

LAKESIDE *getaway*

When spring turns to summer the Macdonald family gathers regularly at their idyllic waterfront cottage on Lake Eugenia. It's a slice of paradise purchased more than 30 years ago by **Phil Macdonald**'s father and mother Charlie and Peggy. It has become a peaceful paradise enjoyed annually by three generations of Macdonalds.

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A primarily neutral design palette is brought to life with a lovely mix of materials, finishes and textures.

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Located just a short drive from their hometown of Meaford, the summer retreat is also close to the family business – **Leon’s**, with locations in Collingwood, Owen Sound and Orillia.

The first small cottage, built in the 1960s, served the family well, but it had seen better days. In November 2016, Phil and Marcia Macdonald began the process of building a new cottage.

The original plan was for a modest replacement of the well-loved summer retreat. However, Architectural Technologist **Jane Cameron** of **Life Home Design** designed bigger plans to suit the growing needs of the family. **Rick Eidenmueller** of **Richwood Builders** led the build team. The end result is a space that is serene, beautiful, functional and low-maintenance.

The Macdonalds called in independent stylist **Ellen Oelbaum** to furnish and accessorize the entire cottage. Everything Oelbaum used to style the home came from Leon’s. All furnishings, accessories, appliances and electronics are from Leon’s.

Oelbaum is an experienced interior and exterior stylist who believes in the power of beautiful spaces to transform daily lives. She takes inspiration from fashion and social media and focuses on texture, mixing old and new, all while creating flow. Oelbaum loves to provide a fun and friendly styling experience.

“It really is something,” says Phil, seated at



Independent Stylist Ellen Oelbaum transformed the Macdonalds’ cottage. She works with both residential and commercial clients. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The sunroom provides lots of seating and is a pleasant space to be regardless of the weather. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A wet bar is the perfect complement to lakeside living, complete with beverage cellar and commercial grade ice maker.



FAR LEFT: Benjamin Moore’s Ballerina White adorns the walls and allows the dark finish of the bedroom set and cheery yellow accents to really pop. **LEFT:** White, black and hits of greenery create a serene feeling in the powder room. **BELOW:** A vaulted front foyer with white painted tongue and groove ceiling, a large industrial-inspired Edison bulb fixture, and rough-sawn timber details all set the atmosphere for the cottage.

a trestle-style dining table for 12 while waves gently roll on the lake behind him. “This is grander than we ever expected and we love it.”

The Macdonalds wanted a retreat that would not only suit their requirements, but also those of their children and grandchildren.

“There can either be zero people here or there can be 20,” says Marcia. “We wanted a year-round, multigenerational space with a layout that allowed for three generations to live together while also having quiet areas.”

Cameron achieved that by designing the space to include both common and private zones. For example, on the 2,200 sq. ft. main floor, the sunroom (**Centre Grey Building Supplies**) is positioned adjacent to the primary entertaining space, and it can easily function as a private, quiet area by simply closing the doors. The Macdonalds chose simple furnishings for the brightly-lit sunroom space. A taupe fabric sofa is paired with Muskoka-style chairs outfitted with modern, mocha cushions. The coffee table and television stand add a rustic touch with their distressed finishes. The neutral tones don’t distract from the panoramic views of the lake, which can be taken in through the large windows from **Van Dolder’s Custom Exteriors**.

The main-floor principal suite and a guest bedroom are thoughtfully positioned off the open area to maximize privacy.

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TOP LEFT: Easily accessible hooks and a bench to perch on create a functional and coastal-inspired mudroom. **TOP MIDDLE:** Life on the lake doesn't come without laundry – at least this steam washer and steam dryer save time ironing! **LEFT:** The large charcoal island has lots to offer, including low maintenance and durable quartz counters, a prep sink, plenty of uninterrupted work space and a view to the lake. **ABOVE:** The iron finish in the pair of light fixtures above the island is repeated in the counter-height stools as well as the clock.

The large main area looks out onto the sparkling shores of the lake and includes the rustically-furnished great room, kitchen and dining area. **Mark Higginson** of **Natural Stonescapes** completed the landscaping.

For flooring, they selected a wood grain, luxury vinyl plank flooring for the main floor of the house from **Georgian Design Centre**.

"It's indestructible," says Phil. "Tough as nails and it doesn't fade in the sun. The kids can come in from the lake, tracking in water and sand and we can just wipe it up."

With the great selection of furniture and appliances available at Leon's, the Macdonalds opted for durable leather for the great room, which adds to the rustic charm of the cottage. A cognac sofa and

loveseat are paired with contemporary black club chairs around a natural wood coffee table. A state-of-the-art curved smart Samsung TV is mounted on the natural stone fireplace surround (**Dave's Heating & Cooling** and **Shouldice Designer Stone**), which stretches from the floor to the peak of the cathedral ceilings. Marcia chose Ballerina White paint from **Benjamin Moore** for the large, open area.

The Macdonalds chose top-of-the-line, commercial grade, fingerprint-resistant stainless steel KitchenAid appliances. A built-in oven features a warming drawer while an induction cooktop makes cooking a breeze. Additional features such as the commercial ice maker, wine fridge and a second refrigerator offer convenience for the frequent house guests. *Continued on page 90*

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The Macdonalds worked with **John Carscadden of Exquisite Wood Designs Inc.** to create a serene look in the kitchen with white cabinets and Caesarstone quartz countertops. Charcoal cabinets on the island add a dramatic flare to the space and industrial-style tractor seat stools create more seating for a large crowd.

“It was designed for more than one person to work in the kitchen,” says Marcia. “Guests can take a seat on one of the stools at the island while we prepare food.”

The lower level, which features polished concrete floors, adds an additional 2,200 square feet of living space. There are four bedrooms, three furnished with king-size beds. The grandkids’ room features double bunk beds. All offer guests the comforts of home while enjoying their stay at the lake. The bathroom is divided into several areas to allow multiple people to use the space at once. A rec room, made cosy with a large sectional sofa, provides another option for guests to unwind. *Continued on page 94*

TOP LEFT: A unique white-washed chest, striped bedding and accents of blue speak to the lakeside theme. **TOP RIGHT:** This set of bunkbeds is the picture-perfect night-time getaway for grandchildren. **LEFT:** White and navy bedding flanked with a pair of matching nightstands and table lamps create a refined retreat for guests.



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A white-washed furniture collection in a lower level bedroom provides a casual lakeside aesthetic. **RIGHT:** A neutral backdrop allows various colours and textures to pop.



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The couple's favourite feature of the home is the large, covered deck, which allows them to enjoy all 75 feet of waterfront.

"I love it," says Marcia. "I love sitting on the covered deck with the fireplace going and just enjoying the lake."

Phil loves the modern technology that went into the build. From the barrier-free glass railing on the deck to the sound system from **Huronia Alarms** to the motionless lighting installed by **Blake Hewgill**.

"It's really slick," Phil says of the glass railing, noting it is CSA approved. "There are no sight-line obstructions. You just get the view of the lake."

While part of Marcia misses the old shanty with the outdoor shower, she cannot wait to spend the six months from May to Thanksgiving at their new cottage.

"It's the location that we love," says Marcia, whose two brothers also have cottages on the lake. "In one year, we've already made so many memories here and I can't wait to make more." **OH**

TOP: With ample space for entertaining – whether dining, conversing or relaxing – the covered deck and its view of the lake is a favoured spot. **RIGHT:** Phil and Marcia Macdonald on the deck of their cottage.



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