

SPRING LAKE RETREAT

*A Remodel Turn Rebuild Provides the
Perfect Solution for These Enterprising Homeowners*

Open living areas are separated by custom, cherry stained wood pillars and arched entries. These are beautifully drawn together by the solid expanse of hardwood flooring.

OPPOSITE PAGE: The combination of stone and windows blend beautifully on the lake side of the home. Strategically placed boulders and landscaping complete the terraced design. A built-in circular stone and gas fire pit will get plenty of use roasting marshmallows under the stars.



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When Greg Raquet and Karen Boyd first talked with builders and architects about their Spring Lake home, they were planning a major remodeling project. However, when builder Todd Hamstra evaluated the existing structure he proposed an alternate option: build a new home. Since existing load bearing points prevented opening up the main living area and existing footings established ceiling heights on the lower level, the cost of the remodel, he said, would be only slightly less than tearing down the old and building new. His insight landed him the project and gave Greg and Karen the home they longed for.

The footprint of the new home has stayed virtually the same, but the rebuild allowed for substantial changes in the floor plan and the use of space. The old home was a typical walkout ranch with three bedrooms on the main floor. The new home has expanded space on the lower level and extended ceiling heights on both levels. And, because of the noisy boat traffic on the lake, the new home's construction gives the homeowners the quiet and privacy they wanted while being more energy efficient.

To achieve the master suite that the homeowners envisioned, the bedroom and bath space was reconfigured to create a luxurious master suite. This space is complete with a bay window view of the lake and a private entrance to the upper deck.

The main living area also now has a greater view of the lake. Two guest bedrooms were added to the lower level, in addition to a great family entertainment space.

The home's design came from collaboration between the homeowners, the architect and the builder. "And some of it developed as we went along," adds builder Todd Hamstra. "The more formal living area off the dining room, for example, was originally going to be a screened porch. The owners suggested we add windows to protect from the winds coming off the lake. Gradually the plans shifted to turn the space into a beautiful room with a view."

Innovative features not pictured include a large lower level workshop for Greg, accessible from a stairway in the attached garage. The garage is nicely finished with epoxy floors and a stone stairway wall with limestone caps. The garage doors on this and a separate free-standing garage are fiberglass stained to look like vintage wood. □





ABOVE: Homeowner "Captain Greg" is a boat captain and boat surveyor by trade. The authentic stone fireplace surround and mantle includes a custom wood backdrop to display his sailing ship. All three custom fireplaces in the home feature convenient gas flames.

The complete rebuild gave Greg and Karen the opportunity to have their clock featured in this lighted, custom-built space.

The expanded family/living room features a full view of the lake artfully framed by the lighted arched inset, crown molding and custom door trim. A stone fireplace completes the cozy feel of the room.

The use of stone in the home carries into the kitchen with stonework surrounding the built-in ovens. The hand crafted range hood provides a distinctive look. An island prep area extends workspace and a peninsula adds seating on the dining room side for snacks and informal meals. The kitchen sink is made of hammered copper and sits below a bowed garden window.

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The large master bath features a long mirrored bank of sink and countertop cabinets with high narrow windows to let in light and keep the space naturally illuminated. Across from the sinks is a large walk-in shower, tiled on two walls with a uniquely designed curved glass block wall separating the shower from the rest of the bath. The shower features a tiled seat and multiple spray heads.

At one end of the long master bath is a window wall with a whirlpool tub. The stool area is behind a door for privacy.



The stage is set for a deliciously fun gathering in the new lower level space. A scaled down kitchen with bar seating and bistro table echoes the design of the larger kitchen on the main floor.

The lower level family area features another beautiful custom stone fireplace and a billiards table. The custom paneled ceiling adds to the ambiance and defines the space. Players are sure to enjoy playing in this room, with custom lighting focusing on each pocket—leaving no excuses for a bad shot.





The spacious and well-planned laundry room has plenty of cabinet space and a laundry sink with old-fashioned charm. The colorful red front loading appliances complement the stained wood countertop folding station.

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