



"I'm inspired by the opportunity to integrate unique materials and applications that elevate basic design into works of art."



PURPLE CHERRY ARCHITECTS

The strength of client-architect communication at **Purple Cherry** is evident in the masterful works of design that give life to the homeowner's dreams and desires.

As important as the ultimate destination is for a prospective homeowner, it's the journey that often captivates the high-end residential clients of Purple Cherry Architects, a collaborative process that has distinguished the renowned Annapolis-based firm for more than two decades. "From the start of each project, we believe in cultivating a positive client-architect synergy," says owner Cathy Purple Cherry, who launched the business in 1996. "By taking the time to listen carefully to our client's needs, conduct necessary research and explore options, our design team develops solutions that exceed the client's expectations." Look no further than the 10,000-square-foot, stone-and-glass contemporary home that the Purple Cherry team conceived along the Chesapeake waters, a three-story masterpiece that speaks to the company's never-ending quest to create exceptional homes for its clients. "From the initial client inquiry to project completion, our design team is devoted to being creative servants," Purple Cherry says. Their sensitivity to lifestyle, scalability and living patterns not only informs

This three-story 10,000-square-foot custom contemporary home boasts an exterior composed of extensive stone and natural wood.

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the design concept but supports the values and characteristics unique to each client. "We seek to understand not only the physical but also the emotional relationship our client will have with a particular space or structure and how that translates to design."

SIGHTS TO BEHOLD

Though the firm's high-end clients along Chesapeake Bay often request a Nantucket- or Shingle-style aesthetic, Purple Cherry says that she takes great pride in her creative team's ability to render any number of architectural styles based on the homeowner's desire—including contemporary, Georgian and mountain-style homes. Over the years, Purple Cherry Architects has earned a stellar reputation for its professional integrity, as well as an unyielding commitment to the community through its philanthropic efforts and "purposeful architecture" (a studio whose work is national and focuses on environments for children and adults with special needs). But at the end of the day, the company's owner notes, it's about connecting with the client. "Equipped with the client's vision and inspirations, the architect and team can extrapolate this into the client's finished home," she says. "This is what we have found to be the most rewarding design process for our clients."

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01. Form and function converge in the use of expansive glass panels that afford an endless view up the creek. **02.** The luxurious master bedroom features dual modern gas fireplaces, sitting area, private balcony and expansive water and pool views. **03.** Warm light reflected from the domed ceiling draws the eye to a custom-painted glass interior panel imported from Israel. **04.** A three-story floating wood and steel entry staircase delivers a promise of the unexpected design elements throughout the home.

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