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A MIDWESTERN HYBRID HOME SPORTS A MIXTURE OF MATERIALS



Left: From the brick and stone walkway to the custom handcrafted doors and sidelights, it's clear that character and a personal touch is valued in this home. Focus on the fireplace is enhanced by the symmetry of the foyer and great room upon entering the home.

The concept of what "home" means is subjective, yet one theme remains: Living in a hybrid home is a lifestyle certainly defined by nature. One of the most spectacular hybrid log homes in the Midwest, this magnificent estate rates high in both timeless style and individuality. Cleverly dubbed as "The House of the Sun and the Moon" because of the breathtaking view of each celestial body as it rises over the bay, this 10,000-square-foot home blends natural materials with functionality.

The home itself, like its owners, is not what's expected. From the outside, it resem-

Left: The rear of the home opens to a waterfront limestone terrace with stone walkways. The area is wired for audio; extensive lighting allows evening strolls through the gardens and showcases the home's many distinctive details. Tucked amongst the pines are a Finnish sauna and a sunken Jacuzzi with a waterfall.

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Above: A 30-foot fireplace with a timber mantel and symmetrical window display can be seen when guests enter the foyer, and the view continues to the waterfront view beyond. To balance the volume of the great room, 12-inch half-logs were used on the walls. A cedar-lined ceiling is accented with log trusses and extended king posts.

Opposite: The home's award-winning gourmet kitchen features top brand appliances, a large walk-in butler pantry, and a breakfast area with a wall of windows. An elevator is discreetly placed in the hallway by the kitchen, allowing for easy access to all levels.

bles a rustic log lodge. But that idea vanishes as soon as the front door opens and guests step inside to find a far different presentation in both craftsmanship and amenities.

David Janczak, founder of Wisconsin Log Homes of Green Bay, Wisconsin, has been promoting, designing, and constructing his trademark building system since 1976. "Our Thermal-Log building system utilizes an insulated core wall, which provides superb performance and endless possibilities to our clients," says Janczak. Hand-peeled logs and timbers are used on the exterior to give the feel of a solid log home, except they're cut in half.

"Clients are attracted to the design flexibility of our

building system, but it's our energy efficiency along with our no settling and low maintenance that causes them to look closer at everything we have to offer," says Janczak. "Today people like to mix natural materials for a more personal style.

"Every successful project is the product of creative ideas and contributions from the client, the designer/architect and the builder," says Janczak. "This particular collaboration was one-of-a kind, primarily due to the extensive client involvement in all aspects of the project. The project and process proved to be as delightful as the clients are unique."

Although colossal on paper, the home is cozy and inviting, with spacious areas designed for entertaining and with various alcoves and outdoor living spaces supporting the private quarters.

Each room in the house has its own personality, defined with color, texture, and detailed trim. Different nooks and niches create layers of spaces, and varied ceiling heights create intimacy and expansiveness.



Above: Exquisite wallboard and period-inspired crown molding frame the functional and indiscernible private elevator.

Right: French doors with sidelights set the tone for this luxurious bath. The natural stone wall behind the spa tub stops short of the ceiling to let light filter in and creates an alcove that features several showerheads and jets.

Below Right: The soft colors in the octagonal guest suite is the perfect place “to unwind and de-clutter your mind” with a private spa bath, fireplace, and antique chestnut floors. With its numerous windows, guests can capture the view from all sides.

The basic color palette of cool soft greens, creamy neutrals, and warm spice were inspired by nature and the acquisitions of the homeowners. Touches of classic black and rich browns accent the vintage feeling of the home.

The overall design was inspired by both the waterfront location and the homeowner’s previous turn-of-the-century home. “We wanted something new, but with a definite old home feel,” the owner says. Reclaimed hardwood floors and custom period door and trim millwork throughout the home helps blend the old and new.

Designed for entertaining, the foyer opens to a dramatic sunken gathering room with tranquil views, and a formal dining room to the left.

The gathering room is defined with hand-peeled log walls. Soaring to over 30 feet, the knotty pine ceiling with hand peeled log trusses and king posts further distinguish the space.

The home has a flexible floor plan, with “accessory” rooms such as a media room, exercise room, office, and library in addition to today’s must-haves like a private master suite and screened porch.

A bridge stretches over the foyer and links a smaller loft off a second-story private dressing room to a large loft game room with a sunken bar and balcony that overlooks the lake.

The guest suite has numerous windows to capture the view from all sides. Connected to the main loft by both a private hall and an outdoor loggia, an octagonal guest suite has a private bath, fireplace and antique chestnut floors.

A master bath with center tiled tub and hidden window-wrapped shower connects a private screened sleeping porch accessed from a patio off the master bedroom.

In the master bedroom, a massive wall of natural stone and adobe-styled fireplace are balanced by the private staircase leading to the vintage bath and dressing room. Creamy white beadboard walls and ceiling surround the centered slipper tub and vintage door arbor. A private balcony with views of the



architectural style:

“We would categorize the home as ‘Period Eclectic’ because of the mix of different generations and decorating styles, the one-of-a-kind antiques, reproduction period millwork and doors, staircase with a sweeping plantation feel, and the home’s vintage color scheme,” says Kathy Janczak of Wisconsin Log Homes.

Above: The vintage bed in the master suite is centered under a triple-tier custom window grouping and custom designed timber trusses. The warm wood tones are complemented by the multi-colored ledgestone wall.

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Top Left: Hand-selected glazed tiles tastefully envelope the guest whirlpool tub and create a décor niche that can be changed for any occasion or season. **Top Center:** Delicate sheer panels filter light and softly accent the handcrafted millwork seen throughout the home. Oversized baseboard trim is proportionate to the tall ceiling. **Top Right:** Not a single detail neglected, the watery blue-green walls harmonize with an aged copper verdigris tin ceiling to offer a delightful link between the kitchen, half bath, Wisconsin room and the outdoors. **Above Left:** Millwork style is repeated throughout the home. Painted for variety and stacked, the rear stairwell windows accentuate the asymmetry of the space. **Above Right:** Adobe-style stone marries hardwood in a graceful curve that links the master bedroom with the lady's dressing room and private bath tucked above.

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water completes the ensemble. The award-winning design of this kitchen features a butler pantry, double island design, and custom brick niche over the cooktop area. The breakfast nook (known as the Morning Room) faces the waterfront side of the home, bringing natural light into the kitchen. A window-wrapped octagonal sitting room with a fireplace is connected to the Morning Room via a short hall and is outfitted with antique furniture and verdigris-covered tin ceiling. **CWH**

Left: The hybrid home features 12-inch handcrafted half-logs with a combination of saddle-notch and beam corners, timbers, and cut stone. The entrance showcases a custom door with sidelights and pentagonal window configuration flanked by a porch. A heated three-car garage, state-of-the-art security system, and steel front gate ensure more comfort. **Below:** Designed to take advantage of the waterfront view from the second floor, the loft game room features a sunken bar with comfy black leather chairs. Cowboy silhouettes are positioned in the custom triangle window above the French doors that open to the loggia.



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