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The sitting room of this Cape Cod-style home has the house's original exterior wall preserved and a window that became shelving after renovations.

## Update via throwback

A Silver Spring couple expands their Cape Cod house with a midcentury modern theme

What ended with a 1950s- and 1960s-themed party for an entire neighborhood began with a simple desire to upgrade a tired kitchen.

When Silver Spring residents Amy Dibner and Bruce Marshall, her husband, expanded their small Cape Cod house to accommodate a larger kitchen and dining area, a sunroom and a patio with a landscaped backyard, they thanked their neighbors for living through the six-month construction period by throwing a mid-

to what they considered the perfect neighborhood: a cluster of small single-family homes nestled along tree-lined streets within walking distance of downtown Silver Spring.

"We love it that we can walk to restaurants and shops and the Metro, but at the same time, we live in a quaint neighborhood," says Marshall, a Unitarian chaplain who works at Riderwood Village, a retirement community in Silver Spring, and who is the author of "Meaning and Spirit in