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## **LAKESIDE STABLES**

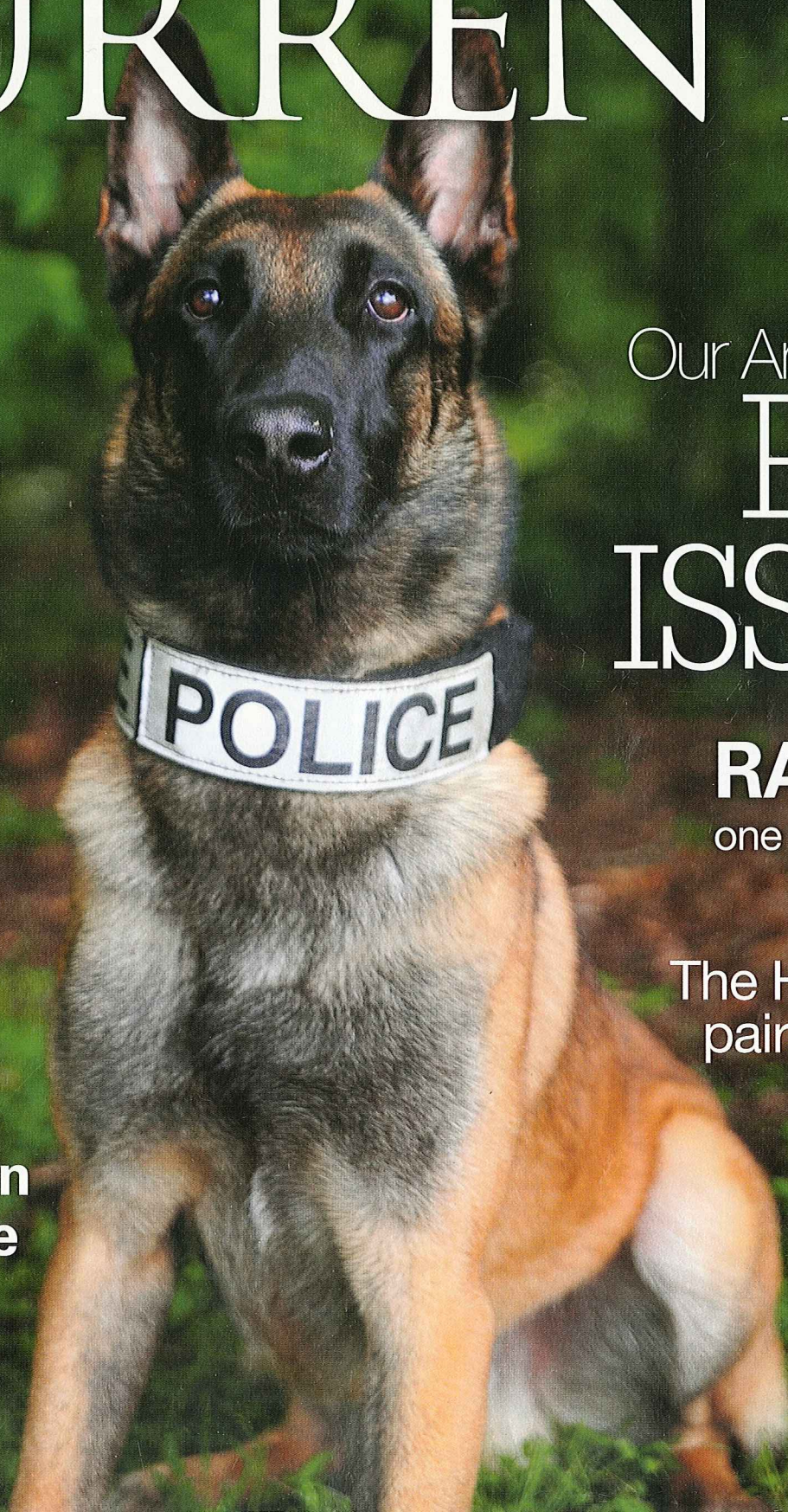
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# Custom in **CORNELIUS**


**Starr Miller and Harry J. Schrader created a lakeside masterpiece**

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A large, modern living room with a stone fireplace, large windows, and blue armchairs. The room features a neutral color palette of blues, grays, and greens. A large abstract painting is mounted on the stone wall above the fireplace. A wooden coffee table holds books and a plant. A large window on the left provides a view of trees and a lake. A modern pendant light hangs from the ceiling.

The color palette of the home is a neutral flow of blues, grays and greens, following the client's main directive to not take away from the lake view.

his beautiful 5,600-square-foot, one-level home came to life with the purchase of a neighboring lot and a visionary partnership between Architect Harry J. Schrader of Schrader Design Inc.; Interior Designer Starr Miller of Starr Miller Interior Design and the homeowners.





A focus in the family area is the floating sculptural stone fireplace. Stone masons from Stone By Lynch constructed it.

Miller says the home is designed for a lifetime of lake living. “The house is current, open, comfortable and has clean, curvy, bones,” she explains.

### Familiar & authentic

As guests approach the house, a sitting area welcomes visitors outside the front door. Step inside, and the eye is drawn to an unobstructed view through the screened porch and out to the lake.

The feel is immediately familiar and authentic, generated from a custom bench in the foyer, and the sight of a 13-foot dining table — both made from trees that were cut down during the construction of the home. “It took two years to dry the wood,” recalls Miller.

The doors between the foyer and the screened porch collapse to

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open the area even more. Schrader says he “loves that the main living and dining space utilize a graceful radius window wall that opens the home to channel views.”

The color palette is a neutral flow of blues, grays and greens, following the client’s main directive to not take away from the lake view. Four bedrooms and six bathrooms ensure separate spaces for the homeowners and visiting guests. Miller notes that the homeowners wanted to “make each space unique and customized; the cabinetry design, plumbing, flooring, countertops and tile designs are all custom.”

Even the four-legged clients have a customized feeding area in the scullery off of the kitchen. The hidden scullery also includes a dishwasher, refrigerator and sink. “It was important that the finish of the



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The master bath is one of Starr Miller's favorite rooms in the house.







The home offers a clean look, as it is not overly designed.

cabinets work with the stone, the floors and the custom table,” explains Miller. “We kept the door style and knobs/pulls clean and not overly designed, to ensure the focus was on the environment.”

### Belonging in one place

The flooring in the main areas through to the guest suite and halls are European white

oak with an oil-fumed finish. The result is a very natural look that will hold up under even the wettest feet from the lake. The surface is also not slippery for the dogs.

Though the house is flooded with natural light, lighting decisions were taken seriously during the project. “We focused on choosing lighting that would not take away from the view, but would also visually define the areas of the open floor

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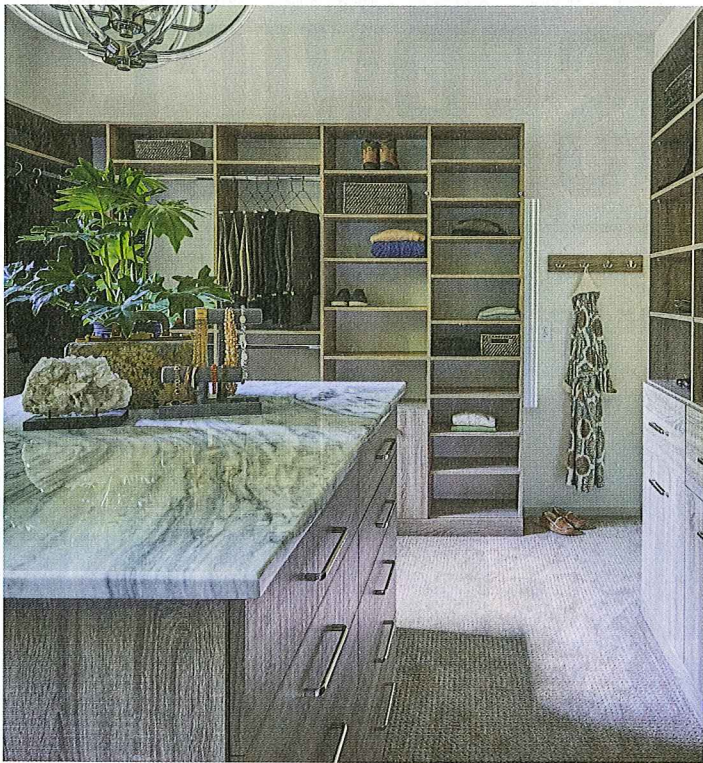
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Every room echoes lakeside living.

plan,” says Starr, “we also had to make sure that the lighting did not hinder the views for one of the 6’4” homeowners.”

The fixture over the family area is by a French lighting and jewelry designer. “It [the fixture] has an ethereal quality that I just fell in love with,” says Miller. “It feels natural, like a butterfly, and measures 78 inches wide.”

A focus in the family area is the floating sculptural stone fireplace. “We worked so hard to design it [the fireplace] with the talented stone masons

of Stone By Lynch,” recalls Schrader.

One of Miller’s favorite parts of the custom design is the master bathroom. “It is funny, everyone on my team has a different favorite room from this project,” she says. “I am partial to the master bath with its custom pull-up lighted vanity, I need to put one in my own home.”

“In the end we want the project to absolutely feel like it belongs in this one place”, says Schrader, “and only this place.”

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