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Bound by four of the five Great Lakes, Michigan boasts the world's longest freshwater shoreline and is adorned with a diversity of inland lakes, hills and majestic dunes. This unique canvas has afforded an ideal backdrop for skilled professionals to place their enduring works of art — the dream home.

Never-Ending Stories

"There are wonderful ways of presenting things, and that's what architecture is about — the art of presentation," believes Don Paul Young, AIA Emeritus, of award-winning, Bloomfield Hills-based Young & Young Architects. "Every time you turn a corner, it's the art of presentation of that space."

To be fully appreciated, Young adds, architecture also must be planned to be never-ending, so that homeowners experience a continuous melding of all spaces — interior and exterior, the building site and distant views — as one significant composition.

From small additions and elaborate renovations to restorations and new construction — from stylistic influences ranging from classical to contemporary — every home presented in "Dream Homes Michigan" (Panache Partners, LLC) was designed to epitomize a homeowner's distinct lifestyle and stylistic proclivities. Each residence represents, too, a merging of the creator's vast knowledge and experience, attention to

detail and aesthetic sensibility.

But visual appeal and livability are only parts of the equation — and, with builders, homeowners are playing an integral collaborative role.

"There's been a significant increase in the amount of clients who are asking about different options for maintaining their future home, such as geothermal heat systems and when the payback would start to occur, as well as healthier new materials including low VOC paints and carpet," notes architect **Dominick Tringali**, whose Bloomfield Hills-based firm has created a guide to green building that outlines myriad ways to meet and exceed the U.S. Department of Energy's new construction energy codes.

"Waterfront homeowners can especially benefit from green building because these homes are so frequently exposed to high winds, inclement weather, and water, which can cause mold and other problems. Ensuring these homes are built with tight framing, proper sealing and moisture resis-

tant products will significantly increase the sustainability of them."

Such design considerations aren't the only elements residential artisans deliberate.

"In Michigan, it's understood we must properly overcome the construction difficulties of building in sun, wind, rain, ice and snow, and temperatures that vary from -10 degrees to 110 degrees Fahrenheit," Young says. "Of course, we readily assume responsibility, knowing that the completed 'dream home' and its sensitive, natural marriage to the site will allow our clients to intimately enjoy the ever-changing beauty of our seasons and life in Michigan."

A sampling of inventive, timeless residences featured in "Dream Homes Michigan," created by leading architects and builders from around the state, follows on these pages. To see and learn more, visit www.panache.com. Lisa M. Jensen is editor of Michigan BLUE.



Connecting Spaces

Architect: Don Paul Young and Todd Mitchell Young, Young & Young Architects, Inc., Bloomfield Hills

Builder: Thomas Sebold & Associates Inc., Bloomfield Hills

In 1956, architect Don Paul Young designed and built a modern, inventively tailored, 1,600-square-foot residence that Better Homes & Gardens deemed one of America's 12 Best Small Homes. While the project catapulted Don's career, it also nurtured sons Todd and Roger's appreciation for the vital link between indoor and outdoor spaces as they grew up. Today the firm is renowned for collaborating with landscape architects and interior designers before initial concepts are formed, devising a three-pronged approach that guarantees continuity.

Left: Fireplaces and a massive chimney separate this four-season room from the family lounge adjoining the kitchen. Stone floors and wide steps flow through glass walls, allowing a seamless connection between interior spaces to the exterior stone terrace, while a curved glass overhang provides sun control. **Previous page:** Cantilevered above Lake Michigan sand dunes, this seemingly effortless architectural statement was designed to be part of planet Earth's "eternal grand show."

Strength Of Character

Architects: Paul Samartino, Associate AIA, (facing page) and J.R. Ruthig, Associate AIA, (right) project designers for Dominick Tringali Architects, Inc., Bloomfield Hills

Builder: (facing page) DWW Builders, Rochester Hills

Builder: (right) Arteva Homes, Bloomfield Hills

Facing page: The challenge: Fashioning a minimalist, urban residence within the architectural confines of a traditional neighborhood.

While large panes of glass, exposed steel terraces and a heavy, cantilevered steel canopy met the homeowner's request for contemporary character, architect Paul Samartino's choice of distinctively longer, deep chocolate-hued brick with matching mortar, deep-raked joints and limestone banding not only answered the community's call for masonry, but enhanced the home's urban persona and horizontal allure.

Right: Stone and brick lend decidedly different ambience to this outdoor space designed by Tringali colleague J.R. Ruthig. "Located in Birmingham where homesites are long and extremely narrow, the home cuts into rear yard space," noted Jamie Qualls, the firm's marketing administrator. "An outdoor fireplace built-in to the garage's side wall and heated patio extend seasonal use of this area, which was customized by Arteva Homes."





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