

Historic Boston Home



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Location:	Brookline (Boston), MA, USA
Square Footage:	4,000 sq. ft.
Year Built:	1912
Renovation Completed:	2010
Builder:	International Builders, Boston, MA
Style:	Traditional Georgian Architecture
Products Contributed:	Retractable door and window screens
Brand Name of Product:	Serene Retractable Window Screen by Phantom®, Phantom Door Screen
Mesh Type:	Fiberglass 18/14 Mesh by Phifer®
Mesh Color:	Silver Grey
Product Details:	40% sun control/ UV blockage and 58% openness
Installer:	Reliable Products, Authorized Distributor of Phantom Screens, West Roxbury, Massachusetts

Overview: This historic Boston Colonial home, built in 1912, is located in Brookline's Cottage Farm neighborhood, two miles west of downtown Boston. When purchased by the homeowners in 2006, the house was on the verge of complete deterioration after decades of neglect. The result of the homeowners' four-year renovation process is a blend of historic architectural details and materials with modern conveniences, including high-performance electronics, a state-of-the-art kitchen and a modern climate control system.

Need: The homeowners had to carefully follow Massachusetts Historical Society guidelines and rules throughout the renovation process. As they had to preserve the original windows and doors, they could not add any fixed screens for shading and insect protection. They therefore needed a screen solution that met the Society guidelines while providing insect protection, solar shade, and ventilation.

Solution: The homeowners selected retractable Serene window screens by Phantom® as the best solution for several windows in their home. The screens are custom made and professionally installed to match the varying sizes and colors of each window in the home. When not needed, the screens retract completely out of sight into their color-matched housings, preserving the look and design of the original windows. The selected mesh type (Fiberglass 18/14 mesh by Phifer) in silver grey finish provides ventilation and insect protection when the screens are lowered, and blocks 40% of UV rays during sunny days.

The homeowners also selected Phantom's retractable door screen for their back doorway to create additional cross-ventilation during warm summer months while preventing insects from entering the home. Specified in custom color and same mesh type as the Serene window screens, the retractable Phantom door screen blends with the design of the doorway and stay out of sight when not in use.



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