

## DiZebba & Sons, Inc.

**G**EATON DiZEBBA, JR., was born to build. Literally. A third generation President of DiZebba & Sons, Inc., DiZebba started on the path to designing and building custom homes as a young boy, forming a true understanding of craftsmanship, discipline, and hard work on his father's job sites. "My dad is a good man, a strict, hard-working man, who showed my brother and I the correct way to do things," says DiZebba, noting that Geaton, Sr., also learned the trade from his own father, Fioravante DiZebba. After coming to America from Italy, where he worked as a skilled

masonry contractor, Fioravante started the company in the mid-1930s along with his sons, offering construction services to the DC, suburban Maryland, and Annapolis markets.

"My dad is the company's secret weapon—he taught me the skills that have been part of our family for generations." Geaton DiZebba, Jr.'s long, hard apprenticeship with his father has paid off, providing him with the skills and the ability to do top-notch custom home construction on his own. "We do about 45-50% of the work on a project ourselves, hiring sub-contractors only for major trades



such as plumbing and electricity," he says. DiZebba & Sons completes masonry, foundation, trim, framing, and other carpentry tasks. It isn't even rare to find the company president out on a job site, tool belt slung around his waist, hard at work on a house. "I find working with stone and brick therapeutic." Still relying on the masonry and construction talents that have been handed down from father to son through three generations, DiZebba combines old-world craftsmanship with state-of-the-art technologies and premium materials.

DiZebba & Sons has developed a strong portfolio of projects including remodeling work at the Watergate Hotel, a 10,000-square-foot custom home on Whitehall Creek, and many other waterfront properties in Annapolis. "We have the ability to work with architects' plans and the wherewithal to adapt, modify, and massage them throughout the project to accommodate whatever scenarios arise," says DiZebba. "We are in constant close contact with the homeowner and the team, giving them our attention, respect, and advice." In fact, DiZebba admits that his favorite part of the job is the interaction with clients, watching them get excited about the project. "I encourage our customers to visit the job site daily." After all, being on-site, knowing what is happening with every detail of the



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project, that's what DiZebba & Sons is all about. Perhaps that's why Geaton, Sr., who recently retired after over 70 years in the industry, can still be found dropping in on projects, "just to see." ♦

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Generous use of bay windows and a cedar shake shingle style give this Annapolis home a traditional, waterfront feel. The home boasts a 180° panoramic view of the Bay.

**OPPOSITE TOP:** Limestone vessel sinks and honed granite countertops give this custom vanity a natural finish. The master bathroom also features heated flooring made of imported limestone.

**OPPOSITE BOTTOM:** In this custom home, warm, white oak handrails echo the floor, which was crafted using randomly ordered 3, 4, and 5-inch wide floorboards.