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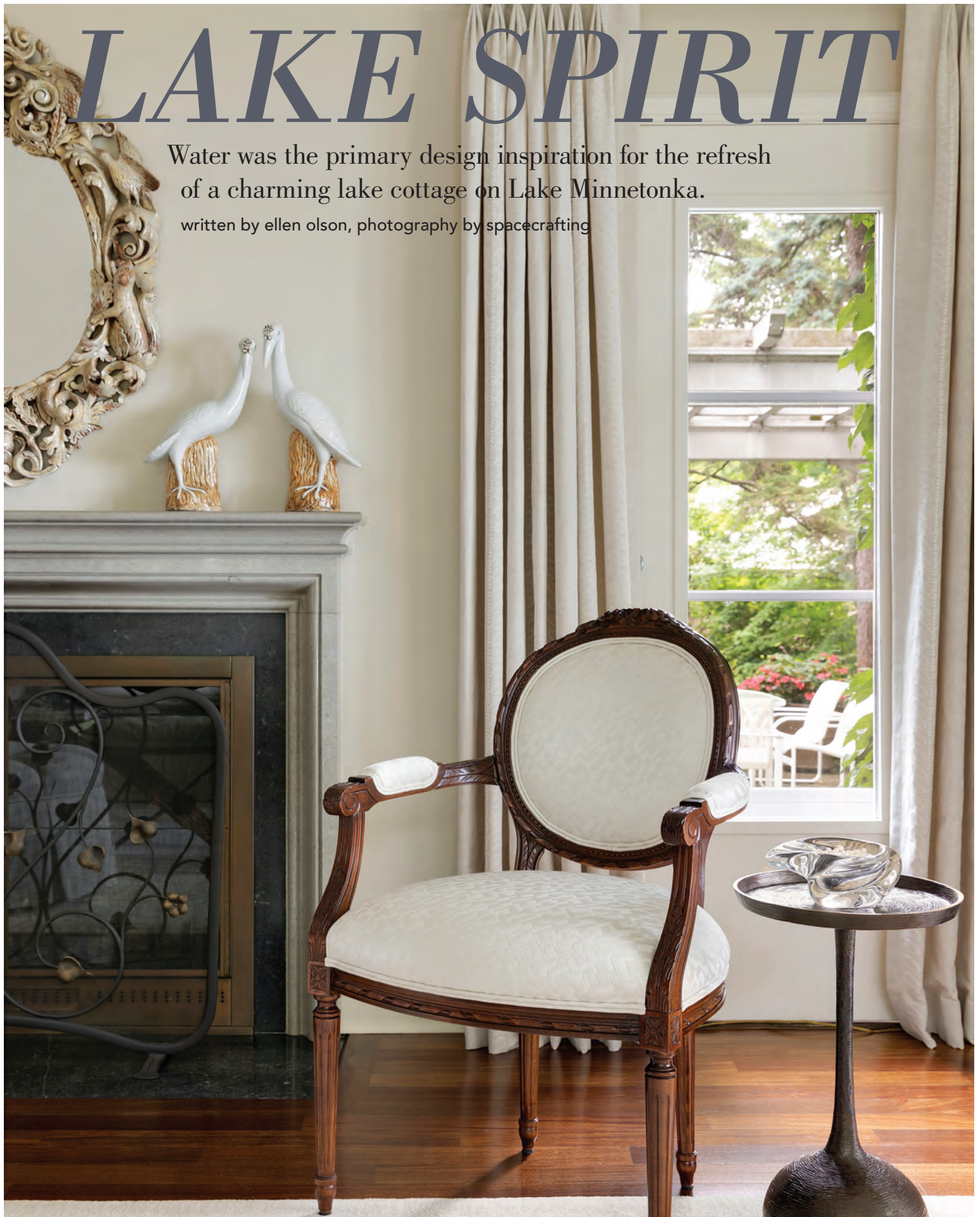


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LAKE SPIRIT

Water was the primary design inspiration for the refresh of a charming lake cottage on Lake Minnetonka.

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Being invited back to refresh the interiors of a home, extensively remodeled 20 years ago, is the ultimate compliment for an interior designer. The homeowners had enjoyed working with Maureen Grace Haggerty, founder, and owner of mint interior design. “Her sense of understated elegance and her ability to understand and implement our vision were reason enough to request Maureen’s assistance again,” they said. “It was an easy decision.”

The charming, multi-level, yellow brick lake cottage, built circa 1947, is located on a narrow, heavily wooded peninsula on Lake Minnetonka. The home is framed by the lake on three sides and has a celebrated history with the Dakota people. “Our clients are avid nature lovers and protectors of their lakefront sanctuary,” said Maureen. “They wanted the interior of their home to complement the lovely exterior surrounding them, especially their beloved lake.”

The recent project began as a minor refresh necessitated by storm-related water damage. The scope included replacing several windows, adding wood floors to carpeted rooms, and painting, as required. “Most projects evolve over time, and this one grew into a much larger remodel,” remarked Maureen. “While no rooms were gutted, almost every space in the home was enhanced in some manner. Like a game of dominoes, one space relates to the next, making it difficult to stop the momentum.”

The primary design inspiration was water: fluid, whisper-like, welcoming, and organic. The color palette features soft tones. “Our design mission was to update, reimagine, and refine our clients’ home,” said Maureen. “They envisioned a comfortable yet sophisticated vibe that honored the vintage of their storybook home.”

Darril Otto of Otto Painting Design added his magical finishes to several spaces. During the first remodel, he incorporated a multi-layered waxed Venetian plaster finish on the walls in the foyer and kitchen. This time around his artwork was added to ceilings in the living room and dining room, which connect the two spaces in an unexpected way, and creates a watery, reflective ambiance.

New wood flooring was installed in previously carpeted areas. They flow into the wood floors already in place, simplifying the main level, and connecting the spaces. Area rugs in water-colored hues are placed throughout the home.

Erik Wyckoff, a talented local artist hand-carved the custom foyer table. The decorative metal stair railing is original to the house and relates beautifully to the ornate ironwork on the antique entry door. Its contemporary design serves as an unexpected contrast to the traditional elements in the home. Window treatments are purposely sheer to allow sunshine to filter into the space while still offering privacy.

Several heirloom furniture pieces from Rose Tarlow were acquired during the first remodel. They are timeless, hand-made pieces, finished with crackled chinoiserie and delicate ornamentation. They were repositioned reupholstered to revamp and renew. Unique bronze sculptures are found throughout the home.

The den/sitting room is tailored and classic. The floor-to-ceiling glass windows frame the wooded grounds outside. The exquisite views of the gardens become the art for this space. The spunky dog sculpture was purchased at a local art fair, and his delightful spirit brightens the atmosphere.

In the sunroom, existing woven wicker chairs and an ottoman were recovered with a splashy awning stripe texture by Schumacher. The fabric pays homage to lake living in both color and style. “The whimsical touches of frogs, turtles, and other small woodland creature figurines are randomly placed throughout the house and integrated with other thoughtful accessories,” said Maureen. “They allude to the world outside with a dash of lightheartedness.”

The homeowners are devoted to their sprawling gardens, which showcase many varieties of native MN horticulture, orchids, Lady Slippers, and massive hosta plants in a natural and organic setting. The entire property, including the nature-inspired interiors, is a true reflection of the homeowners, their authentic spirit, and their commitment to the mystical land upon which their sweet lake home is poised.

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project credits:

- interior design: maureen grace haggerty, allied asid, mint interior design
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- design collaboration: nicole kappus solheid, nks artsource
- decorative finish/artist: darril otto & crew, otto painting design

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