



# Downtown Cottage

Architect: Ken Richmond, AIA // Project Partner: Gerstner Development

**#4 Viskochil** 605 Webster St., Traverse City // Architect: Ken Richmond, AIA, Traverse City, 231.946.0400, richmondarchitects.net

As a longtime friend of the owner, architect Ken Richmond is well acquainted with her affinity for old Northern Michigan cottages—a look he parlayed perfectly into the renovation of this former drab downtown Traverse City home. Find quintessential Up North resort-architecture touches including white clapboard siding, a bounty of beadboard on the walls and ceilings, a hodgepodge of new and old maple and oak floors, painted brick and an intimate relationship between interior and exterior spaces. The efficient, galley kitchen is outfitted with counters spacious enough to handle the owner's pie-making hobby; the handsome black fire-slate countertops can take any abuse her rolling pin dishes out. The focal point in this home just may be the exaggerated bay window covered in Middle Eastern-inspired pillows made for cozying up with the evening's last bottles of wine—an exotic twist on Up North comfy. — *E.E.*

Go to MyNorth.com for more resources (search Distinctive Architecture Tour)



**Driving Directions:** From US 31 (E. Grandview Pkwy. & Union St.). Go south on Union St. (past Front St.) to turn east (left) onto E. State St. Go 0.6 miles to Franklin St. Go south (right) on Franklin St. Go 2 city blocks to Webster St. The Viskochil House is on Northeast corner of Franklin St. and Webster St.