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The natural warmth of exposed wood embraces the lifestyle of Ken and Ute Moore. Their 6,500-sq.-ft. timberframe home is set on 50 acres with sweeping views of the countryside near Cameron. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Ken G. Moore, CEO of Colonial Concepts Log & Timberframe, has incorporated 30 years' experience building timber frame homes into his own home.



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LOG HOME BLENDS HERITAGE
AND HIGH-TECH ELEMENTS

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With its dovetailed, white-pine log walls and exterior natural wood finish, Ken and Ute Moore's home in the Kawarthas harkens back to Canada's pioneer past. But the home's state-of-the-art geothermal heating system and patented wall and corner sealing make it a truly green and modern home. *Continued on page 25*



TOP LEFT: A formal dining area aligns along windows overlooking the front acreage of the home. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Window treatments in the front entranceway echo Palladian architectural features. All interior doors of the home are oversized to retain a proportional scale. **ABOVE:** The kitchen, at one end of the great room, beneath a 17-ft. peaked ceiling, is a natural family gathering place for conversation, casual dining and entertaining.

Paradoxically, the home is at once capacious and cosy. Certainly, at 6,500 sq. ft. (including attached, heated three-car garage), this is no humble log cabin. Its dimensions and design provide ample space, but it is the natural warmth of exposed wood that provides a sense of embrace.

Ken and Ute were well-positioned to have a home built to their exact preferences. They are, respectively, the CEO/owner and administrator of **Colonial Concepts Log & Timberframe** of Lindsay. Their two grown sons are also affiliated with the business; Shawn “pretty much runs the company now,” says his dad. Michael, proprietor of **Michael Moore Photography** of Milton, works in marketing and advertising.

The spacious log house is also a home-away-from-home for the couple’s two granddaughters, Gianna, 12, and Chloe, 8, who have laid claim to the two spare bedrooms and extra full bath. They love to ramble the 50-acre property on holidays and weekends aboard their pink dune buggy.

“Shawn and I designed the floor plans to suit our needs and we’re pleased with the results,” Ute says. “You never seem to tire of the beauty and warmth of log home living.”

“I’ve been building log homes for over 30 years,” Ken says. The common trait of such houses, he says, is a tendency to settle over the years. Colonial has employed acrylic seals “with full memories” that adapt to the aging timbers, the day-to-day and seasonal weather conditions. As well, he notes, patented spline connectors in the corners keep outdoor weather out and the indoor climate constant.

The dovetailed corners, an outstanding characteristic of pioneer log homes, have been improved. They are shaped in such a way that water hitting the timbers naturally drains away from the building, protecting the walls and the foundation from water damage. “The logs are precision cut and virtually air-sealed,” Ken says. *Continued on page 26*



The world is the Moores' oyster. Mementoes of international travels, family photos and natural wood furniture appoint the fireplace area of the great room adjoining the kitchen/dining areas.

Colonial Concepts has a strategic alliance with **Integrity Construction Services Inc.**, Lindsay, the building contractor for this and other Colonial homes. Yanch Geothermal installed the ecologically sustainable heating/cooling system. For chilly winters, the engineered wood and ceramic floors from **Kawartha Floor Trends Ltd.**, Lindsay, are heated with individually-controlled radiant heat. In addition, the home boasts a 20-kw, propane-powered generator to ensure the family's year-round comfort in the event of a power interruption.

Most people know that the greatest heat loss in any house occurs through windows. This house has plenty of them, many reminiscent of the historic Palladian shape. Golden Windows made sure these windows

were built with high thermal resistance to ensure energy efficiency. The Weatherwall System windows in the three-season room adjoining the great room are weather-tight, the transparent panels flexible and unbreakable.

The electronic security and media system, controlled from a central location in the equipment room, was installed by **Brock Built-In Specialists**, Lindsay. The built-in closets, made by **Adam Rogers** of Colonial Concepts, are guaranteed to make any pack-rat green with envy. There's a space for everything and everything is in its place. The house is built on an insulated concrete form wall with an eight inch floating slab with two inches of rigid insulation below. *Continued on page 28*



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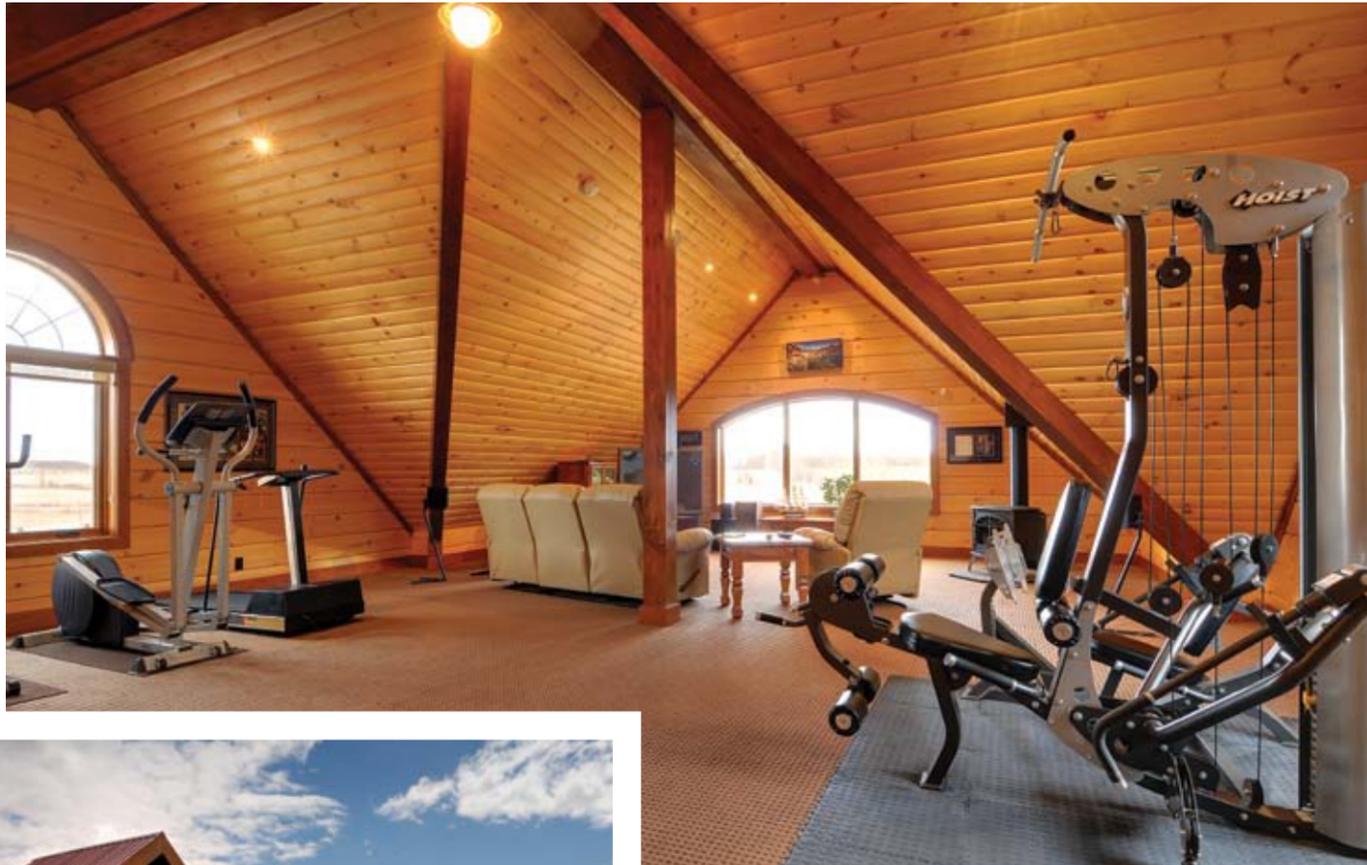
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ABOVE: The 1,400-sq-ft. "play area" above the three-car garage includes fitness equipment, large-screen TV, electronic games, wi-fi stereo connection and lots of room for entertaining. **LEFT:** A custom-built, 10-by-12-ft. log pump house was lifted into place by crane on an island in the pond in the front yard. The granddaughters call it their "waterfront property." **BOTTOM LEFT:** A sun porch off the great room has in-floor radiant heating and weather-tight Weatherwall System window treatments.

There are three spacious bedrooms and two full bathrooms, one an ensuite to the east-facing master bedroom. The great room, with its cathedral ceiling and combined wood and drywall treatments, encompasses the open kitchen with a two-level **Delray Granite** working/dining island. The ceiling above the great room, formal dining and adjoining living areas soars to a 17 ft. peak. The propane-fuelled fireplace, enclosed by cultured granite, was installed by **Chase Masonry** of Janetville.

The pièce de résistance, according to Ken, is the 1,400 sq. ft. "playroom" over the garage. Reached by an oversize staircase, built by **Richard Wilms** of **Dovetails & Dadoes Trim Carpentry**, Lindsay, the room offers a bar, exercise equipment, large-screen TV, electronic games and even a jukebox. In a house without a basement, this serves all the functions of a rec room – with the bonus of large windows and great views.

The pastoral setting offers space for a driving range for Ken and opportunities to watch wildlife, including deer, geese and wild turkeys. A log pump house on an island in the pond in the front acreage of the home houses equipment that drives the water system. The Moore granddaughters have claimed it as their playhouse so their grandfather built a bridge over the "moat" to provide access. "They call it their waterfront property," Ken smiles. *Continued on page 30*

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RIGHT: Wood furniture complements the natural wood timbers in the master bedroom. **BELOW LEFT:** His-and-hers sinks set in marble countertops grace the master bedroom en suite. **BELOW RIGHT:** Also in the master bath is a jet tub and step-in shower.



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