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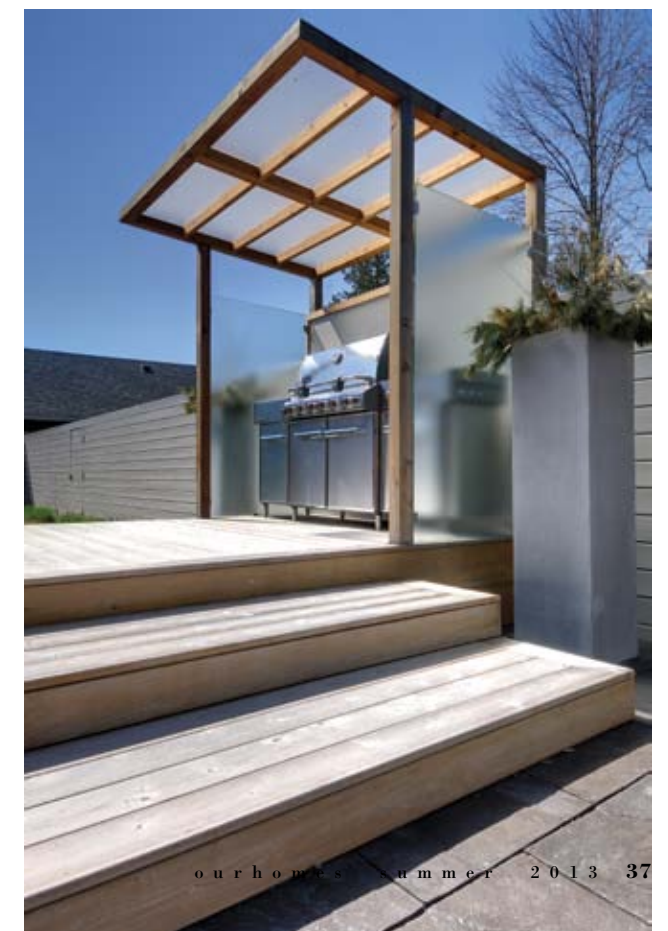
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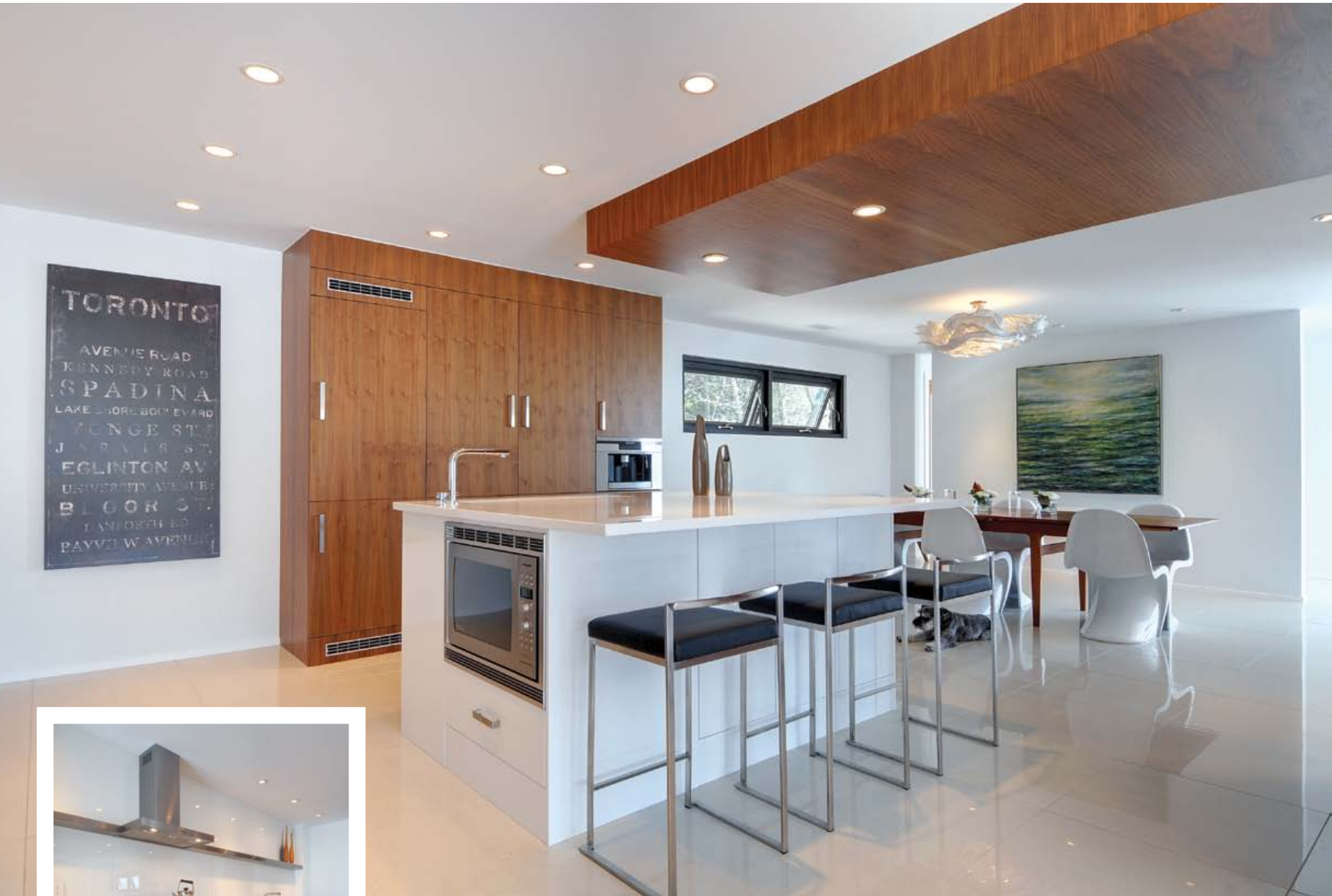


Lakeside living at its best. **OPPOSITE, TOP:** A slice of heaven nestled atop Lake Ontario welcomes guests to venture outside to enjoy the chilly nights in a warm hot tub. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A covered haven for barbecuing. **BOTTOM LEFT:** This location overlooking the lake and tucked away from the road offers plenty of privacy.



Built on the shores of Lake Ontario, this artistically modern 1967 abode is an architectural vision overlooking an endless turquoise oasis. *Continued on page 39*





ABOVE AND LEFT: Modern touches and artistic influences make this bright kitchen unique and inviting. It's a place where the couple's dog finds solace most days.

TOP RIGHT: Owners Jan Lean and Kevin Cruickshanks often find themselves entertaining family and friends from the comforts of their kitchen.



Owners Jan Lean and Kevin Cruickshanks purchased the home four years ago and embarked on a complete restoration – inside and out – of this stunning waterfront property.

The exterior re-do is a marvel. The couple realized early that the trees populating their three-quarters-of-an-acre property had deteriorated, leaving them no choice but to cut them down. However, the decision led to an opportunity for them to create their own scenic vision with help from Oriole Landscaping.

With a breathtaking view from every window, the couple honed in on the natural elements for the exterior landscape, their design responding to the sandy shoreline that appears to stretch for miles. The fabulous design includes an in-ground spa pool, located just steps from the lake, as well as an outdoor sitting room, perfect for evening gatherings.

Travelling to and from Michigan and the family cottage at Rice Lake during the restoration process, Jan and Kevin were able to be on-site to encourage the process and to delegate when necessary. They used local contractors and home décor vendors to create a modern interior infused with art in a home they could both appreciate.

A gravel laneway, tucked away from the main road, leads to the property. The home's soft lines blend flawlessly with its natural surroundings.

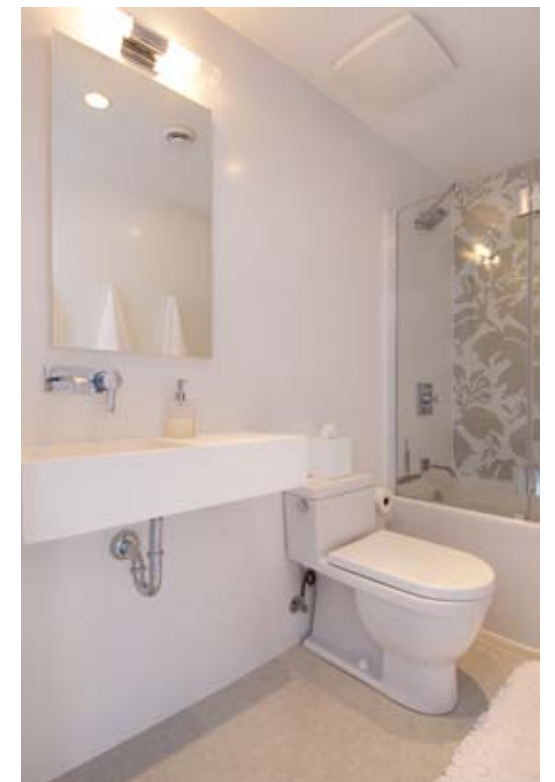
As you walk through the front door, the exterior naturally invites itself indoors as earthy tones flow throughout the foyer. The high-gloss, eggshell porcelain floors reflect the natural light beaming through the floor-to-ceiling windows, giving the impression that you are standing at the foot of the water's edge.

The living room introduces itself to the kitchen and dining area. Jan and Kevin wanted an open concept feel to better entertain guests.

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LEFT: Jan loves spending her mornings enjoying a cup of tea overlooking the lake. **ABOVE:** Stone, fire and wood converge in the living room. **RIGHT:** The main level laundry room can be hidden away from the hallway with walnut pocket doors. **FAR RIGHT:** A wall tap and a trough sink adds simplicity to one of the home's bathrooms.



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They clearly appreciate a clean, modern approach to living, which is evident in the kitchen – an architectural gem – where wood, stone, glass and steel converge. The room holds on to the afternoon sunlight and encourages company to stay a little while longer.

Stainless-steel shelving above the sink and stove offers clean lines against a transparent glass backsplash that reflects the natural light and showcases a beautifully designed fixture, imported from Spain, which hovers over the dining table. Six white 1960-inspired S-chairs complete the dining arrangement.

A unique walnut wall separates the living room from a sitting area just off the kitchen – a place to kick up your feet after a home-cooked meal. Stowed within the wall is a radiant (gas) fireplace designed by Costelloe & Company. *Continued on page 44*



A modern touch embraces those lazy days lounging by the fire. **LEFT:** A walnut wall is the backdrop for a radiant gas fireplace and a flat-screen TV. **ABOVE:** A soft entrance.



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The fire emits an orange hue that offers just enough ambience to compete against the end of yet another day passed.

The polished porcelain floors glow as they continue to the master suite with pocket lights guiding your every step toward a heavenly oasis.

A floor-to-ceiling mirror on the left side of the bed visually balances the etched glass door on the right, which leads to the master en suite. A

wall of windows allows the couple to enjoy the view of Lake Ontario while tucked into the sheets.

With the renovations complete, the couple enjoys having family and friends stay over, as they find solace in good company. Mere steps from the master suite is the guest room that the couple often refers to as the “feminine room,” with its elegant colour palette. *Continued on page 46*



ABOVE: This view makes every morning a beautiful one. **FAR LEFT:** The master’s modern en suite. **LEFT:** A spacious master bedroom walk-in closet fit for any fashionista.



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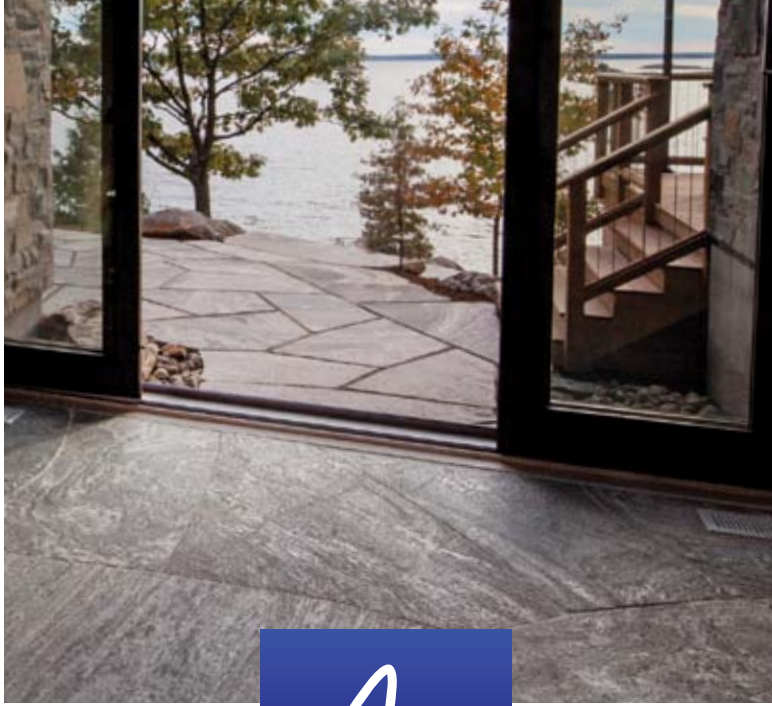
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ABOVE: Walnut covers the stairs and wall leading to the lower level. **RIGHT:** A quaint kitchen area on the lower level encourages guests to stay awhile. **BELOW:** Family heirlooms adorn the walls in the lower level guest bedroom.



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The lower level reveals more of the homeowners' personalities as the old meets the new, with modern furniture in the media room and eclectic pieces in the second guest bedroom.

Jan held on to a bit of history when it came to decorating the downstairs guest bedroom – personal touches that evoke memories of her late grandfather. “We wanted to make choices in our home that are timeless,” she says – “design pieces that will speak for years.”

The basement is also an office space for Jan, as she works from home. “I love it down here,” she says. “I find it quite cosy.”

The persistent chirping of neighbouring birds echoes throughout the house, reminding one of the simplicity and natural beauty that emanates from this beautiful bungalow nestled alongside a pebble stone beach in Cobourg.

Jan and Kevin have decided to sell this incredible property. Kevin has an exciting new career opportunity that will take them out of the area. Their next move will undoubtedly involve another restoration. To find out more about this fabulous home, contact **Marianne Wilson** of **Re/Max Lakeshore Realty Inc. Brokerage** in Cobourg. **OH**

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