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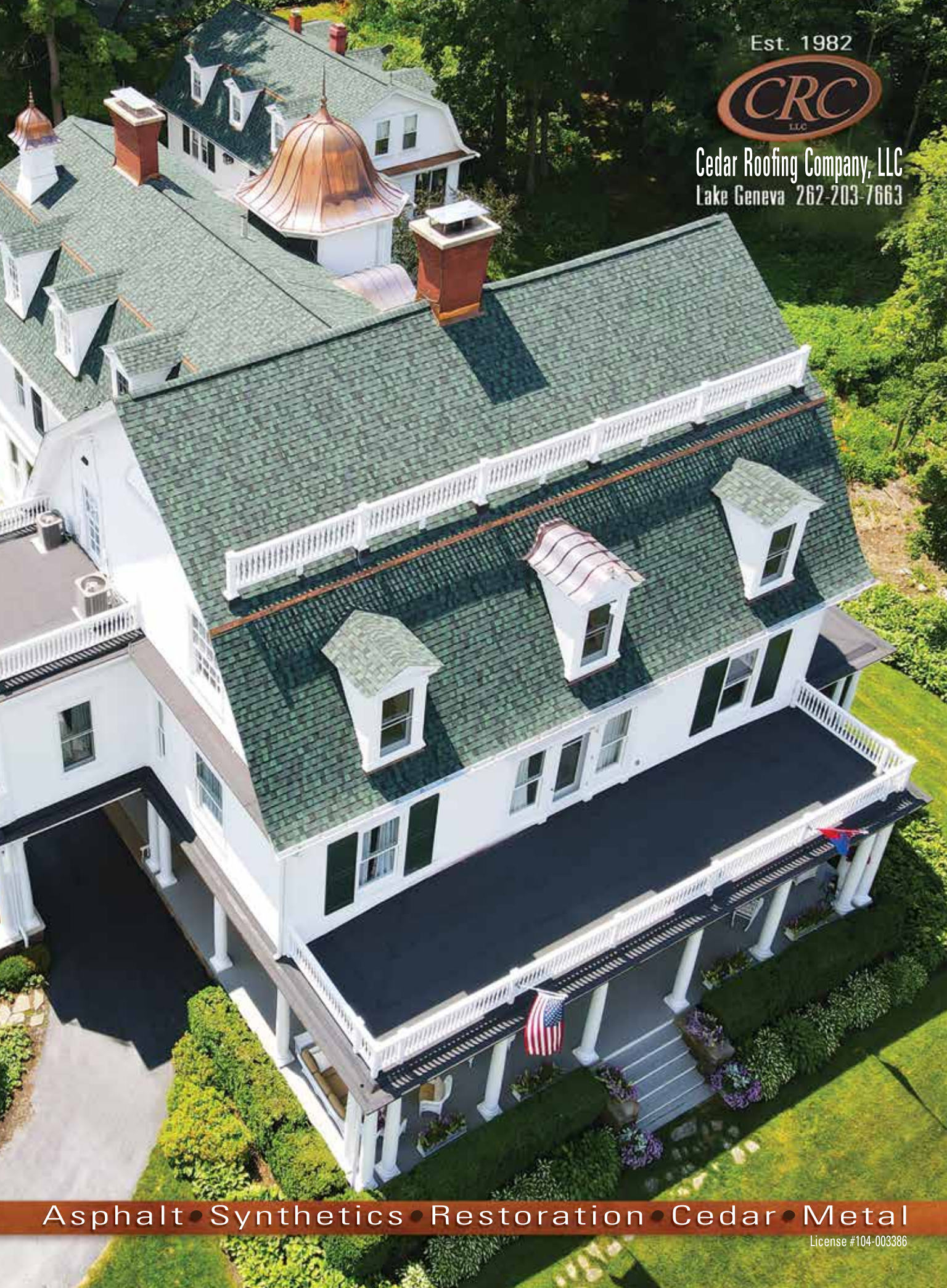


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Dear Readers,

I'm not sure about you, but as each day blends into the next during this now year-long pandemic, ushering in springtime has taken on new meaning. Sure, it still may look like the depths of winter outside, but it *actually* feels like we're inching in the right direction. As we move through March and into April, the tease of a warm day or two, the sight of daffodils emerging from snow-covered ground and the sounds of returning migratory birds, although predictable, are sure to be greeted with more enthusiasm this year. A break from pandemic fatigue is just what we need and Mother Nature will surely comply.

Our spring issue is a good diversion as well. We've included, as always, a history piece about Geneva Lake. Beginning on page 32, Sarah Lahey tells the story of the multigenerational Sturges family — who some would call the lake's "first family" — and the landmark fountain in Chicago's Grant Park that will forever be tied to them.

As we mark the changing of the seasons, we present a story by Mary Bergin, on page 53, about the joys of bird-watching in the lakes area, with tips on the best places to see a variety of species. Springtime at its best is featured, beginning on page 46, with a collection of watercolor paintings by local artist Joan Franzen.

And what would springtime be if there weren't a few home improvement projects on the horizon? Staying at home for the last year has given us plenty of time to re-imagine our most lived-in spaces. That's why I think you'll find our 15th annual At Home section especially useful. Beginning on page 81, over a dozen companies give us insight into their services and expertise, so you can find the perfect resource to help you turn your dreams into reality.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *At The Lake* and it serves as a harbinger of the much-anticipated season ahead. Thanks for reading!

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Barb Howell, Editor



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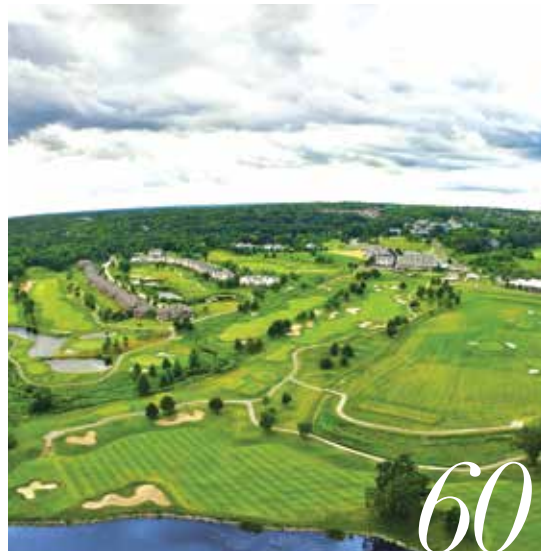
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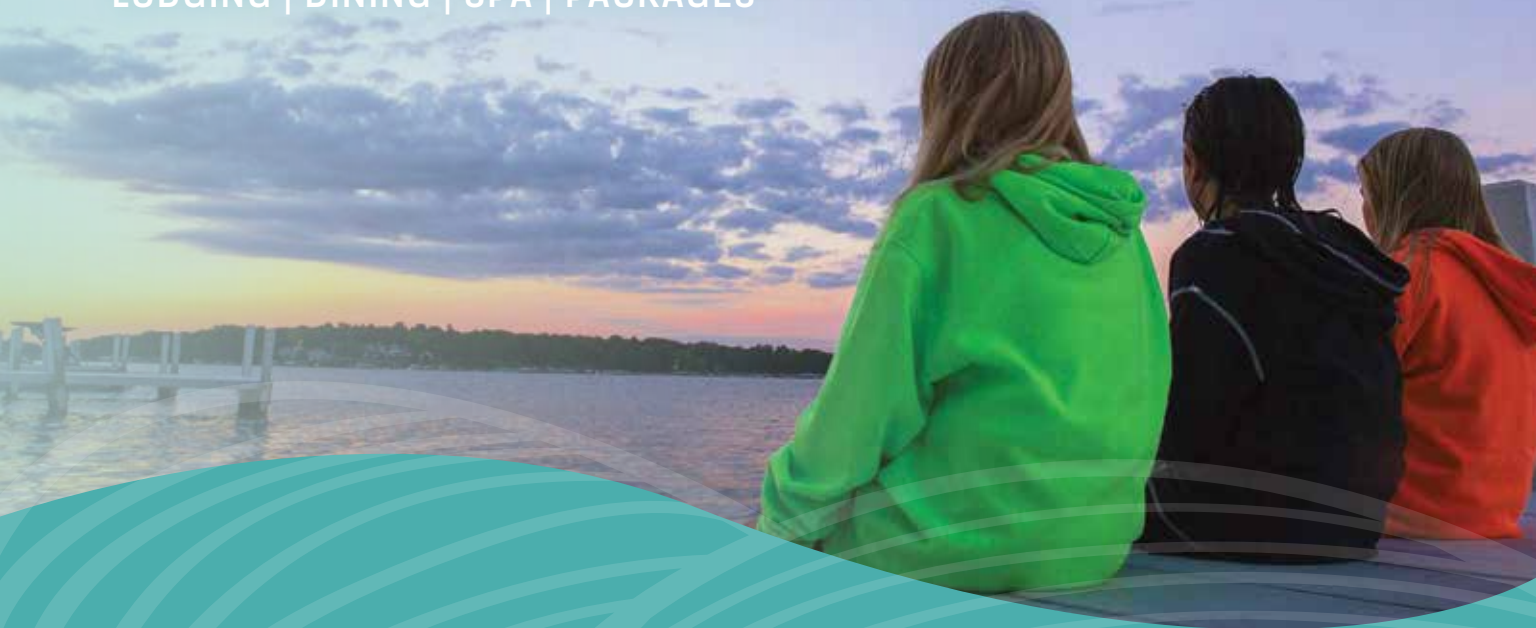
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Formerly owned by the Crane family from Chicago, the building was known as Crane Hall before the Belfry Players, a local acting group, purchased and relocated it from its original site, now the Geneva National Resort, in the 1950s.

When the Belfry Theatre closed in the late 1960s due to a lack of funding, the Belfry House sat vacant for almost 50 years until it, along with the theater, were purchased in 2013 by a local ownership group. A complete renovation of the existing Belfry House building was planned, but years of water damage proved too destructive and rebuilding was determined to be the best course.

Today, all 12 rooms, four of which are suites, have king-size beds and six of

the rooms have a fireplace. Just a few of the other amenities include heated bathroom floors, oversized showers and luxurious bathrobes.

The accompanying restaurant, Opus, offers high-end, fine dining for breakfast, brunch and dinner Thursdays through Sundays. Reservations are required, and the quiet, intimate atmosphere offers a unique living room-style experience.

Executive Chef Remi DuBois is a 21-year culinary and lodging industry veteran who comes from a family of chefs and previously led teams at fine dining establishments throughout the world. DuBois changes the menu at Opus weekly and seasonally.

The Belfry House is currently offering packages that include lodging with dining options at Opus. A theater experience package is in the works for the 2021 season. The Belfry Music Theatre season is scheduled to begin the second week of June. For information, visit belfryhouse.com.

DELANAN LAKE EVENT VENUE TO OPEN THIS SUMMER

An ongoing \$1.4 million renovation project will transform the former Town of Delavan Community Park building into Waters Edge on Delavan Lake, a venue suitable to host weddings, business conventions, anniversary gatherings, birthday parties and other events.

Executive Event Director Becky Dreyer says the structure originally was built as a garage for large lake equipment. "No one ever wanted to use this building [for events]," she says. "It was in disrepair." Dreyer has worked for a year with the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization Delavan Friends of the Park, which will partner with the town to host community events at Waters Edge.

Though the footprint of the building remains the same, the renovations are extensive. The exterior will be painted a new color, windows will be added to both sides and a rock façade and covered entryway will give the outside of the building character, according to Dreyer. There also will be a second-story loft area



WATERS EDGE ON DELAVAN LAKE

inside and a balcony facing the lake. In addition, the venue, with capacity for 240 guests, will include a large dance area, two movable bars and private bathrooms separating event guests from beachgoers. Dreyer says the town is also considering renovating the nearby pier so it can offer a cruise on the lake for those attending events at Waters Edge.

Despite some construction delays due to weather, workers are eyeing a May completion date. Waters Edge is accepting bookings for dates beginning

in July, with Dreyer noting they hope to capitalize on a lot of the weddings canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19. Depending on the time of year, special room rates at Delavan Lake Resort may be available for wedding parties.

The grand opening of Waters Edge will coincide with the town's Independence Day celebration on June 26, featuring food trucks, fireworks, dancing and more. For information, visit watersedgedl.com.

YERKES OBSERVATORY RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY

Members of the Yerkes Future Foundation (YFF) are hard at work preparing Yerkes Observatory for a soft reopening this summer.

Though a complete renovation will take years, according to Foundation Chairperson Dianna Colman, much of the technical work is underway. According to Colman, the mortar between the bricks surrounding the great dome was removed and replaced

with lime putty, which will allow the bricks to "breathe" and prevent flaking. In addition, the list for inside work is long with flooring and electrical wiring needing to be replaced in addition to painting. Some of the telescopes also require restoration, though that project is delayed due to a lack of funding.

The Foundation also received a grant for solar panels to support its effort to become energy independent, but



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there are issues with the roof that are being explored.

"We're assessing things one piece at a time, but with a grand idea in terms of how we want the building to function because it's still viable for astronomy, education, research and programming," Colman says.

A soft opening of the observatory will entail "nothing crazy" due to COVID-19, but the YFF seeks to offer limited tours, some programs and seminar speakers. Student programming has also been discussed with educators in the area with the goal of resuming these services in the fall.

Since the YFF officially took ownership of the observatory, many organizations have provided manpower, conceptual ideas, trees for landscaping and more, Colman says. The number of individuals and organizations that have stepped up to help serves as a reminder that though it's located in Walworth County, Yerkes Observatory is really an international resource, she explains. "Williams Bay is not the center of the universe, but if you talk to a lot of astronomers, astrophysicists and scientists, they think Yerkes Observatory is," she says. "They love that place."

Apart from a buildings and grounds director, a complete staff needs to be hired, Colman says. Plus a search is underway for an executive director, who they hope to have hired by mid-March.

Hiring an executive director will allow the true transition to begin, according to Colman, because that person can hire a team to run day-to-day operations, tours, programs, research and other aspects. Then the YFF volunteer board can focus on long-term plans, a strategic vision and fundraising, she says.

"People need to be ready when we do open to see a very different look on the interior," Colman says. "It'll be cleaner and more efficient, but we aren't harming anything. They need to be excited, but they need to be patient."



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ALIVE Rescue, a no-kill animal rescue based in Chicago, is opening a new shelter and sanctuary in Salem Lakes, just 20 minutes east of Lake Geneva. "The Big Barn" will be a 4,800-square-foot facility on 70 acres and it will house up to 30 dogs and puppies when it opens in late spring or summer.

The shelter will have two whelping rooms for pregnant and nursing dogs; a retirement room for any dogs needing long-term housing; two specially designed suites for dogs experiencing behavior issues; 16 regular dog suites; a grooming room; and large indoor play areas to use during inclement weather.

In addition to the shelter, there will be a 24-hour care unit for dogs with medical conditions staffed by a full-time member living on site in their Rescue House. The Rescue House will be located steps away from The Big

Barn and will offer individual sleeping rooms where dogs can rest with a volunteer/staff member monitoring them throughout the night.

ALIVE Rescue's mission is based on their belief that every animal deserves a full life, and they choose to take in animals that other adoption organizations may overlook, including seniors, unpopular breeds and pets with special needs.

"We really get to know our dogs and work with them constantly," says Kristen Gerali, founder of ALIVE Rescue. "We try to pair our dogs well, and that makes our return rate very low."

The Big Barn's project budget is just more than \$1 million, and so far, ALIVE Rescue has raised \$475,000. Right now, the organization is looking for support from the community in order to complete construction. Naming rights are available. For more details, visit aliverescue.org.

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Jim, who also owns Beall Jewelers a few doors down from the theater, decided to purchase the site in July, but it was a deal more than 15 years in the making. He had his sights set on the property all those years ago but backed off once a local church group showed interest.

When the church group left, the theater sat on the market for two years while other deals fell through, according to Beall. "The price came down a bit, and I decided it was really just the right timing for me to purchase it and make my dream of restoring the theater back to its original 1929 architecture come true," he says.

Slated for a fall opening, the rebranded Wishing Star Theater will become a "destination venue," offering live entertainment on a performance stage and movies on a cinema screen. Acts will span various genres of music, professional groups and comedic routines with regional and national interest, Beall says.

His aesthetic plans for the theater include restoring the original Mediterranean revival architecture and reinstating the wrought iron marquee with incandescent lights. Overall, the building is in good shape, Beall says.

Terrace seating will be added to the auditorium, providing a friendly "cabaret-style" environment with tables and chairs that resembles a nightclub more than a traditional theater, according to Beall. The space will accommodate up to 264 people.

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A TRUE SON OF *Lake Geneva*

Sean Payne's unwavering commitment to all things Lake Geneva and his unique family history make him the city's unofficial ambassador

BY LISA SCHMELZ

They call him Mr. Lake Geneva. He knows just about everybody. Some folks even think he's the city's mayor. But Mr. Lake Geneva is not the mayor. He's a guy whose family ties to the area date back to 1836. A guy who was lucky enough to be born and raised here. A guy who went west for a while, felt the call of home, returned and now aims to preserve the magic of the place that formed him.

His real name? Sean Payne. His legendary ties to the area? His fourth great uncle — Christopher Payne — came here from Belvidere, Illinois, liked what he saw, and became Lake Geneva's first European settler.

"Everybody says he was not a very nice guy, is what the history tells us," says Payne of his noted ancestor. "But he built a mill here and the first house."

Unlike his pioneering uncle, Sean, the son of Joe and Jane Payne, is a nice guy. A very nice guy. He may not be the mayor, but he is a whole lot of other admirable things that deserve notice. He's as civic minded as they come, volunteering thousands of hours on local boards and committees. He's also managed Clear Water Outdoor for 13 of the store's 16 years. And if you've been to the Lake Geneva Farmer's Market recently, and liked what you saw, you have him to thank for kicking it up a notch.

So, yes, the moniker Mr. Lake Geneva really fits in this case. But does he ever want to be the *actual* mayor? "Being the youngest of seven, I like being liked," he says, laughing and recalling times when he was referred to as Mr. Mayor when the actual mayor at the time was seated right next to him. "And, no, I don't think I'd want to be the mayor. I do respect what they do, but that's not me."

What is him is serving the community that gave him the life he treasures. Quite simply, Mr. Lake Geneva loves Lake Geneva and he wants the Lake Geneva he loves to be loved by others — whether they are just passing through or living here permanently.

To that end, he helps run the annual auction for the YMCA. (If you've recently set down roots here, it's the social event of the season.) He also serves on the board of the historic Horticultural Hall. When they asked him to take over the farmer's market, he took what had been a 16-vendor affair to nearly 50. He's a former Jaycee. And, basically, if you're attending a fundraiser in town, there's a strong chance he is playing a part in it.

So what drives him to give so much of his time and talent to this lakefront hamlet? "This is one of the most amazing communities," says Payne. "Everybody is looking out for everybody."

A CHILDHOOD TO ENVY

Payne, whose parents operated some of the area's most popular bars and restaurants, including Mars Resort on Lake Como and later Jane's in Lake Geneva, grew up on local beaches and ski hills. He also knows what it's like to be served an ice cream cone as a young child by a Playboy Bunny at the Lake Geneva Playboy Club-Hotel, which is now Grand Geneva Resort & Spa.

If you're meeting Sean for the first time, which I was, his fifth-generation Lake Geneva status is impressive. His paternal grandmother, Genevieve Payne (née Lazzeroni), and her family owned and operated Hotel Clair, in what is now the Landmark Center downtown. But what really draws you in are his childhood stories of a place that seemed like a Midwestern, lakefront Mayberry, only this incarnation wasn't a dry town.

His late mother, Jane, owned a bar and grill where Flat Iron Tap is now located. In summer, from the time he was about eight until he was about 15, a typical day looked something like this:

"So, I could walk right down there [the bar] from home in the morning and I would restock the beer and ice, and then I'd go to the beach."

And when the beach closed for the day? "Then, I'd go back and restock the beer and ice again, and then head home."



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The Geneva Lake Shore Path, which surrounds the entire lake and is open to the public, was as familiar to Payne as the roads around town. As a child, he had better access than most of us. When there was enough snow, he'd set out with his sled to one of the biggest landmarks on the lake: Stone Manor. "Because I grew up down the shore path," he recalls, "they would let us sled in the front."

Payne also was a huge fan of skiing and there was nothing better than a good winter storm, which would transform the heart of the city into a playground. "When it snowed a lot, they would shut the traffic off and we would cross-country ski downtown."

When he wasn't cross-country skiing downtown in winter, he was likely at

Majestic Ski Hill. Opened in 1957, the small ski resort was constructed on a former chicken ranch and was enormously popular. As a boy and as a teen, Majestic lived up to its name for Payne.

"We'd go, when we were little, and just get dropped off there, my sister and I, and we would ski all the time. My mom would drop us off at 9 and the lifts opened up at 9:30. Literally, all she had to do was make lunch for us — you just left your lunch in a locker. That was on the weekends. On weekdays, 4:30 was the second ski time start. I couldn't stay until 10 until I had my own car. My birthday is March 7, and if there was snow, my mom would let me skip school and ski. She'd drop me off in the morning and pick me up that night. It was great."

THE BEST OF LAKE GENEVA WITH MR. LAKE GENEVA:

Sean Payne is one of Lake Geneva's greatest ambassadors and has family ties to the area that date back to 1836. Below is the mini version of his "Best of Lake Geneva" list.

BEST PLACE TO SIT AND DO NOTHING:

"At the Frank Lloyd Wright (inspired) library in Lake Geneva. I just love sitting there and enjoying people watching and watching the water."

BEST PLACE TO DINE DRESSED UP:

"I'm going to go with ChopHouse at Grand Geneva. I love the service; I love the food."

BEST PLACE TO GRAB TAKEOUT:

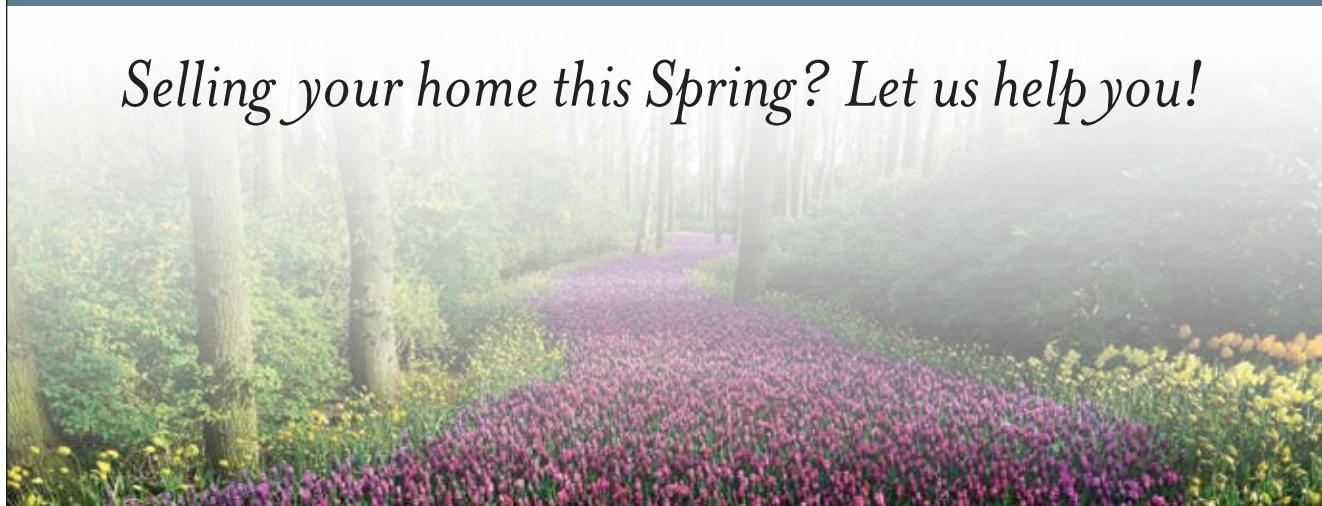
"Oakfire and Next Door Pub in Lake Geneva, oh, and Upper Crust in Pell Lake. If you want to eat outside, go to Library Park and sit on one of the benches and eat."

BEST PLACE TO TAKE THE KIDS:

"Go paddle boarding on Geneva Lake and then swim off the paddle boards."



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THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Like a lot of folks who grow up in a small community, no matter how charming it may be, Payne wondered what it would be like to swim in a bigger pond. He graduated from Badger High School in 1984, took off for Arizona, then headed to Boulder, Colorado. He's done extensive work in the hospitality sector, and eventually, he realized he wanted to be where he started: Lake Geneva.

In 2002, he accepted a position as the food and beverage manager at Lake Geneva's Hillmoor Golf Club. In 2005, he married his wife, Sharon, and in 2006, they welcomed their son, William. He signed on at Clear Water Outdoor, a retail outlet for outdoor clothing and gear, in 2007. Making the switch from hospitality to retail, he says, wasn't a big leap. "It's all about serving the customer," he says simply.

And while he serves customers at Clear Water, he serves everyone else who happens to spend any length of time in or around Lake Geneva. In 2018, his efforts were recognized with VISIT Lake Geneva's Stu

Herzog Award, which is given to individuals who have made a positive impact on the Lake Geneva area. Those in attendance at his award ceremony noted he's equally adept at selling high-end outdoor gear, running a farmer's market, emceeding a charity auction or giving a first-time visitor to the area suggestions on where and how to spend the day.

Stephanie Klett, the president and CEO of VISIT Lake Geneva, and the secretary of tourism for the state of Wisconsin for eight years under Gov. Scott Walker, says you can't put a price tag on Payne's ambassadorship to the area.

"He is the walking and talking history of Lake Geneva," she says. "He is the ultimate cheerleader. I don't mean that in a superficial way. That's really what a cheerleader is: An enthusiastic and vocal supporter of something or someone. It's two separate words — cheer, leader. He brings stability and energy of the past and present and elevates the visitor experience. When I think of Sean, I think of Lake Geneva at its best." ▲



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A LASTING Legacy

Lake Geneva's Sturges family is forever linked to Chicago's famous Buckingham Fountain

BY SARAH T. LAHEY



*B*uckingham Fountain, in Chicago's Grant Park, is referred to in Chicago Park District information as the centerpiece of the city's "front yard." If you've ever wondered about its history, look no further than Lake Geneva. To fully understand the connection, we have to start by revisiting the genealogy of a family, one that includes some of Chicago's 19th century movers and shakers, and several who summered on Geneva Lake.

The first mansion on the lake was built in 1871 by Shelton Sturges, son of Solomon Sturges, who made a fortune in the grain storage business. The Sturgeses became a sort of "first family" in Lake Geneva, eventually owning three estates and marrying into other lake families. The family's inheritance was sizable, and they always aimed to put it to good use. Mary D. Sturges, for one, donated land to the Village of Geneva, creating the public library and Elm Park. Her niece, Kate Sturges Buckingham, used her inheritance to fund Chicago's Art Institute, Lyric Opera and — last, but not least — Buckingham Fountain.



The Sturges family is considered by many as the “first family” of Lake Geneva. Three sons of Solomon Sturges built homes on the lake between 1871-1883. TOP: Maple Lawn, the home of Shelton Sturges and his wife, Frances, was designed by acclaimed architect Henry Lord Gay and completed in 1871. In later years, the couple would add a large fountain to the grounds of the estate. MIDDLE: Snug Harbor, built in 1881, was the sprawling, three-story home of George Sturges and his wife, Mary, and their nine children. BOTTOM: Fairfields, a 15-room mansion, was built by Buckingham Sturges and his wife, Susan, in 1883. The estate was inland from Maple Lawn and was built at the highest point of its 20-acre parcel of land.

GRAIN “KINGS” OF CHICAGO

It all started with Solomon Sturges and his business partner, Ebenezer Buckingham Jr., who happened to be his brother-in-law (married to Sarah Sturges). Solomon and Ebenezer ran a successful mercantile business in Ohio before moving their families to Chicago, where they hoped to make a start in the grain business. In 1855, they built the first large-capacity grain elevator in Chicago, holding more than 700,000 bushels. This was an innovation and the two men cornered the industry for nearly a decade. The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 later provided an unexpected advantage when all the grain elevators in the city were destroyed except one belonging to Sturges & Sons. This stroke of luck solidified the family’s wealth — on both the Buckingham and Sturges sides.

THE STURGES DYNASTY

Although several families have held claim to being “dynasties” on Geneva Lake, the Sturges family was the first. Solomon Sturges died in 1864, leaving his children (all nine of them) with a family business to run. It is no wonder they went looking for a place to enjoy a break from their daily responsibilities. In 1870, Shelton Sturges, the second-eldest son, visited Lake Geneva to evaluate the merits of purchasing land. According to local historians Ann Wolfmeyer and Mary Burns Gage, Shelton would have seen “mile after mile of dense woods broken only by a small cluster of homes marking Williams Bay and the Village of Geneva” — then boasting a population of barely over 1,000. Shelton selected Montague Farm, which would become the lake’s first opulent estate: Maple Lawn.

Shelton Sturges finished construction of Maple Lawn during the summer of 1871, a few weeks prior to the completion of the train line from Chicago to Lake Geneva. His brother, Buckingham, took over the Montague farmhouse and another brother, George, rented a small house in town. With



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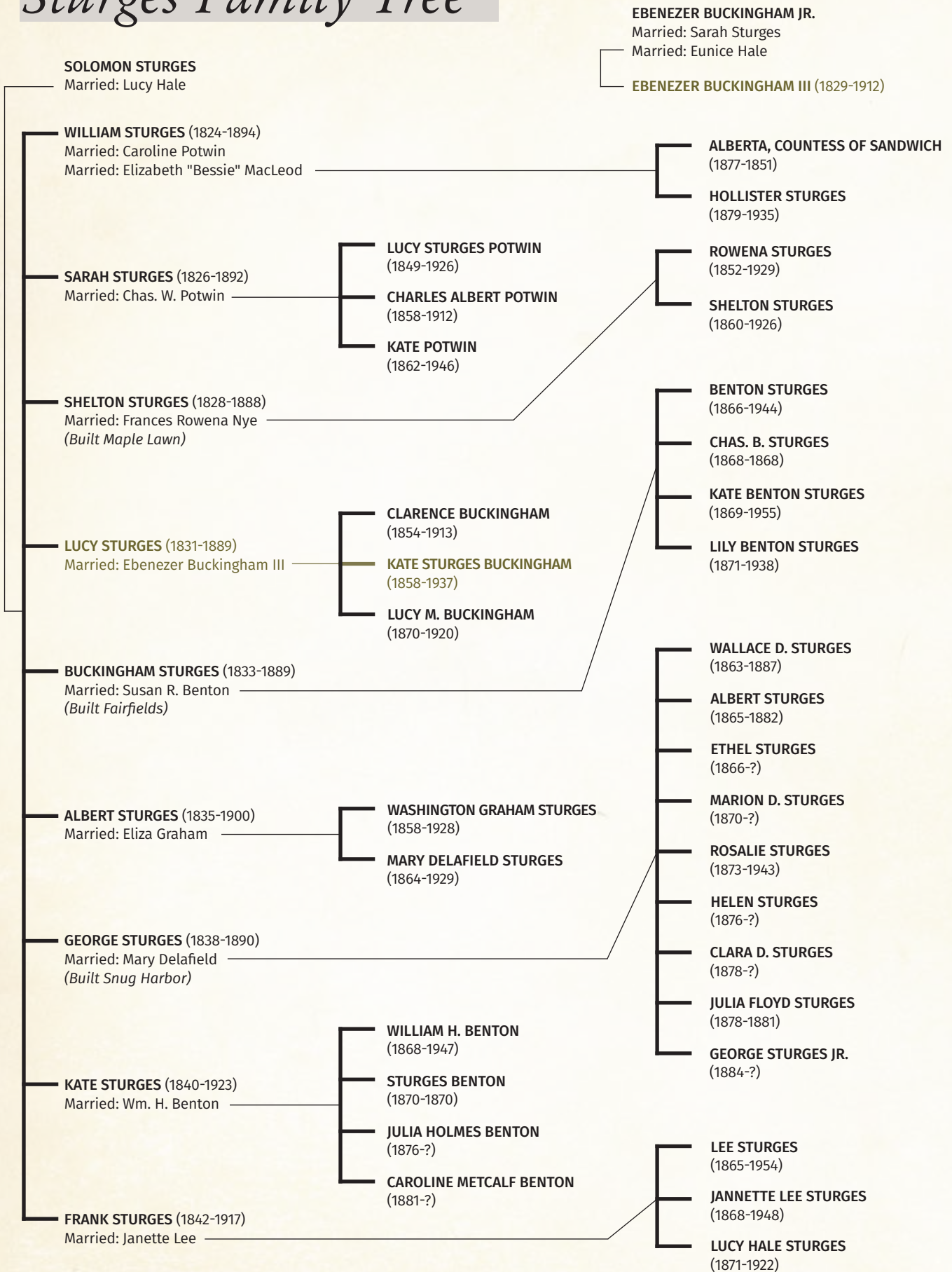
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Sturges Family Tree



This is just a portion of the Sturges family tree. A more complete version can be found in "Lake Geneva Newport of the West: 1870-1920," Volume 1 by Ann Wolfmeyer and Mary Burns Gage.

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three Sturges siblings settled (all with kids), they nearly took over the village. Locals were appeased when Shelton built a large reservoir to serve as a back-up water supply. In 1874, Shelton and his wife, Frances, further amused villagers with the construction of a large fountain on the grounds of Maple Lawn that shot water 40 feet into the air. This fountain might have inspired Chicago's Buckingham fountain, later constructed by their niece, Kate.

The Sturges family, by all accounts, became embedded in the life of Lake Geneva. They were members of the Geneva Episcopal church, active in village politics and hosted concerts at Maple Lawn every Saturday night in the summer. According to Wolfmeyer and Gage, "the young ladies sang selections of church music" and the "young men and their cousins kept the guests comfortable." With more than 20 Sturges cousins running around, it would have been hard to keep track of them.

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Before George Sturges and his wife, Mary Delafield Sturges, built Snug Harbor, they occupied a small cottage on the northern edge of Geneva Lake. In 1894, after her husband's death, Mary donated the land, home and two adjoining lots to the city of Lake Geneva to be used as a public library.

Shelton's brother, Buckingham, spent 10 summers at the Montague farmhouse before building his own estate just inland from Maple Lawn. Named Fairfields, this estate included 20 acres and a 15-room mansion. Even more impressive, the estate remained in the family until 1955, when the last of Buckingham's children, Kate B. Sturges, passed away. As the last survivor of Buckingham Sturges, Kate donated more than 1,200 books to the Lake Geneva Public Library.

The flashiest Sturges brother was George, whose wife, Mary Delafield Sturges, was a star in her own right. Together, they built Snug Harbor, a large mansion situated west of Maple Lawn. It was completed in 1881, 10 years after Shelton built the first



estate. The intervening decade was spent in a cottage in town, which eventually became the Lake Geneva Public Library. The family loved the cottage and its adjoining land, and Mary Sturges was very clear in her gift that it would be "forever for the uses of a Public Park and Public Library."

LOVE AND MARRIAGE

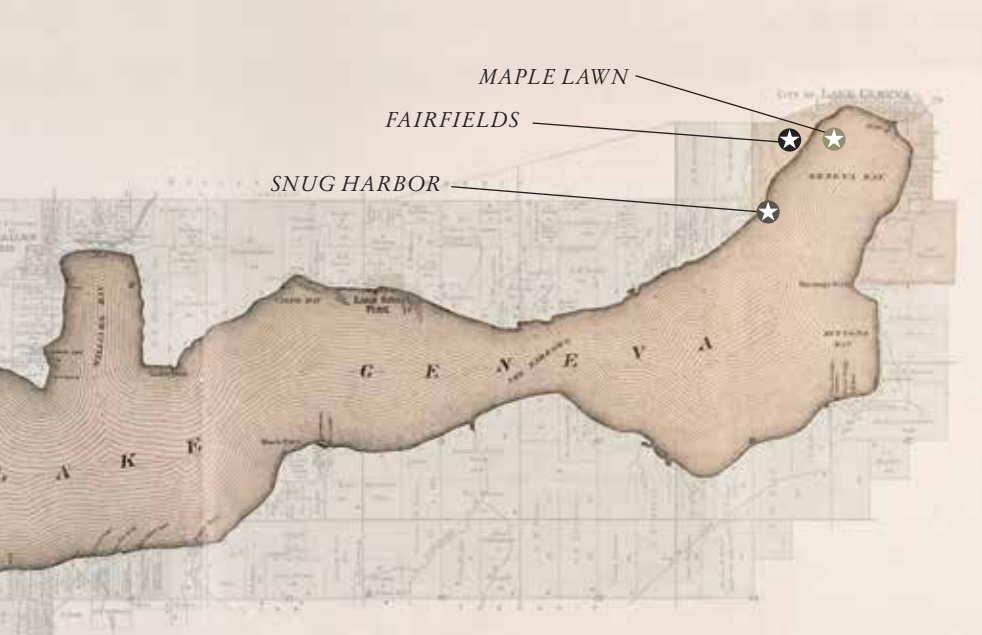
Kate Sturges Buckingham, creator

of Chicago's celebrated Buckingham Fountain, was one of the myriad Sturges family cousins running around the estates on Geneva Lake. Her mother was Lucy Sturges, who married Ebenezer Buckingham III on May 5, 1853. Young Ebenezer Buckingham's father was the business partner of Solomon Sturges, Lucy's father. To add another twist to the story, the elder Buckingham was

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The map shows the approximate location of each of the three homes built by brothers Shelton, Buckingham and George Sturges. Shelton was the first to visit Lake Geneva in 1870, traveling from Chicago to evaluate the merits of purchasing property. He selected Montague Farm, which would become Geneva Lake's first opulent estate: Maple Lawn. Buckingham Sturges spent 10 summers at the Montague farmhouse before building Fairfields in 1883. Snug Harbor was built in 1881 by George Sturges.

KATE'S EARLY YEARS

As a Sturges-Buckingham heir, Kate grew up amid great privilege. She had private tutors and fine dresses, but — at the same time — lacked the social ease of a normal childhood. Her siblings became her best friends, especially her brother Clarence. She was 13 when the Chicago Fire destroyed the family home, and it transformed her into a young activist. Two years later, she was raising funds for the children's wing at Cook County Hospital.

Kate's family re-established themselves on Prairie Avenue by 1875, and her

married twice — first to Sarah Sturges and then to Eunice Hale. Ebenezer III was the child of the second union.

Lucy and Ebenezer III owned property in Lake Geneva, although they never built an estate. There is reason to believe they spent considerable time at the lake, given the close bonds among the Sturges. The family attended Shelton's opening

party for Maple Lawn, and young Kate would have seen the fountain that graced the property over the years. It is also likely that Lucy and Ebenezer stayed at Lake Geneva after the Great Chicago Fire, since their home had been completely destroyed. Their new home on Chicago's Prairie Avenue took nearly four years to complete, so why not escape to Wisconsin?



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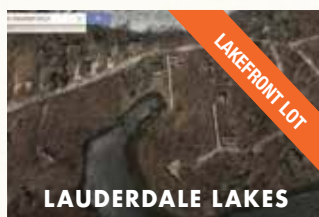
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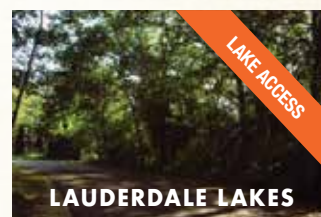
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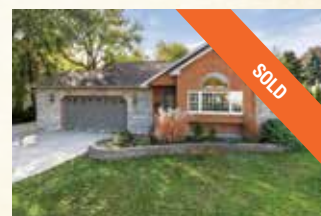
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father's business continued to do well. In 1882, her parents built a second home in Lake Forest, Illinois. Visiting this estate likely kept them from Lake Geneva, although one assumes they still visited uncles Shelton, Buckingham and George, and their families from time to time.

ONE OF CHICAGO'S WEALTHIEST WOMEN

As the years went on, Kate's wealth increased, but she found herself increasingly alone. In 1889, her mother died. Her sister, Lucy Maud, was disabled her entire life. Kate — by her own choice — never married. When she lost her father in 1912 and her brother one year later, life as she knew it changed forever.

At age 55, Kate became the sole beneficiary of \$4 million — approximately \$70 million today. She wielded a vast amount of money and had no husband to interfere. How to spend it? The decision came down to her passions. Kate Buckingham loved three things: fine art, her family and the city of Chicago.

DONATING TO THE ARTS

Kate and her brother Clarence spent much of their youth traveling around the world. Clarence had a passion for Asian art, collecting thousands of Japanese prints that he regularly displayed at the Art Institute of Chicago. After her brother's death, Kate became more proactive and donated her collection of medieval art to the Institute. In 1925, she established the Clarence Buckingham Collection that contained over 2,000 works. As celebrated in her obituary, Kate Buckingham was “godmother” to the Art Institute.



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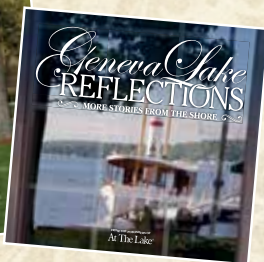


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ABOVE Daughter of Ebenezer Buckingham III and Lucy Sturges, Kate Sturges Buckingham was one of the many Sturges cousins who grew up enjoying the three family estates on Geneva Lake. As the sole beneficiary of her immediate family's wealth, Kate became one of Chicago's leading philanthropists, donating to the Art Institute, the Lyric Opera and creating The Clarence F. Buckingham Memorial Fountain.

LEFT Kate Sturges Buckingham and her brother Clarence were both avid art collectors. Clarence had a passion for Japanese prints, while Kate collected medieval art. After her brother's death, Kate established the Clarence Buckingham Collection, containing over 2,000 pieces, at the Art Institute of Chicago. Upon her death in 1937, Kate was celebrated as the “godmother to the Art Institute.”

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She also supported the Lyric Opera in her later years. The *Chicago Tribune* described her: "Tall, regal, with her white hair worn still in a Queen Mary pompadour, she was a frequent attendant at the opera, usually accompanied by one or several of her young protégés." The old-fashioned Kate Sturges Buckingham did not embrace the jazz music of the 1920s, but she believed in opera. Her protégés were some of her closest friends, at least in her later decades, since she had long removed her name from the social register and shunned most of society.

When Kate Buckingham died in 1937, she left a half-million dollars to friends and relatives. She also left \$126,000 to her maid, chauffeur, caretaker and nurses. That left \$3.1 million for charity, including a \$2 million donation to the Art Institute. She was a generous woman and unstoppable patron of the arts. Yet, she remained humble to the end, saying to a friend, "I never did anything more than I should as a Chicagoan!"

THE MAKING OF BUCKINGHAM FOUNTAIN

Situated in Grant Park, along the shores of Lake Michigan, Buckingham Fountain remains Kate's greatest creation. She envisioned the entire project — from start to finish — including the French design, colored lights and music, and the endowment needed to maintain the fountain.

She dedicated the fountain to the most treasured person in her life: her brother. The Clarence F. Buckingham Memorial Fountain remains one of the largest of its kind, standing four times larger than the Latona Fountain at Versailles, after which it was modeled. It contains 1.5 million gallons of water and more than 200 jets. She first proposed the fountain in 1924, at an estimated cost of \$250,000. Three years later, her dream was a reality — with a new price tag of \$750,000.

James Bennett of the *Chicago Tribune* penned a now-famous description of Buckingham Fountain after its unveiling. He wrote: "In a week



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The Clarence F. Buckingham Memorial Fountain, in Chicago's Grant Park, is one of the largest in the world. According to the Chicago Park District, the fountain has been designated as a Chicago landmark and it is mentioned as a contributing feature within Grant Park's listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

the Buckingham fountain has captured the imagination of the town, enlarged its aesthetic sense, and done it spiritual good. The gift is more than a memorial to Clarence Buckingham ... it is the lyric of the lake."

THE STURGES-BUCKINGHAM LEGACY

Kate's magnificent fountain may, or may not, have gleaned inspiration from the fountain at Maple Lawn and childhood summers at Lake Geneva. It is likely that trips to Europe and the gardens at Versailles held stronger sway. However, one thing is certain: the Sturges family was a close-knit group that believed in giving back to the community. Solomon Sturges did not live to see Buckingham Fountain created, but he and Ebenezer – the grain "kings" of Chicago – would have been proud to see their granddaughter serving the public good. ▲



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Prolific artist Joan Grommes Franzen has used a pragmatic approach to create an impressive body of work

ARTWORK BY JOAN GROMMES FRANZEN

STORY BY BARB HOWELL

It's a cold, January day when I reach Joan Franzen by phone at her winter home near St. Petersburg, Florida. Her greeting is warm, her enthusiasm is immediate and the conversation is easy. I met Franzen last fall when we discussed some of the watercolor paintings we'd be featuring in this issue of *At The Lake*, but this is my first chance to learn about her creative process and her long, successful career as an artist and instructor.

Many of you are probably familiar with Franzen or at least her artwork. She's participated in Lake Geneva's Art in the Park since its inception and is a member of the Geneva Lake Arts Foundation. In addition, she's shown her work at the Williams Bay Fine Art and Craft Fest for over 40 years, even organizing and running it for 12 years. She's done dozens of commissions of homes and boats around Geneva Lake, painted portraits of people and their pets, and of course, sketched and painted the landmarks and scenery that dot the landscape in a place she's called home for most of her life.



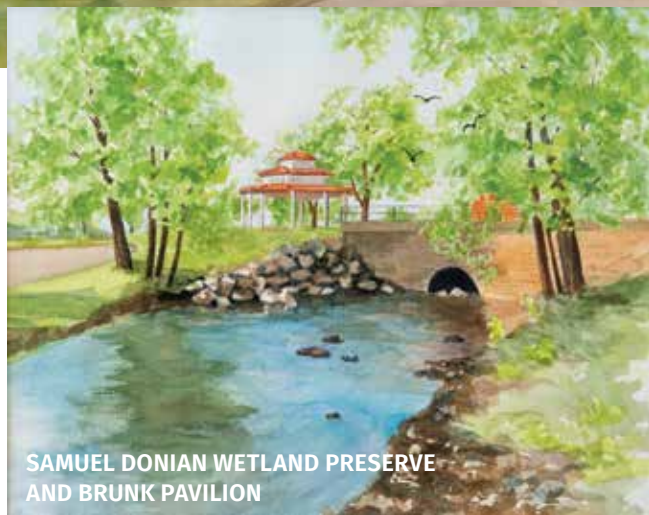


FOOTBRIDGE IN WILLIAMS BAY

THE RIVIERA BALLROOM
(Prior to the construction of
the Driehaus Family Fountain)



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Franzen's introduction to Geneva Lake came at an early age when she and her sister took the train from Chicago to Williams Bay to visit an aunt and uncle. By the time she was 7, her parents had purchased a lot in Cedar Point Park and built a home. She's visited the lake every summer since. "I love it up there," she says. "If it wasn't for the snow, I wouldn't be anywhere else."

Franzen didn't have dreams of becoming an artist, she explains, "I was too busy swimming and boating and having fun and didn't really think about what I wanted to do." But her father insisted she and her sister attend college, which led to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a few art courses.

After two years at UW-Madison, Joan transferred to the prestigious American Academy of Art in Chicago, where she was fortunate enough to take classes under the tutelage of William Mosby, an exceptional painter, who she says, "taught her the secret of art." She explains that Mosby preached one thing over and over, "Draw what you see rather than what you know and you'll always get it right."

That one expression has served her well as she's implemented this process in her own work and relayed it to others in the dozens of art classes she's taught. "People use their imaginations as they're painting, when really they should just paint exactly what they see," she says.

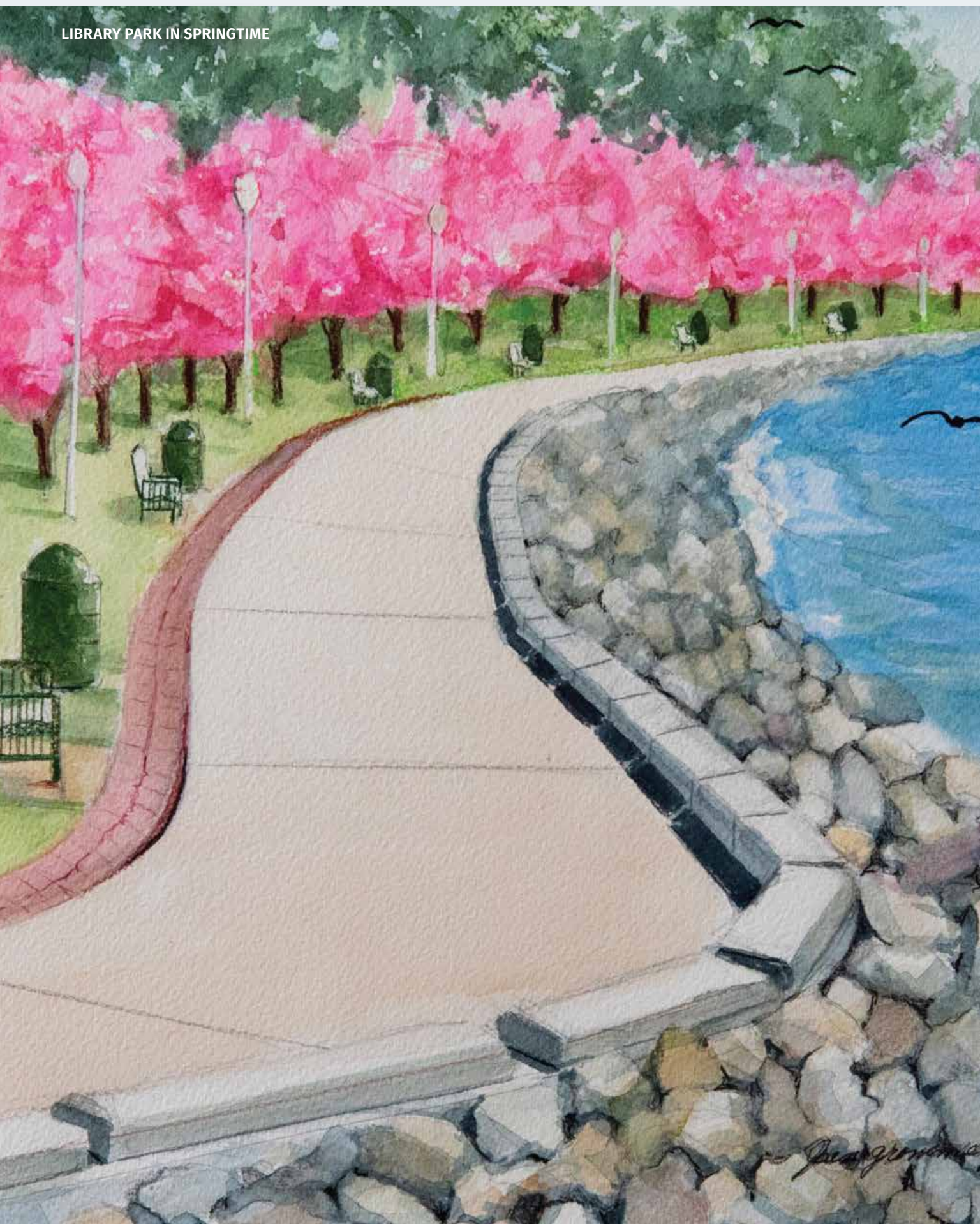
With degrees in commercial art and fine art, Franzen has mastered several



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SAILBOAT ON GENEVA LAKE

mediums — oil, pastels, watercolor and colored pencil — and she's also incredibly efficient, completing portraits in as little as two hours. She estimates her body of work includes over 10,000 paintings.

Franzen believes that working as a commercial artist at companies such as Carson Pirie Scott, when she was first married, taught her speed and efficiency. "They gave you so many things to do and when you got them done, you could go home. I realized I was always taking the late train home," she says with a laugh.

After her second son was born, Franzen ended her career as a commercial artist and turned her attention to oil painting and then pastels. But watercolor is the medium she loves most. "For me, it's faster and easier than other mediums. It's fragile, though. It doesn't last — eventually colors fade," she says. "Pastels and color pencil last forever."

Her creative process begins by taking a photo — when the lighting is best — of the subject she's going to paint. "I either take a picture first or sketch it," she says. "Sometimes sketching helps you, because your eyes see more than the camera, especially when there's so much detail." She then paints at home with the time to compose from beginning to end based on the complexity of the subject.

Franzen has taught painting, specializing in pastels, watercolor and colored pencil, for over 40 years, although the pandemic has forced her to decline requests during the last year. She is a true believer that anyone who really wants to paint can. "If you have the vision and drive, anyone can do it. As Mosby said, 'Draw what you see, rather than what you know,' and you can be an artist."

For more information about Joan Franzen and to see more of her work, visit artworkbyjoan.com. ▲

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A close-up photograph of a Baltimore Oriole perched on a dark, woody branch. The bird has a vibrant orange body, a black head and throat, and a bright blue beak. It is holding a small yellow flower bud in its beak. The background is a soft-focus green with hints of pink blossoms, suggesting a spring setting.

A SIMPLE PURSUIT

How bird-watching creates a lifelong connection with nature

BY MARY BERGIN

A sweet harbinger of spring
is the Baltimore oriole.



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Birders led by Kevin Dickey, president of the Walworth County Audubon Society.



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LOOK. WAIT. SHUSH. LISTEN.

Do these things faithfully and you're on the way to becoming a good bird-watcher, almost anywhere.

Most of us already have a head-start: These pandemic times have provided plenty of opportunities to practice patience, awareness and appreciation — all of which are the basics for good birding, too.

Then there's the onset of spring. More daylight and warmer weather mark the approach of a kinder season, as do the fluttering of songbirds and the arrival of other migrating species.

The hobby can grow and morph on your own terms. Consider it a solitary pursuit, an activity with friends or way to meet new people. Stick to your backyard or travel the world. Study birds to teach children a respect for nature or to lessen boredom among the homebound.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says at least 46 million Americans consider themselves bird-watchers. In southern Wisconsin, the Lakeland Audubon Society has around 450 members, says Kevin Dickey, president.

"The perfect bird-watching day for me is when I can go out in the field and just focus on the birds I see," he says. "This is when I don't have to watch the time and can really enjoy it." One of his favorite birding destinations in Walworth County is Big Foot Beach State Park.

"It's right on Geneva Lake, and you can't beat that," Dickey explains. "The property is really a nice variety of natural habitats for birds and other wildlife."

The American goldfinch is easily attracted to your yard by a simple tube feeder filled with nyjer, sunflower or thistle.

A HOBBY FOR ALL AGES

Lake Geneva resident Carol Zimmerman describes birding as a gentle sport and tonic for all ages and abilities, “something anybody can do.” She and her husband take a daily walk along the Geneva Lake Shore Path. “Go outside with a camera or sketchbook,” she advises, “and record what you see.” Birding within Lake Geneva is enriched by the efforts of bird lovers “who understand the symbiotic relationship among all things nature and work together to educate, equip and inspire,” she adds.

Available for borrowing at Lake Geneva Public Library are six bird-watching kits, purchased in 2019 by the city’s Avian Committee (Zimmerman is a member). A \$1,600 Alliant Energy Foundation grant made the project possible.

In each kit are binoculars, a bird guide, map of popular birding locations and diary to record types of birds seen. Bird diaries document the rhythms of each season.

“In early spring, I love to hear the call of the loon across the lake at sunrise,” Zimmerman says. “There are many birds for which the lake provides a critical part of habitat.”

While walking the Shore Path, “I watch for low-riding mergansers (common and hooded), mallards, coots — which look like water-loving chickens — and our bug-eating buddies,” such as bank swallows, chimney swifts and purple martins.



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The purple martin population in Lake Geneva has increased due to efforts by volunteers to make them feel at home. The Lake Geneva Avian Committee installed white metal houses and gourds along the lake shore downtown to attract the species. Committee member Sarah McConnell, left, shows a nest to interested bird-watchers.

Zimmerman was raised near Detroit and relished family trips to visit her grandmother in the rural South. “She told us tales of the elaborate purple martin houses that her father built” — and now those birds and houses subtly enhance Zimmerman’s life in Wisconsin.

A LITTLE HELP FROM SOME FRIENDS

Lake Geneva’s purple martin colony increased remarkably in just two years because of deliberate endeavors to make the species feel at home. Look for white metal houses and a set of gourds along the Shore Path downtown and near Geneva Lake Museum; they are likely occupied by purple martins from late April through August.

Volunteer nest keepers check houses and gourds often, Zimmerman says, recording information about nests, eggs, hatchlings and fledglings (those learning to fly). Signage near

HONING THE HOBBY

A bird guide, binoculars and positive attitude are about all that a novice bird-watcher needs, according to the National Park Service.

About those binoculars: A smaller set usually will weigh less and have less magnification. Descriptions contain two numbers: The first defines magnification and the second is lens size. Concentrate on magnification, the NPS advises. For example, 10x50 binoculars magnify an object to 10 times its actual size.

“The Audubon Bird Guide” is an app that covers more than 800 North American species with 3,000-plus images and eight hours of bird sounds. The app is user-friendly and free, and available in the App Store for iPhone or Google Play for Android.

Generally, a bird book arranged by color is a good resource of common species for beginners. Intermediate guides typically are organized by bird shapes (duck-like, for example). Advanced guides are organized by bird families.



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ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK

Rose-breasted grosbeaks often visit bird feeders, where they eat sunflower and safflower seeds as well as raw peanuts.

INDIGO BUNTING

The brilliant blue of the indigo bunting is a welcome sight at any backyard feeder. Small seeds such as thistle or nyjer will attract them as well as insects, such as mealworms.



KELLEY HAPP

the public library explains the project, and nest keepers are glad to answer onlookers' questions while making their rounds.

What makes the bird so special? "I love to watch purple martins' aerial acrobatics across the lake," Zimmerman says. "They swoop to catch bugs — lots of bugs — and even drink on the wing by dipping into the lake." Watch for them between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on sunny, warm days, "when one of the parents will leave the nest to feed and to bring food back for their babies."

The bird is also known for its melodic songs.

NATIVE HABITAT AND BACKYARD BIRDING

Less frequented in the area is the 40-acre Four Seasons Nature Preserve, southeast of Lake Geneva, where native plants and ponds attract bluebirds, wood ducks and additional purple martins.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- The Cornell Lab of Ornithology manages eBird.org, the biggest online birding community in the world. Regional experts and citizen volunteers post bird photos, sounds and sighting information. As data grows, checklists for birders and trends emerge.
- Birding events and rare bird alerts are posted by the nonprofit Wisconsin Society of Ornithology at wsobirds.org. The group also pursues the study and conservation of Wisconsin's birds.
- The annual Kettle Moraine Birding Festival in La Grange takes place in May. The Geneva Lake Conservancy posts updates, so be sure to check genevalakeconservancy.org.
- Count Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, near Genoa City, among the sites that celebrate World Migratory Bird Day in the spring. Check hackmatacknwr.org for updates.



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TOP RIGHT: Throughout the winter and spring, snow won't deter visitors, such as red-bellied and downy woodpeckers, to suet feeders.

BOTTOM RIGHT: On the open waters of Geneva Lake, lucky bird-watchers may see common loons and red-breasted mergansers.

Preservation of native habitat — for the benefit of birds, other wildlife and the planet — also is a priority for the ongoing and nonprofit work of the Geneva Lake Conservancy and Kishwaukee Nature Conservancy in Williams Bay.

Maybe similar conservation work can happen in your own yard. Enhance the space by planting native plants, especially those that provide something for birds to eat — berries, nuts and seeds. Everything from asters to wild strawberry



CAROL ZIMMERMAN



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BALTIMORE ORIOLE

Baltimore orioles seek out ripe fruit, so this spring, cut oranges in half and hang them from trees to invite them to your yard.

plants make the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology's list of native plants that are attractive to birds.

Put up a bird feeder and bird bath in your yard, Dickey advises, even if the space is small. He says those additions will attract "a good variety of 'feeder birds' to just about any yard."

Consider it "one of the best first steps to becoming more serious about bird-watching," Dickey says. "Once we witness more of the wonderful variety of bird species that are present in the Midwest, you almost can't help but become more interested in wild birds." ▲

WHERE TO GO

Hundreds of fine spots for birding have been identified in Wisconsin, including these in Walworth, Rock, Racine and Kenosha counties.

Big Foot Beach State Park, Lake Geneva: These 272 acres reach the clear and deep waters of Geneva Lake, so expect various species of duck — common merganser to lesser-known horned grebe — during spring and fall migrations. Hike into thickets of oak trees to find great-crowned flycatchers and northern flickers. Rare species spotted here include the wood thrush, eastern meadowlark and bobolink.

Kettle Moraine State Forest, Palmyra: Within the southern unit of the forest is a 659-acre birding area where ridges, hills, woods and prairies are remnants of long-ago glacier movement. Look and listen for various warblers — hooded, cerulean, Kentucky — at geographically diverse Bald Bluff. Woodpeckers — red-bellied and hairy — are more prevalent than the red-headed variety.

Turtle Creek State Wildlife Area, Delavan: Birds are abundant within the savanna, woodland and marshy areas of these 1,035 acres in Walworth and Rock counties. Count the prothonotary warbler, red-shouldered hawk and Henslow's sparrow among the signature species. Rarer is the American redstart and yellow-crowned night-heron.

White River State Trail — Aldo Leopold Legacy Trail, Elkhorn/Burlington: This 11-mile former railbed in Walworth and Racine counties passes vistas, farmland and wetlands. Hike or bike the trail — through patches of spring wildflowers and acres of prairie — to see chipping and field sparrows, and barn and bank swallows. Possible, but rare, are northern harriers and belted kingfishers.

In Kenosha County, the marshes of **Bong State Recreation Area** attract migrating waterfowl — tundra swans and white pelicans — during spring. As conditions permit, **Pringle Nature Center in Bristol Woods County Park** is the starting point for guided bird walks. **Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area**, along the Lake Michigan coast, attracts many types of grassland and wetland birds.

In Racine County are **Honey Creek State Wildlife Area's** ring-neck pheasants and sandhill cranes. This acreage in the Fox River watershed, between Waterford and Burlington, is prime for spotting great blue herons and American bitterns too.

For more ideas about close-to-home birding, check out the "**Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail**," a series of five detailed guides from the state Department of Natural Resources. Each contains maps, birding hotspots and descriptions of what might be seen. Visit dnr.wisconsin.gov for more information.

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ABOVE-PAR LIVING

Since breaking ground 30 years ago, Geneva National has become a highly sought-after golf destination and planned community

BY ANNE MORRISSY

On the morning of Feb. 7, 1990, former Geneva National Membership Director Katie Alder and a team of four real estate sales professionals for the powerhouse Anvan Company stood in a newly renovated barn-turned-sales-office and prepared for a momentous day. The barn, located off Highway 50 between Geneva Lake and Lake Como, had just taken on a new life as the sales office for a recently announced residential golf community to be called Geneva National. In the middle of the barn stood an elaborate three-dimensional model of the roughly 1,600-acre parcel of land, with plans of the future community drawn to scale. “The display depicted single-family home and multiple-family condominium locations, the [three] signature golf courses, club locations, future [buildable] properties and commercial locations,” Alder remembers. In both size and level of amenity, the area had nothing quite like it.



Kicking off the development of Geneva National was, left to right, Andy Antoniou, professional golfer Lee Trevino, current Anvan Company President Vance Antoniou and professional golfers Gary Player and Arnold Palmer.

Geneva National was the brainchild of Anthony “Tony” Antoniou, president of the Anvan Company, and his sons, Andy and Vance. By 1990, the Antonious were familiar leaders in the hospitality industry in Walworth County, owning or managing several iconic resort properties in the area. For this new venture, the Antonious were branching out: Geneva National would include three world-class golf courses designed by golf legends Gary Player, Lee Trevino and Arnold

Palmer (all visited Geneva National to play their own signature course); plus a hunt club; restaurant; and a full-amenity, gated residential community with condos, townhomes and single-family homes.

Word of the project spread quickly, and by the time Alder and her team opened the doors to the new sales office that February day, there were many people eager to get a look at the plans. “People were packed in there,” explains Howard

Storck, 30-year resident of Geneva National and current chairman of the Architectural Review Committee for the homeowners association. Storck was an early investor and is one of Geneva National’s charter homeowners. “Golf is my passion,” he says. “So even before they opened a sales office, I knew it was something I wanted to be involved in.”

He wasn’t alone. According to Alder, “Weekends during the first five months were a frenzy of activity,” and resulted in sales totaling over \$60 million.

TEEING IT UP

Vance Antoniou, current president of Anvan, says that one reason for the project’s popularity was that from its earliest days, Geneva National drew attention from both golfers and non-golfers. “It was a home run in every way,” he remembers. “In the beginning, I worked the sales floor myself every single day. I think I finally stopped at around 100 straight days of working.”

In fact, long before the first day of sales, Antoniou and his team had invested an enormous amount of work just to get the project off the ground. By the late 1980s, Antoniou says that Anvan had

LEFT: In the late 1980s, Anvan purchased approximately 1,600 acres of farmland around the west end of Lake Como in Geneva Township for the development of three 18-hole golf courses and Geneva National's residential community.

identified a need for more top-flight golf courses in the area to entice large groups and conventions to the local resorts. "We came up with our concept, which was that we wanted golf courses that were designed by famous golfers who were seniors — at the time, because our target demographic was golfers in their 40s to their 60s," Antoniou explains. Several golf luminaries ran their own golf course-design companies to create what are known as "signature courses." Anvan decided to partner with three of these legends — Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino and Gary Player — each of whom tasked their architects with creating an 18-hole course for the new development.



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The Geneva National community is made up of several neighborhoods of multi- and single-family homes placed between the fairways of the Trevino, Palmer and Player golf courses.



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Before any golf course design could get under way, however, the architects needed to know what the topography of the site looked like. After making inquiries, Anvan found several farmers in Geneva Township around the west end of Lake Como who were willing to sell their land. The company ended up purchasing about 1,600 acres, more than four times their goal.

According to Antoniou, after buying the land, the first step in the project was to complete extensive environmental, historical and land-use studies. He points out that these studies were used by all the involved parties to design the community in a way that was sensitive to both the history of the property and the potential environmental impact. "We were told [by the DNR] that the lake water quality was going to improve [at the completion of the project.] The land along Lake Como at the time was farmland so the lake was previously full of fertilizers. Because of the work we did was carefully planned and environmentally sensitive, the lake quality got better."

The Palmer and Trevino courses opened in 1991, with the Player course taking slightly longer to complete, partly to allow for the development of the Hunt Club. According to Alder, Tony Antoniou was an avid hunter and preferred to keep some of the property "wild" to use for that purpose. "Tony's heart was with the Hunt Club," she says. "He was very involved with the development of it."

FROM FAMOUS THOROUGHBREDS TO CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY

The land that would eventually become Geneva National boasted an interesting history. As early as 700 A.D., Late Woodland Indians had inhabited the site, and it was discovered that the land contained more than



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40 effigies and remnants of Native American dwellings, all of which were studied and documented by the state of Wisconsin prior to Geneva National's construction.

In the property's more recent history, as early as 1907, Chicago banking heir Albert W. Harris began buying land on the western shore of what was then known as Duck Lake to pursue one of his life's passions: horses. Harris began a horse breeding operation called Kemah Farms on the property, where he developed a nationally revered horse breed once known as the "Harris Arabian." To take full advantage of the property, Harris also built a Spanish Colonial Revival home on a high elevation overlooking the lake. The Harris family used the home until late in Harris's life, when a portion of the property was sold to the Chicago Boys Club for one dollar.

In a similarly philanthropic move, in 1928 on 510 acres of adjacent land, Charles R. Crane II and the leaders of Chicago's Crane

Company opened Crane Farms, a sanitarium and summer camp for company employees and their families. The sanitarium could host up to 14 employees, providing a place for rest and relaxation, which was much needed according to Alder, who says that heavy metal poisoning was a common ailment among employees of the era due to the manufacturing processes prevalent at the time.

In addition to the sanitarium, several cabins throughout the property provided lodging for both children and adults, and children were welcomed to Crane Farms for two-week camp sessions throughout the summer, all at the company's expense. Crane Farms remained operational until 1958, when it, too, was given to the Chicago Boys Club to create what was then the largest Boys Club camp in the country. Today, the original, historic sanitarium building has been thoroughly renovated and serves as the site of Geneva National's much-lauded Hunt Club Steakhouse.



TOP: The land that would become Geneva National was once home to the A.W. Harris estate, which was built on the high elevation, across from today's Calvary Community Church. **MIDDLE:** On adjacent land, Charles R. Crane II and management of Chicago's Crane Company opened Crane Farms, a sanitarium and summer camp for company employees and their families. Today, the Hunt Club Steakhouse occupies the building. **BOTTOM:** This 1931 photo shows a group attending a Crane Farms camp session.



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In 2000, Paloma, owned by Garth Chambers Sr., far left, brought back professional golfer Gary Player, center, to lend his vision and expertise to complete the back nine of his signature course.

ON PALOMA'S WINGS

In 1996, the family-owned and operated Paloma Resort Group purchased Geneva National's golf courses, hunt club and clubhouse, and the community began to operate independently. It was a natural fit for the company, which specialized in the management of golf communities and already owned or managed eight similar properties around the country at the time.

"It was a pretty obvious choice for us," explains Garth L. Chambers, current president of Paloma Resort Properties. "When you look at a map and you connect the dots, with the potential of having a world-class facility, the outstanding golf, this wonderful community, and you're just 90 minutes away from 13 million people in the greater Chicagoland area ... it was very attractive to us."

According to Chambers, as soon as Paloma took over, they began enhancing



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A SNAPSHOT OF GENEVA NATIONAL'S 30-YEAR HISTORY

February 1990: Sales office opens in a renovated barn on the old Crane Farms.

October 1990: The Hunt Club opens, the first amenity to open at Geneva National.

June 1991: The Palmer and Trevino signature golf courses open, along with the Golf Clubhouse.

Spring 1995: The first nine holes of the Player signature course opens. The Hunt Club Restaurant opens to the public.

Spring 2000: The back nine holes of the Player course opens on land previously reserved for the Hunt Club; the Hunt Club Restaurant continues operations.

2018: \$3.7 million renovation of the Swim & Racquet Club completed by the Geneva National community.

Summer 2020: Paloma constructs 32 on-course luxury suites to create stay and play accommodations.

Fall 1990: Groundbreaking of the first single-family homes.

May 1991: The Racquet & Swim Club opens.

Summer 1994: The Inns of Geneva National open for short-term stays.

March 1996: Paloma Resorts (the Chambers family) purchases Geneva National's golf courses, Hunt Club and clubhouse. (The community begins to operate independently.)

2013: Following a redesign and rebranding, the Hunt Club restaurant reopens as the Hunt Club Steakhouse.

Winter 2020: Geneva National partners with the Ice Castles for the first time, bringing thousands of visitors to the community.



In 2018, the Geneva National community completed a \$3.7 million renovation of their swim and racquet club. The family-friendly activity center is a popular gathering spot for residents.

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resort amenities. Since 1996, these updates have included: completing the Player golf course; opening a state-of-the-art wellness center; renovating the Hunt Club into an award-winning, nationally recognized steakhouse; redesigning the Inns of Geneva National for short-term stays; and constructing 32 new on-course executive suites in 2020.

The Geneva National homeowners association is separate from Paloma, and it operates autonomously. Rick Pozdol, the association's executive director, explains some of the tasks he and his staff are responsible for each year: "In a lot of cases, we are doing things that are more like a municipality would do. We produce the water, treat the water, collect sanitation; we own the roadways, water lines and sewer lines, and it's up to us to fix, replace, and repair anything that needs it. We wear a lot of hats." Pozdol and his team are also responsible for maintenance and property management of all of the multi-family units, management of the clubhouse, the pool, the tennis courts and the restaurants as well as general event coordination.

Chambers says it's this full-amenity living that attracts many of Geneva National's homeowners. "People love the on-campus community living," he explains. "It's almost like college for adults. It creates an energy."

Pozdol adds they've just completed one of their busiest real estate years in Geneva National's history, reflecting a larger national trend related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Chambers explains that a recent census determined that around 50% of homeowners are currently using their Geneva National home



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as their primary residence, a number that is higher than in past years.

FURTHER DOWN THE FAIRWAY

The increased interest in the Geneva Lakes area has inspired both Chambers, representing the resort, and Pozdol, acting on behalf of the community, to look to future projects. For Chambers, the array of offerings — from golf, lodging, and food and beverage to special events and private memberships are always at the forefront. Last summer's debut of 32 luxury suites bring a new dimension to the resort's accommodations and are ideal for golfers wanting a stay and play experience. For Pozdol, possible future community projects for residents may include a dog park, nature and exercise paths, a playground and increased access to and enhancement of Geneva National's lake frontage.

Chambers points out that 30 years after the Palmer and Trevino courses opened,

golf continues to be a major draw to Geneva National. "There's not too many places that have three signature golf courses in one location," he explains. "There's only a handful like that in the country, [and at Geneva National,] the topography is unique. The Palmer course here, for instance, is like a nature walk for four hours. You could spend two or three days playing golf here and never have the same shot or look at a hole."

As he considers the future, Chambers says that he never loses sight of what has always made Geneva National unique. "I do think the people are what makes Geneva National special," he says. "This community and our resort really bring people together. Anytime I talk to homeowners or I have friends who visit or we host an event here, the takeaway is: I can't believe how much fun everybody has here. It's just the quality of the people Geneva National has attracted over the years." 🏌️



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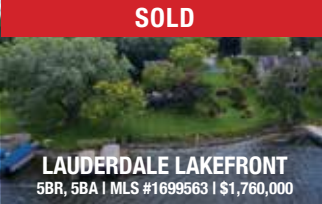



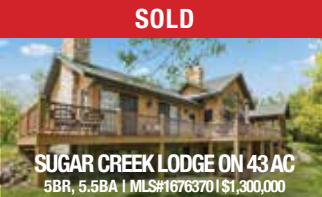


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It's springtime — at least it will be soon — which means it's a great time to re-evaluate your home's interior. Whether you're ready to take on a DIY project or just want to change up a look or add a few pieces to your décor, we think you'll appreciate the tried-and-true solutions offered by five design experts.

KITCHEN TRANSFORMATION

Crafting an aesthetic that's innovative and contemporary yet with a nod to traditionalism, Katherine Wozniak, principal and lead designer of Katherine Elizabeth Designs, creates spaces that feel perfectly luxe. Wozniak knows that a kitchen refresh can hit a variety of price points, so she shares tips around different types of budgets.

If the bottom line is key, Wozniak suggests livening up the insert panels of your cabinets with glass or grass cloth wallpaper. Or you can turn to good, old-fashioned paint. She says, "Paint the walls or cabinets a fresh color. Or perhaps paint just your island in a color that contrasts with your other cabinets."

For a medium budget, upgrade inset panels with antiqued glass, mirrors or faux leather. You can also install new light fixtures. "New lights make a huge difference," she says.



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Perhaps the sky's the limit with your kitchen budget. Here, Wozniak advises putting in a new countertop on your island that's different from the other counters in your kitchen. "We love formed metals, but wood or a different stone is great," she adds.

Or you could replace your range hood cover. "The hood is a significant visual presence, and a custom hood is beautiful and striking," Wozniak explains.



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LIVING ROOM RECHARGE

With his penchant for vintage, upcycled touches, Philip Sassano, principal at The Design Coach LLC, creates spaces that look as if they're from another era. But in light of the pandemic and staying at home, he's seen equal value in incorporating a current need into living spaces — and that's flexibility.

"This past year, we asked our interiors to both do more and be more than ever before, and that's not likely to change anytime soon," he reflects. "That said, my advice to freshen up your living room or any room for that matter, can be described with one word: flexibility. I believe the best interiors should support a multitude of activities as well as possess the ability to dress up or down depending on the occasion and season."

To create a flexible living room, Sassano recommends accent furniture that serves as quick, additional seating. Small benches can double as ottomans and stackable nesting tables can slide underneath one another to accommodate a computer, coffee or even a cocktail.

Throw pillows and blankets act as flexible décor. Sassano says these can be "changed out seasonally to give rooms a current or classic aesthetic upgrade."



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DINING ROOM REJUVENATION

At Curate Design Group, designer and owner Garrett Cheyne and senior designer Suzanne Augustson are known for their attention-grabbing spaces that artfully mix vintage and modern elements. But they're also big believers in small changes that make an impact.

In the dining room, the two believe that a fresh coat of paint can do wonders, something that doesn't require a full-on renovation. They explain that softer tones update [a dining room] into the now, while darker tones keep you in the past. Also, accent walls are a thing of the past. They emphasize that keeping all your walls the same tone visually expands the space and keeps it cohesive.

If repainting your dining room just doesn't interest you, Cheyne and Augustson suggest a simple centerpiece update. For a traditional look, you can't go wrong with beautiful candlesticks paired with a fresh floral arrangement in a vase, which always creates a classic touch. If you have more of a modern flair, they suggest trying to cluster unique and interesting objects in the center of the table, thus creating visual interest.

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BEDROOM UPDATE

In the spaces she designs, Ann Kottler, principal at Ann Kottler Home, masterfully layers patterns alongside traditional accents. There's a warmth to her designs, something that's certainly true of the bedrooms she's styled.

"We approach a client's bedroom update with the intention of creating a relaxing sanctuary," she says. "More so now than ever, it seems a good night's rest is imperative in our busy lives."

To turn your own bedroom into a calming sanctuary, Kottler recommends updating accent pieces, "such as a charming chair or ottoman to add warmth and character," along with new bedding, lamps, artwork, window treatments and mirrors. Even a door refresh with a new color and hardware can add personality.



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Kottler recommends focusing on color choices, whether that's soft and light-hued or vivid and bold. "Color choices can be either vibrant or neutral depending upon our client's preferences," she says. "The main premise is to layer colors along with various textures to create a curated, welcoming space."

"Regarding shopping," she adds, "we recommend hiring a professional interior designer who can access their firm's trade resources to provide you with exquisite choices and value engineering pricing."



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BATHROOM MAKEOVER

Brimming with ideas for custom wood details and Instagram-ready spaces, Adam and Bethany St. Marie, designers and owners of Oat Handmade Interiors are plugged into the latest trends you can integrate into your bath to make it look current.

For example, simply swapping out the towels is a great start. “Fringed, Turkish towels are a trendy way to add some fresh texture and a clean, new feel,” Bethany says.

To update your vanity, Bethany advises, “Change out or add matte black or brushed gold hardware and a faucet. If you’re feeling ambitious, paint it a light, bright color like a warm white or go with a clean black.” She recommends black paint shades “Caviar” and “Tricorn Black” from Sherwin Williams.

One unexpected way to refresh a bath’s ambiance is by changing the light bulbs, or as Adam calls it, “lighting temperatures.” He says, “Take account of how you feel in your space. How do you feel during the morning at first light, the afternoon and at night without any natural light? Do your eyes get heavy or strain to focus? Try choosing different bulbs to see how it changes those elements until you find a lighting brightness and color that is most comfortable.” 🚤

DON'T FORGET OUTDOOR SPACES

It won't be long until we'll be lounging on our patios and decks, so heed the advice of our experts for sprucing them up.

Philip Sassano: Beyond the traditional outdoor seating combinations is the one piece most people miss — the cushion storage box for exterior throws, pillows and other decorative items that doubles as a beverage or serving station.

Garrett Cheyne and Suzanne Augustson: Freshening up a dull patio set with new cushions, an outdoor rug and layering perennials is always a go-to. Try adding a firepit if you have the room.

Katherine Wozniak: Replace worn and chipped planters or pots. Swap out the annuals in the pots a couple times as the season progresses. Put new lanterns or hurricane lamps on the tables. String white twinkie lights for a soft light after dark.

Adam and Bethany St. Marie: If you decide to renovate your deck, the natural beauty and durability of exotic hardwood, such as Ipe or Cumuru, are hard to beat. Make sure your vendor or general contractor is aware of the need for this type of wood to acclimate properly to our colder, drier climate to ensure its durability.

Ann Kottler: It's all about using what you have if you don't want to redo everything or buy too many new items. The easiest things are fresh pillows and planters. Or, if you have white furniture that could use an update, simply paint it black with Rustoleum spray paint and change out the cushions.



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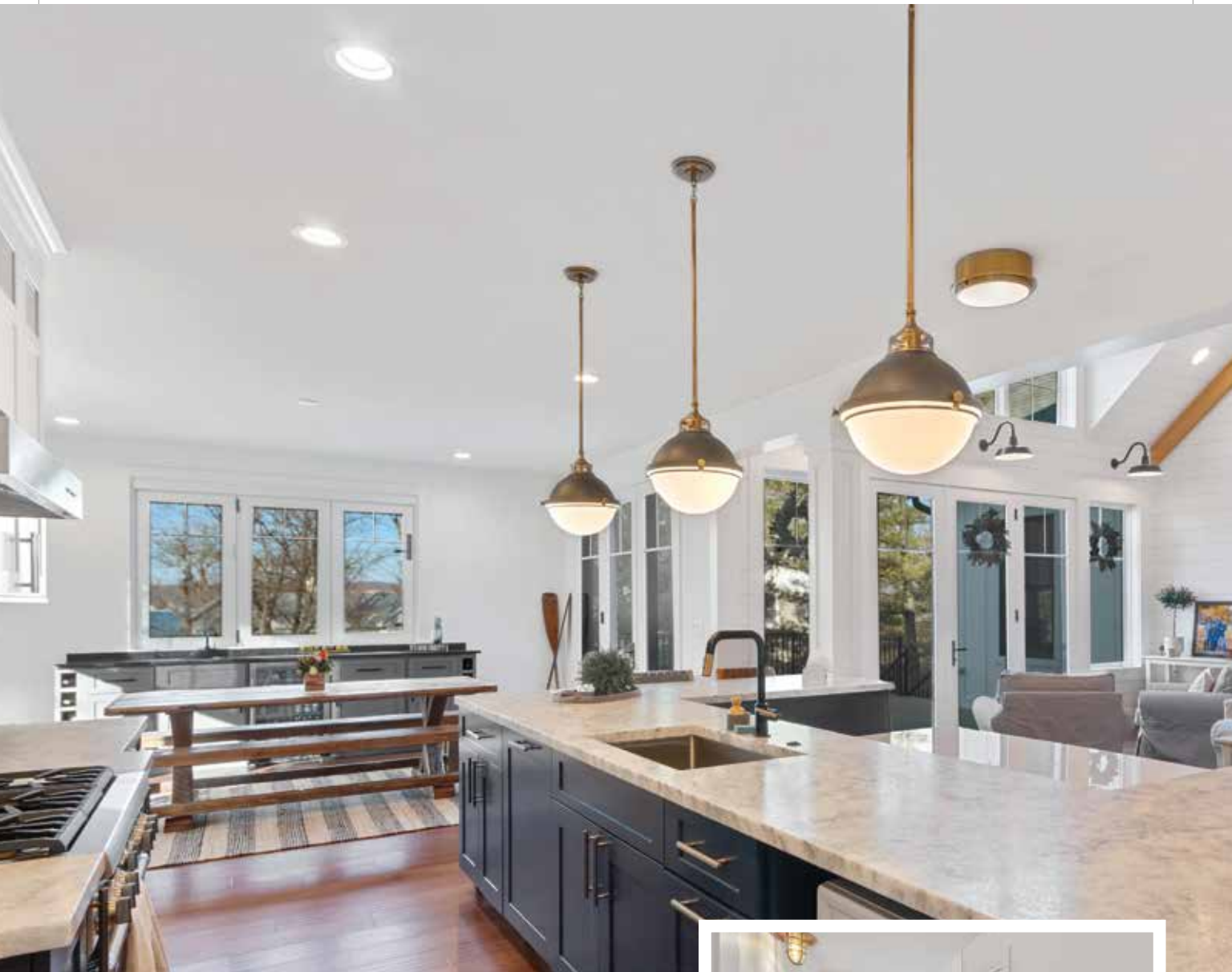
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benefits of customized technology solutions for your home or business," Barrett says.

The company has a steadfast focus on delivering high-quality client experiences. As Barrett explains, the company strives to make technology simple to use so the whole family can enjoy it. "And our service doesn't end once the installation is complete. We built our business based on relationships and premium service levels and that is what continues to set us apart. We have high standards when we design systems to ensure long-term performance and reliability," Barrett says. "Every time you work with us, you'll receive high-functioning, aesthetically-pleasing solutions that you'll enjoy for years to come."

And while Barrett's Technology Solutions has been servicing homeowners and business owners throughout the Chicagoland region for decades, the company recently opened a convenient location in the heart of Williams Bay to directly serve the Lake Geneva area.



"We have been asked by our clients for years to assist them with their technology needs at their lakefront homes in Lake Geneva," Barrett says. "Our business in this market has grown exponentially, so we've decided to open a local office to better serve our customers. We are excited to provide convenient and direct service to our clients throughout the Lake Geneva region." ▲



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Long-standing retail establishments are beloved cornerstones in Lake Geneva, and Brick & Mortar, a premier home design and furnishings company, boasts not one, but two such stores. Since 2009, Brick & Mortar has called Lake Geneva home and has been a key family-owned entity that offers homeowners unique furnishings and accessories.

Before launching the Brick & Mortar stores, however, owners Thomas and Kathy George were already established Lake Geneva retailers, with stores focusing primarily on clothing and apparel. The addition of the two Brick & Mortar stores soon created a following due to the Georges' carefully selected ensemble of home furnishings and décor.

Today, Brick & Mortar is still true to the Georges' original vision, featuring a plethora of products that keep customers coming back for more. From furniture, home accessories, rugs and wall art to books, throws, pillows, candles and so much more, Brick & Mortar is the preeminent lakes area home furnishings destination.

"We have always believed in the beauty of an environment in our retail shops. We sincerely believe the consumer understands that as they enter any

of our shops, especially our Brick & Mortar stores, we try very hard to include the emotional part of decorating one's home," says Thomas George. "No two homes are alike and the individual's home is part of them and their personality. So it is paramount to focus our stores on how people live and enjoy one of the major purchases they make in life."

The Georges recently completed a full renovation of the Geneva Street Brick & Mortar Home store nicknamed "The House." The year-long renovation of the historic 1902 Victorian involved stripping the interior of the home's original brick walls, creating open, vaulted ceilings and adding a steel superstructure and two grade-level porches for support and stability.

"In the summer we have plans to bring a coffee shop to the porches and introduce outdoor patios off the main street,"

George says. "We want to showcase the Lake Geneva we fell in love with years ago, all in the hopes of presenting the laid-back lifestyle of living in lake country. We hope to bring in guests our town draws from far and wide. If the response remains as it has since we reopened [the store] in the fall, we will be again humbled by the generous words from strangers who utter, "I could live here." ▲



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Have you ever walked into a room and immediately felt at home? Well-appointed furnishings, beautiful artwork and tasteful accessories probably played a key role in the home's ambience. But there's one other aspect that makes a huge difference in a home's design — the right light fixtures. And that's where Caravelle Lighting comes in.

Since moving from the Chicagoland area to Richmond, Illinois, in 1990, Caravelle Lighting has evolved and grown into an expansive, 2,500-square-foot store teeming with a wide variety of light fixtures, lamps, shades, ceiling and room fans, and home accessories.

As a second-generation, family-owned business, Caravelle is now owned and operated by Joe Kroupa and his wife, Monica. Joe is the son of retired founders George and Marilyn Kroupa.

Whether building a new home, remodeling or redecorating, you'll find Caravelle's product selection from over 80 manufacturers impressive. In addition, the retailer also offers lamp and lighting repairs.

"In an age of online shopping and big box stores, Caravelle offers services that they do not," says Joe Kroupa. "Customer service is our main objective. We care about our customers and strive to serve them with knowledge and advice through

personal assistance. And we also do our best to meet or beat most advertised prices."

For those looking to shop from home, Caravelle's website is a wonderful resource as well. In addition, the company offers delivery and they will also drop ship directly to customers' homes.

While finding the perfect lighting — whether it's for one room or an entire home — is not always simple, the Caravelle team works hard to demystify the process to ensure you're completely satisfied with your selections. As part of the company's customer service initiatives, they strive to stay on top of the latest industry trends. From efficient LED light bulbs and integrated fixtures to custom cabinet LED strip lighting and the latest ceiling fans, the lighting experts at Caravelle work closely with each client to determine the perfect lighting solution for each application.

"We offer appointments in the store and on-site as needed to provide all the advice and information necessary to make sure all their needs are met," Monica says. "Joe goes out of his way to get to know clients in order to best assist them. He enjoys educating and helping make sure his customers are comfortable in their decision-making." ▲





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Living in the lakes area, it's easy to put home maintenance on the backburner, especially with the myriad of outdoor activities available. But the exterior components of your home, including your roof, siding, masonry and decking, play a vital role in keeping your home functional and looking its best. In fact, the level of dirt and grime plaguing your home's façade — especially when located on or near a lake — can seriously compromise your home's curb appeal and market valuation.

When it comes to understanding the exterior aesthetics of lakeside living, House Shampoo excels at revitalizing the wide-ranging features characteristic of these unique properties. With more than 40 years of expertise in the exterior trades, the staff at House Shampoo has built a reputation for excellence in the lakes area with property owners who really care about superior results.

"We understand all the elements of a home's exterior, which allows us to clean and restore every type of roofing and siding, including more delicate specialized components such as dryvit," says Gary Rogers, general manager of House Shampoo.

House Shampoo also cleans a variety of hardscape materials that grace large estate homes — from stone walls to walkway pavers to architectural details that may appear dirty or stained over time. In addition, the company's capabilities include cleaning boat houses and docks, ensuring these lakeside accoutrements are in step with the condition of the rest of the property.



House Shampoo's gentle, thorough, proprietary cleaning process allows the company to formulate customized, low- and high-pressure solutions that address each maintenance need. This process generates four to five times more effective results with none of the risks for damage to the object being cleaned or the surrounding landscaping.

It's important for all homeowners to understand that algae, lichen, moss and mold infestation not only damage the surface of exterior components making them look old, but they can also be tracked into a home's interior. "Our solution cleaning process cleans and sanitizes your home's exterior returning it to nearly new, while preventing the potential for health issues for residents," Rogers says.

For those lake area homeowners who simply want to relax and unwind each weekend, rather than being tasked with ongoing exterior maintenance projects, House Shampoo completes the work during the week, allowing the homeowner to arrive to enjoy their lakeside respite each weekend. And when it comes time to sell, a House Shampoo cleaning will create a pristine exterior that increases the property's value, desirability and buyer confidence.

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Choosing the right windows and doors can be a difficult task, but when you sit down with Jennifer Ackman at Lake Geneva Window & Door, this sometimes difficult task becomes an enjoyable journey.

“The excitement of working with a contractor or homeowner on their dream home is not lost on us at Lake Geneva Window & Door,” says Ackman. “Our significant investment and constant updating of our showroom allows us to have the homeowner or contractor see firsthand the latest Marvin products.”

“Catalogs are great for ideas, but being able to open and close the window and door and feel the quality of the hardware that you will live with can only be accomplished in our showroom,” she explains.

Lake Geneva Window & Door is a division of Ackman Glass, which will celebrate its 44th anniversary this year. In July 1977, Dick and Katie Ackman relocated from Illinois to start Ackman Glass, and today a third generation is operating the business. Their three grandchildren: Rick, Jennifer and Peter Ackman would make their grandparents proud due to their dedication to running the family business as well as transforming it into the well-respected and diversified company it is today.



Lake Geneva Window & Door has partnered with the Marvin brand to supply its customers with the highest quality products available today. Marvin’s industry leading innovations and quality control, along with its timely service, make them the perfect partner for Lake Geneva Window & Door.

“We’re only as good as our suppliers,” says Ackman, “but our relationship with Marvin takes all the guesswork out of it.”

Lake Geneva Window & Door also has the ability to replace your existing windows using the wide variety of Marvin brand windows.

“Our in-house carpenters will take your replacement job from start to finish, including the measuring of your custom windows to factory pre-finishing to match your existing trim,” says Ackman.

Putting customers’ needs above all else is an integral part of the success of Lake Geneva Window & Door. It’s the driving force behind the company, according to Ackman. And as stewards of the family business that their grandparents started over 44 years ago, they know the company’s long-standing tradition of excellence is their mission to continue. ▲

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For many homeowners, the kitchen is truly the heart of the home. While today's stainless steel appliances and gorgeous wood cabinetry enhance a kitchen's design, it is the countertop selection that often makes the most impact. That's where Marble Emporium Inc. comes in. The company has proven itself as the leading expert in natural stone fabrication and installation for both residential and commercial projects for over 30 years. In addition, the company was the first fabricator in the Midwest to become accredited by the Marble Institute of America (MIA).

Marble Emporium's MIA accreditation uniquely positions it in the industry. This recognition for natural stone fabricators and commercial contractors means it's an elite company that meets only the highest standards for technical expertise, business priorities and ethics, product knowledge, safety, finance, fabrication and installation.

Located on Chicago's North Shore in Northbrook, Illinois, Marble Emporium fabricates and installs natural stone as well as engineered stone (quartz). Their advanced, state-of-the-art equipment combined with hands-on artisan skills result in stunning design options for residential and commercial construction and renovation projects.



Marble Emporium's skilled processes mean the company can fabricate virtually any design concept — confidently, efficiently, accurately and on time while producing field installations without problems or delays.

And at Marble Emporium the term "custom" truly means "custom." Their designers' primary goal is to ensure that the stonework the company creates is a work of art for each client they serve. They recognize that choosing the ideal natural stone is an aesthetic and personal decision, much like selecting the perfect artwork for a space. Marble Emporium's designers are trained to assist in providing critical guidance in slab selection, and through knowledge and experience they can offer advice both artistically and technically, helping clients with each material's appropriate usage and budget. It's this attention to detail and dedication to customer satisfaction that is critical to the Marble Emporium mission.

And while Marble Emporium provides a wealth of experience in natural stone fabrication and installation for kitchen and bathroom applications, the company also provides stone for custom fireplaces and other unique uses such as floors, staircases and walls. ▲



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For over 30 years, Nick and Lidia Pastiu have been infusing style and beauty into homes throughout northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin through their business Nick's Upholstery & Lidia Design. After years of success in their Highland Park, Illinois, location, the couple opened a second location in Fontana after word-of-mouth referrals and demand for their work kept increasing. Their showroom, which also encompasses a retail store called Lake Home Living, is across from The Abbey Resort on Valley View Drive. It's adjacent to the "big green frog," a Fontana landmark and community treasure, now in the care of its owners, the Pastius.

Lidia's passion and talent for interior design is matched by her listening skills and attention to detail, while Nick as a custom furniture maker and upholsterer, meticulously crafts each piece to his customers' specifications. Nick learned his trade in Romania under master craftsmen. He worked in shops throughout Europe, creating intricate pieces, including commissioned work for some of the royal families. Working as a team, Nick and Lidia transform their customers' needs into reality by creating custom furniture or reupholstered pieces that are not only stylish, but also structurally sound, comfortable and functional.

Nick builds each piece with quality materials, including solid wood frames and only the finest padding. "Upholstery

is a lost craft; no one teaches it anymore," Nick says. "Mass produced furniture is not built as it once used to be. Many pieces are made and assembled by machines, losing that unique touch and quality that only a craftsman can provide."

With the opening of the location in Fontana six years ago, Nick and Lidia have created a one-stop design center with a variety of offerings. Customers can order new pieces designed to their specifications, bring in existing furniture pieces to be reupholstered, updated and transformed, plus browse the showroom where they can see first-hand the quality of Nick and Lidia's work.

Not just limited to design/build custom furniture and furniture reupholstering, the business also offers services such as re-styling furniture; antique restoration and refinishing; window treatments; bedding; upholstered headboards and wall panels; and re-stuffing cushion inserts. In addition, a wide selection of fabrics are available, plus custom cabinetry and interior design services. In-home consultations by appointment are offered to assess each customer's needs and style.



If these services weren't enough, Lake Home Living — the natural extension of Nick's Upholstery and Lidia Design — offers high-end home furnishings, unique décor and home accessories. Stop in and visit this one-of-a-kind home design center in Fontana today! ▲



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Just ask the experts at Stebnitz Builders, who are working with homeowners to transform and remodel existing three-season rooms or build new spaces that blend seamlessly into their home's design and create a natural transition from indoor living to outdoor entertaining on patios, decks or in backyards.

Screened rooms have always been inviting spaces that have been coveted by many homeowners. Given our current reality, which for many involves working from home and distance learning, the need for additional space for families to stretch out is something that's not uncommon and screened rooms fit the bill nicely. As such, the Stebnitz Builders team is renovating and adding screened spaces that are exceedingly flexible and can be designed to meet a variety of needs and goals.

In a recent project, Stebnitz Builders transformed a former second-story, treated lumber

deck into a three-season oasis that truly is an extension of the home's original living space. The newly covered room boasts Azek composite deck flooring and stairs, a charming pine wood ceiling and 10 new windows that showcase the beautiful outdoors.

Stebnitz strives to incorporate building materials that not only look great but are long-lasting and low maintenance. Composite decking materials, aluminum and glass railings, and natural and cultured stone materials are just a few examples of products that are easily integrated into any project.

At a home tucked into the heart of Kettle Moraine State Forest and surrounded by wilderness, the Stebnitz Builders team created an outdoor room that allows the homeowners to maximize the enjoyment of their summers as well as other times of the year.



Using their 50 years of experience in the building and remodeling industry, Stebnitz Builders constructed a stunning three-season room that creates the perfect transition between the home's indoor and outdoor living spaces. From high-quality TimberTech products to vinyl windows by WeatherMaster, the new screen room showcases state-of-the-art building materials and modern amenities to ensure the homeowners will enjoy hours in this peaceful, rustic sanctuary. ▲



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"Every project we accept is designed specifically for the home it is to be installed on," says Jeremy Bates, owner of the company's Lake Geneva office. "Before our skilled installers can perform their craft, it is necessary for us to study the unique characteristics of the property to create a personalized design that complements the home's aesthetics."

Tim and Kelly Carden, founders of the company, see the Style Exteriors team as a collaborator on each home project and recognize that the company's most important goal for every customer is to meet their expectations, and in most cases, exceed them.

"We go the extra mile by providing reliable performance and craftsmanship, and courteous trained team members dedicated to each and every project," Bates says.

So what makes Style Exteriors truly shine? Depending on the roofing system chosen to crown your home, the company has the ability

to offer manufacturers' warranties that 99% of contractors in North America can't provide.

In addition, Style Exteriors has recently earned preferred installer status with Brava Roof Tile (bravarooftile.com). As Bates explains, after doing extensive research into the composite shake and tile market, and reviewing what choices are available, the Style Exteriors team concluded that the Brava Roof Tile is the best choice for clients.

"Brava's materials have the most realistic look and feel of a hand split cedar shake, old world slate or spanish barrel tile, which makes it very difficult to tell the difference between a comparable roof and a Brava Roof Tile," Bates says. "The diversity in color of Brava's tile is unmatched. Unlike most of the manufacturers in the composite market, Brava Roof Tile does not absorb moisture, so they are not susceptible to color change or algae growth." For clients that are looking for a beautiful, long lasting, authentic roof with no maintenance, the Style Exteriors team believes Brava is the supreme choice, which makes Brava the company's preferred manufacturer for composite material.



Because of Style Exteriors' consistency in quality of craftsmanship, quality of products offered and exceptional customer service, the company has earned accolades aplenty from customers and industry professionals alike.

"Entering into our 18th year of business has taught us that consistency is the key to growing our company's prestigious reputation in the region," Bates says. "We understand our clients' needs and execute on these standards. We treat our customers as family and their homes as our own." ▲



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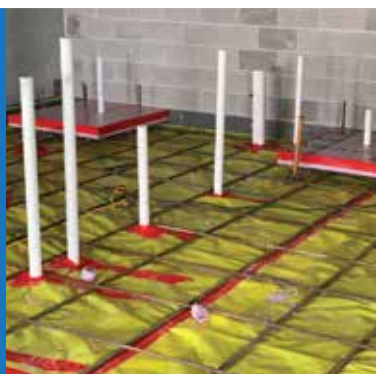


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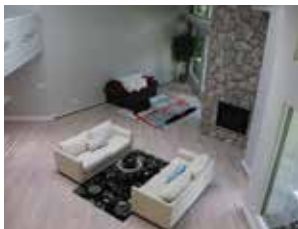
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A LITTLE SPICE — Just When We Need It!

Pandemic cooking means more meals at home and a selection of good spices is a must

BY BILL TURNER

Need to get a little spice in your life? No, I'm not talking about what you think I'm talking about, I'm referring to real spices — the kind we should be using more frequently in the kitchen.

SPICES AND GROWTH OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION

Some would say that the story of the spice trade is the story of Western civilization. Spices were in high demand in Greek and Roman days, but they were very expensive. Everyone had to sail across the Mediterranean to Alexandria, Egypt, to get goods from the East, which came to the region via the Red Sea. Cleopatra controlled Egypt, but more importantly, she controlled trade. The source of spices was a big mystery; one the Egyptians weren't divulging, plus the Romans were happy trading with the Egyptians. It was always a fun trip to visit Cleopatra.

Fast forward through the Dark Ages to about 1200. The Ottoman Turks now controlled all of the Middle East from Egypt to Turkey and Constantinople. After fighting with the Christians and especially the Venetians, the Ottomans negotiated a treaty in 1268 making Venice the exclusive agent for spices, silks and all things from the East. For the next 250 years, Venice became a very wealthy city, and for that reason we have its beautiful buildings that still stand today. But by the late 1400s, the Spanish and Portuguese had had enough of the Venetians and decided to look for a sea route to the East. The Dutch and British joined in, and by the late 1500s, trade was in new hands and the Italians were left on the sidelines, while the newcomers established empires abroad. And all of this because of spices.

THE BASIC SPICE SET

Here are spices that you should always have on hand. No need to complain about the long list — if you are going to get involved, you have to do it right.

Dry spices:

- Bay Leaves
- Caraway Seeds
- Cayenne Pepper
- Cinnamon
- Cumin (Ground)
- Cumin Seeds
- Coriander
- Garlic Powder
- Ginger
- Herbes de Provence
- Marjoram
- Nutmeg
- Onion Powder
- Oregano
- Paprika - Sweet or Hungarian
- Paprika - Spanish Smoked (Pimenton)
- Red Pepper Flakes
- Rosemary
- Saffron
- Tarragon
- Thyme
- Turmeric

Try to grow the following spices or buy fresh at the market as needed:

- Basil
- Chives
- Cilantro
- Dill
- Marjoram
- Oregano
- Parsley
- Rosemary
- Sage
- Thyme

Sounds like a lot and at \$5 per bottle, it adds up to about \$150. But it is worth it.



THE FIVE SPICE COMMANDMENTS

1. **Get Fresh Spices When You Can:** Certain spices are much better fresh. Try to grow your own spices in the summer. Plant on Memorial Day and they will all do well. Have dry in reserve for winter cooking or buy fresh at the supermarket.
2. **Throw Your Ground Spices Out If They Are Over Three Years Old:** After three years, the characteristics of dry ground spices degenerate. Put a piece of masking tape on the lid and mark the date of purchase. If you find you haven't used a spice in three years and have to discard it, hang your head in shame.
3. **Get Seeds Rather Than Ground Spices If Possible:** Seeds last much longer — usually up to five years. Invest in a small hand spice grinder (about \$10 on Amazon) and grind what you need for a specific recipe.
4. **Keep Your Spices In View In the Kitchen:** Alternately, keep a different five on the counter each week. If you don't see them, you will be less likely to use them.
5. **Experiment and Take Some Risks:** Spices are not going to kill you or make you sick, so take some chances. A few caraway seeds in a soup or stew or even on a sandwich might surprise you. Nutmeg can go into almost anything. Roasted veggies with cumin and turmeric are a delight. Be bold!

Note: All organic compounds oxidize once exposed to the air. The oxidation process breaks down the very complex organic compounds found in spices. Once oxidized, the spice loses much of its flavor, smell and beneficial health effects. Seeds protect the spice from oxidation.

WHERE TO GET YOUR SPICES

It's hard to go wrong with the great selection of spices you'll find at local supermarkets. Penzey's, a Wisconsin-based company, is an excellent purveyor of high-quality spices as well. You can buy their spices online at Penzey.com.

COMMON SPICE BLENDS AND RUBS

Chili powder, curry powder and herbes de Provence are really blends of spices. The same holds true with taco seasoning and Cajun and barbecue dry rubs. With the assortment of spices listed on the previous page, you can make most of these spice mixtures at home. Purchase 4 oz. Ball jars from the hardware store (a dozen costs about \$12) to store the spice mixtures. Put a strip of masking tape on the lid, and label and date each one.

The most important blends to make are chili powder and curry powder. Chili powder is especially important since it is the basis of many other spice mixtures. There are a thousand variations of these basic blends. Start with the recipes below and then experiment. The ingredients will nicely fill 4 oz. Ball jars.

Chili Powder:

- ¼ cup Hungarian paprika
- 2 tsp. Spanish smoked paprika (pimenton)
- 1 Tbsp. garlic powder
- 1 Tbsp. onion powder
- 1 Tbsp. dried oregano
- 1 Tbsp. ground cumin
- ½ tsp. cayenne pepper

The cayenne pepper is the hottest thing in your spice drawer with a Scoville heat rating of 30,000-50,000. By comparison,



SPICES KILL THE BUGS

Most spices, especially onion, garlic, cumin, turmeric and coriander, have strong antimicrobial properties. Most Indian meals include curry, which is a mixture of all of these spices. And according to studies by food microbiologists at Cornell University, these spices have been shown to “inhibit 75 to 100% of the bacteria species against which they’ve been tested.”

Cilantro, the leafy plant that produces coriander seeds, kills salmonella better than antibiotics, according to scientists at the University of California, Berkeley. Cilantro is used in just about every dish in Mexico. Spices are essential in warm climates, such as in India and Mexico, where germs and microbes grow more quickly.

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most paprikas found in America have a Scoville rating of about 1,000. With a minor change in the cayenne, you can dramatically change the heat of chili powder. Chili powder purchased in the store is usually very bland.

Curry Powder:

- 2 Tbsp. ground coriander
- 1 Tbsp. cumin
- 1 Tbsp. turmeric
- 1 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 tsp. ground ginger
- ½ tsp. cayenne pepper

This is the basic recipe. Again, you can control the heat with the cayenne. Some recipes add combinations of ground mustard, cardamom, cloves and nutmeg. As long as you have the basic ingredients above, you can experiment to your heart's content.

OTHER SPICE MIXTURES

Starting with chili powder, which is your go-to ingredient, you can easily make a number of other seasonings.

Taco Seasoning:

- 4 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 Tbsp. cumin
- 2 tsp. sea salt
- 1 tsp. ground pepper
- ½ tsp. cayenne (adjust to taste)

We call this taco seasoning, but it also works in chili con carne, nachos or any Mexican dish. Use it to liven up rice; add 1 tsp. per cup of rice when cooking.



GIVE DRY RUBS A TRY

It's springtime, so when you're firing up the grill you'll need some tasty rubs for your favorite meat dish. Here are a couple to try:

Barbecue Dry Rub:

- 4 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 Tbsp. sea salt
- 1 Tbsp. ground pepper

Cajun Dry Rub:

- 4 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 Tbsp. thyme
- 2 tsp. sea salt
- 2 tsp. black pepper
- ½ tsp. cayenne pepper (adjust to taste)

FIVE EASY WAYS TO GET STARTED ON YOUR SPICE JOURNEY

1. Make an omelet with a sprinkling of herbes de Provence. You'll be surprised by the taste.
2. Season cauliflower florets with 1 Tbsp. of cumin, a dash of salt and pepper, and a drizzle of olive oil. Roast in the oven at 400 degrees for 15 minutes.
3. Throw some caraway seeds in everything from salads to soups to stews.
4. Heat 2 Tbsp. olive oil with ½ tsp. red pepper flakes and 1 Tbsp. chopped garlic. Sauté 1 lb. of shrimp. Serve with crusty bread.
5. Season 2 cups of almonds with 2 tsp. smoked paprika and olive oil. Pan roast and stir over medium heat for 10 minutes. ▲



GLAS (Geneva Lake Astrophysics and STEAM) Education, a nonprofit formed after Yerkes Observatory closed, operates out of a building on Elkhorn Road in Williams Bay. A team working on the LENS project includes from left: Adam McCulloch, planetarium specialist; Chris Kirby, GLAS Education volunteer; and Griffin Moon and Melynna Arreola-Quiroga, student volunteers.

TURN DOWN THE LIGHT

Advocating for Darker Skies Over the Lakes Area

BY AMANDA N. WEGNER

Many of us have fond memories of running through soft grass on balmy summer nights, Mason jar in hand, capturing fireflies and reveling at their glow. However, the increase of nighttime lights across the globe, which creates light pollution, is putting a damper on that long-held tradition.

To counter this, a local organization — GLAS Education, which spun out of Yerkes Observatory when it closed in 2018 — is working to darken the night sky, and they're starting their journey with innovation and data. Formed as a

nonprofit by former Yerkes employees to keep the observatory's projects and outreach alive in the area, GLAS Education provides inclusive STEAM (science-technology-engineering-art-mathematics) programs that support the local and global good.

Last November, staff, students and volunteers from GLAS Education launched a test run of its student-built light pollution sensor as part of the LENS (Lakeshore Environment and Night Sky Sensor) project. The sensor is the first of what the group hopes will be one of many that quantify how much light is filling the night sky — and eventually turns the dimmer on light pollution — in the Geneva Lakes area.

THE PROBLEM WITH LIGHT POLLUTION

Adam McCulloch understands that for some, light pollution sounds silly. "It's not like air pollution or water pollution, where there's bad stuff in the air or water



GLAS Education's first sensor to monitor night sky quality was installed on private property in Fontana last November.

and people want to know about it," says McCulloch, planetarium specialist for GLAS Education.

Light pollution is defined by the inappropriate or excessive use of artificial light. In the last century, we've gone from seeing twinkling stars to a general lightness and glow with the increase in streetlights, landscape lights, exterior house lights and the like. In short, our penchant for more light has polluted the night sky, and this excess light has consequences on the environment and our health.

"It affects many things," says McCulloch. For instances, he explains that fish, insect and amphibian hatchlings are drastically impacted by light pollution as it affects their growth rates. Light pollution is a leading threat to fireflies; they use their glow to attract mates, and excessive nighttime light makes it hard for them to see one another's luminescent mating calls. For birds that migrate at night, such as songbirds that use moonlight and starlight to drive their course, light pollution can disorient them or send them fatally careening into buildings, much like a moth to a flame.

For humans, many nighttime lights emit blue spectrum light, which can throw off our circadian rhythm.

"It's much like how they say to not look at your phone or TV an hour before bed," explains McCulloch. "Devices give off a lot of blue light, which tells our brains that it's still day."

If our brains think it's daytime, they don't produce melatonin, the hormone that regulates the wake-sleep cycle. Research has also shown that reduced levels of melatonin may increase the incidence of certain cancers, and higher rates of cancers have been linked to areas with more light pollution.

To be clear, the push for darker skies isn't about eliminating all nighttime light. "There is a need for light at night in modern times. The common misconception is we want to go back to the 1500s and have no light," explains McCulloch. "What we want is light that is necessary, directed down to illuminate what it is meant to illuminate."

For instance, he says, a bright, unshielded light on your neighbor's home can cause glare and actually decrease your vision at night by dilating your eyes. Motion-activated lights focused on key areas are much more effective and friendly to the sky. In addition, moving away from blue-spectrum lights to those that are more in the red part of the spectrum is also beneficial.

DATA FOR DARKER SKIES

The LENSS project was launched in 2019 and grew from the desire of GLAS Education staff to create a student project that benefits the community while providing hands-on STEAM experience. Working with professionals in engineering, project management, coding and design, students, with assistance from adult volunteers, were tasked with designing, constructing and testing a remote-operated sensor that could monitor sky quality around Geneva Lake to support the Geneva Lake Dark Sky (GLDS) initiative. Formed in summer 2015, GLDS is a community-wide movement to see the stars again by raising awareness about light pollution in the Geneva Lake area and ultimately designating Geneva Lake as a dark sky haven.

"Young people are amazing," says Chris Kirby, GLAS Education volunteer. "They are full of ideas, energy and enthusiasm. This LENSS project gives our students a wonderful opportunity to deploy

their many talents and skills to make a difference within our community."

Students involved with the project have also gained other experience as well, such as researching scientific articles on light pollution and its effects; creating social media posts for the project; and creating informational pieces for homeowners and the community.

"To be part of this project for the past year and see how far we've come is a tremendous honor," says Melynna Arreola-Quiroga, a student volunteer who worked on public outreach. "What makes our LENSS deployments and outreach material even more exciting is that they will be accessible by Spanish-speaking members of our community. In order for our community to thrive, we must strive to offer educational material for people of all backgrounds, and here at GLAS Education, we are trying our best to ensure better livelihoods for people of all backgrounds."

Last November, the first sensor was installed on private property in



The Lakeshore Environment and Night Sky Sensor has involved ongoing work since the project launch in 2019. LENSS team members Adam McCulloch (top) sets up a sensor test, while Alex Scerba (bottom) presents calibration results.

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Fontana. The sensor takes continuous measurements of how dark the skies are around Geneva Lake. The sensor itself sits in a small, approximately 3-by-5-inch box and has a lens that scans a 60-degree arc of the sky. Data from the sensor is automatically sent back to GLAS Education.

The test period will validate the sensor's functionality and ensure it can withstand a Wisconsin winter. The plan is to have students continue to tweak the design and add sensors on the southern and eastern shores of Geneva Lake, says McCulloch.

The long-term vision is to eventually have a network of sensors around the lake and use the data to inform changes to local ordinances that support the Dark Sky initiative. The data would also validate the impact of those changes.

“It was a long process getting to the point of finally being able to deploy our first sensor on November 17 and the shared feeling of pride and accomplishment was truly awesome and satisfying, but the first sensor is just the first step,” says student volunteer Jack Adams. “We will continue to raise awareness of the impact of light pollution in our area and the importance of the LENSS project with the hope of encompassing the lake with sensors that will collect valuable data.”

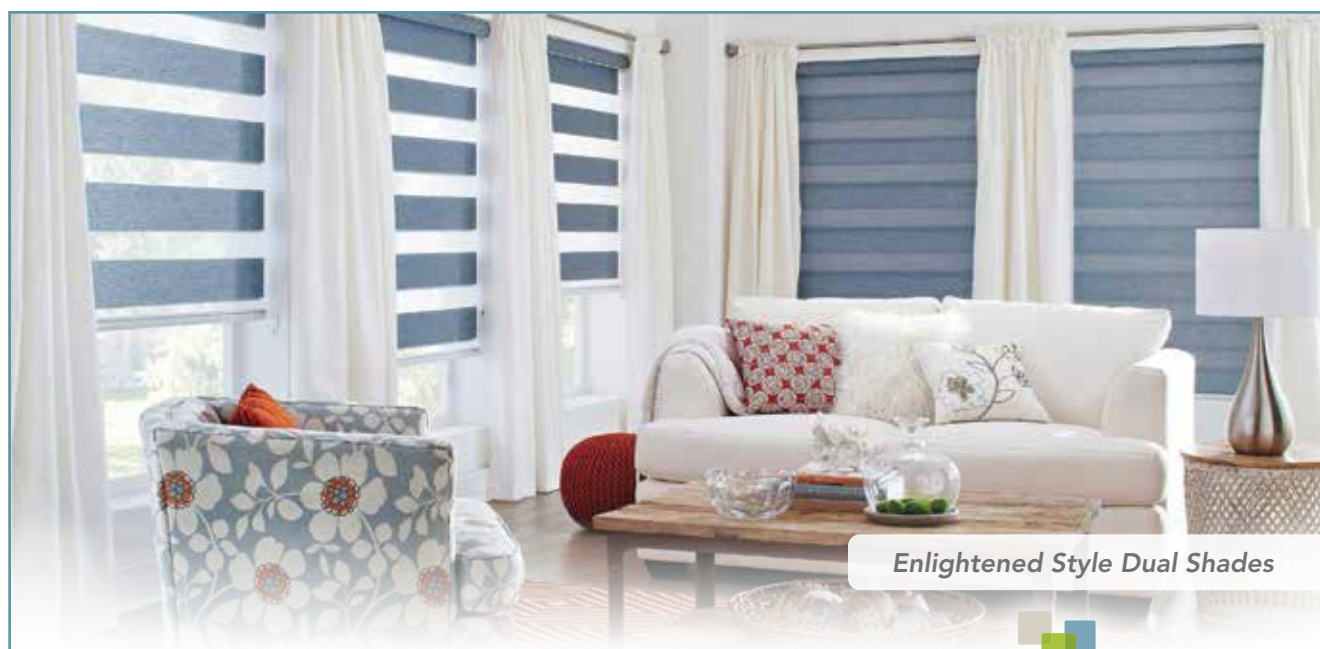
SUPPORTING THE CAUSE

The best way to change people's perceptions on light pollution, says McCulloch, is to get everyone involved. “We really want to make this a community effort,” he says.

GLAS Education is always looking for people who have skills they are willing to share with the organization and more volunteers to help with outreach. They also welcome homeowners and landowners along the lake or near the lakeshore who are willing to offer a power source and Wi-Fi to host a sensor.

To learn more about LENSS and how you can be involved, visit glaseducation.org/lens-sensor.

As part of GLAS Education's inclusive mission, all programs are free, so donations are key to its success. “Financial support is always welcome, especially if you'd like to see the LENSS project continue to grow, if you want to help support student projects and local STEAM education, if you want to help us keep going,” says McCulloch. ▲



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WHEN SCROLLING TAKES A TOLL

How to consume social
media in healthy ways

BY SHELBY DEERING



When Facebook first catapulted onto the scene more than 15 years ago, it was novel, fresh and exciting. It became a way for long-lost friends to reconnect, for grandparents to see daily pictures of their grandchildren and to get news instantaneously. And while the platform continues to offer these connections, unfortunately, it can also be a source of negativity for some.

It's no secret that 2020, and now 2021, have been challenging for us as a society. "The pandemic, racial unrest and the presidential election made 2020 a very unusual and difficult year," says Erin Williams, Psy. D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist at Advocate Aurora Health.

Williams explains that with the lack of social connection throughout the pandemic, many of us have relied upon social media for comfort.

"Humans are social beings and are hardwired for connection," says Dr. Shilagh Mirgain, a psychologist at UW Health. "Having regular contact with a social support network contributes significantly to our well being. When we become isolated, our mental and physical health suffers."

Sadly, between those pictures of puppies and laugh-out-loud memes, negative news stories and biting commentary are peppered in. Instead of experiencing the fulfilling social connections we've been longing for, many of us feel worse for wear after scrolling through Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. It's something that was true before 2020, but difficult times have amplified this effect.

Studies show that social media can be detrimental to our psyches, especially for children and adolescents. This is on top of the troubled mental states that have arisen as a result of the last year.

Dr. Mirgain points to a Kaiser Family Foundation Tracking Poll from July 2020, which shared that 53% of U.S. adults reported that their mental health had been negatively affected by worry and stress over the pandemic. This was up from 32% in March.

Contributing to our worsening mental health is scrolling through negative content on social media — a term that's called doom scrolling. Dr. Mirgain describes it as "staying glued to electronic devices to find out information on the disasters and stressors that face our country."

"This hyper-connectivity and the constant alerts and notifications can wear us down over time and contribute to mental and physical health issues," she adds.

With more time on our hands than ever, our minds naturally wander, and often, we find ourselves robotically scrolling. In the process, you could be unknowingly harming your mental health and overall well being. It's important to learn how to spot the signs and train your brain to do something besides scrolling.

THE MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

"Several studies have found a strong association between heavy social media usage and an increased risk for depression, anxiety, distorted body image, loneliness, self-harm and even suicidal thoughts and physical ailments," Dr. Mirgain shares.

She points out certain aspects of social media that can particularly lend themselves to poor mental health, including social comparison that results from feelings of not being good enough, fear of missing out, and for teenagers, cyberbullying.

"All mental health conditions are affected by social media," Williams summarizes. "However, research has showed increased rates of depression and anxiety with increased social media usage."

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RESULTS OF TOO MUCH SOCIAL MEDIA

One 2018 study published in the *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology* says that a person should limit themselves to no more than 30 minutes of social media per day. If you find yourself scrolling more than that, your mental health conditions may permeate more and more into your daily life.

"Too much negativity via social media can result in increased negativity and fear," Williams says, "along with having a negative view of one's self, the world and the future."

Your self-esteem may take a hit as well. The more you go down the social-media rabbit hole, the more you may undergo feelings of worthlessness from buying into an inauthentic, picture-perfect view of life.

"Social media allows users to selectively pick and post content, pictures and descriptions that represent positive and desirable traits. Viewing such positive content and engaging in self-comparison is associated with poorer self-esteem and self-evaluation," Williams says.





Then there are the things that can happen to the brain itself. “When we can access social media via a touch of a finger on our laptops, smartphones or tablets at any moment, it can contribute to difficulty with impulse control, concentration, focus and disruption of sleep,” Dr. Mirgain says. “Adults spend more time behind a screen these days than they do sleeping,” she adds.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

Social media can feel temporarily good for the brain. Dr. Mirgain explains it like this: “There is a reinforcing nature to social media. When we log on to see how many likes or comments we’ve received, it activates the brain’s reward center by releasing dopamine, the feel-good chemical. The uncertainty or ‘magic of maybe’ in what you might find delivers a spike in dopamine. Social media taps into the potential future reward similar to someone playing a slot machine and never knowing whether they are going to win.”

Although that feeling is euphoric (“Look at all those likes! Everyone loves my picture! They’re all congratulating me!”), it’s short-lived, and that’s something you should remind yourself of when you catch yourself scrolling too many times throughout the day.

There are other ways to combat a dependence upon social media. Williams shares her top tips:

- Limit the amount of time you are on social media.
- Identify and use reputable sites that offer factual information.
- Follow people and things that bring you joy.
- Stay in the moment and enjoy the events that are occurring in real life.
- Remember that most people’s posts don’t

always depict their negative life events, so limit the amount of self-comparison.


Dr. Mirgain also details how to consume social media in a healthy, mindful way, with these suggestions:

- When noticing the urge to check your phone, don’t. Social updates will still be there.
- If necessary, keep your phone in a bag or drawer so there will be less temptation to use it.
- Turn on “Do Not Disturb,” especially when driving or when facing a daunting task like writing a report or studying.
- Power down technology at least once a day. Whether it is the last hour of work, an hour before bed or during dinner; keep the phone powered off and away.
- Create a gadget-free zone. Research shows the importance of making the bedroom technology-free. If needed for music or alarms, switch the devices to airplane mode to help silence incoming notifications.
- Have a “digital detox day.” At least once a year, take a day or even a weekend and make it entirely free of phones, tablets, computers and even televisions.



IT’S NOT ALL BAD

One more thing to remember: There is good in social media, too. There are happy, uplifting news stories if you follow the right pages and seek out those articles. If you’re struggling with your mental health, it can be a way to connect with supportive existing friends or new friends online. You can connect to peer support networks, which may not be available in-person right now. Also, you may be able to express your thoughts and feelings easier online. These are good things, so try not to get too mired in the negativity.

And in the meantime, keep your eye out for those puppy pictures. 🐶



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Q&A

SCOTT LOWELL

One of the highlights of this issue is our 15th annual At Home section, so we wanted to pose a few questions to one of the most respected custom home builders in the area: Scott Lowell. Lowell began his career in construction in an unconventional way. Although he worked for builders throughout high school and college, he obtained a master's degree in education and had plans to pursue a career in college administration. After completing graduate school, a visit to see friends in Lake Geneva changed everything. He was offered the opportunity to work in the commercial construction industry in places like Trinidad, Guyana and Haiti, and eventually spent six years in the Middle East rebuilding universities in Kuwait after Operation Desert Storm. After returning, he began developing property and building custom homes. Forty years and over 200 homes later, the company's creations are some of the most iconic on the shores of Geneva Lake and in southeast Wisconsin.

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What are the most popular features you're incorporating in homes today?

Our homes are all about families, so bunk rooms are high on the wish list. We have built anywhere from four to eight bunks in a



single room. This takes the sleepover to the next level. Elevators are also becoming a requirement as homeowners consider aging in place. Outdoor spaces are very important as people are spending more time at home. Screened porches with fireplaces create cozy outdoor spaces that can be used for three seasons. Security is of primary importance and we are seeing a lot of cameras throughout the home.

In light of the pandemic, what are some of the current challenges in home building?

The building industry has not been hit as hard as some segments of the economy, but we are having our own issues. The single greatest thing we can control is safety at our job sites. We have to limit the number of people at a project and how many can work on each floor. Our superintendents have taken on the role of health monitors by checking tradesmen as they come on the jobs. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms is asked to stay away until they are better. We are also seeing spikes in material costs due to shortages relating to the virus, but I also believe there are opportunity increases in some segments. Production facilities are dealing with shutting down lines due to the spread of the virus. All of these factors have led to delays in our production. A project that used to take 11 months, may now take 13.

What is the most gratifying part of the home building process for you?

The most gratifying part is the relationships we form with our clients. We get to know the families and many times make lasting friendships. We have been in business long enough that we are now building homes for our clients' children. It is also gratifying to work alongside the 28+ employees we have that are dedicated to making our clients' experience the best it can be. 🏡



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