

martin holub architects & planners

Lake Drive House Addition

LEFT: Lake Drive House Addition, Rhinebeck, New York. West facade at dusk. BOTTOM: (Clockwise from top left): Interior view looking south; South facade; Interior view looking north; Southwest facade.

“Our designs evolve from careful study of the site, the program, as well as the budget,” states Martin Holub, Principal of Martin Holub Architects. “We don’t see the program as simply a list of required spaces with their sizes, but as their potential relationship to the site, their desired proximities, and the circulation between them. Once the spaces are laid out, they suggest the forms, the forms suggest an appropriate structural system, the forms suggest materials, and thus the design evolves, clearly from the inside out.” Preferring to describe his work as contemporary rather than modern or modernist, Holub’s portfolio includes a variety of private, public, corporate, and institutional projects.

The firm’s work on the Lake Drive House in Rhinebeck, New York involved adding a sybaritic lounge for entertaining to an existing home. The goal was to integrate the two seamlessly while enhancing the appearance of the home. The triangular windows, which create the most prominent visual impact of the addition, are not decorative but reflect the structure. “Because of the height and large area of the glass wall relative to the narrow depth of the space, lateral bracing was essential,” says Holub. “Flying beams and the diagonal brace in the south elevation transfer lateral loads into the back wall and are reflected in the room’s outward appearance.”

