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The listing agent describes the ethereal cottage on Fairy Lake as “a celebration of glass and angles.” Indeed, most of the windows in the home are large, including the ones in the swimming pool area.

FAIRYTALE SETTING

Fairy Lake
15 Lake Dr. (Huntsville)
Asking price: \$2.499-million
Taxes: \$10,696 (2011)
Bedrooms: 5
Bathrooms: 5
MLS# 444201000201300

BY CONNIE ADAIR

The current owner had been in this home when he was very young and had warm memories of those times. When he found out it was for sale many years later, he could not wait to purchase it, says listing agent Steve Leonard of Royal LePage Lakes of Muskoka. “He has spent considerable time, energy and financial resources modernizing the mechanical aspects of the home while retaining its unique architectural character. The essential spirit of the property has remained.”

The style of this home, which was designed by Toronto architect John Grierson and built by local businessman and one-time Huntsville mayor Frank Hubble, is not typical of waterfront homes in Muskoka, Mr. Leonard says. It’s a “time capsule of the finest architecture and interior design, a celebration of angles and glass. It will appeal to an artist or someone who loves to entertain. This is not a typical cottage.”

The 7,500-square-foot residence on Fairy Lake was built

to commercial-grade standards and features a poured concrete foundation pinned to rock, wood construction and steel floor and ceiling joists. Walls and cabinetry are made of mahogany, walnut and elm.

The living room has six picture windows overlooking the Muskoka River and the lake. Most of the picture windows throughout the home measure 72x85 inches.

A walkout to the verandah from the dining room, book-matched teak cupboards and granite counters in the kitchen, a 42x15-foot media room and a four-person elevator are some other highlights.

“With parking for 36 cars, and five bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, this cottage is designed for high-style entertaining,” says co-listing agent Jay Richardson. “I would have fabulous cocktail parties on the beautiful covered deck with views over Fairy Lake and at night the twinkling lights of Huntsville.”

Another area Ms. Richardson says she loves is the glass

enclosed oval saltwater pool, which also has a view of the lake.

“The owner has invested substantial dollars to completely rebuild the room, the pool and all the mechanicals,” Mr. Leonard says. “It’s a great spot to swim and a wonderful spot to spend time with family, all with dramatic views of the lake winter or summer, spring or fall.”

Other features include a pair of two-car garages, an eight-person redwood sauna and a 2,000-plus-bottle wine cellar.

The property has 188 feet of water frontage, southern exposure, a circular driveway and is accessible via a year-round municipal road. It’s a 10-minute walk to the centre of Huntsville, which has a theatre, restaurants and recreational amenities.

The irregular lot is 238 feet deep and has a waterfall, new flagstone walkways, a 40x14-foot deck, a 30x35-foot dock and a 7,000-lb. hydraulic boat lift.

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LAKE OF BAYS
1030 Channel Rd. (Huntsville)
Asking price: \$1.35-million
Taxes: \$5,320 (2011)
Bedrooms: 8
Bathrooms: 3
MLS# 444206000305700

FURNISHED TURN-KEY

People anxious to enjoy cottage living will appreciate this furnished turn-key home in the Lake of Bays area.

The year-round cottage is on a pie-shaped rock-and-pine lot that has a south and east exposure. Lakeside amenities include a hard sand beach and a deck. The property is off a municipal road between Bracebridge and Huntsville, close to Hidden Valley skiing, boat-to-golf at Bigwin

Island and ice cream in Baysville, says listing agent Anita Latner. The property has a treehouse and a boathouse.

The cottage, which features board-and-batten and post-and-beam construction, was built in 1985 and will appeal to those who have a love of natural wood.

Features of the eight-bedroom, three-bathroom home include a family room, a library and a three-piece bathroom on the main floor. The cottage also has a Muskoka room, a workshop/studio, pine plank floors, two bathrooms on the second floor, glass fireplace doors and a cedar-lined dry sauna.

Listing Broker: Anita Latner Realty (Anita Latner)



LAKE SIMCOE
131 Creighton St. (Ramara)
Asking price: \$1.132-million
Taxes: \$7,578 (2010)
Bedrooms: 3
Bathrooms: 2
MLS# 1103440

WATERFRONT BEAUTY

This property is desirable because of its location — a tranquil waterfront setting close to Orillia for all the amenities you need, says listing agent Anne Chilton. “It’s also a great boating location on the north end of Lake Simcoe with direct access to the Trent-Severn Waterway and Lake Couchiching. It has 101 feet of shoreline frontage with shallow entry so it’s ideal for swimming as well as boating.”

The boathouse is another great feature. It has three lifts, two for per-

sonal watercraft and one for a full-sized boat. A finished workshop is at the back of the boathouse.

The 4,046-square-foot home, which has three bedrooms and two bathrooms, has a sunroom facing the water. A built-in hot tub and sitting area with lots of windows are sunroom features. The back of the home faces west, “so you can enjoy the sunset while soaking in the hot tub,” she says.

A main-floor family room and laundry room, an ensuite bathroom in the master suite, a loft and a whirlpool bathtub are features. A cathedral ceiling and a gas fireplace in the great room, granite counters in the designer kitchen, a butler’s pantry and a walkout unfinished basement are other features.

Listing Broker: Royal LePage First Contact Realty (Anne Chilton and Lance Chilton)