

For years, only the upper portion of the boathouse was used. Then, Jack and Helen began renovating. Helen and her father, Charlie, teamed up to get running water into the boathouse apartment.

“My mother was the handiest person around,” Vicky shares. “She was determined to have a sink with running water and she made it happen.”

In 1964, the year after Vicky was born, they added the den and bedrooms and roughed in the bathroom, which ended the days of the outhouse and also allowed for a shower to be added. The boathouse roof was raised, and remodeling continued. They renovated from the inside out, since they loved the cedar shakes and didn’t want to disturb them. When Jack and Helen’s contractor ripped out the buffalo board walls, they found a few newspaper articles and photos glued to them; they couldn’t be removed, so they were carefully covered over with the insulation and new drywall.

Three years ago, Vicky and John took the project to the next level by renovating the space top to bottom and it now boasts two living areas, a small kitchen, an upper area deck, two guest rooms, and a full bath. This includes three levels of spaces, all expertly designed, finished, and decorated with art that Vicky has collected over the years.



**Photos by Dawn Duncan**

Roosevelt Beach sign on County Road 147. Lake Breeze Cottage, built in the 1800’s, as seen today.

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