



Stone House

In 1922, Wilmot Swanson, a salesman for the *Wisconsin Agriculturist*, settled near Lakewood, Wis., on the site of an abandoned logging camp. On 127 acres set amidst several lakes, he began to build a series of small houses, using local stone and wood. Surrounded by birch forests



and fenced fields, Swanson's landscape of richly ornamented objects grew one by one, over a period of nearly 50 years. This cabin, called the Gingerbread House by neighbors, was completed in the early 1950s. Inside, a staircase of peeled saplings leads to the loft. —David Buege