

# Custom HOME OF THE WEEK



## STEP BY STEP TO A LAKESIDE DREAM HOME

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The first step was a stroke of pure luck. MC Construction was building homes next to Lorraine Eckstein's house when she walked over to chat with Mike Cohen. She told him she was having a hard time finding a waterfront home for her large family. Mike thought he just might have a lot that would make her very happy.

"He said that he had the best piece of waterfront left in Thurston County," Eckstein says. "We had to check it out."

Lorraine and her husband Todd did just that, and instantly fell in love with the property.

"One look and we knew we had to have it," she says.

The lot was located in The Cove at Hicks Lake, a small community developed by MC Construction that had once been the site of a resort in the 1920s and '30s. The wooded, waterfront acreage was the ideal place to settle their family.

Designing a home to suit the Ecksteins' active lifestyle while retaining the flavor of this unique lakeside setting was the next step. "We were trying to figure out where rooms would go, what views we could get, and we didn't want useless hallways or space," Eckstein says. The result is a spacious floor plan with a view from nearly every room.

Lorraine marvels that the MC standard of excellence extends to "even where the house would sit on our lot." "We stood out in the rain with Mike with the house plans, big maps of the site, and stakes until it fit just right," Lorraine recalls. "I can't believe they did that with us!"

The next step brought the whole family to the site regularly. They were delighted to watch as their dream home was built from the ground up. "We would come out day and night to see the progress that had been made on our home," she says. "It was very exciting."

The Ecksteins were impressed with the professionalism and customer service they received. "They were so flexible and really easy to work with," Lorraine says.

Attention to details is a company trademark and as Lorraine remembers even small things like asking Mike about making minor changes to the blueprints were treated with importance. It's no wonder MC Construction has the reputation as one of the best custom homebuilders in the Puget Sound area.

The final step, moving into the house and making it their home, has brought great joy and satisfaction to the entire family. Downstairs in the family gym is a lovely house-warming gift from Todd and Lorraine's new friend.

"Mike gave us a basketball hoop as a gift," Lorraine Eckstein says. "The kids love it so much. Our experience with MC couldn't have been any better."