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## “New” Clyde’s Uses 18th & 19th Century Structures

Tom Meyer, executive vice president of Clyde’s Restaurant Group, wanted to see something old in Loudoun County. So he bought four old structures, moved them to Virginia and filled them with old things. “We think people will really enjoy the authentic approach,” he says of the company’s newest restaurant, Clyde’s at Willow Creek, in Ashburn. “Everything in Loudoun is brand new, and we thought people would like to see some old buildings and architecture out there.”

The concept of building from historic pieces began for Clyde’s in the early 1980s, when the company purchased several antique heavy timber structures: the Chandler Barn (c.1885), the Samuel French Tavern (c.1804), the Roxbury House (c.1810) and the Richmond House (c. 1780). They worked with Vermont-based Weather Hill Restoration,



Standing Seam Lead Coated Copper roofing is installed on the entrance roof of the Samuel French Tavern (c.1804)

### Clyde’s Restaurant of Broadlands

**Location:** 42920 Broadlands Boulevard, Ashburn, VA

**General Contractor:** The Dietze Construction Group

**Architect:** Mark S. Orling of Rust/Orling Architecture

**Owner:** The Clyde’s Group

**Roof:** Synthetic slate, modified bitumen and lead-coated copper roofs

which takes buildings apart, stains and restores the structures and

then sets them up on a new property. Clyde’s stored the disassembled buildings until they found the right place to create a one-of-a-kind restaurant in Northern Virginia. “We took the old building theme and just expanded it,” Meyer says.

Work on the project began in July 2005, and the restaurant will

open fall 2006. “We’ve used all original timbers, old wood paneling and old wood flooring,” says Bill Wetzel, project manager for Dietze Construction Group. “It was like reinventing the wheel because we built it backwards. After you built the frame you put your finished walls up first and then put up your outside walls to get the look they wanted. It was challenging putting the whole concept together, coordinating with everyone. Wagner was a great contractor to work with,

and it was reassuring to know they had so much experience working with historic buildings.”

“As a roofing customer they are quite unique in that they have taken these old barns, houses and buildings and converted them into the restaurant,” says Chuck Wagner, who also did roofing work for Clyde’s Tower Oaks location in Rockville and Clyde’s in Tyson’s Corner and performs maintenance for several other of the company’s

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## Under the **Roof** at Wagner **Barbara Demarest**

**Age:** 40

**Title:** Project Coordinator

**Wagner employee since:** 2001

**Recent Recognition:** On behalf of Wagner, she accepted the Associated General Contractors of America's Merit Award for Restoration/Renovation Under \$100 million (see photo below), for the company's work at the Kreeger Museum. The award was presented in October at the Galleria at Lafayette Center.

**Lives in:** Gambrells, Md.

**Years working in roofing:** 16

**In "spare" time:** takes her 11-year old daughter to soccer and basketball practice

**If she had time for hobbies:** crafty house projects

**Favorite movies:** "The Godfather" and "Steel Magnolias"

**Last book read:** "The Broker"

**Gadgets she is living without:**

Palm Pilot, iPod, Blackberry

**Last vacation:** Newport News and Williamsburg, Va.

**Keys for keeping organized:** "Our new computer system keeps logs for me, so I've tried to utilize that as much as I can, so you're not writing things in 15 different places. I date every note that goes back and forth."

**If she had to fix her own roof:** "I'd at least know what materials to use, but I might not be the best to fix it. There's also this fear of heights that I have."



# Columbia Residences—Wagner Birthplace Gets New Roof

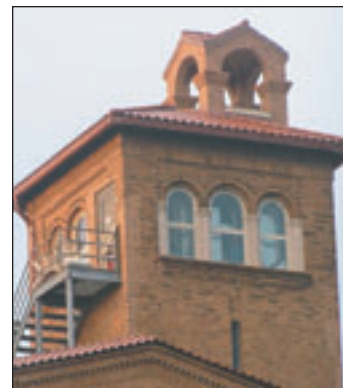
When Chuck Wagner heard that the old Columbia Hospital in the heart of Washington's West End was being converted into the Columbia Residences, a colleague of his asked him if he knew about the job or had seen it recently. "I laughed," Wagner says, "and told him that it had been a while." In fact, the last time Wagner had been at the hospital was 1943, in the maternity ward.

The repair work Wagner was hired to do on the condominium project brings Wagner himself full circle, to the place he was born. Columbia Hospital for Women was once one of the oldest hospitals in the city. It was founded in 1866, shortly after the Civil War, when the Secretary of War authorized funds to establish a 50-bed hospital. Nearly half of those beds were reserved for the wives and widows of U.S. soldiers. The current building was built at Pennsylvania Avenue and 25th Street in 1915. More than a quarter-million babies were delivered



**(Above): Job is 85 percent complete; East tower tile and copper underway.**

**(Right): Elevator Penthouse and Bell Tower**



before the hospital closed in 2002.

The building was designed in a Mediterranean style, and its terra cotta roofs are distinctive. "This building looks like you landed in the middle of Italy," says Mike Levy, project superintendent. "What's important is that we're saving the original [roof] as much as we can." He says the Chicago-based company that manufactured the original tiles is still in business, and the only trick was getting the new tile glazed to match the old one. Wagner's job at Columbia began as tile repair on the terra cotta roof and then grew into tile, custom gutters and downspout replacement work.

The Residences now house 69 condominiums between the original building and two nine-story towers built on either side of it. Some of the condominiums are already occupied, and residents are within close distance of the shops in historic Georgetown, the Kennedy Center and Rock Creek Park. And of course, they have stunning views of the city. "A little different," Wagner says, "from the view I had in 1943." ●

### The Columbia Residences

**Location:** 2425 L Street, NW, Washington, DC

**General Contractor:** Bovis Lend Lease, Inc.

**Architect:** Shalom Baranes Associates, PC

**Owner:** High Street Columbia, LLC

**Roof:** Spanish tile, custom gutters, downspouts and conductor heads

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# Letter From the Vice President

## Good Deeds Go a Long Way

I love hearing about the good deeds that are happening all around us. We are so fortunate to live in a country where many people can contribute their time and money to help others.

I want to let you know about a young woman who is very special to us. Her name is Laura Pickard, and she went to the College of Charleston with our daughter Lisa. She has been working as a teacher at the Frost Center, a therapeutic school in Maryland for children with emotional disabilities. She assisted in setting up and teaching in the school's program for autistic children. Many children and families in the Washington area have been helped because of Laura's involvement in this program.



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Now, Laura has decided to help children in a different way. She is volunteering in an orphanage and school for children in Kenya who have lost

their parents to AIDS. This selfless act will enable Laura to speak about the importance of HIV/AIDS awareness and child poverty in Kenya when she returns to the United States.

Wagner Roofing Company and friends have made donations and are sponsoring Laura's trip to Kenya from November 1, 2006 through May 1, 2007. Check out Laura's website journal to see how and what she is doing: <http://journals.volunteer.org.nz/entry.php?id=2442>

Best wishes for a winter full of good deeds and good news,

*Sheila Wagner*

Sheila Wagner

### Serving the Community

Wagner Roofing supported the following organizations in 2006:

- Jellef Boys and Girls Club
- National Building Museum
- Kreeger Museum
- Rebuilding Together
- Yellow Ribbon Fund
- Tudor Place Foundation
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters
- American Heart Association
- National Cancer Foundation
- Mi Casa through "This Old House"

### Chuck on DCPL Board

Wagner dives deeper into the city's history: Wagner Roofing is known around town as a roofing company that respects historic properties and commits to protecting them for the future. So Chuck Wagner's new three-year term on the DC Preservation League's Board of Trustees is a natural fit. "I'm looking forward to working with the DCPL in furthering the city's dedication to its historic buildings," Wagner says. The League's mission is to preserve, protect, and enhance the historic built environment of Washington, through advocacy and education.



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restaurants. At the new Loudoun County location Wagner installed all the standing and flat seam copper roofs, synthetic slate roofs, and copper gutters and downspouts.

The restaurant seats 625 and includes three bars and a small patio bar with outdoor dining for 150. In addition to the historic structures, two new buildings were also built—a dining room and a stable bar, which includes 10 carriages hanging from the 80-foot ceiling.

"The whole concept was pretty interesting," says Wetzel. "There was a learning curve in putting the whole thing together. But we got everyone to coordinate on it, and it turned out pretty nice. There's nothing else like it out there." ●



MARK S. ORLING

Wagner Roofing installed synthetic slate on the Chandler Barn (c. 1855).

MICHELLE CLARK, TURNER CONSTRUCTION



### Arlington Post Office

The first Post Office in Arlington, 1937

**Location:** 1020 N. Highland Street, Arlington, VA

**General Contractor:** Turner Construction

**Architect:** Mary Oehrelin

(Left): Cooper roof is complete and gold leafing has been applied. (Below): Scaffold up. Copper roofing on dome ready to start.



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TUDOR PLACE ARCHIVES



**Tudor Place**, 1644 31st Street NW. New lead-coated copper roofs, copper gutters and downspouts.



LEE SIMON (2)

**National Air & Space Museum**, 601 Independence Avenue SW. Smithsonian's most popular museum has an average of 7 million visitors per year. Terrace roof over the "Apollo to the Moon" exhibit will be replaced.

## In the Works

Other Wagner jobs in progress or recently completed. To discuss or visit any of our projects, call Chuck or Sheila Wagner at 301/927/9030.

**Saint Patrick's Church**, 619 Tenth Street, NW. New Buckingham slate and copper roofs.

**Saint Augustine Church**, 15th & V Streets, NW. New synthetic slate roof and flat seam copper on steeple.

**Grace Reformed Church**, 1405 15th Street, NW. Slate restoration and copper flashing.



**Downtown Baptist Church**, 212 S. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA. Originally built in 1803, the steeple was added in 1858. New Buckingham slate and copper hip metal. Base of steeple restored and painted.

**Kreeger Museum**, 2401 Foxhall Road NW. On October 19, 2006, Barbara Demerest represented Wagner Roofing at the 6th Annual Washington Contractor Awards dinner. Wagner Roofing received the award for "Restoration/Renovation for Contractors under \$100 million" for work performed at the Kreeger Museum from the Associated General Contractors of Metropolitan Washington, DC.

Also, Professional Roofing, the official publication of the National Roofing Contractors Association, featured Wagner Roofing for the Kreeger Museum in the July 2006 issue.



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**Folger Building**, 725 15th Street NW. Design/build 4th floor office space.

**National Cathedral School, Hearst Hall**, 3609 Woodley Road NW. Copper and slate restoration.

**Boys & Girls Club**. New rubber roofs at multiple locations in Washington, DC, and Silver Spring, MD.

## Back When...



**Jack Wagner, Sr. (on left) in St. Mark's Square, Venice, Italy, 1942.**

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