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Roomy and open, yet warm and cozy. That is how one might describe this gorgeous home constructed by Eric Render of Render Construction. This striking 5,800 square foot lakefront home is constructed in the Craftsman Shingle Style, with craftsman features both inside and out. Elements such as sprawling porches and balconies are featured in the home, allowing the homeowner to thoroughly appreciate sunrises and sunsets on picturesque Walloon Lake. The home features five bedrooms and four and a half bathrooms along with a three-season room, great room, and a large open kitchen with a center island for added functionality.

Originally, the lakefront property had a very large, old and rundown home on it. Render Construction demolished and removed the old home, leaving plenty of room to build the new structure. They were fortunate that the site had no major grade issues and didn't require extensive tree removal or other site changes to take advantage of unobstructed lake views. And really, that was the core request of the homeowner: to create a home that is warm and welcoming, that taps into the natural beauty found in lakefront living.

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Upon entering the home, visitors are greeted with a unique domed hardwood ceiling in the foyer. The expansive entryway leads into the home, while the large open upstairs hallway allows for an unmatched view of the lake and the great room below. In true Craftsman style, the large exposed timber trusses are constructed of douglas fir and make an instant substantial statement. Warm, cozy, and awe-inspiring would best describe the feeling you get from the home's three massive stone fireplaces located in the master suite, the great room, and the three-season room. Mantels on two of the fireplaces are constructed from hardwood beams repurposed from a turn-of-the-century barn in Boyne Falls, adding character to the already impressive room. Heated floors throughout the home are another example of its comfortable character.

Featuring custom Travertine stone tile and a walk-in shower in the spacious master bath, the large master suite with walk-in closet gives the feeling of your own private getaway.

When asked his favorite feature of the home, Render says it's hard to choose just one. First on the list might be the massive 22-foot wall-to-wall custom cabinet that adorns the great room. This elegant and functional cabinet has intricate detailing, with space for a large flat screen TV in the center. It is a sight to behold. Made from Michigan cherry and finished with hand rubbed stain, the cabinet was crafted onsite and is a permanent part of the home that will last a lifetime and beyond, according to Render. In addition, the homeowners had several bathroom vanities and sinks they chose to repurpose throughout the home; Render was able to seamlessly integrate the sinks and cabinets within the new construction, making both old and new work together effortlessly.

On the lake side of the home is Render's second choice for favorite feature: the lower-level garage. The garage lends unlimited convenience, storing all the water toys any homeowner might want to enjoy in lake living. Also on the lake side of the home is an inviting, bright, three-season room along with spacious balconies and decks. Understandably, this side of the home is almost 100% windows, imparting plenty of natural light and allowing for perfect water views.







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This Walloon Lake home is a fine example of Render’s expert craftsmanship, and the extensive stonework inside and out is no exception. Much of the stone is East Coast Granite brought in from New England. Adam Render, owner of ACR Masonry, is the expert craftsman who completed all of the stonework.

Render Construction prides itself on providing excellent communication with their customers. A unique benefit offered to customers is a 24/7 online client portal. With the portal, clients can track the progress of their project, view project budgets and detailed job costing reports, view photos, make selections, and give approvals, view the current construction schedule, and make requests for service and warranty issues. The portal is an invaluable service to many, as often the owners live out of the area. This is a wonderful way to stay in touch and keep things moving forward with minimal delay.

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RENDER CONSTRUCTION, INC.



PRINCIPAL OWNER: Eric J. Render | YEARS IN BUSINESS: 17

YEAR BUSINESS STARTED: 1999

EDUCATION: Studied Construction Management at Michigan State University.

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY: Our goal is to create long-term business relationships, to treat every project as if it were our own, and to stand behind everything we say and do.

WHAT SETS YOUR BUSINESS APART? Render Construction, Inc. is the proven source for high-quality custom building and remodeling in Northern Michigan. Our clients have private 24/7 online access to all of their project information including schedules, progress reports and photos, product and finish selection information, construction documents, etc. Render Construction, Inc. is a member of the invitation only, National Association of Home Builders – Builder 20 Program. In March of 2014, Eric Render was recognized by the national industry publication, *Professional Builder Magazine* as one of the top 40 industry professionals under the age of 40.

ETC.: Off the clock, Eric enjoys spending time with his wife, two sons, and two labs. His hobbies include several of the nearly endless outdoor activities that Northern Michigan has to offer, like fly fishing, mountain biking, downhill and water skiing, boating, and hiking.

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