular for front page and feature plans in various building publications.



Marie-France Roger

Our design team must marry the functional with the technical, creating a family haven with social and private spaces for all while ensuring the home



Yves Carignan

conforms to building codes. The ultimate goal is to create a place that no matter where you go, it will always be the place you yearn to get back to. In the Wonderful World of Oz, Dorothy says it best - "There's no place like home!" We agree.

DA: What does the word "home" mean to you?

MR: "Home" is one of the most emotional words in the English language. Home is a personal sanctuary and a place of pride, security, and comfort. Every Drummond House Plan is inspired, conceptualized and created from this perspective.

DA: What new concepts in home design are you seeing right now?

MR: Some of the new concepts we are seeing in home design right now are based on efficient use of space and resources. The budget and eco-conscious consumer wants to make every square foot count so we are seeing more clients opting for great rooms or open concept living spaces rather than formal living rooms and dining rooms. Fewer walls mean more

Drummond House Plans designed the beautiful home plan featured on our front cover. To see more of this home design, see page 56, or visit www.houseplansandmore.com and search for home plan #592-032D-0239.



flexibility in configuring spaces for special occasions or day to day living. These indoor spaces are often partnered with adjoining outdoor rooms to provide further recreation and entertainment options. Home offices can serve double-duty as a guest room by the implementation of a Murphy bed. The laundry room is often paired with a mudroom entrance from the garage. We are also seeing that clients are often thinking of energy efficiencies in their design. Insulated concrete forms (ICFs) are becoming more popular for foundation walls. More and more clients are thinking of the orientation of rooflines for solar water heating and/or photo-voltaic power. Even replacing the hot water tank with an on-demand water heater frees up precious space while providing energy savings.

DA: What is the most important thing for a pre-drawn home plan buyer to know?

MR: Home plan buyers need to know that they should be aware of their local building codes, setbacks and building schemes and choose their plan accordingly or be prepared to have the plan modified to suit their local needs. Modifications are common and welcome, but the buyer needs to budget for additional costs and also factor in the time required to have the plan customized for their exact requirements.

DA: What is the most common mistake home plan buyers make?

MR: Many buyers do not realize the plan they purchase can be customized by Drummond House Plans to suit the region in which they are planning to build or their specific desires. As the originators of the designs and copyright holders, Drummond is able to quickly and efficiently modify its plans. The changes become part of the full set of working drawings resulting in a complete, coordinated set of plans thus reducing the risk of construction errors due to miscommunication – invaluable for peace of mind. Also, adapting plans at source will normally be more cost-effective than bringing in a third-party draftsman.