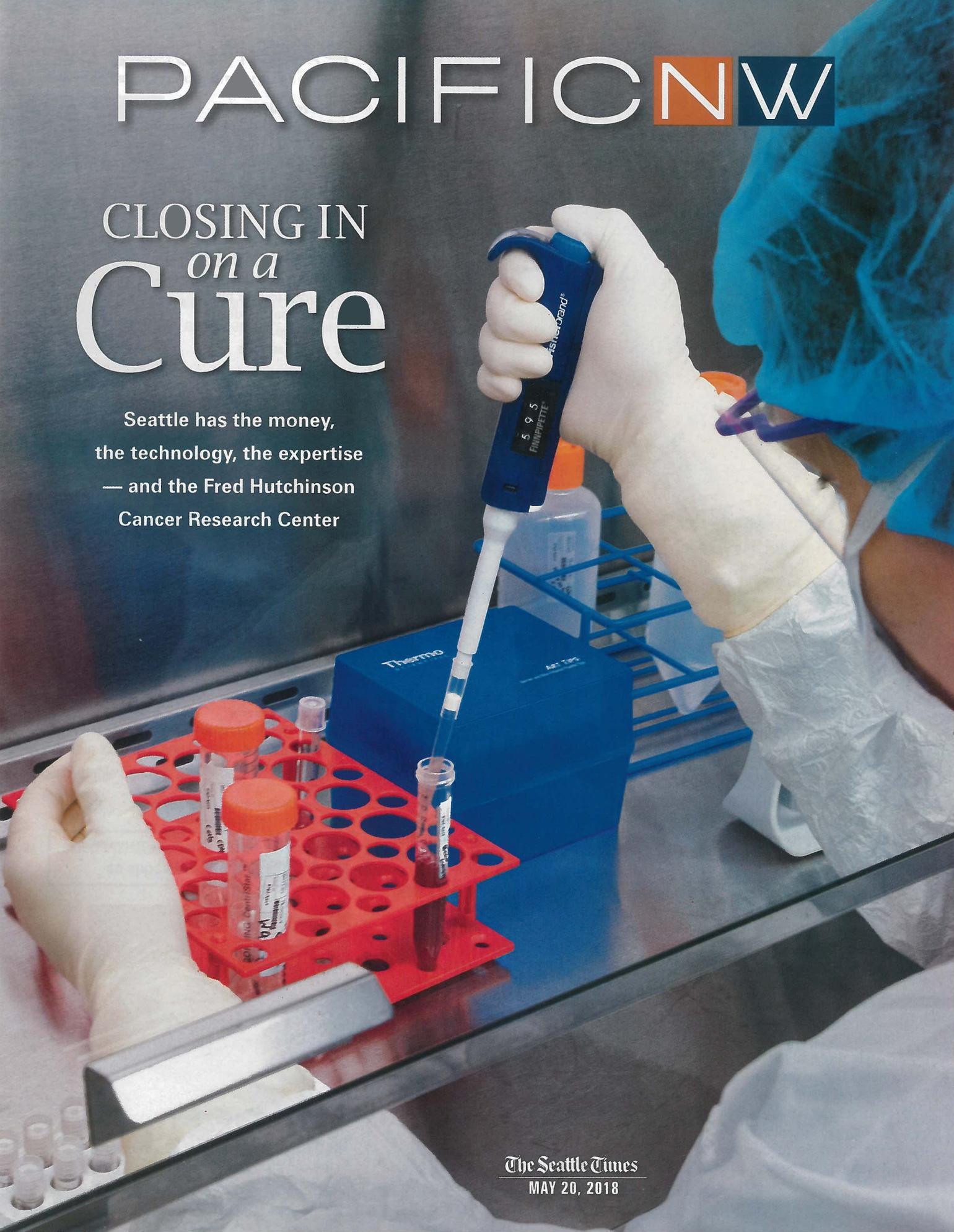


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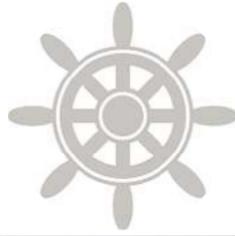
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From their traditional new home on a special family site, a retired Naval commander and his wife can finally enjoy the water, together



A jalousie trellis and motorized retractable shade on the west-facing deck help protect against the sun. "In the summer, we drop those down to make it comfortable," says homeowner David. "The sun goes down over Camano Island."

DAVID GOT HIS FIRST boat when he was 10. Later came a ski boat. He signed up with the Sea Scouts, sailing all the way to the coveted Quartermaster Award. In college, he was a midshipman in the University of Washington's Navy ROTC. Then came active duty in the U.S. Navy itself, where he served for nearly 31 years.

Hoist a signal flag if you detect a theme here.

"I grew up with boats," David says.

Just one little hiccup. "I get seasick," he says. "In the Navy, I was on destroyers and was never really comfortable."

Fathoms away on the seafaring spectrum, David also served as commanding officer of the ballistic-missile submarine USS Tecumseh — "I spent eight years, day for day, submerged, most of the time well below any wave motion; it's like sitting in your living room," he says — except he was underwater, and working, and far from home. ▶



For their third project together, architect Bruce Donnally designed a traditional vacation home for Jeanne and David, whose family had owned a small 1920s-era cabin on this secluded stretch of Tulalip shoreline since 1946. "All the trims and details (the true stone veneer base, stained cedar shingles, and painted board and batten siding) are part of the theme; they're all very thoroughly thought out," Donnally says. SBI Construction was the general contractor; Jeanne did the nautical-themed interior design herself, from scratch.

Their Ship has Come in

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These days, after retiring as a professor of Naval Science at UW and the commanding officer of its Navy ROTC, David skips a much smaller fleet — one 8-foot dinghy with a Johnson 3hp motor — and, with his wife, Jeanne, a shipshape, intricately shingled home on a special stretch of Tulalip shoreline.

“The property had been in David’s family since 1946,” says Bruce Donnally (Donnally Architects), the architectural admiral of David and Jeanne’s new Shingle Style, high-bank vacation home. “A tiny 24-foot-square house had stood on the land for 90 years.”

David and his two siblings spent the summers here with their mother, then ended up owning the cabin. It was big on rustic charm, but with just one above-grade bedroom — and two lesser ones in the cinder-block basement, “with the mice,” Jeanne



David cut and refinished a pair of old-growth clear fir beams from his family’s original cabin to create the coffered, but not-too-tall, ceiling in the living room. “The beams are decorative and helped break the space up for a more intimate cabin feel,” says Donnally. “David said, ‘Give me a fireplace, cozy, size-wise, where we can sit and talk.’ Some homes have 20-foot-tall ceilings with log columns; they lack the intimacy.”



says — “People didn’t want to come and stay.”

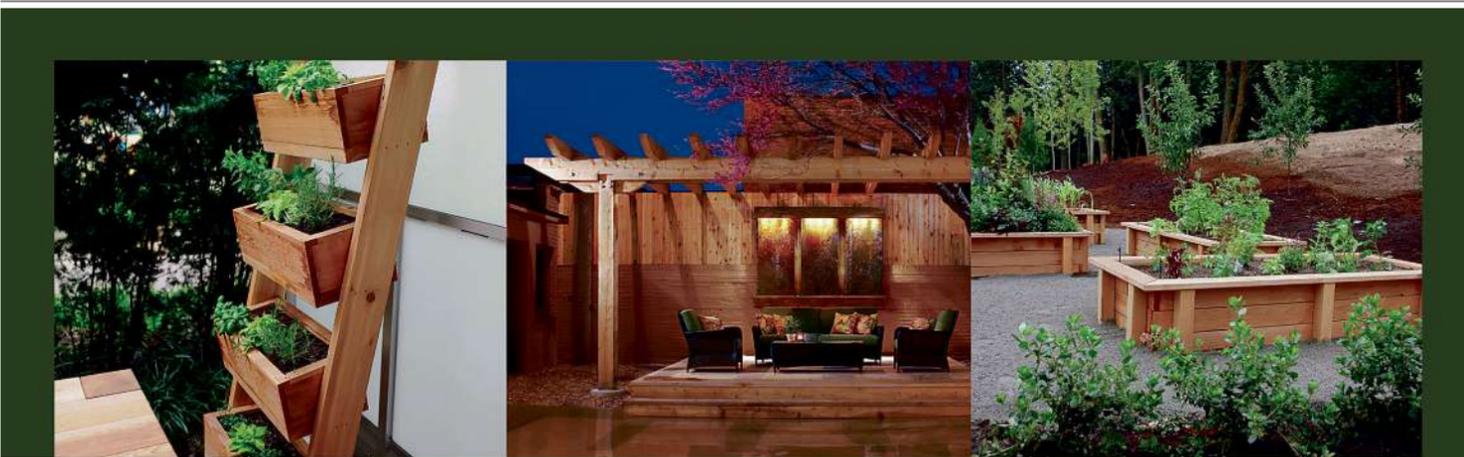
The first thought was to simply add a second story, Donnally says, but, “The cabin had been cobbled together, and a bad foundation is like having bad feet. There’s a certain amount of charm people want to preserve, but then you demo it and it’s like a wet cat: There’s nothing

there. If you have to take more than 50 percent down, it’s not worth saving.”

Codes of all kinds helped guide the next step, which was uphill.

“We built a new one farther upland, using the old house’s footprint as the new parking area,” says Donnally, who previously had collaborated ▶

Port Susan and Camano Island are visible from almost every room, with windows along three sides of the dining room framing the view.



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"With the **Shingle Style** and white trim, we started looking at shingles," says Donnally. "The theme is bringing in traditional, with white board and batten siding." These stained Western red cedar shingles form patterns on the front of the house, above the entry.

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with David and Jeanne on an addition to their Magnolia home, and on a remodel of an apartment building they own. "David wanted at last to enjoy looking out over the water he had sailed beneath all those years, so all the living spaces and bedrooms have a panoramic view of the water."

From the brand-new, views-for-forever, way-above-water living room (beneath a coffered ceiling embellished by a pair of old-growth clear fir beams reclaimed from the cabin), giant windows (plus more nearby, in the dining area) look across Port Susan toward Camano, Whidbey and Hat islands, and possibly to the edge of the Earth.

"This literally reminds me of my surface ship: sitting way up high and seeing water everywhere," David says.

Other reminders of the past surface among the whole-house nautical-themed décor, carefully curated, totally from scratch, by Jeanne:

- "An antique copper dolphin (the submariners' crest symbol) was rescued from the original house, refurbished and reset as the weather vane atop the gazebo roof," says Donnally.

- Bleached tongue-and-groove Douglas fir, formerly on the walls of the tiny cabin, covers the bottom half of the powder room.

- The headboard of the bed in the first-level guest room (a future easy-access master suite) came from behind the cabin's fireplace mantel. ▶

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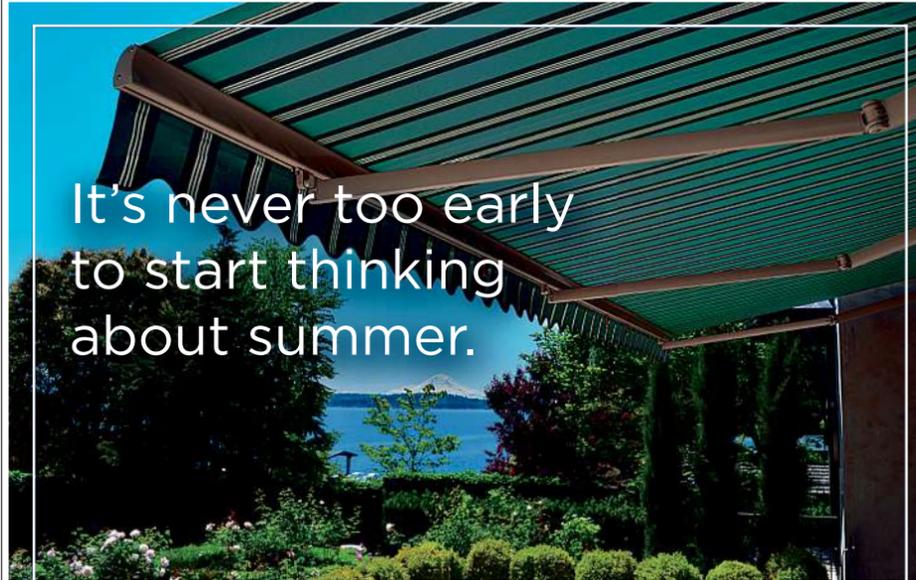
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• And bricks from that same fireplace are now part of the new gas one in the current master bedroom upstairs, where kitty-cats Bart and Betsy curl in cushioned window seats specifically designed for them.

Outside, the stone veneer base and one other special element speak to one of the home's guiding philosophies: Some things are worth it.

Beyond the western-facing deck, where motorized roll-down shades and a sweet jalousie trellis soften sometimes-powerful sunshine, "The circular stairway off the gazebo presented some interesting challenges as the design evolved and required nonstandard construction techniques and custom materials," David says.

Unobstructed views; nautical-mile-after-nautical-mile of the shimmering Sound; and the highly evolved, elevated and supremely comfortable home itself speak to the other one: This is a special place.

"One of the great joys of a submarine is going in and out of port on the surface," says David. "Having spent summers here as a kid, there's a magic to that, too. There's a shared joy, and intimacy, in the expanse and availability of the water." □

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Kuzaro says customer service is important at Don & Joe's Meats. "We'll cut it any way they want, tell them how to cook it, how big a portion, what cut is best for what."

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so meeting Diana and her family was his "welcome-to-diversity moment."

After graduating from high school, Kuzaro took classes at Green River College, but soon was drafted, and served in the Navy on an aircraft carrier in Southeast Asia from 1972 to 1976. He and Diana became penpals and then began dating. When he returned to Seattle, he earned his associate degree and started looking for a full-time job. "But the Market kind of gets into your blood, and I liked all the interactions, and we both had a lot of ties here."

Kuzaro remembers when the only buildings on Western Avenue were warehouses, and he depended on customers driving in from as far as Issaquah and Renton. Then one day, there was a big snowstorm, and he barely made it in to open the shop, but he had plenty of customers. That was when he realized how many people can walk to Pike Place Market.

Kuzaro loves the new neighborhood feel of the Market, but he wonders whether his younger clientele will continue to cook. "Or are they just going to want to order it online and have it delivered?"

Some customers come for items that are hard to find, like beef sweetbread, lamb kidneys, ground suet, skirt steak, freshly ground unseasoned pork or veal. Or, Kuzaro adds, "It

can be as simple as that they can't find anyone who'll pull the skin off a chicken and cut it up for them. And of course, we, like most merchants here in Pike Place Market, we'll just service the heck out of our customers. We'll cut it any way they want, tell them how to cook it, how big a portion, what cut is best for what."

Which is also why Kuzaro likes to hire young people with a cooking background. They already know how to wield a knife, and when someone needs a recipe or advice, they can help.

Mostly he looks for people skills, because anyone working in the Market needs to "embrace the atmosphere," he says with a chuckle. The fish market next door draws crowds when workers start throwing fish, and Kuzaro is happy to sell the tourists all the pepperoni and jerky they can eat.

At home, Kuzaro is the griller. He says you can't go wrong with a bone-in rib steak: grass-fed, grain-finished, well-marbled, dry-aged in-house, seasoned with a Montreal-style dry rub made for Don & Joe's. He says to leave it at room temperature for an hour, then grill it 3 or 4 minutes on each side over medium heat for medium-rare. Sounds good — I'll take two. □

Leora Y. Bloom is a Seattle food writer. Greg Gilbert is a Seattle Times staff photographer.

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for the Hungry Garden, brimming with vegetables that are contributed to the local food bank. The path continues into the Sight-Disabled Garden, filled with plants that appeal to our senses other than sight. There's also the Native Plant Section, the Herb Garden, Heather Garden, Fragrance Garden, Hellebore Display and the Tunnel Garden covered with flowering vines.

Among the gardens most loved by the kids are the Hummingbird/Butterfly Garden; the Crazy Garden (sporting the amazing bowlasaurus and other highly imaginative creatures); the Carnivorous Plant Garden (keep your hands in your pockets); and the big-time favorite of both kids and adults, the Puzzle Garden, packed with fun riddles created with plants and props.

The garden contains amazing art, as well. Make sure to give gigantic Olaf a hug (he looks scary, but he's really very nice), and be ready to run for cover when you see Hoppy the enormous hop aphid leap into view.

Kids' tours always end with a hands-on project: anything from planting seeds or potting up a flower to propagating plants from cuttings. Finally, take advantage of the optional tour of the seed-packaging facility, which Ed offers after the garden tour. The machines in the facility were built in the 1800s, and it's fascinating to see how they are still used to package seeds today.

By the way: The riddles in the Puzzle Garden are quite challenging. Don't be embarrassed if the kids on the tour figure out the answers way before you do. Ed tells me that the kids always beat the living tweedle out of adults when it comes to solving the puzzles. □

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