



# Building Ambitions

## *Ardrossan Inspires Sylvia & Colin Broom's Third Custom Pohlig Home*

When Sylvia and Colin Broom first laid eyes on the picturesque country views at Ardrossan Farms, they knew immediately this historic land would be the place for their next home. The couple also knew that Pohlig would be the builder to lead their most ambitious home-building project yet.

Since moving from the United Kingdom 30 years ago, Sylvia and Colin have built two custom homes with Pohlig — the first in St. Davids and their second, current place in Devon. Their third home, to be completed early 2017, is situated on Radnor's Ardrossan Farms, the former private estate of the Montgomery-Scott-Wheeler family that inspired the 1940 film classic *The Philadelphia Story*.

Read on for their personal views on building from the ground up

---

**“We had a very positive experience building our first and second homes with Pohlig, so we knew the team would lead our third build at Ardrossan.”**

---

and what inspired them to create their ultimate dream home on rarified Main Line land.

### **What drew you to choose Ardrossan Farms?**

**Sylvia:** We considered making some changes on our home in Devon and then decided to ask Don Pohlig what land might be available to purchase. Through Don, we met Eddie Scott, who owns Ardrossan Farms. Don had the vision for which lot was right for us, the view shed, and how the

house would be best positioned. Ardrossan is breathtaking. It's phenomenal to see the sun going down while looking at open pastureland with beautiful trees and hedgerows. I can't wait to see the first snowfall; I think that will be incredible. “We practice a simple philosophy that has served us well over the years,” says Don. “We believe it's important to ‘do things right and do the right things.’ That shows in every home that bears our name.”

### **What led you to work with Pohlig for all three of your home-building projects?**

**Sylvia:** Don and Todd are great builders and very responsive. You get to know everyone at Pohlig, so it's like being part of a family when you're working together for 14 to 18 months on each home. We

*(continued)*

(continued)

had a very positive experience building our first and second homes with Pohlig, so we knew the team would lead our third build at Ardrossan.

**Colin:** They make it easy and the end result is a quality project. What's more, you are customers for life. The Pohlig team has looked after us since our first build.

### How involved are you with the building process?

**Colin:** Custom homes are Pohlig's expertise; they guide us through the process.

**Sylvia:** With each home it's been different. This build is the most customized. We are very involved with all of the plans. Don asks us exactly what we want, right down to selecting the doorknobs.

### Have your homes evolved over time?

**Sylvia:** The layouts haven't changed dramatically; they're all



---

“The Pohlig team has looked after us since our first build.”

---

open floorplans with a blend of traditional and contemporary. We have never worked with an interior designer. With experience, you know what you like and how you want to live, and what makes

life easy for you. I like to put my own stamp on things. Julie Acree, Pohlig's selections manager, is my guiding hand; she comes to all of the appointments for the fixtures, granite, marble, and such. It's a work-in-progress.

### What custom features are you most looking forward to?

**Colin:** We use all of our past experiences to pull together what we really want going forward. Like a stone exterior and a slate roof. This home will feature a pool house with a mini-kitchen and bathroom for our guests. We also made the basement a huge entertainment area with a bar, a wine cellar and a wine tasting room. As a family, we like to get together and play billiards. So everything is adapted towards what we like to do and what works for our life at this point.

### Your family has been settled in this area for three decades now. What's the draw for you?

**Sylvia:** The rural parts of the Main Line feel like the UK. Colin and I were both born in Wales, surrounded by beautiful countryside. Our new home at Ardrossan is just that!



274 Lancaster Avenue, Suite 100 Malvern, PA 19355  
610.647.4700 | PohligBuilders.com