
Framing the View

GRAND ARDA WINNER - Renovation (Built)

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The design commission on this project came from the builder. This was a new client to them and our first experience with this builder. We are flattered that the builder chose us for this wonderful opportunity. The property owner acquired this delightful example of a mid-century modern that resides on a private six-acre lake that is remarkably remote although it is nestled in the middle of a significant suburban township. The entire structure is cedar in virtually every element from beams to siding. The primary structure was a challenge as it is multi-faceted with skewed exterior walls on 45 degree angles. To make the situation more interesting, the roof system is trussed to create the roof shape while reducing interior

load bearing partitions. The main living area was in the rear-center of the home overlooking the lake through a very dated solarium structure frequently used in commercial structures of the era. The afternoon heat gain was overwhelming on a good day. The Living Room and Solarium were separated by a masonry fireplace facing the Living Room and blank on the lake side. It is mimicked on the floor below in the guest suite Living area. We called this the terrace level. Furthermore the kitchen is 5-sided with 3 entry/egress points and as many traffic paths with a quaint seating area and a masonry fireplace. The Living Room and Kitchen are separated by the Foyer and primary entrance.

