Each year, we design and build a beach home to showcase our craftsmanship and to express our passion for lakefront living. As August approaches, we’re busy adding the finishing touches, including furnishings for every room, and we’re making plans for our 2017 Cottage Home Showcase weekend, at the Glenn Beach House. You are invited to join us on Friday, August 4, from 4-8pm, and Saturday, August 5, from 10am-2pm, for an up-close and personal tour of the newest Cottage Home! Located at 1472 71st Street in Glenn, this home is a great new beach house design, with some really fun and unique features; plus enjoy catering from the Farmhouse Deli in Douglas. We hope to see you there!
Cottage Home is supporting the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center and its great new exhibit “Cold War, Hot Towns,” about Saugatuck during the Cold War years. You probably take notice of the Mt. Baldhead ‘dome,’ but what many visitors don’t know is that this now-abandoned radar installation was part of the DEW line (Distant Early Warning), when the threat of aerial invasion was anticipated to come from over the arctic circle. There is a rich, fascinating history in this lakeshore area, and we’re all interested in learning. The SDHC is also hosting Tuesday Talks through July and August, at 11am, with a variety of speakers and topics being represented.

A NOTE FROM BRIAN

Happy summer, friends! I hope you are having a really great season and finding time to get out and experience the shoreline. I was out at Lake Michigan last week, enjoying the evening while a storm was rolling in, and had a crazy idea. When was the last time you swam in Lake Michigan? For me, I realized it’s been too long. So, I went for a swim.... it was outstanding! The water is warming up, it’s clean and clear, and inviting you in. I encourage you this summer, to make a memory, and go jump in the Lake!

Cheers, BB

Our New Website

If you haven’t visited us online lately, we encourage you check out our new and improved website, at www.cottagehome.com! With updated photos and new ways to view them, we’re sure you’ll love the fresh new look.
COMMUNITY EVENTS AT NORTHSHORE OF SAUGATUCK

Cottage Home is excited to host two upcoming events at NorthShore, to give the community an opportunity to see the property firsthand. Join us on Thursday, July 27 or Thursday, August 10 from 3-8pm to learn more about our preservation efforts and intended use of the 300 acres. The events will feature ongoing nature hikes, a chance to learn about the rich history of the property, and the opportunity to explore it all for yourself.

AUGUST

54TH ANNUAL NATIONAL BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL
Downtown South Haven – featuring numerous children’s activities, parade, 5K &10K run/walk, arts and crafts fair, outdoor concerts and many other activities. www.blueberryfestival.com

30TH ANNUAL SAVOR THE ART COAST
27 Noon-6pm – Downtown Saugatuck street festival of fine foods and spirits. Call the CVB for more information: 269.857.1701.

SEPTEMBER

2-3 ALL CRAFTS FAIR
Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 10am-4pm – Stanley Johnston Park in South Haven – hosting hundreds of exhibitors of fine arts and crafts, including food booths with gourmet selections. www.southhavenmi.com

4 LABOR DAY TRUCK PARADE
9:15 a.m. – Downtown Holland – bring the family, earplugs, and an appetite for big trucks, ice cream and hot dogs. www.truckparade.org

18TH ANNUAL MOUNT BALDHEAD CHALLENGE
9 Annual 5K and 15K event. Free 1K “Little Feet, Big Feat” children’s run takes place the evening beforehand. www.mtbaldheadchallenge.com

LAKESHORE HARVEST COUNTRY CYCLE TOUR
9 Join the sixth annual Lakeshore Harvest Country Bicycle Tour, and bike down South Haven’s country roads to their collection of farms and wineries. Several routes available to accommodate persons of varying ability. www.lhcbt.com

OCTOBER

THE VINE WINE’D 5/10K TRAIL RUN & COOKOUT
7 A unique and scenic race or tour through the vineyards and surrounding farm at Fenn Valley. www.fennvalley.com

BLUE COAST ARTISTS 28TH ANNUAL FALL TOUR OF STUDIOS
7-8 10am-6pm – Tour member’s studios during a crisp fall weekend and be treated to complimentary refreshments and art-making demonstrations. www.bluecoastartists.com

33RD ANNUAL FENNVILLE GOOSE FESTIVAL
13-15 Begins with a 5k and continues with several activities including the Gosling Run for kids, the Goose Festival Parade, art shows, petting zoo and performances. www.goosefest.squarespace.com
WELCOME DANAE & CASEY

Say hello to Danae Miedema and Casey Schrotenboer, two of our newest team members, as we grow the Cottage Home staff to support our clients and will-be clients. Danae is our Office & Marketing Coordinator, and Casey is assisting in Interior Design & Selections. Both bring with them some great experience in their respective roles, and we’re so glad to have them on board!

Favorite places to visit and things to do along the lakeshore:
Danae: Growing up, my family would go camping at Holland State Park; that is still a favorite of mine!
Casey: I enjoy the shops downtown Holland & love spending time camping at Holland State Park with my family.

Favorite lakeshore restaurants:
Danae: Boatwerks in Holland and Farmhouse Deli in Douglas.
Casey: DeBoer Bakery in Holland for the best breakfast & The Mermaid in Saugatuck for lunch & dinner.

What do you enjoy about your job?
Danae: I love the variety and creative challenges that come into my work at Cottage Home. I also love being part of a tight knit team all working together, performing different roles for a common goal.
Casey: I love helping homeowners achieve their goal of creating their dream home or cottage & bringing new design ideas to the table. When creating a visual with a drawing or sketch of their design choices helps the client envision their new space, there is such satisfaction in that!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Allegan Antiques Market www.alleganantiques.com
Allegan – Last Sunday of each month through September, 8am to 4pm.

Art Prize www.artprize.org
Grand Rapids – September 20 through October 8. A radically open international art competition decided by public vote and expert jury that takes place each fall in Grand Rapids.

Blue Coast Artist Studios www.bluecoastartiststts.com
Celebrating their 28th season, the Blue Coast Artists invite visitors to a behind-the-scenes look into the studios and galleries of nine studio artists.

Kal-Haven Trail
Offers 33 miles of picturesque hiking and biking trails – the trail begins in South Haven on North Bailey Avenue.

Michigan Maritime Museum www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org
South Haven – Open daily from 10am-5pm – tall ship sailing on the Friends Good Will, harbor cruises on the Lindy Lou river launch vessel, and pirate chaser sails for kids.

Saugatuck Center for the Arts www.sca4a.org
Arts and cultural performances, concerts, classes and workshops offered year round.

The Saugatuck-Douglas History Center www.sdhistoricalsociety.org
Celebrate the rich history, heritage and traditions of the area.

Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy www.swmlc.org
Visit and walk any one of their numerous beautiful nature preserves.

FOODIE FUN

Crane Orchards www.craneorchards.com
Fennville – A summer and autumn family must – features u-pick fruit, hay rides, a corn maze, restaurant and cider mill.

DeGrandchamp Farms www.degrandchamps.com
South Haven – Featuring a plant nursery and u-pick blueberries.

Eighth Street Farmers Market www.hollandfarmersmarket.com
Holland – Open 8am-3pm Wednesdays and Saturdays through November. Lots of great produce and market goods from local farms. Kids events and a weekly Chef Series.

Fenn Valley www.fennvalley.com
Fennville – Open Mondays through Saturdays 11am-5pm, and Sundays Noon-5pm; a great vineyard and wine cellar, with wine tasting, vineyard tours, live concerts and other fun year-round events.

Saugatuck Brewing Company www.saugatuckbrewing.com
Saugatuck – A great restaurant and brewery with frequent events and opportunities to brew your own beer.

Saugatuck Farmers Market www.sca4a.org
Saugatuck – Open 9am-3pm Fridays through September. Fresh produce, floral and artisan food products from local farmers outside at the Saugatuck Center for The Arts.

South Haven Farmers Market www.southhavenfarmmarket.com
South Haven – Wednesdays through August, and Saturdays through October, 8am-2pm – Huron Street Pavilion.

Virtue Farms www.virtuecider.com
Fennville – Open daily from Noon-5pm Michigan-based craft cider company with a bottle shop and tasting room. Tours held every Saturday.