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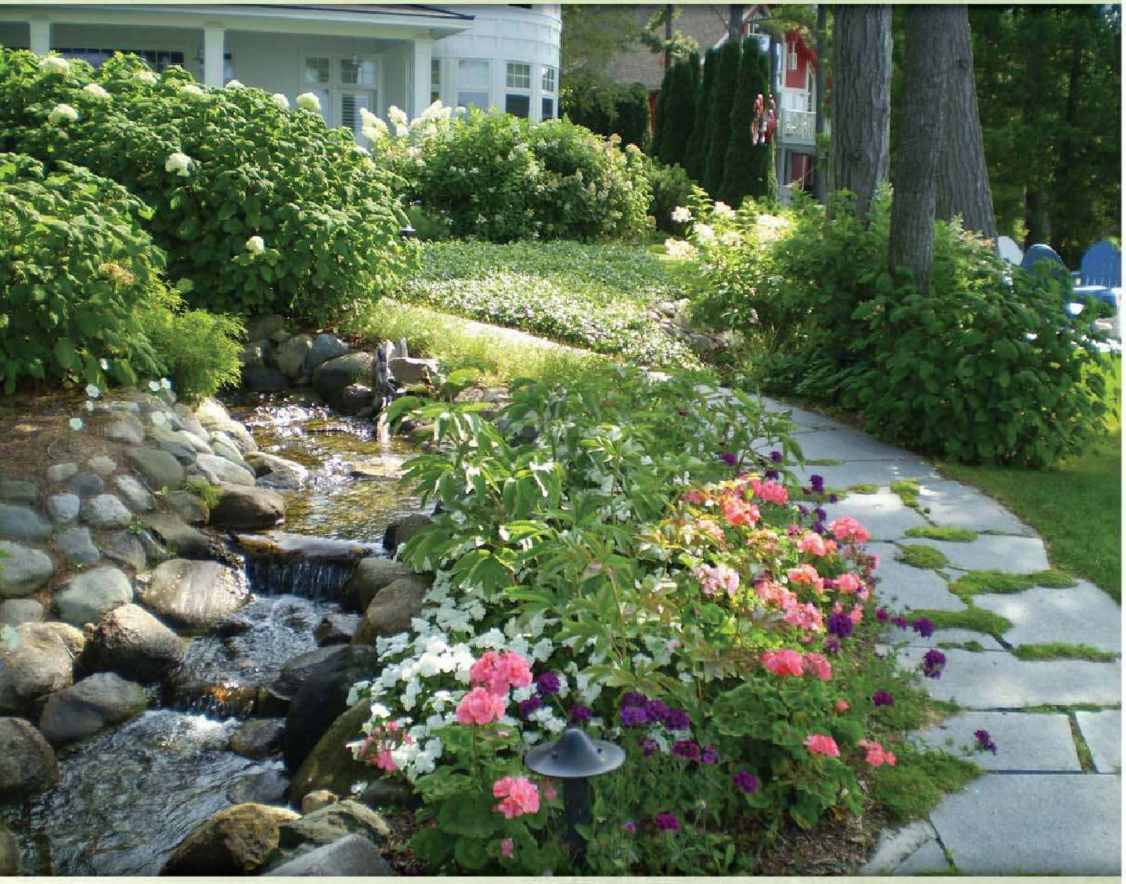

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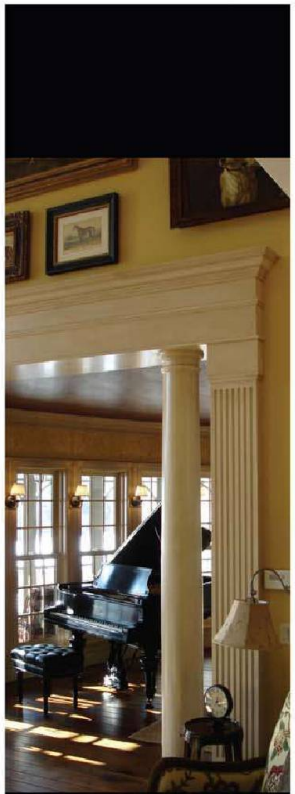

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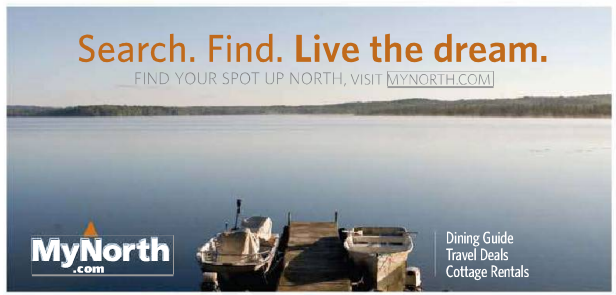

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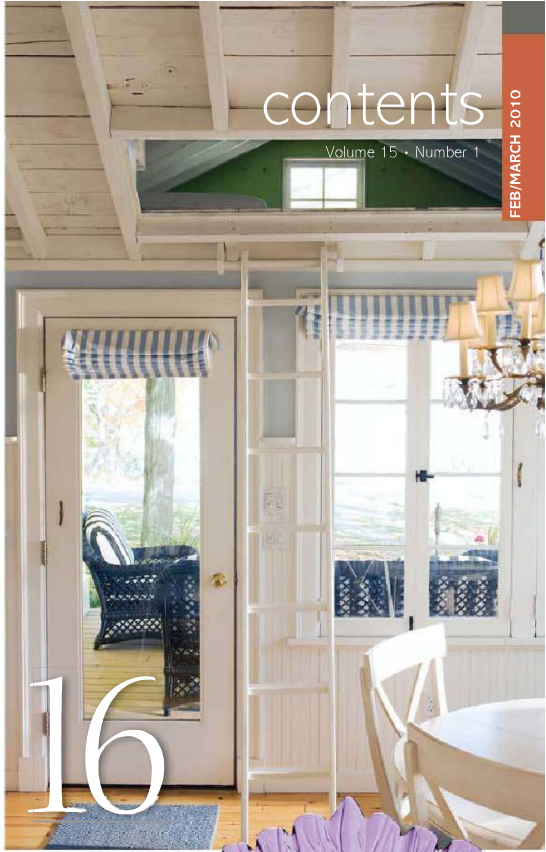

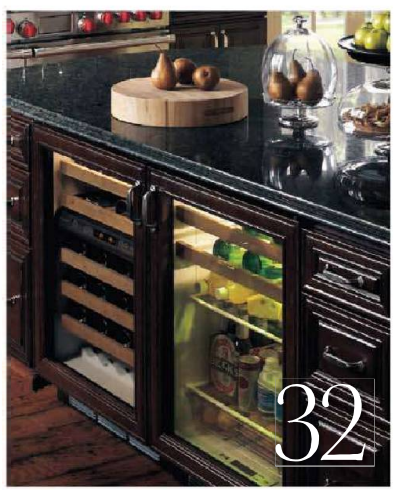

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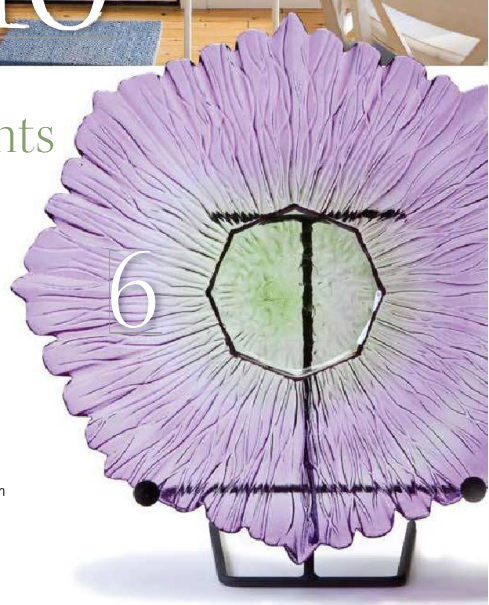

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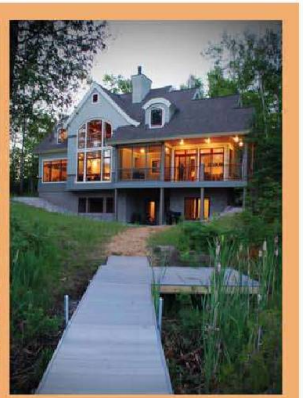

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Cheers to a Decade of Great Home Design

I am often asked how we select the homes we feature in *Northern Home & Cottage*. My answer is that it begins with architecture that is rooted in and celebrates this magnificent region—home designs that harmonize with our irreplaceable landscape. If that sounds limiting, it is anything but. If you've followed *Northern Home & Cottage* over the last decade, you've seen the fabulous range of homes that we've written about and photographed—a list that includes historic home renovations, new-builds that look historic, new builds that use organic materials to blend into the landscape and green-builds that preserve and conserve our precious natural resources.

In planning this issue we salute a decade of home designs (and the home designers, builders and homeowners that made them happen) that we think were so well executed they have proven timeless. So many great homes, so few pages: culling the list from 10 years of spectacular homes was painful! For every home we've featured in this issue, there are others in the genre to re-explore in our back issues—so make sure to check out the "More Great Houses Like This One" box at the end of each story.

Pour yourself a warm drink, settle into a cozy chair and help us toast 10 years of great living in Northern Michigan.

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REVERSED LOGOS

P.S. In the spirit of looking forward to another decade of great home building, don't miss our region's home shows:

Home Builders Expo 2010, February 27–28: The Home Builders Association of the Grand Traverse Area, Traverse City East Junior High. hbagta.com

34th Annual Home Show, March 13–14, North Central Michigan College: Little Traverse Association of Home Builders. ltahb.com

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Color your Valentine's Day Purple

BY **ELIZABETH EDWARDS**
PHOTOS BY
TODD ZAWISTOWSKI

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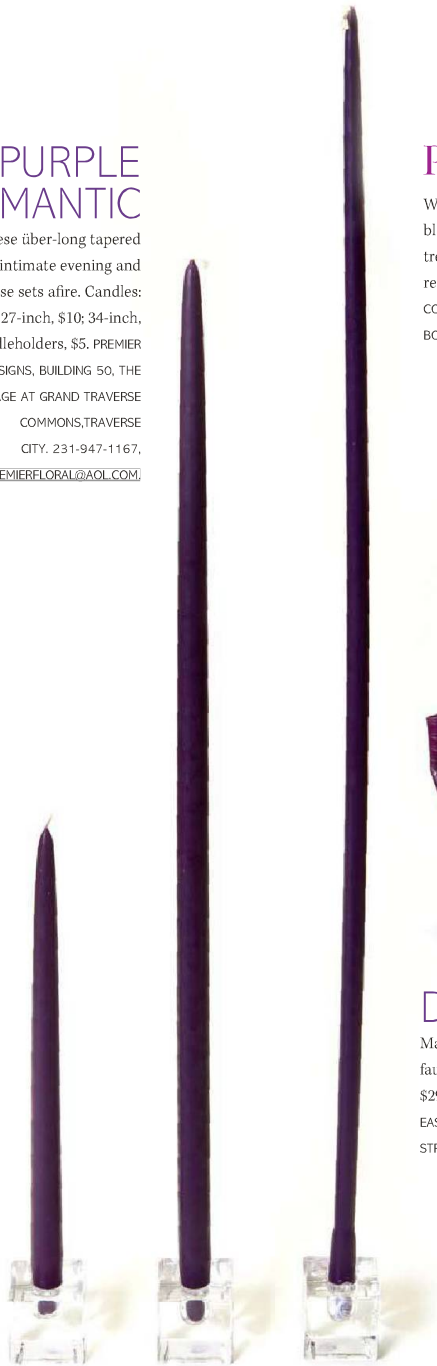

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A Retrospective: 10 Years of Northern Home & Cottage

AT THE START OF THIS NEW DECADE, WE CHEER SOME OF OUR FAVORITE HOME DESIGNS OF THE LAST 10 YEARS.

TEXT BY **ELIZABETH EDWARDS**

10 Years

Timeless New Builds

GROUNDBREAKING HOMES THAT STILL LIVE HANDSOMELY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.

CAMP NO. 9 (January 2001)

In 2000 *Country Living* named the home that architect Lou Heiser designed for himself and his wife, Lynn, the magazine's House of the Year. A year later, *Northern Home & Cottage* bestowed its own accolades on the house that Heiser tucked so perfectly into a wooded site near the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Heiser's plan, designed to recall the family resort compounds known as camps in the Adirondacks, is composed of four small, connected structures with varying rooflines, clad in dark creosote colored cedar siding and topped with earthy-red shingles laid out in a U-shape. "I fell in love with the way it was situated on the land and the way it invites the outside in," says Eric Snell who has lived happily at Camp No. 9 since he purchased it from the Heisers in 2003.

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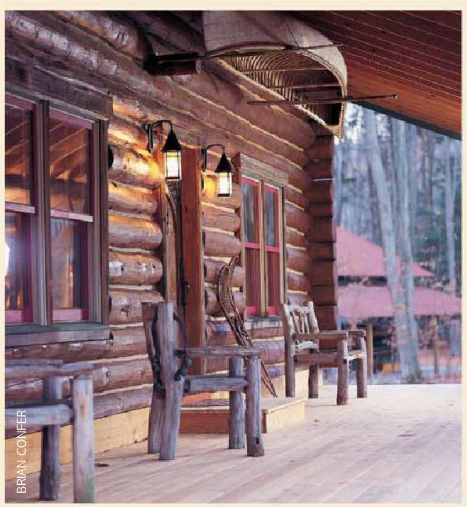
More Great Homes Like This One:
Modern, Naturally, March 2005
The Healing House, January 2008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LITTLE HOUSE, BIG WOODS (January 2005)

The exterior of Jeff and Janet Hessler's hand-hewn log-and-chink cabin tucked into the woods of Benzie County is a celebration of the Northwoods' vernacular architecture. The interior is a lesson in personalizing the ubiquitous log home, courtesy of this couple that owns Betsie Bay Furniture in Frankfort. After Pine Country Log Homes of Ludington erected the log shell, Jeff finished the interior. Among his custom touches are antique beech floors he salvaged from an old store in Traverse City, black beadboard kitchen cabinets with turned feet (and red beadboard cabinets above), hammered copper sinks and a woodstove hearth made from stones the family gathered. The work, says Jeff, was a labor of love.

More Great Up North Cabins:
True to the Timbers, January 2006
Home, Styling Home, December 2009
Cabin Rescue, June 2009

HER BLUEPRINT (September 2007)

When then *Traverse Magazine* art director Diane Kolak began designing a home for her and her husband, Paul, the *Traverse* staff knew it would be special. We found out just how special when her home garnered five awards on the 2006 Home Builder's Association of the Grand Traverse Area's Parade of Homes tour. Not only is the home hip in just the right Up North way—a hint of farmhouse, dash of cabin pulled together with clean modernist lines—but the builder, Steinorth Fine Homes, helped incorporate an abundance of green materials and products (Kolak's house ran on the cover of *Fine Homebuilding's Energy Smart Homes*, Dec. 2009). Perhaps best of all, the home that Kolak calls rustic modern fits so well into its forested hollow at the end of a dirt road in Benzie County that you can't imagine it not being there.

More Great Homes LikeThis One:
New England Sensibilities, February 2006
Saving The Grace, September, 2005

LEFT: TODD ZAWISTOWSKI RIGHT: BRIAN CONFER

TODD ZAWISTOWSKI

THE SYMPHONIC HOUSE (July 2007)

In the modernist home that architect David Hanawalt built for his client, Jonathan Wege, twin octaves of bass strings stretched along two 42-foot beams are meant to be played from a mezzanine overlooking the living room. In the stairwell, 16 more bass strings rise in pairs all the way to a skylight 28 feet above—again, strum away. "It gives you a connection to the architecture that you wouldn't ordinarily have," explained Bill Close of the Mass Ensemble (an internationally renowned music and dance troupe), who collaborated with the architect on the project. The idea begs the question: Can a family find happiness in a musical instrument? Wege assures us that he and his wife, Marissa, and children, Konrad and Lillian, are living in sweet harmony in what Hanawalt calls the Symphonic House, at the northern tip of Leelanau Peninsula.

More Fabulous Modern Homes:
An Icon Revealed, December 2009
Danny Forster's Cool, Green House, May 2008
Up North Industrial, July 2008

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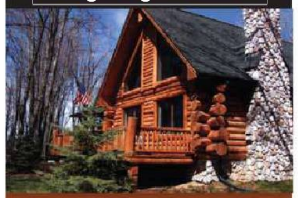

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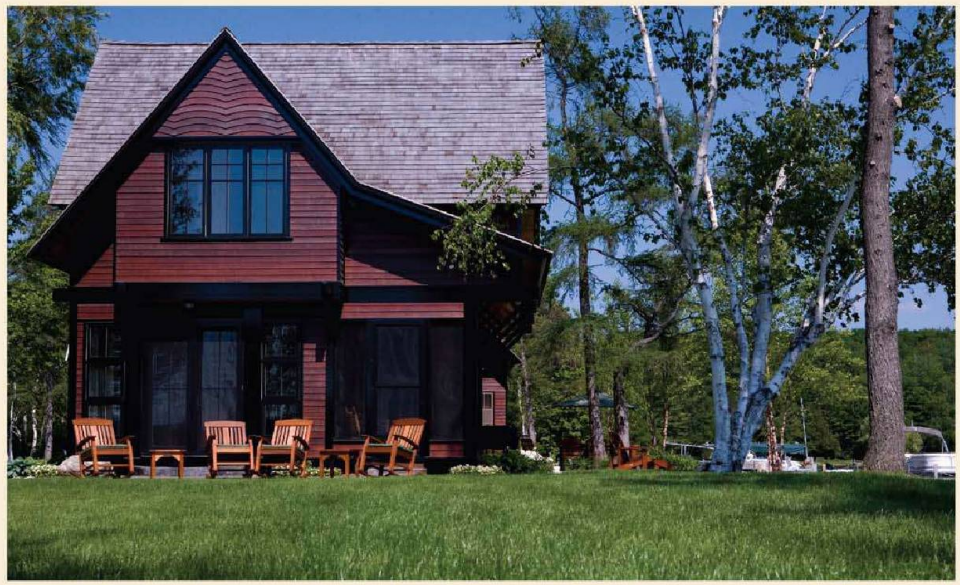

TODD ZAWISTOWSKI

A NEW CLASSIC (September 2007)

Architect Fred Ball turned a zoning-enforced smallish footprint for a Walloon Lake second home, into an opportunity for great design. Set on a slender peninsula and clad on the exterior with varnished red cedar and black trim, the home sports the classic elegance of a vintage wooden boat. The inside is animated by views of the gem-colored lake on three sides. Builder Scott Kennard helped outfit the home with custom details including a stone fireplace in the kitchen and interior door transoms that allow cross-ventilation of lake breezes even when the doors are closed. "We wanted it to look like it's been here a long time, to fit into the environment, but also be edgy and unique," says the owner. Mission accomplished.

More Great Homes Like This One:
Blending In at the Beach, August 2009
An Inner Compass, September 2006
House of Sand and Light, May 2005

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Memorable Redo's

HERE'S TO THE VISIONARIES WHO IMAGINED STUNNING DESIGN WHERE EVERYONE ELSE SAW JUST A PLAIN OLD HOUSE.

LIVING THE LATITUDE (January 2005)

To browse Bondurant, Jennifer Tobias's home décor shop in Petoskey, is to understand the owner's elegant yet grounded sense of style. Tobias brought her sensibilities home when she imbued her Plain Jane farmhouse with Russia-in-winter Zhivago elegance. Tobias picked up on the shared Northern latitude theme (as in we say snow, you say *sneg*) to outfit the home. She painted the exterior a lush green that she copied from a cottage in the Victorian resort community of Bay View, then added Russian-cottage-inspired gingerbread to the trim. Tobias, who has since sold the home, says that the library with its cobalt blue walls, original Russian Impressionist art and grand piano was the family's favorite room.

More Great Homes Like This One:
Holy Cow, May 2008
Farmhouse Fusion, March 2003
Home in the Vineyard, March 2005

LEFT: BRIAN CONIFER RIGHT: TODD ZAWISTOWSKI

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IN LOVE WITH AN ISLAND QUEEN (July 2006)

David and Ann Levy are a historic preservationist's dream. When they purchased Craig Mawr, a circa-1890 Queen Anne cottage on Mackinac Island's East Bluff back in 2000, the couple embarked on a museum-quality restoration using photos from the early 1900's to guide them. The monumental renovation included adding a new foundation, rebuilding a seven-sided turret and furnishing the home with objets d'art that had been packed away in the cottage for decades. When it was finished, the home received an Honor Award by the Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The Levys now enjoy island summers from their historic home base, and all Mackinac Island fans can rest assured that an irreplaceable piece of Northern Michigan history is preserved.

Another Great Mackinac Island Redo:
The Tale of Anne Cottage, June 2009

TREASURE AT SKEGEMOG POINT (May 2006)

Sue and Wayne Buddy hired architect Ken Richmond to help update their circa 1940 cottage on Skegemog Point without turning it into a behemoth. Richmond, enamored with the cottage's "1940's attitude," set out to save what he could—a list that includes the staircase and entire second floor. On the first floor he expanded the kitchen to make room for a contemporary update and added a sunroom across the front to open the home to the lake view.

Richmond credits the crew of Paul Maurer General Contracting with fine craftsmanship on the project, including replicating the home's original 1940's beveled exterior siding with its mitered edges—a labor intensive project that Richmond said gives a home longevity and integrity. We'd extend that compliment to include the architect's own work on this treasure at Skegemog Point.

More Historic Redo's
Cottage Again, July 2008
Sanctuary Reborn, September, 2005

10 Years Memorable Redo's

THE LITTLE AMERICAN COTTAGE (July 2006)

Architect Greg Presley tells us that when the story about the redo of his 773-square-foot shoebox-shaped cabin on Walloon Lake into a dazzlingly diminutive Greek Revival-style cottage made it into print, folks began contacting him for the plans. He has obliged them, though he added 19 square feet to the plans he sends out to round the floor plan to a not-so-whopping 800 square feet.

Not that his own cottage needs the extra space. Presley says that the cottage with its efficient details like the outdoor shower, loft under the porch roofline and laundry area that doubles as a bar, continues to live large. Did we mention the crystal chandelier and tiled fireplace?

PHOTOS: BRIAN CONFER

More Great Cottages Like This One:
The Not So Big Cottages, August 2009
Pint-sized & Perfect, July 2008

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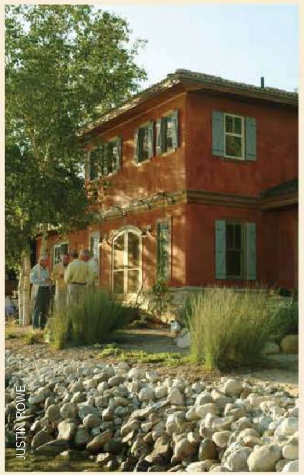
Great Green Homes

WHAT WAS CONSIDERED RADICALLY ENVIRO AT THE DAWN OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM NEARED STATUS QUO BY THE DECADE'S END. WE SALUTE THE HOMES (AND THE PEOPLE BEHIND THEM) THAT HELPED PUT THE GREEN INTO UP NORTH LIVING.

FROM CLAY AND STRAW

(May 2006)

If you think you can't take a home made out of clay and straw seriously, consider that Bonnie Barnes's home on Crystal Lake was constructed using an ancient German technique called *Leichtlehmbau*, and that homes built with it in Europe have lasted 500 years. Barnes's home is only five years old, but know that she is still snug as a bug in winter and cool in the summer thanks to the superior passive thermal qualities of her clay straw walls. She's also living in style. The building- system lends itself beautifully to the thick walls and arched doorways and windows of the Old World Provençal-farmhouses that Barnes loves. But given the building materials are products of the Northern Michigan earth, her home looks splendidly natural in its Crystal Lake setting.



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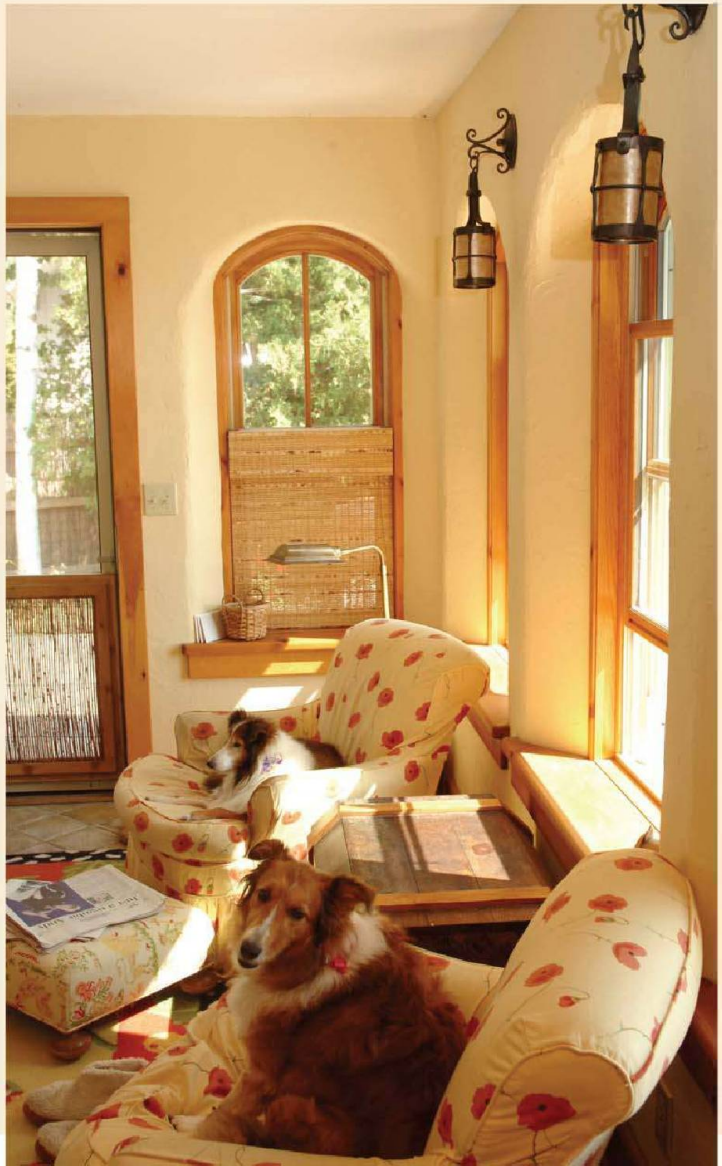


THE HYBRID HOME

(May 2008)

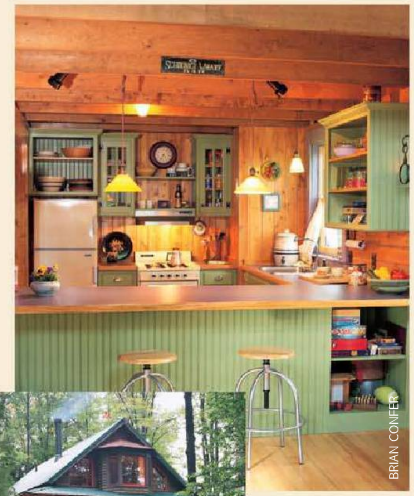
We're still proud of architect Eric Hughes and builder Adam Bearup for garnering the first platinum LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification in Northern Michigan for the Onekama house they called the Hybrid Home. Outfitted with insulated concrete forms, a solar hot water heater and a backyard wind generator, the handsome, Craftsman-style home blazed the way for a new generation of green build homes.

EVAN VESSEY

GREENE ISLAND

(May 2001)

Back 10 years ago, the word green, as in eco-friendly building, wasn't heard much around Northern Michigan. Then we met Chicago architect Thom Greene and his wife, Nadine Kieran, at their off-the-grid, solar-powered vacation cabin on an inland lake in Grand Traverse County. It turned out that letting the sun power the lights and the water pump were only a part of Greene's green design. The architect carefully sited his cabin so as to blend into the island's foliage, then built it using sustainable materials. Recently, we checked in with Thom and Nadine to ask if anything has changed about life on Greene Island. Thom says it's still blissful (read: no television or WiFi), though there have been changes. There are eagles on the lake now, more deer on the island than there used to be and way more pinecones fell on the forest floor this year than the couple has ever seen before ...



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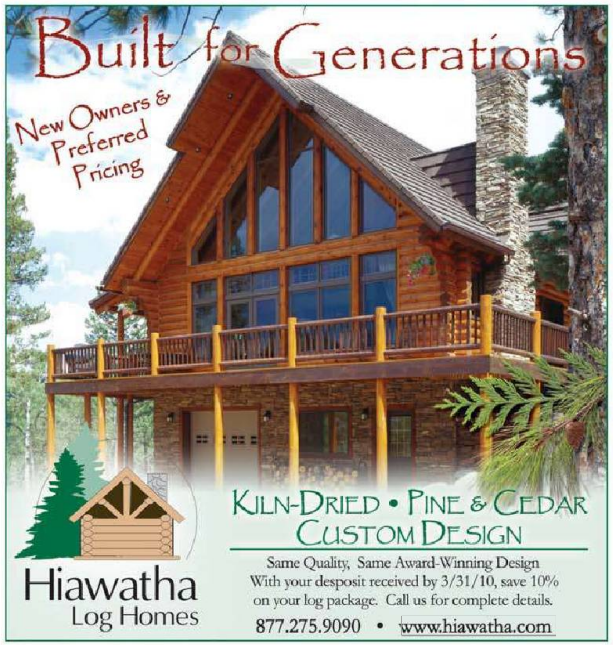

10 Years Great Green Homes

HAVEN IN COTTAGE 20

(January 2006)

When it comes to two of the 3 R's of green building, reuse and recycle, The Village at Grand Traverse Commons pretty much steals the show. What began in the 19th century as a sprawling state hospital complex of splendid Victorian Italianate buildings graced with spires, is now one of the largest historic preservation and adaptive reuse developments in the country, known for its trendy condominiums and shops. So what does historically green living look like from the inside? Downstate business executive Marianne Op Thompson showed us her unit in Cottage 20. Picture 1,422 square feet of light-filled space with cathedral ceilings, creamy antique brick walls, oak floors, master loft and a state-of-the art kitchen. A textbook case of how fine green living can be.

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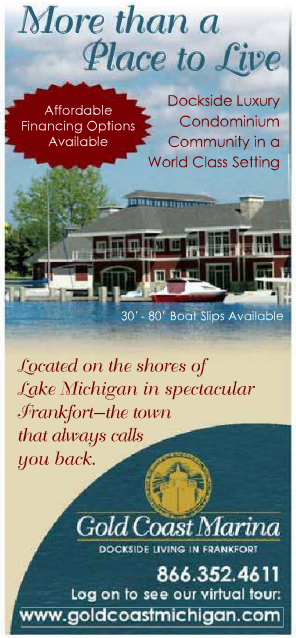

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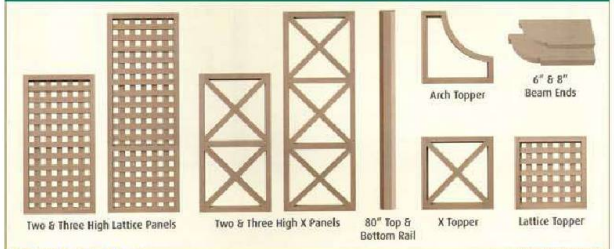

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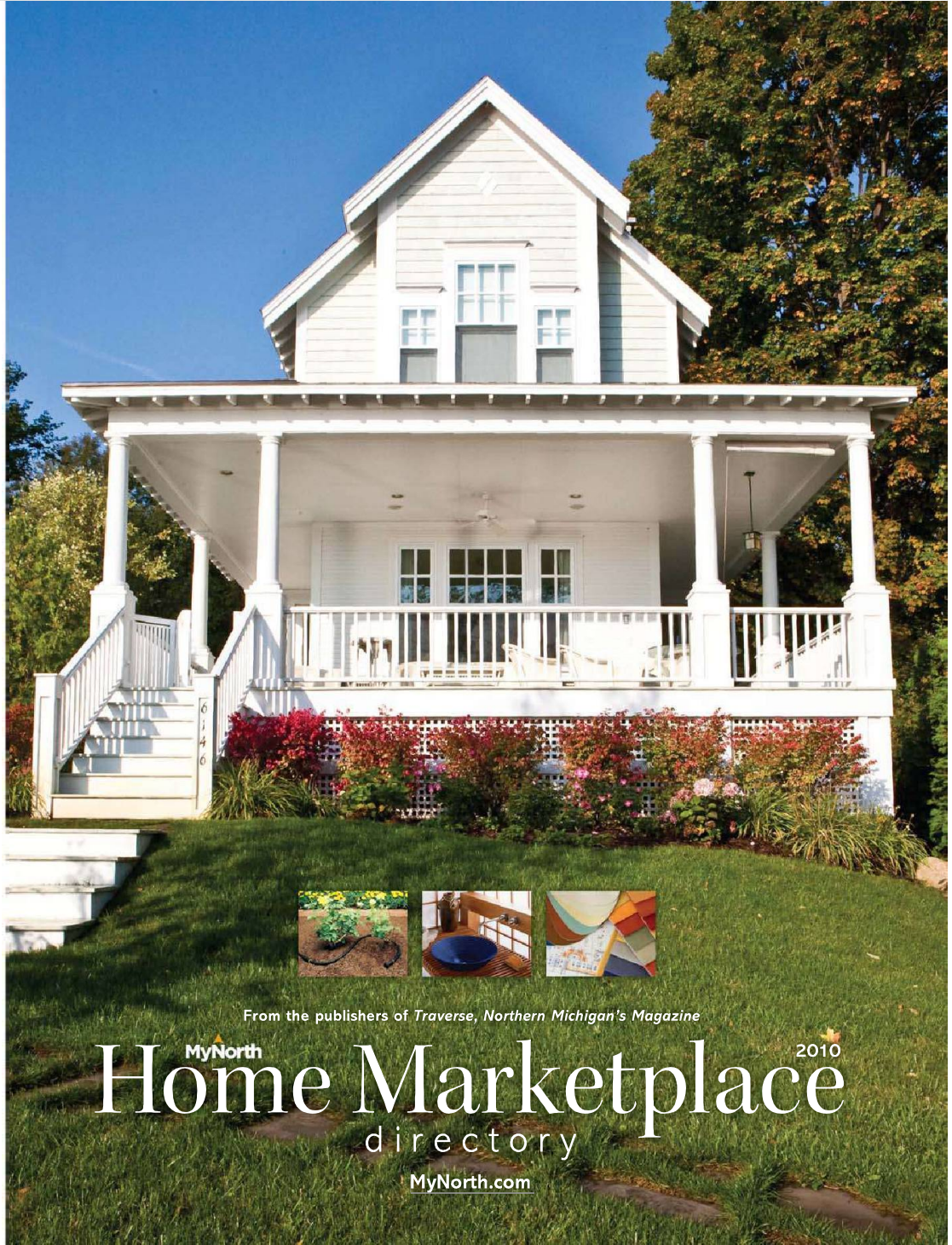

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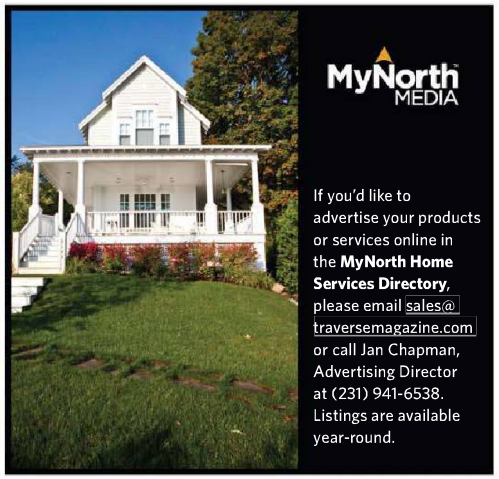

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Clockwise from top: 1. South-facing windows create solar heat in winter while large eaves hinder summer's smolder. Jen Steinorth repurposed metal porch furniture and a 1960's locally manufactured sofa to create a casual modern aesthetic. 2. Double sliding doors connect this screened porch to a modern farmhouse. Galvanized 'goat-fence' rails disappear against the woods and lend a rustic modern feel. 3. The double-sided fireplace showcases an 18th century portrait on one side, and encloses a slim tv on the other.

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BY **ELIZABETH EDWARDS**

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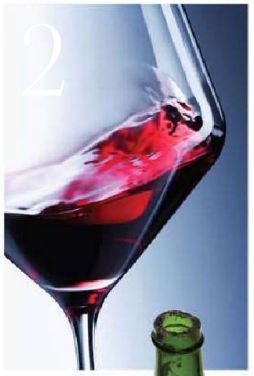

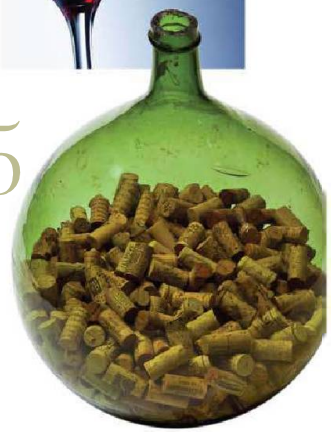

1 It doesn't get more authentic than this 19th-century black walnut and oak wine tasting table from France's Burgundy region. $2,600. L'ESPRIT FRENCH COUNTRY ANTIQUES AND ACCESSORIES, HARBOR SPRINGS. 231-526-9888, LESPRIT.COM

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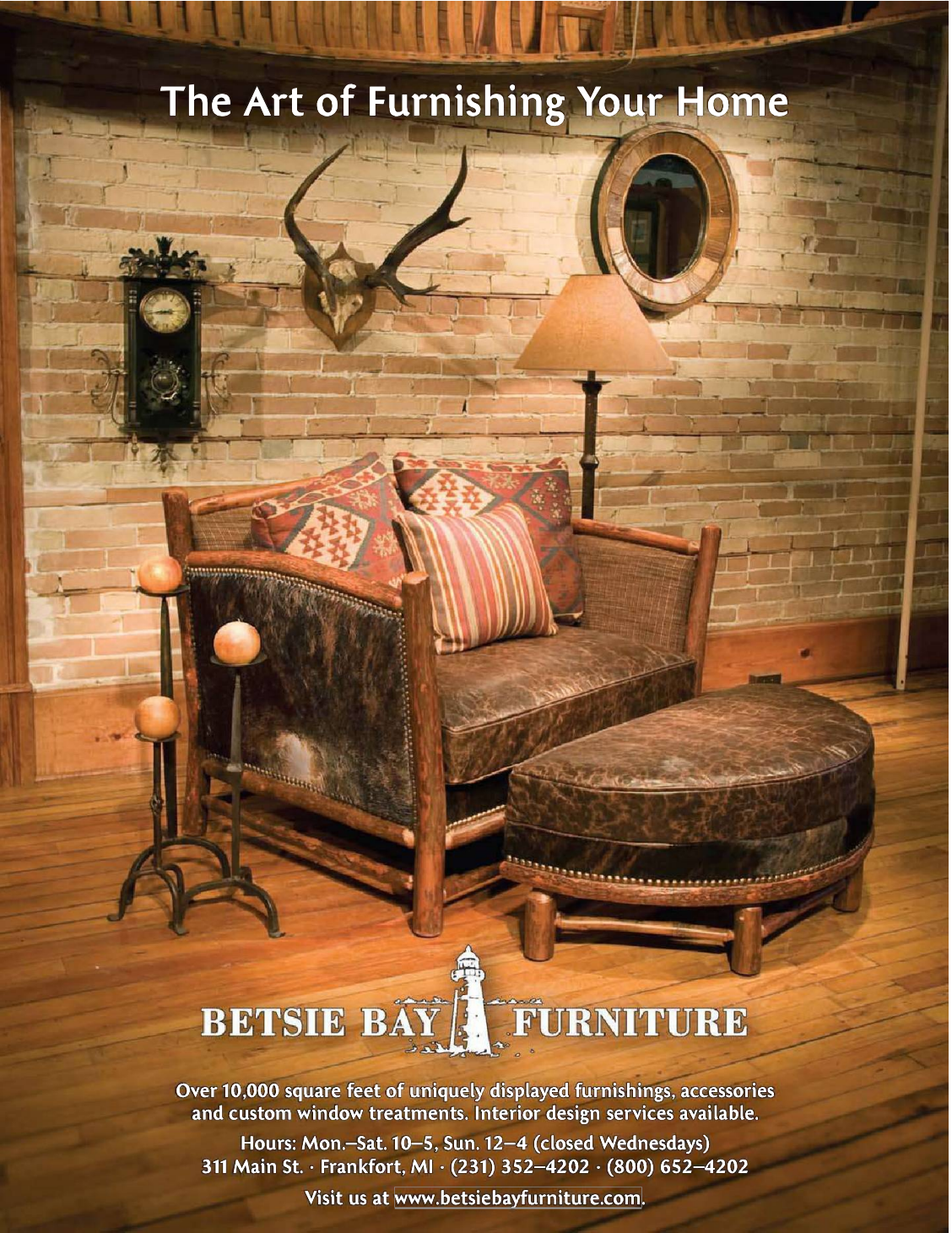
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