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Follansbee TCS II® Lends to Contemporary Massachusetts Home

FOLLANSBEE, WV...The Cramer residence in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, features Follansbee TCS II® Terne-coated Stainless. The home, just one block from the Atlantic and a short boat ride from Martha's Vineyard, introduces contemporary design to its otherwise traditional surroundings.

The home's curved metal roof and ebb-and-flow design mimic the topography of land and sea. Unlike the typical shingled, wood-frame homes in the area, the Cramer residence has walls made from insulating concrete forms, a stucco exterior and concrete floors. Follansbee TCS II material – fabricated into the home's standing seam roof panels, half-round gutters and leaders – weathers the rain, snow and salty blasts of any marine environment.

Completed in spring 2004, the Cramer residence contains studios for creating art and music, and gallery space for displaying the homeowner's art collection. Architect Thomas Hiksdaal once described the home as "a museum that someone happens to live in."

Homeowner Catherine Cramer, a jazz percussionist and photographer, has strong ties to Woods Hole. Her grandparents met there in 1896 and built a house there in 1904. In the 1950s, more relatives became year-round residents of Woods Hole. Today, about 30 of Cramer's relatives call Woods Hole home, and many more visit in the summertime. All told, Cramer's relatives occupy 18 houses around town.

Follansbee TCS II, an architectural stainless steel coated with Follansbee's patented ZT (zinc/tin) alloy, weathers naturally to an attractive gray patina and does not require painting. As proven by Follansbee's extensive metallurgic testing, TCS II withstands the severe corrosive conditions of industrial, coastal, and salt-water environments. The highly versatile TCS II can be tailored to a variety of design forms – from the traditional standing seam roof to vertical walls, barrel applications, shingles, and customized sections in flat or spherical shapes. TCS II is solderable and virtually maintenance-free.

Thomas H. Hiksdaal, AIA, Sandwich, Massachusetts, served as the architect and General Construction, Colliers, West Virginia, as installer.

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