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Windows & Doors

Vacation Home

Architectural showcase 8



Secluded Lakeside

Retreat

Finding the perfect lot for an architect's own vacation home is never easy. Expectations are high.

This will be the house family and friends retreat to for holidays and casual gatherings. 🏡 For architect Marc

Margulies, A.I.A., the challenge of finding the ideal site and designing the ultimate getaway home was even

more daunting. The lake he and his wife loved had almost

no available land. 🏡 By selecting a lakefront site that other

buyers ignored due to wetland restrictions, Margulies and

his family struck gold. The architect was required to build

at least 350 feet back from the water to preserve an area lush

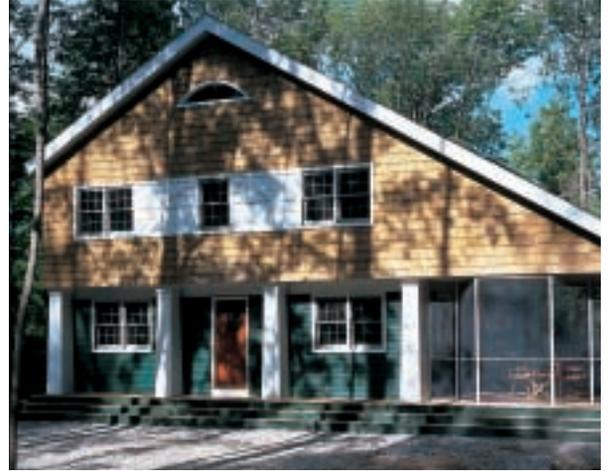
with wild birds, newts

and vegetation. Margulies embraced the

challenge and designed a home that

respects the natural setting while

providing stunning waterfront views.



Design

Challenge

"This house, with its spectacular views, is totally connected with nature ... and each member of our family benefits from that connection."

ARCHITECT ~ Marc Margulies,
A.I.A., Margulies & Associates



Design Solution

Solitude and serenity. That's the feeling you have when visiting the Margulies vacation home in New London, New Hampshire.

The architect, and his wife Anne, worked as a team to design and construct their lakeside home. Instead of being immediately on the water, the house is nestled back amongst oak, pine and tulip trees.

"We had to be very respectful of the woods and lake in designing the house," says Margulies, A.I.A., principal of Margulies & Associates architectural firm in Boston. "We never added grass or landscaping. It's like we slipped the house into a small opening and let the land grow around it naturally."

To connect the house visually to the site, the front of the home has a horizontal composition with entry steps extending the length of the house. The feel of the home changes dramatically when viewed from the lake. Here the structure takes on a vertical appeal with a four-story bay window spanning from the basement up to the attic loft bedrooms.

"Our solution to not being able to build directly on the lake was to make the house more vertical on the lakeside with lots of windows," says Margulies. "The massive bay window is a focal point that provides stunning views from every level."

To maximize those lakefront views, the architect added expanses of glass in the dining room, master bedroom and loft. "There's also a set of French doors for the basement workshop area," says Margulies. "That's my guilt-free retreat. I open those doors when I'm building furniture inside and the outdoors comes rushing in."

As with any vacation place, these homeowners don't want to worry about maintenance projects. That's one reason Margulies and his wife selected aluminum-clad wood windows from Weather Shield Windows & Doors. Another reason: the custom capabilities and quality of the product.

"These windows *belong* in this house," says Margulies. "The warm pine interiors complement the random width old pine floors, cabinetry and ceiling woods. The custom designed muntins helped us achieve the Adirondack style we desired. Overall, Weather Shield provided us with the rustic look we wanted plus the low maintenance aspects we needed."

The 2,000 square foot home boasts a massive two-story fieldstone fireplace in the family room with lots of gathering areas in the kitchen, dining room and screened in porch. "In a way, this house is a retreat within a retreat," says Margulies. "The design allows for you to flop down with a book in a loft bedroom, stroll across the wetlands over a wooden bridge or just sit on the back deck. No matter where you are in this house, or which season it is, you have great lakeside views and a sense of peace."

"I've always found Weather Shield to be a versatile company. We worked on the window design together. Without a doubt, their custom capabilities make it easier to build homes."

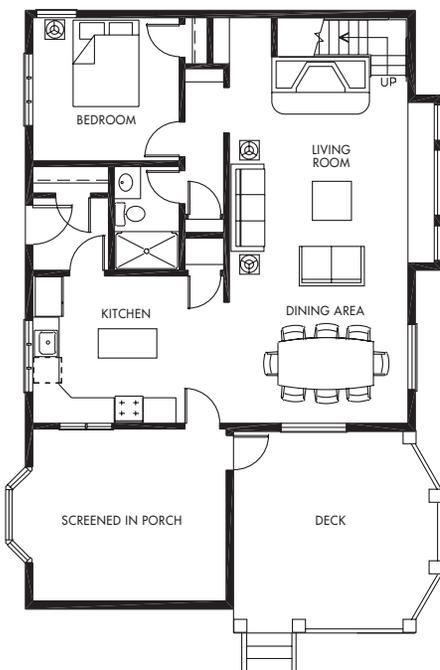
BUILDER ~ Ken Desjardins,
Kenneth M. Desjardins Builder



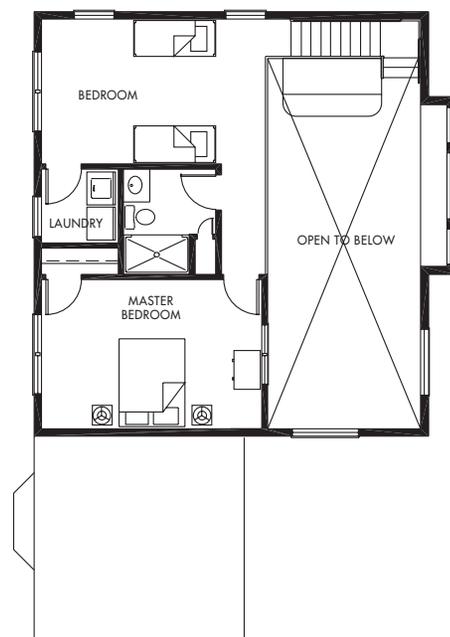
"This is a vacation home anyone would drool over. The windows look as stunning inside the home as the views you see of the lake through them."

DEALER ~ John Longval,
Steenbeke & Sons Building Supplies

first floor elevation



second floor elevation





Margulies & Associates is a Boston-based design firm providing architectural, interior design and facilities planning services to high tech, financial and retail communities. Started in 1988 by Marc Margulies, A.I.A., the 40-person firm provides a wide scope of services to its clients including site evaluation and feasibility studies, strategic real estate planning, space planning and move and construction coordination.

Projects at Margulies & Associates range in size from small office renovations to large corporate additions. Specializing in innovative, creative solutions and design sensitivity, the firm has done work in New England for BankBoston, Forrester Research, BlueCross BlueShield, Fidelity Investments, Akamai Technologies Inc. and Candlewood Suites Hotels.

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Weather Shield products used for this project

Tilt Windows

- 5 — 11 — 28 x 20
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- 6 — 11 — 28 x 26

Tilt Picture Centers

- 7 — 11 — 56½" x 54"

Tilt Transoms

- 3 — 11 — 5' 2⁵/₁₆" x 3' 1⁵/₈"
- 2 — 11 — 2' 10⁵/₁₆" x 3' 1⁵/₈"

Octagon Window

- 1 — 2' 0³/₈" x 2' 0³/₈"

Arch Top Window

- 1 — 6' 0" x 1' 6"

French Door

- 1 — 5 - 0 x 6 - 8 inswing

Product Options used

White Vinyl TFT Exterior

Pine Interior

Insul Low E Glass

*6⁹/₁₆" Jamb*s

5⁵/₈" Removable Wood Perimeter Grilles



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