

# NORTHERN MICHIGAN HOME



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## *Snowbirds Find A Perfect Michigan Roost*

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It's the charming and nautical Harbor Springs, but if you ask Diane Holman, it could be Quebec. From the soaring maple trees—rustling in the summertime breeze—to the deep winter snow quieting the earth, everything about Holman's new house reminds her of her Canadian homeland.

It's been a long journey for Bob and Diane. Both from northern territory, (Bob hails from Illinois) they married and headed south. Very south, eventually building their successful steel business and raising their children in Florida. But the call of the four seasons never left this couple and after coming to Michigan to visit their talented daughter at music camp, they took a drive to visit Birchwood Farms and Country Club on the recommendation of a friend. Within a week, they were the proud owners of a home in Birchwood, a 1,000-parcel golf course community and began the "snowbird life": six months up

north and six months down south.

Soon the couple decided to look for a lot in the community to build the perfect home. Using a computer program, Bob designed the entire 6,100 square foot home and the couple announced that this would be their last home, a very big announcement from a couple that has purchased and sold 27 houses in 47 years.

The Holman home, built by Adelaine Construction, has every detail the couple could want. (And after 27 houses, they know exactly what they wanted!) "This was a wonderful client for us to work with," notes Melissa Adelaine-Supernault, CAPS, of Adelaine Construction. "The owner is in the construction business so he knew what he was looking for in a builder and, as a result, it was a real pleasure working with him." Bob walked from his current home across the fairway to the construction site of the new home everyday.

The resulting classic ranch-style home with walkout basement boasts impeccable fit and finish and several regal touches. The crown molding alone is double stacked—triple in some places—and painted white for a clean, solid and elegant finish. Coiffured ceilings in the living room are framed by colonial pillars and decorative half-walls leading from the foyer. All doors are solid wood with six panels, and Brazilian teak flooring extends throughout the main living area.

"Our busiest area of the home is probably the kitchen with its den, fireplace and bar on one end, and the little breakfast nook, kitchen and covered patio on the other," observes Diane Holman. "We entertain a lot and usually the boys end up at the bar or on the den's leather couches and the ladies end up enjoying the formal living room."

Thursday nights are poker nights when the lower level comes alive. While most of the action is at the poker table, handmade by Bob

himself, the group still enjoys the walk out, the fireplace—one of four throughout the home—and the kitchenette. One end of the lower level houses the "boys room" designed for the couple's four grandsons to visit while the other end is for the parents or other visitors. Thinking ahead, the boys' bedroom could easily be converted into a nurse's quarters in the future and the couple even put in an elevator, just in case a health issue arises in the future.

From every window the view is trees, trees and more trees, except for the occasion golf cart that zooms by silently below, a result of being situated between the fourth hole green and the third hole fairway. Houses here are not miles apart, but they certainly enjoy that effect because of the silence and the woods. This home is a perfect place for these snowbirds to perch. □



**This beautiful and expansive kitchen is a favorite gathering spot.**

PREVIOUS PAGE: With a wide circle drive, double porches and ample stonework, the Holman home boasts excellent curb appeal. All porches are Azek decking, the siding is fiber cement and everything painted white is maintenance-free manufactured material.

ABOVE: The SuperWhite granite counters compliment the stainless steel hardware in the kitchen. The black and red theme of the center island mirrors the rich black and red designed powder room closest to the kitchen.

RIGHT: With it's intricate tray ceiling and cantilevered black granite window shelf, this dining room is both beautiful and practical: the shelf serves as a buffet during dinner parties and the ceiling serves as a sure-fire conversation starter.



ABOVE: Directly off the kitchen is a three-season oasis of cozy tables, built-in grill using all weather materials and a sitting area, all warmed on a cool night by the a sleek stainless steel fireplace and wrapped with an all-glass railing system.

BELOW: Warm and inviting, this relaxing room carries the same rich tones used throughout the home.



Architect: **DESIGN DEPOT INC.**  
 Fireplaces and Cultured Stone: **EMMET BRICK AND BLOCK**  
 Kitchen Design: **KITCHEN & CO.**  
 Roofing: **NORM'S ROOFING**  
 Electrical: **THREE J ELECTRIC L.L.C.**

**Adelaine Construction**

Steve Adelaine incorporated Adelaine Construction in 1992 after building with his father Steve Adelaine Sr. on and off for 20 years. Steve is a licensed builder in Michigan specializing in all forms of construction but his passion for woodworking is best represented in his favorite form, log construction. He has built many homes from the foundation up; from cutting the trees on the property to laying the first foundation block to setting the ceiling rafters to trimming out the coffered ceiling details. His vast knowledge of building allows him to visualize every aspect of a project and insure each task is done with accuracy. As president, Steve overseas operations and still visits the jobsites regularly.



Melissa Adelaine-Supernault, Steve's eldest daughter, joined the family business in 1999, beginning her ladder of success as a crewmember after graduating with an associate degree in accounting and a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and business management. She worked on the jobsite for 4 years while wearing her tool belt and coordinating subcontractors. Melissa transitioned into the office where her business skills excelled and provided each client with personalized service in project management assisting in the decision process through the entire project. She is also a licensed builder in Michigan, served on the board of directors for the Little Association of Home Builders for 7 years, and has earned Certified Aging in Place Specialist.

Noah Adelaine, Steve's son, joined the team full time in 2005 after graduating with a construction management degree and working for the family business during summers throughout high school and college. Noah wears his tool belt, while efficiently running the crews as foreman, and coordinates all aspects on the jobsite. He pays special attention to detail to insure each task is completed with precision. Noah is also a licensed builder in Michigan and has earned a Certified Green Professional helping the company grow into the future with the green building movement.

All three owners take pride in knowing they provide the community with beautifully constructed homes that will stand the test of time. The Adelaine Team believes in quality above all else. They are very proud of their craftsmanship and want clients to feel that in every detail of the construction in their new home remodeling project. The personal leadership of Steve, Melissa and Noah on jobsites insures that the tradition of high standards is maintained.

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