

Long Lake area focus of home tour

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The Traverse Symphony Orchestra Friends are sponsoring their 21st annual Home Tour Thursday, June 17, between 1 and 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 with a \$2 discount for senior citizens. The proceeds go to benefit the symphony.

This year's tour will focus exclusively on the Long Lake area, featuring four homes, three of which are waterfront, a visit to South Island in Long Lake, a special luncheon at the Long Lake Friend's Church, and a garden sale of greenery at one of the homes.

The garden cafe-style luncheon will be served from noon until 2:30 p.m., with the menu offering a light pasta dish, muffin, and fruit for \$3. Also at the church will be a display featuring the Fellowship's 100-year-old history, background of the symphony, and historical notes about the Long Lake area in general.

Home tourers will then proceed on to the four homes and island, with stops conveniently arranged to circle the lake.

By special arrangement with two Long Lake organizations, the final stop will be the trip to South Island.

Pontoon boats, provided and captained by members of the Long Lake Preservation Association, will ferry participants to the island where they will be escorted on the Nature Trail around the small island by guides from the Ma Me Ne Sewong garden club. Both groups are in part responsible for the preservation of the island, with the garden club's members

having established and maintained the trail.

Lottie Rybarz and Mildred Webb, members of both Long Lake groups, have worked with the home tour committee to coordinate this part of the tour.

Each of the four homes on the tour has been selected to bring a unique variety of styles and excitement to the tour.

The first stop is a five-year-old contemporary, wood-sided home, displaying expansive views of the lake from the main level's great room, kitchen, sun room, and master suite, all of which open onto extensive lakefront decking that incorporates a winding staircase down to lower level decking. The dining and living rooms feature floor to ceiling windows.

The lower level includes additional bedrooms for grandchildren and guests, a second kitchen and a second family room. A redwood paneled spa, complete with hot tub and adjacent exercise room complete the lower area.

The second stop on the tour is the six-year-old cozy country-style family home. The exterior, with its blue siding accented by white trim, window boxes, and fencing sets the country tone. The landscaping includes the placement of a wagon wheel, milk can, and bench to further suggest a country theme.

Inside, a Country-French motif is carried throughout. Colors, fabrics, and accents in the living and dining rooms have been selected to highlight the plate collection. On the second floor, all walls are wainscoted and papered with coordinating patterns. Antique quilts are featured in a couple of the bedrooms, and in the master

bedroom, the color and decor complement an antique cradle quilt. Adding to the home's appeal, the rooms abound in personal mementos, family heirlooms, and the owner's handcrafts.

Beautiful, bountiful white birch trees, an extensive yard sloping the lake, and a tennis court will greet visitors to the third home on the tour.

This one-year-old home's exterior features natural wood siding, fieldstone at the entry and chimney, and a stained glass window at the entry door.

Inside, the home displays a color scheme of blues and browns, beautiful oak woodwork, stained glass light fixtures, some quarry stone flooring, and many attractive and functional built-ins.

The four-bedroom, four-bath home has a master suite with dressing room, bath, and private deck. One entire wall of fieldstone that includes a fireplace extends to the 15-foot vaulted ceiling in the family room. The kitchen features lots of tile work and an interesting soffit treatment.

Other features include extensive glass on the lake side, oak paneled ceilings in a couple of the rooms, a handthrown ceramic sink in the powder room, and the owner's wildlife art and extensive plate collections.

The final home on the tour before the trip to South Island, is a stately, elegant lake retreat on the lake's east shore. Built in 1981, the English Regency style home is a reproduction of a West Indian plantation house. The white exterior, decorative arches and circular windows are an interesting contrast to the surrounding woods.

Extensive use of glass captures lake views and sunsets to the west.

The central living, kitchen, and dining areas are flanked by two private bedroom suites. The master suite is separated from an adjacent sitting room by sliding louvered doors. All of these areas have access to the water, and there are no hallways in the home. With the exceptions of the kitchen and baths, which are contemporary, the furnishings reflect the traditional 18th century English theme. Architectural details and extensive woodworking, including the fan windows, cove moldings and pilasters, are in keeping with the period.

As in previous years, each of the four homes will be decorated with fresh floral arrangements, designed by members of various area garden clubs, to complement the homes' decor.

At one of the homes, the touring visitors will have the opportunity to purchase green and flowering plant arrangements.

This year's Home Tour committee of 25 women, co-chaired by Betsy Calcutt and Jane Maier, hopes to raise \$10,000 for the symphony through the ticket sales, luncheon, and garden sale.

Last year the TSOF contributed \$20,000 to the symphony, with approximately \$7,000 generated by the Home Tour.

Tickets will be available at the following outlets beginning May 23: Country Casuals, Bartlings, Bed and Bath Boutique, Milliken's, Stewart Zacks Fabrics, Wilson's, The Blue Goat, Whimsicality, Edson Farms, Bahle's in Suttons Bay, Olive Barrel in Acme, Community Drugs, and Northwestern Savings and Loan.



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