

DEEPHAVEN RESIDENCE

Deephaven, Minnesota

The clients for the Deephaven Residence were looking for a house with enough space for a young, growing family. The vacant site they found is located in the Cottagewood neighborhood of Deephaven, on the shores of Lake Minnetonka. Originally a summer lake cottage community, it has been anchored by the Cottagewood General Store since 1895, still serving milk shakes and picnic lunches for a day at the beach. Today, the neighborhood retains its lakeshore quality, and although many of the original cottages have grown over the generations into larger, 4 season homes, the neighborhood is still characterized by a smaller, more personal scale.



This new Cottagewood house began with a desire that the design should reflect the character of the neighborhood, but be large enough for this growing family with 4 boys. That desire for a home that appeared to grow over time was transformed into an architectural back story, and established the feel of the house to be made up of 3 distinct blocks: Cottage, Shed, and Connector. The Cottage block is the “original” home on the site. It is a white gabled, cedar shingled block with a dark brick base reminiscent of Scandinavian cottages. The Shed block is the utilitarian out-

building that steps down the hill, originally for tools, machinery and a garage, now turned into the main bedroom wing for the home. It is also a white gabled block with a dark brick base, but with cedar board and batten siding. The last block is a clear cedar connector, placing the Kitchen, Dining, and Family loft in the heart of the composition. The block extends through the house to become the library and owner’s suite above, and family porch overlooking the backyard. James Dayton Design was responsible for both Architecture and Interior Design.









Side entry and staircase, Kitchen beyond



Kitchen and Family Dining



Kitchen



Living Room



Family Dining



Recreational area in Living Room



Library



Children's Play Room



Children's Bedroom



Owner's Bedroom



Owner's Bathroom