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Glidden House Goes Green

RBI Design Group, Designer Walls team up to renovate boutique hotel

Photos courtesy of the Glidden House

RBI Design Group President Mary Cunningham has been designing and re-designing the unique upscale interiors of boutique hotel The Glidden House Inn since 1987. The Glidden House, located in Cleveland on the Case Western Reserve University campus, was formerly the mansion of Francis K. Glidden, completed in 1911. Prior to 1987, the mansion was dissected and utilized as classroom facilities for Case Western Reserve.

In the late 1980s, new ownership restored the historic mansion to its prior grandeur by creating eight luxury suites and converting the structure into a bou-

tique hotel. Along with the mansion suites, a historically accurate addition was constructed to the rear of the mansion, adding 52 new guest rooms.

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The challenge for RBI Design Group was to capture the ambience of a Victorian bed and breakfast on a limited budget, which required taking the finishes out of the hands of the general contractor. Recognizing the need for a turn-key operation, RBI partnered for the first time with Designer Walls, Inc., a full service finishing contractor, to complete the project. Twenty years later, RBI Design and Designer Walls once again partnered to renovate the Glidden House rooms and suites with a completely new look and approach – going green.

The design criteria was to evolve the Victorian bed and breakfast appearance into a boutique urban scheme offering additional amenities than were originally offered in the first

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renovation and utilizing environmentally green products.

The Glidden House Inn is one of the first hotels in Cleveland to carry through with the green approach in a major renovation. RBI selected green materials including carpets, wallcoverings, upholstery furnishings and quartz countertops. Careful attention was also given to the recycling of existing carpets and wallcoverings.

"Ahead of its time in hospitality, going green was a challenge," Cunningham says.

The finished project is sleek, posh and urban with each mansion suite being uniquely different in finishes and furniture.

The Designer Walls Inc. partnership was key to quality construction and well-timed turn over of completed rooms.

"We understand the hospitality industry and the need to turn over completed rooms in a timely and seamless manner with little disturbance to the ongoing

operation of the hotel," says Kathy Pierce, president of Designer Walls, Inc.

Pierce says the joint venture between design firm RBI and contractor Designer Walls is an unbeatable and unprecedented team in the hospitality marketplace as together they bring a wealth of experience,

knowledge and passion in undertaking a project of this nature. They both have a genuine love and interest in the Glidden House property and subsequently developed a long-term committed relationship with both owner and management staff, she says. **P**




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