An architectural masterpiece, the lake home of Keith and Jo Streyle on Big Detroit is nothing short of spectacular. To complete the Tomlinson & Sons-built home, Dana and Rita Tomlinson chose an all-star design team, including an architect from BHH Partners, a landscape architect from Land Elements and interior designer Lynne Shears. Combining the team’s expertise with Jo Streyle’s love of design and family, the Streyles created a lake home that makes a bold statement from the road to the lakeside.
Introducing color to the entry, Land Elements used three large statement planters and a dramatic, Basalt column water feature and front fire pit with seating area.

FRONT YARD VIEW
Entering the Streyle Lake Home property, we were struck with the contemporary contrast of the dramatic design. A custom mailbox designed by Straightline Design and an art panel fence with clean lines were just one of many features designed by Land Elements to mimic the clean lines in the home’s windows. A paver driveway leads to a modern playground area with an artificial turf putting green and an additional gauge paving towards the same impressive architecture of the home designed by Tony Stoll of BHH Partners.

A unique landscape challenge taken on by Bryan Leininger of Land Elements was the large footprint of the home and garage. Because of this, the driveway, front patio and front wall were all constructed completely with permeable pavers. The base for the playhouse is also built from a permeable playground surface.

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DETRED AND STAIRWELL
Entering the Streyle lake home, one would expect something elaborate residing beneath this gorgeous staircase, but for the Streyles, it was all about family with a play area custom made for their 10 grandkids, all under the age of 11.

“We knew the open staircase would need to be a show stopper,” said interior designer Lynne Shears. “So, the Streys’ chose steel for the stringers to provide the structure, large wood treads with integrated lighting and glass railings to allow the staircase to feel like it is floating.”

“Working with Keith and Jo, I learned their love of modern architecture, materials and finishes,” said Shears. “They wanted to create a lake home that their family could retreat to for the summer and holidays. So, a focus on livability was important. The way you feel when you first walk in is almost cinematic as the lake pulls you in and the whole home is built around it.”

GREAT ROOM
Spectacular 24-foot cedar ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows give this great room an almost view of the lake, patio and pool area. For the interior finishes, the Streyle couple decided on the unique, grey-washed, wide plank wood floor, as the tone it would be a pivotal design element.
A dramatic feature in the great room, the fireplace wall integrates a linear modern gas fireplace with chrome firestix. The surround’s large format tile that emulates the look of black horn. The finished design includes recessed niches to showcase art, when lit, highlighting the expansive wall.

“We bought the artwork in Maui, and actually, there are a couple of brothers that do underwater photography, so that’s a real picture on aluminum,” said Jo Streyle.

Made for entertaining, this is the first kitchen we have seen with not one but two islands— one working island with a sink and the other a two-inch-thick granite island with ledge for dining. Granite and high gloss, enameled, set a contemporary tone with wrapped stainless steel appliances.

“Paul and John Jacobson of Jacobson Tile & Stone were amazing; they could do anything,” said Keith Streyle. “That was the fun part of this whole thing. We had so many young subs, it was really great to see.” As Jo Streyle explained, “It’s encouraging to see the next generation picking up the art.”

Taking on the role of job superintendent for this impressive project was Cris Marxen who the Streyle’s noted, was amazing to work with. Another person that played a pivotal role in this home was Jason VanValkenburg, the home’s project manager. “We assembled a great team, they all truly take pride in what they do,” said Rita Tomlinson of Tomlinson & Sons.
MASTER BEDROOM
“They (Keith and Jo Streyle) have a great sense of style and were willing to consider all ideas, which allowed their home to be even more than they could have dreamed of,” said Shears. “I was fortunate to just be part of the team with Keith and Jo, their home will always be one of the best projects I have ever had a chance to be a part of.”

MASTER BATH
For the master bath, Jo Streyle chose crisp white cabinetry and his and her, wall-mounted vanities, finding unique tile and cabinet hardware that incorporated genuine Swarovski crystals. A built-in tub, steam shower for two and personal laundry closet complete this luxurious space.

POOL & SPA
Abiding by code, the Streyles knew an enclosed pool was a certainty. The original location was off the sunroom, which would have forced their guests to walk through a gated pool for lake access. Instead, the Streyles shifted the pool to the space in front of the master bedroom, then created a spa area just outside of the sunroom. To avoid constricting the view to the lake, glass panels were used around the pool, flanked by stunning torches along the pool deck.

SUNROOM
A stunning and functional feature, the Streyles gave the sunroom space the option of transforming its lake facing windows into an open air bar and outdoor kitchen leading to the spa and pool area.

LAKE LIVING
POOL BATH
Each bathroom was custom designed to create a special and unique feel, like this pool bath off the laundry room with white wave tile and aqua green and blue-toned glass countertop and backlit mirror.

GUEST ROOM 2
“I worked a lot with Julie Filler, a designer at Inspired Interiors in Minot, N.D.,” said Jo Streyle. “I love her store and she helped with a lot of accessories like the white-washed wood pieces I found for this room.”

BUNK ROOM
With the Streyle’s 10 grandkids in mind, Jo Streyle designed a whimsical bunkroom with six built-in queen beds. Three of the beds are trundled and feature another row of beds stacked above. The children have a playful entrance through a round portal hole. Decorated in a palettee of fun and colorful materials, Jo Streyle searched for a large rug, but opted instead for small, round rugs, which she says the grandkids love to rearrange and play leaping on.

GUEST ROOM 1
One of four guest bedrooms, this room is suitably named the tropical bedroom, Jo Streyle considers this the showpiece guest bedroom, saving it for those who desire the best view in the house.

GUEST BATH 1
“We love this bath. The tiles were all made in Minneapolis. A girl handmade all of the bubbles and they installed them for us,” said Jo Streyle.

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Adding a fun and sentimental touch, Jo Streyle displays her grandchildren’s art in a functional way, using them as creative window valances.

“I’ve always been interested in design and redoing homes,” said Jo Streyle. “I’ve collected design magazines for 25 or 30 years now. I have bins of them that I go through. It’s just been a passion of mine.”

**GUEST BATH 2**

With a guest bath centered to the kids, Jo Streyle displays a magnet mirror above the vanity, using the magnets to cleverly spell out each of the grandkids’ names.

**SIOUX ROOM**

An obvious pick for Keith Streyle’s favorite room, guests are welcomed to this entertainment area with double glass doors that feature the Fighting Sioux emblem and recess into the wall. The Streyles chose team colors in all of the finishes and materials, all the way down to the cabinet pulls and the spiral green glass light fixture.

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**FROM THE BUILDER**

“We knew this was going to be a fun project. The Streyles wanted to build a home that their family could come and enjoy. They were great to work with and there was a confident level of trust, allowing us to pull together the right team,” said Dana Tomlinson. “We assembled the ‘A’ team, all experts in their field. When Keith and Jo shared their vision, we knew it was going to be an incredible project, a home that would make a dynamic statement. Jo especially, really has a love for design and expression. She knew what she wanted and connected with everyone involved. I think she truly enjoyed the journey and had a lot of fun in the design process.”

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