



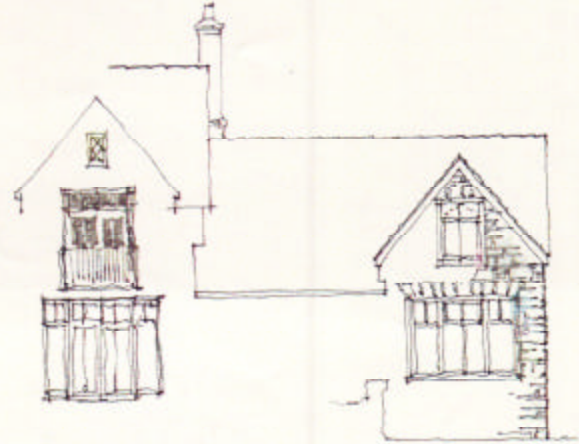
A Tradition of Timeless Craftsmanship

Shelter Associates was founded in 1975, and is owned by John Diven and Bruce Gordon. Shelter's office and design studio are located in Free Union, a village eight miles northwest of Charlottesville in Albemarle County. John Diven, or JD, graduated from the University of Virginia and has lived in Charlottesville for thirty years. Bruce Gordon grew up in Charlottesville and has lived and worked his adult life in Albemarle County.



From the early days when we began with small remodeling jobs until today, Shelter has concentrated on unique residential design and construction. Along the way we have built and renovated many of the area's most significant homes. Some of these homes are listed in the Virginia Landmarks Register and date from the time of Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe. Recipient of awards for contemporary architecture and energy efficient design, Shelter has built on top of the Blue Ridge Mountains and by the banks of our streams and lakes.

For 28 years Shelter has brought remarkable enthusiasm for design and the building process to the construction of fine homes. We bring a tradition of caring for the environment, our long standing commitment to craftsmanship, and our belief that design and workmanship deeply affect the quality of family life.



At Shelter we know the delight a window placed perfectly in relation to a mountain view can provide. We recognize the pleasure brought by a thoughtfully positioned window to the garden's flowering tree. We know the efficiency a properly located laundry room or kitchen desk can bring to a busy family life. We know the enjoyment of a summer evening on a well-placed porch and the comfort of a winter afternoon in the warm glow of your stone hearth.

We work with our clients to design homes that help create memorable places and moments in a child's, a guest's, and a family's life. We listen carefully to the story of how our owners live and wish to live, and we know how to match those images with a house and the natural world surrounding it. We build for people who care deeply about their home and environment, and to their caring we add our own, along with the depth of our experience •

