



Chapter Four

Great Lake Story 2015

Lakemore Retreat

The advertising partners showcased here combined their spectrum of reputable skills and services to produce Lakemore Retreat — two award-winning platform cottages custom-built by Bay Area Contracting. Enjoy a 16-page tour of these two distinctive escapes on Northern Michigan’s Arbutus Lake in BLUE’s upcoming WINTER edition, available on newsstands in December.

A passion for family, attentive customer-focused approach, commitment to excellence, budget-conscious ingenuity and personal integrity are hallmarks of Bay Area Contracting (BAC) in Traverse City. Founded in 2007 by industrious regional builder Dean Adams and his wife, Tricia, BAC ensures new home and commercial project satisfaction by unifying diverse areas of expertise. Extensive product knowledge, direct buying power and Certified Green Building further enhance the award-winning, personable family-owned firm’s proficiency in creating a unique sense of place (BAC-TC.com).

In response to client requests, Bay Area Contracting builder/owner Dean Adams launched BAC Design Group in 2012. Led by Senior Designer Marty Rhein, CKD*, CBD*, BAC’s sister company offers a full range of custom residential and commercial design and consulting services — from on-site, hand-drawn concept renderings, CAD floor plans and mechanical systems to project management, storage solutions and purchasing assistance with cabinetry, countertops, flooring and lighting, as well as appliances, furnishings, hardware, paint hues and more (BACDesignTC.com).

Established as a Green-driven, biblically-based business in 1985, Old Mission Windows — family-owned and operated in Traverse City — is regarded by homeowners, builders and architects alike as the go-to supplier of top-

quality options for custom homes in Northern Michigan. Equipped with a seasoned team of window experts and full-service support staff, this regional premier dealer of Kolbe, Solaris and Weather Shield products displays over six different window grades in its 6,000-square-foot showroom, along with a parade of door and trim packages to suit any architectural style (OldMissionWindows.com).

Serving Grand Traverse County and its metro areas, AMO, Inc. Outdoor Services provides a complete spectrum of professional lawn and landscape offerings for residential, small business, commercial and association customers. Dedicated to the same principles Adam Orth founded the company on in 1993 — “Service the community with the utmost respect and integrity while maintaining high standards of professional workmanship” — AMO, Inc.’s efficient team of outdoor experts does everything from snow removal, new turf and asphalt repair to irrigation systems, waterscapes, paver patios and decks (Amoinc.info).

Easy installation and versatility distinguish each unique, high-quality modular dock system Bulmann Dock & Lift makes for lakefront residences, marinas, associations, townships and parks. Available in 4-, 6-, 8- and 10-foot lengths and two standard widths for design flexibility, Bulmann’s dock tops feature non-skid, slip-resistant decking and can be customized or reconfigured to suit myriad waterfront needs. Equally user-friendly, durable aluminum lifts geared for row-boats to luxury yachts with boat-friendly accessories make this Boyne Falls business a top stop, too (bulmanndock.com).

Founded in 1975, Creative Kitchens in Traverse City caters to clients updating or building new kitchens (as well as bathrooms, offices and entertainment spaces) with an expansive



WATERCOLOR RENDERING BY MARTY RHEIN, CKD, CBD/BAC DESIGN GROUP

showroom, skilled design staff and in-house countertop shop that custom-crafts granite and laminate surfaces on site. The family-owned business ensures a perfect fit with top workmanship and precise installation. Personalized design is also provided for high-end cabinet lines including Mid Continent, Shiloh, Pioneer, Grabhill, Crystal and Saco (CreativeKitchenstc.net).

Edge custom wood furnishings by owner/artisan Justin Selby are crafted from specs by designer Marty Rhein and native Northern Michigan hardwoods. The burgeoning Traverse City woodworker — who honed a collection of white oak for Lakemore Cottage and finessed the distinctive walnut line at Lakemore Lodge — can be contracted to build everything from one spectacular heirloom piece to a houseful of fine furnishings (Edge-tc.com).

With locations in Grand Rapids, Holland, Kalamazoo and Petoskey as well as Traverse City, Engineered Protection Systems, Inc. (EPS) offers a range of residential and commercial security solutions backed by state-of-the-art monitoring from its award-winning Central Station. In Traverse City, EPS’s 13-member team of experts tailors protection strategies to suit each client’s needs, from fire alarms and video surveillance to access control and the latest remote systems, including Readyguard 5100 with full-color touchscreen and intuitive prompts (EPSsecurity.com).

Specializing in residential and commercial custom wood framing, deck and wood/composite siding, Jones Construction, LLC in Traverse City is equipped for any size job, from new starter and remodeled homes to the homes of clients’ dreams. To ensure construction is the highest level of quality, lead carpenter/owner James Jones oversees and inspects each step of every project. Such personal diligence paired with innovative products and excellent workmanship has largely aided BAC’s array of Parade of Home accolades, including the prestigious People’s Choice (jonesconstructiongt.com).

Launched in 1975 by Paul and Tracy Scott in their Leland-based home, Northwood Kitchens has since evolved into a full-service Traverse City showroom housing a design staff routinely trained in industry standards and vast product options, from cabinets, vanities, countertops and hardware to tile, appliances, floor coverings and custom fixtures. Adhering to a teamwork approach and post-sale service for over 25 years, the simple philosophy Paul and Tracy have long shared with clients — “Your recommendation is our future” — underscores the heart of this family-owned firm’s success (NorthwoodKitchens.com).

**Certified Kitchen Designer, *Certified Bath Designer*

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