



Project: - 'The Ten Eyck Retreat' - overlooking Big Marine Lake.

Architect: Michael Huber Architects (formerly H2 architecture), 651.442.3771

Client Goals: The Ten Eycks first wished to build a garage with a guesthouse above. The challenge for the architect was to design this retreat as a stand-alone cabin that would eventually accommodate a future main house.

Architectural Inspiration: Huber created drama by vaulting the wood ceiling and using an abundance of glass and other natural materials to bring the outside in. This created a simple yet grand and open floor plan for the Ten Eycks.

Construction Challenge for Cates Fine Homes: The arched roof. "The curvilinear nature of the roofline was a great design challenge that we had to creatively solve. The roof is actually made with radius trusses which required us to add the insulation a layer at a time, by hand, until we achieved the eightinch depth imperative for optimum insulation value."- Jay Cates

Client Reaction: "The lake retreat project was my second home building experience with Cates Fine Homes and the fact that I am a repeat customer is a testament to my satisfaction with the service and quality workmanship of your company. Each project was executed on time and within the projected budget. Good communication throughout the planning and building resulted in no surprises at the end of the program. You can mark me down as one very satisfied customer."- Bob Ten Eyck