

This classic 1720s New England Colonial sits on three wooded acres in Milton, Massachusetts.

The popular public television series "This Old House" featured the project and WGBH Boston, in a first for the series, purchased the structure to renovate, then auction off upon completion.

The goal was to restore the 280-year old house and update it to include modern services and amenities. The exterior of the house was cleared of some minor additions, while other elements were unified to present a more cohesive overall presence. One of the old additions, a greenhouse, was replaced with a screened porch. At the rear of the house, a brick courtyard with fountain was added. A barn on the site was converted into This Old House cohost Norm Abram's "dream" workshop studio. Inside, many original rooms, still featuring wide plank flooring and pine paneling, were repaired and restored. The majority of work was performed at the rear of the house, where small, dark rooms were opened up and expanded to incorporate a large kitchen, laundry room, and media room.



Client
This Old House

Contractor
The Silva Brothers

Size
3,200 S.F.

Top
Fully modern, renovated kitchen features original wide hearth cooking fireplace.

Above left
Front view of house, screened porch at right.

Above right
Media room.

Right
Axonometric view of second floor areas.