



BEAUTY RESTORED: This 1720s Georgian colonial in Northboro had suffered rot above the granite front step and brick foundation.

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to install new wiring, he had track lighting installed on the ceilings.

“To me it looked really bizarre, but that’s what he wanted,” Lewis says.

Licensed and insured like “modern” carpenters, Lewis does work in Central Massachusetts and the Concord area, mostly by referrals and word-of-mouth.

“I’m not a general contractor,” he says. “I don’t orchestrate a full house restoration. Typically for a small restoration, I go out, take measurements and photos for a specific job, come back home to do drawings, spend three to four weeks here re-manufacturing the parts and spend about 10 days to install.”

He gets referrals from the Bennet School, which keeps a list of graduates by geographic area. He plans to have a Web site, and can be reached by e-mail at LewisD74@msn.com, or by phone at (508) 277-0627.

He’s done work in the historic neighborhoods in Worcester, and close to home at Holden Town Hall.

Remember the minor furor a few years ago about the Town Hall windows? A proposal to replace the drafty 19th century windows with aluminum ones was pitched in November 2001, approved in 2002 and finally done in 2004.

The final decision was to keep the Main Street-facing original windows, and replace all the side ones.

Lewis had wanted to see them all repaired instead of replaced.

“I’ve never seen or heard of a window that can’t be repaired,” he says. “People throw out good windows because they rattle or stick, but with some regular maintenance some old windows work fantastic and retain the authenticity of the house because they used so much better wood then.

“I’m talking about windows prior to World War II,” he emphasizes.

And what happened to those old Town Hall windows that were discarded to make way for the new ones?

They’re part of David Lewis’s stash, and those wavy panes of glass might very well grace the windows of a little church in



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