

SUMMER 2021

STYLE ■ COMFORT ■ IDEAS ■ REAL ESTATE

ourhomes

BARRIE ORILLIA MIDLAND INNISFIL

Sunny days

SOUL-FILLED
living

PRETTY PASTELS

PACK A PICNIC

BUILDING BONDS
and a
SMALL BUT MIGHTY
RESORT CONDO

REJUVENATE your home.



Call today and let us make sure you get the best paint and advice to get your project done right.



BARRIE **Allandale Decorating Centre** 393 Yonge St | 705.739.7730 | allandaledecoratingcentre.com

BARRIE **Irvine Carpet One Floor & Home** 514 Bayfield St | 705.728.5566 | irvinecarpetone.com

BARRIE **Irvine Carpet One Floor & Home** 494 Veterans Dr | 705.728.5567 | irvinecarpetone.com

COLDWATER **Home & Cottage Interiors** 15 Sturgeon Bay Rd | 705.686.3082 | homeandcottageinteriors.ca

ELMVALE **Elmvale Home Building Centre** 121 County Rd 27 | 705.322.2800 | elmvalehomehardware.com

ORILLIA **Housser's Paint & Wallpaper** 87 Colborne St W | 705.326.8066 | housserspaint.com



Why Interrupt The View?

For Those Who Love
Undisturbed Natural Beauty.

FRAMELESS
CLEARRAIL
GLASS RAILING

Sophisticated, modern and minimal. **CLEARRAIL** is the perfect alternative to traditional railing, allowing you to enjoy your environment. Delight in the beauty of the natural world without the intrusion of traditional wooden or metal railing. Constructed from premium quality 1/2" (12mm) clear tempered glass and stainless-steel hardware, **CLEARRAIL** can provide safety, security, controlled access, and wind-protection while at the same time allowing you an unhindered view of the world around you.

Undisturbed. Natural. Beautiful.
www.clearrail.ca • 1-705-835-3450 • Orillia



Custom Designed for
Your Style | Your Space | Your Need



Like Us:  

Relax with confidence – when you choose a custom kitchen or furnishings from Perkinsfield Kitchen & Bath Inc., you are guaranteed the excellence and craftsmanship you deserve.

Perkinsfield Kitchen & Bath Inc. has been in the business of manufacturing dream kitchens since 1997 and we pride ourselves on customer satisfaction and personal service every time.



PERKINSFIELD
KITCHEN & BATH

705.527.6116
perkinsfieldkitchen@rogers.com
perkinsfieldkitchenandbathinc.com

165 COUNTY RD. 6 SOUTH, BOX 1306 TINY, ONTARIO L0L 2J0



BTM **BARRIE TRIM & MOULDINGS INC.**
TRIM | DOORS | STAIRS | RAILINGS

705.739.2200

FINISHING YOUR HOME SINCE 1985

BARRIETRIM.COM

Supply & Install Of Quality Interior Finishes – Visit Website To Connect With Us
52 Saunders Road, Barrie | Follow Us @BarrieTrim





We Thrive In Putting Quality Back Into Custom Building.



Custom Homes & Cottages • Renovations • Additions • Stairs

Bus: 705 549 0436 | Cell: 705 791 9197 | www.jvlhomes.ca

Joel Laurin jvlhomes@sympatico.ca | Find us on Facebook & Instagram!

HunterDouglas



SHADES
OF
SUMMER
SALE

SALNEK'S
CUSTOM WINDOW TREATMENTS
Covering Windows for over 30 years

BARRIE • 705.737.4200

34 CEDAR POINTE DR. #507, BARRIE

BARRIE • BURLINGTON • COLLINGWOOD
TORONTO • DUNDAS • MARKHAM

WWW.SALNEK.CA



Design Studio™ Drapery Side Panels With Roman Shades

CLEAN INVESTING STRATEGY

POSITIVE IMPACT WITH POSITIVE RETURNS

We care about our business impact. Do you care about your investment's impact?



To make one ton of paper towels 17 trees are cut down & 20,000 gallons of water are polluted.¹ Cloth towels and napkins are good choices.

Contact Executive Wealth Advisors today to explore your 'Clean' investment options to make an impact.



Jackie Ramler, MBA, CFP, FMA, RIA, CIM, FCSI
Portfolio Manager & Branch Manager

705-721-5919
jackie.ramler@raymondjames.ca
www.executivewealthadvisors.ca

Serving Simcoe Country and surrounding areas.
Offices are located in Barrie, Midland and Elmville.

¹ <https://www.drgreene.com/perspectives/13-facts-about-home-paper-products-that-may-inspire-you-to-hug-a-tree>

Executive
Wealth Advisors

RAYMOND JAMES®

Securities-related products and services are offered through Raymond James Ltd., Member - Canadian Investor Protection Fund. No recommendation of any product or service would be made without a thorough review of an individual's financial goals and risk tolerance.



Leon's

WHERE YOU'RE
part of the family

style
YOUR HOME
with Leon's Orillia



WE JUST HAVE
MORE!



More Flooring In Stock, **More** Prices You'll Love.

Hardwood | LVT | Area Rugs | Vinyl | Laminate | Carpet **and More!**

End OF THE ROLL™

Discount Carpet & Flooring

f @endoftheroll @endoftheroll_

Barrie

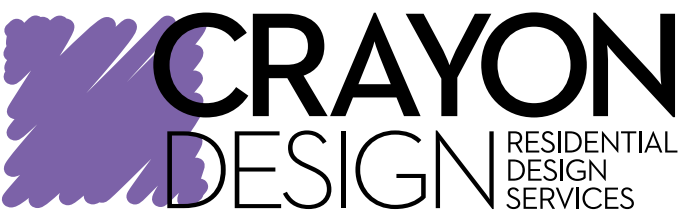
129 Maplevue Dr W
705.727.9805

Newmarket

20 Davis Dr
905.953.9025

555 MEMORIAL AVE, ORILLIA | 705.326.3505 | MACDONALDFAMILYLEONS.CA

Responsible Renovations and New Construction



14 Cedar Pointe Drive, Unit 1511, Barrie
705-252-3004 416-778-7606
WorkWithUs@CrayonDesign.com
www.CrayonDesign.com [CrayonDesignInteriors](#)

OUR HOMES SPECIAL ADVERTISING FEATURE

DREAM BIG. GIVE BIG.

Tom ‘The Dreamer’ Mattresses is a family-owned business conceived to offer Canadians a local mattress brand that keeps profits here at home instead of buying big name box stores brands which send most profits back to corporate America. Our mattresses are manufactured right here in Ontario, using **MORE** Canadian material than any of those big name box store brands. **PLUS** we have **DOUBLE the warranty** than those same brands.

And that’s not all. We’re about to take it up a notch with our new Mission. We are paying it forward by **donating ONE FREE MATTRESS**

FOR EVERY MATTRESS SOLD. To kick things off, we will be donating a **FREE** mattress for every mattress we sell, to the local hospital or charity of choice in the hometown/area of the purchaser. Our **MISSION** is to help everyone in Canada get a better night’s sleep, no matter the situation or location. A better mattress can be the difference of feeling just a little bit better each morning, even if you are only getting a couple hours per night.

It doesn’t end there! As an additional ‘**THANK YOU**’ for supporting our **MISSION**, you will also receive **FREE** with your mattress purchase, the following: 2 pillows, 2 pillow protectors, mattress protector, and of course **FREE** shipping Canada-wide!!!

Please call or email to book your appointment to come in and try one of our 10 models, varying from memory foam, latex, hybrids, pocket coil pillow top and more.

MADE IN CANADA
& FAMILY-OWNED

Tyler Chatterson
Owner

Rosie
Best Friend

Tom “The Dreamer” MacDonald
Appliance & Mattress Manager

FREE
with your
mattress purchase

2 pillows, 2 pillow protectors,
mattress protector, and of course
FREE shipping Canada-wide!!!

**A MATTRESS
DONATED**
FOR EVERY
MATTRESS SOLD

Please call or email to book an appointment. Open 7 days a week.

Chatterson’s Home Furniture
101 Pretty River Parkway, Collingwood | 519-379-8440 | tom@chattersons.com
Thanks for your support.

CALL OR EMAIL US TO
SCHEDULE A VIRTUAL DESIGN
CONSULTATION!



Silhouette® & Luminette®

Savour your moment in the sun.

Nothing improves your mood like the summer sun.
Our innovative window shadings let you fully embrace
the season and control the amount of light you choose to let in.
Diffuse the sun's rays, reduce glare and bask in the moment.

Own the Light.™



COMPLETE BLINDS
HunterDouglas

705.727.0567
102 Commerce Park Dr. Unit 12
Barrie, ON L4N 8W8
sales@completeblinds.com
www.completeblinds.com



CREATIVE DESIGN Stairs & Railing Inc.

Taking You to the Next Level...

From simple straight, to custom curved stairs. Winders, open-risers, and even structural, steel centre stringer stairs.
We offer our quality crafted staircases in virtually any species of wood. We also offer a variety of other products including:
Hardwood & Vinyl Flooring | Fireplace Mantels/Shelves | False Beams/Post Wraps | Interior/Exterior Ghostwood Siding



1.877.418.1155 | 705.325.1155
851 West Ridge Blvd., Orillia ON | info@cdsr.ca | www.cdsr.ca

Now Serving: Collingwood, The Blue Mountains, Thornbury, Owen Sound & Surrounding Areas!



Alaskan Yellow Cedar has been a popular choice for deck, docks, fences and wall cladding out west for a long time. It has a very uniform yellow colour, small tight knot specific, fine and straight grain structure, and a very small band of sapwood which is hard to distinguish from the heart wood.

For a direct comparison to WRC here are a few highlights:

- Slow growing resulting in a much denser wood
- Higher in bending strength, stiffness, compression, shear & cleavage
- Same treatability and ability to hold stains as Western Red Cedar
- Holds screws & nails better
- Can be left to weather naturally for a nice silver grey colour
- Insect and decay resistant

IN STOCK & READY FOR PICK UP OR DELIVERY.

TRANS CANADA Public Welcome!
WOOD PRODUCTS LTD.
lumber store

705.721.1116
7735 County Road 27, Barrie
PO Box 7189, Innisfil, ON L9S 1L0
www.transcanadagroup.on.ca

STYLE • COMFORT • IDEAS • REAL ESTATE
ourhomes
BARRIE ORILLIA MIDLAND INNISFIL

REGIONAL PUBLISHERS Jamie Jefferson
Georgette McCulloch
REGIONAL MANAGING EDITOR Georgette McCulloch
REGIONAL PRODUCTION MANAGER Tracy Shuttleworth
MARKETING & ADVERTISING Jamie Jefferson
o: 705.445.5065 x211, c: 705.730.3827
jamie.jefferson@ourhomes.ca
Suzanne Strong, 705.446.4877
suzanne.strong@ourhomes.ca
Glenda Wiedeman, 705.446.4997
glenda.wiedeman@ourhomes.ca

REACH US EASILY: firstname.lastname@ourhomes.ca

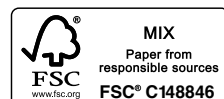
OUR HOMES is a registered trademark of OUR HOMES MEDIA GROUP INC.
OUR HOMES Barrie Orillia Midland Innisfil is published four times a year.
OUR HOMES is distributed via free pick up to residents of Simcoe County at high traffic locations throughout the region. Copies of OUR HOMES are also sent via unaddressed mail to select residential neighbourhoods and Barrie and area business leaders, and via direct mail to select builders, architects, trades and professionals.
Please send all letters and/or feedback to OUR HOMES Magazine,
25 Elgin St., Collingwood, ON Canada L9Y 3L6. Or email us at editor@ourhomes.ca.
All letters received are subject to editing for grammar and length.

OUR HOMES MEDIA GROUP INC:

EDITORIAL	PRODUCTION
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Georgette McCulloch	PRODUCTION DIRECTOR Lynn Derrick
ASSOCIATE EDITOR Kristin Schnelten	PRODUCTION MANAGERS Julia Dempsey, Kelly Donaldson, Tracy Shuttleworth
DIGITAL EDITOR Rachael Havens	
MANAGING EDITORS Nancy Belgue, Liz Bruckner, Walter Franczyk, Mary Hatt, Gina Makkar, Sara Martin, Tiffany Mayer, Georgette McCulloch, Melissa North, Janet White Bardwell, Heather Wright	OPERATIONS MANAGING DIRECTOR, SALES & MARKETING Jamie Jefferson jamie.jefferson@ourhomes.ca MANAGING DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS Georgette McCulloch ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE & DIRECTOR OF DISTRIBUTION Lisa Ormsby REGIONAL ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE Suzanne Strong BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT Kelly Craig ACCOUNTING Tyler Annette
ART ART DIRECTOR Tara Chattell ASSOCIATE ART DIRECTORS Sheila Britton, Robynne Sangiuliano DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY Jason Hartog	

CONTRIBUTORS
Larry Arnal, Michelle Berwick, M. Carolyn Black, Sheila Britton, Tara Chattell,
Dale Darcy, Kathleen Duncan, Nigel Eves, Sascha Lafleur, Sandy MacKay,
Georgette McCulloch, Jenelle McCulloch, Tamarisk McNalty Stephens,
Melanie Rekola, Lynne Richardson, West Of Main Design, Denise Willson
Advertisements and the content, including photos, of advertisements published within OUR HOMES magazine are supplied solely by the advertiser and neither the publisher nor OUR HOMES Media Group Inc. accept responsibility for opinions expressed in advertisements or for copyright issues with regards to photos, advertising copy and advertisements, nor shall they be held liable thereby. By act of reading this publication, all advertisers and readers agree to indemnify and hold harmless both OUR HOMES Media Group Inc., and the publisher thereby. Copyright ©2021 OUR HOMES Media Group Inc. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is prohibited.

OUR HOMES CAN BE FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING MARKETS:
• Barrie/Orillia/Midland • Grey Bruce • London • Muskoka • Niagara
• Oakville/Burlington/Mississauga/Hamilton • Ottawa • Peterborough
• Southern Georgian Bay • Toronto & York Region
• Wellington County/Orangeville/Caledon/Waterloo Region • Windsor



Design it Your Way!

Michael Miller - Interior Decorator

Over 30 Years Experience

Free In-Home Consultation

We Offer Quality, Canadian Furniture

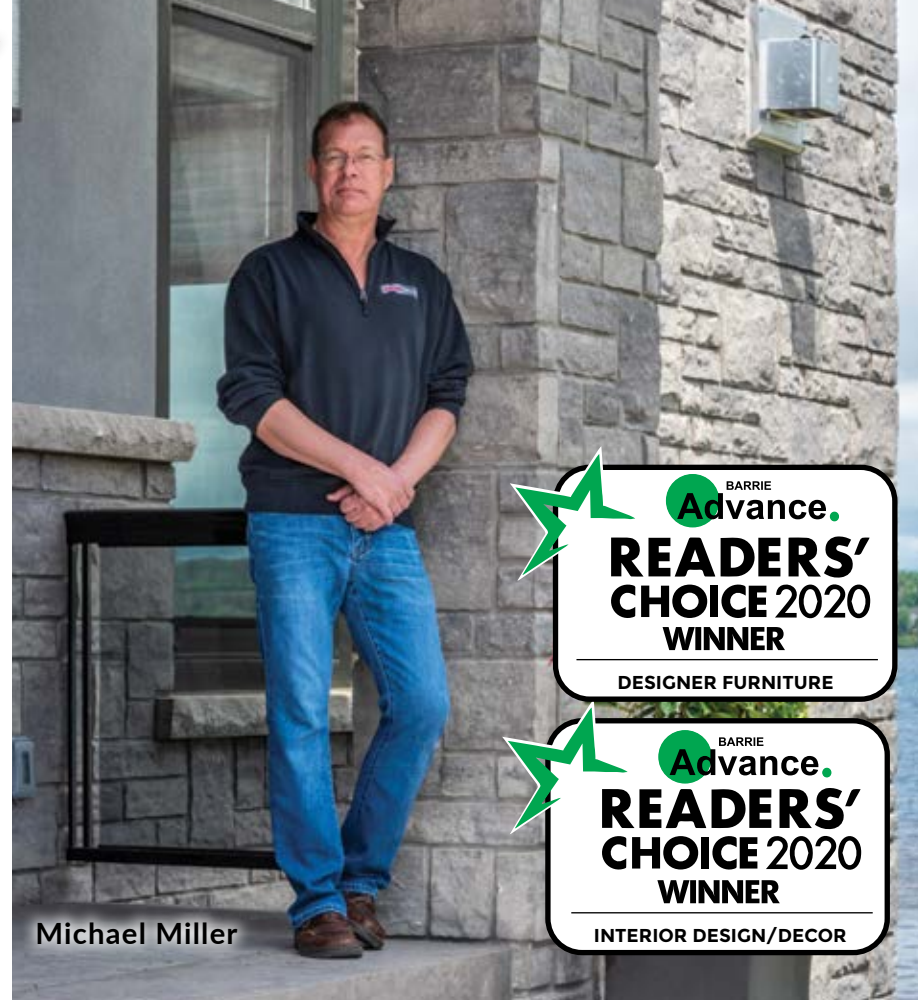
Customize the Style, Colour & Configuration

Come Visit Our 10,000 Square Foot Showroom



705.735.1825 www.abodadecor.com
31 Commerce Park Drive, Barrie

ABODA DECOR



MILESTONE
CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION

Milestone Custom Construction is more than just a builder – contact us today to find out about the other fine services we offer.

CUSTOM BUILDS • RENOVATIONS
HOME ADDITIONS • OUTDOOR LIVING SPACES

DESIGNED & BUILT FOR WHAT YOU LOVE

YOUR NEW HOME AWAITS

705.333.0396 / milestonecc@rogers.com / www.milestonecc.com / @milestone.cc



SIMCOE
LAWN & GARDEN SERVICES

705.345.8523

PROUDLY SERVING SIMCOE NORTH

SERVICES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:
LAWN MAINTENANCE, GARDENING SERVICES,
INSTALLING MULCH, TOPSOIL, RIVER ROCK & SOD,
SEASONAL CLEAN UPS & SNOW REMOVAL.



will@simcoelawnandgardenservices.com
www.simcoelawnandgardenservices.ca

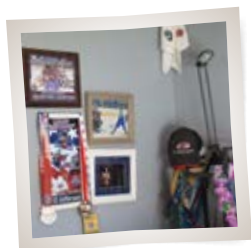
SIMCOE LAWN & GARDEN SERVICES IS FULLY INSURED & LICENSED

editor's note



I'VE ALWAYS HAD A SOFT SPOT FOR ANY HOME FULL of personality, but the houses we feature in this issue have me thinking about homes with soul – emotional energy that runs through the land, into the walls and covers every room.

I think of my own home and the decades of living that my husband, two sons and I have shared in these rooms, in the yard and around our neighbourhood. Does my home have soul? You bet it does. I feel it especially when I walk into my sons' rooms; they don't live here full-time anymore but they've left behind bits and pieces of their lives – photos, sports jerseys, books and drawers full of random stuff that I can't bear to toss just yet. When they visit, the house fills with their laughter, their friends – and their laundry! They sit in their spots at the dinner table and on the sofa again. They leave, but energy and new memories remain.



It was wise Lise Leroux-Simurda who brought my attention to soulful homes. Her new home (page 32) was built on a beach her father and grandfather discovered long before anyone thought of building on it.

Chris Bondar, principal of Gilkon Construction, lives in a renovated farmhouse originally owned by his uncle (page 74). It's an idyllic soulful spot, where Chris and his wife Candice are raising their three daughters.

As we ride out the pandemic and stay close to home this summer, remember that our homes are all about making memories that permeate every room inside and out, creating the soul and positive energy we all need during this surreal time.

Georgette

Georgette McCulloch, Editor-In-Chief
georgette.mcculloch@ourhomes.ca

Follow us [f](#) [i](#) [p](#)

Sign up for our newsletter ourhomes.ca/newsletter

online Get more at ourhomes.ca



ORA
KITCHENS AND BATH

**DEDICATED TO CREATING A KITCHEN, BATHROOM OR
SPECIALTY ROOM THAT REFLECTS YOUR LIFESTYLE**

Our team of designers works extensively with each customer to help transform dreams into reality, creating a design both beautiful and functional from a wide selection of styles, colours and features. Fully Canadian-made in Orillia, Ontario, our products are supported by a service team committed to ensure your finished project is one you will be proud to show off! The whole process from concept to completion is made simple and straightforward for our customers to ensure their experience is enjoyable and rewarding.

100 Hunter Valley Rd, Orillia | www.orakitchens.com | [@ora_kitchensandbath](#)

CONTENTS

SUMMER 2021



ON THE COVER

A beach house legacy build by a father for his daughter. Story, page 32. Photography by Sandy MacKay.



22



LOCAL FEATURES

- 22 Style Picks** Fill your home with design finds selected for the summer season.
- 32 Feature Home** The mayor of Penetanguishine's final build for his daughter on Kingswood Beach.
- 46 Spotlight** Home Options Made Easy is your one-stop shop for every square foot of your home.
- 50 Model Home Tour** A luxe designer condo and a fine custom home display remarkable talent.
- 66 People & Places** Everyone's fixing up their homes. These experts can help accomplish your goals.
- 74 Home & Builder** An exceptional custom builder adds a Scandi-style addition to his Wyevale farmhouse.

DEPARTMENTS

- 16 Editor's Note**
- 20 Advice** Think Before You Buy
- 26 Cooking At Home** Next-Level Picnic
- 30 Birding** Nesting Stories
- 42 Decorating** Pretty Pastels
- 48 Design Ideas** Nothing's Perfect
- 62 Gardening** Easy Composting
- 64 Real Estate** Plan Your Reno
- 84 Double Take** Chic Deck Décor
- 86 Green Living** Clothes Lines
- 88 Crafty Ideas** Driftwood Circle
- 92 Home Resource Directory**
- 94 Finishing Touch** Switch To Linen

Perkinsfield RUSTIC FURNITURE and Custom Kitchens

YOUR HOME YOUR WAY



Custom Kitchens & Bath | Dining Furniture | Trim | Outdoor Leisure | Mennonite Furniture

Due to COVID-19 - Temporarily By Appointment Only

705.526.1884 | frankbelcourt@perkinsfieldrustic.com

Monday - Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm | Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm



239 County Road 6 South, Tiny ON L0L 2J0 | www.perkinsfieldrustic.com



THE ETHICS OF SOURCING

Interior Designer **Tamarisk McNalty Stephens** shares her ideas.

The housing industry contributes significantly to the Canadian economy and plays an important role in our local – and global – communities. However, the procurement of products involved in the construction, design and decoration of our homes can also have a significant impact on the well-being of both people and the planet.



1. **LUMINAIRE AUTHENTIK:** Talo 12 LA00 & Sub 09 03-LA43 (Drawn, designed and made in Quebec) 2. **MYRA SCOTT TEXTILES:** Sydney Cushion Cover in Jive (Hand-sewn, designed and printed in Canada) 3. **FUSION MINERAL PAINT:** Zero VOC Paints (Made in Canada) 4. **PURPARKET INC.:** Engineered Hardwood Flooring (VOC free, CARB Phase II Compliant and made in Canada)

To meet a growing expectation from consumers, businesses are adopting an ethical sourcing approach to ensure products are obtained responsibly and sustainably. To be effective, it depends upon the integrity of the entire supply chain to include environmental standards as well as a commitment to safe working conditions, fair labour practices and living wages for the workers producing the goods.

In a global economy, with different environmental and social standards across countries, this can be a complex, layered issue – so how do we know where to begin?

Here are some simple ways we can all source more ethically:

Choose less. The most sustainable product is the one that is not produced.

Choose local. A local supply chain reduces shipping, emissions and energy usage.

Choose vintage, reclaimed, recycled or upcycled. Reuse or repurpose a material or product that is already in circulation.

When sourcing, do your own research and don't be afraid to ask the supplier questions on the procurement of goods. Businesses must take responsibility for the goods they provide. A transparent process builds trust with customers.

- Where was this product manufactured?
- How was this product manufactured? What resources and energy were required?
- What raw materials were used in the production? How sustainable are they?

- Does the production of this material cause environmental degradation to the local ecosystem?
- What is the company's policy surrounding ethical sourcing?
- Are the working conditions safe for those who produced the product? Are living wages and fair labour practices ensured?
- What will happen to this product at the end of its useful life? Does the company offer a recycling program? Will it eventually biodegrade? Or will it end up in a landfill?

Several certifications have been developed to help consumers identify responsibly sourced products. Although these certifications provide a good starting point, it's important for buyers to continue asking questions and performing independent research to understand the certification requirements. Consumers can also identify products that may not carry certification, but the producer/supplier/business may still have high independent standards for their procurement of goods. Examples of certifications to look out for:

- Fairtrade – sets standards for sustainable production and livelihoods for factory workers and farmers.
- FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) – responsible forest-management standards.
- GoodWeave – certifies child-labour-free rugs.
- GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard) – products meet strict organic criteria.
- Nest Ethical Handcraft Program – monitors artisan supply chains for ethics and sustainability.
- OEKO-TEX – textile certifications concerning health, environment and fair manufacturing.
- RWS (Responsible Wool Standard) – supports the well-being of sheep and the land they graze on.

A criticism of ethical sourcing is that it does not address the core issue of consumerism. If sustainability is a basic tenet of ethical sourcing, as privileged as we are in the Western world, we must acknowledge that our current rate of consumption is simply not sustainable. We can begin to evaluate basic needs, research the environmental impact of purchases (big and small), prioritize the well-being of people and the planet, support local supply chains and become more intentional and mindful consumers. Aligning our habits of consumption with our values will help contribute to the world we wish to see today – and for future generations. **OH**

FREE ESTIMATES
705.526.8321
jonesaluminum@bellnet.ca
www.jones-aluminum.com

Experience You Can Depend On

With over 2 decades of experience providing quality aluminum work for customers throughout the Midland area, Jones Aluminum is a name you can trust. Our experts work with the best products available from brands like Gentek® and Royal Building Products. We install everything from double-hung windows to vented aluminum soffits.

LOVE YOUR Kitchen Again!

Before *After*

At EcoRefinishers, our professional spray system and products give long lasting, gorgeous quality to your kitchen cabinets while ensuring an eco-friendly environment for you and your family. Refinish your kitchen cabinets with us and we will do our ultimate best to give you the kitchen you've been waiting for.

www.ecorefinishers.com | 705.345.6102



PRYCON
Custom Building & Renovations Inc.
Simply better living.

Building or Renovating?

ADDITIONS • RENOVATIONS • CUSTOM HOMES
Kitchens • Bathrooms • Basements • Garages • Media Rooms • Wine Cellars

Serving Simcoe County and Surrounding Area for Over 25 Years.

36 Morrow Road, Suite 100, Barrie, ON L4N 3V8
705-739-0023
www.prycon.com



1

fresh & fair

Summer’s here and the time is right to add some stylish finds to your home.

PHOTOGRAPHY **SANDY MACKAY**



2

1 DWELLINGS HOME & GIFT
Garden Chimes
The sounds of summer. These garden chimes are soothing and make a wonderful accent for your porch, deck, terrace or balcony. For bell and bee lovers.
2093 Horseshoe Valley Rd. W., Craighurst
705.730.7878 | dwellingsdecor.ca

2 BLAIR INTERIORS & WINDOW FASHIONS
Natural Cleaning Products
The Bare Home’s Joy Bundle offers eco-sustainable cleaning products that are safe for you, your home and the earth. The bundle includes: solid dish soap, natural palm scrubber, bergamot and lime hand soap, a hand-poured coconut and soy candle and an orange citrus sponge cloth.
305 King St., Midland
705.526.0500 | blairinteriors.com

3 OUR HOUSE
Home Fragrances
We all need a little pampering these days. Lothantique’s line of luxurious bath, beauty and home fragrance products come in scents that include verbena, lavender, white tea and grapefruit. Treat yourself and a friend.
55 Dunlop St. E., Barrie
705.725.0829 | ourhousebarrie.com

4 OLIVE OIL CO.
Charcuterie Kit
Everything you need to make delicious charcuterie in a kit. Cheese, bread sticks, olives, chocolate, jelly and olive oil. There’s even a serving board with a dip dish. Makes a lovely gift or a Friday night surprise for your family.
31 Commerce Park Dr., Barrie | 705.792.0300
45 Dunlop St. E., Barrie | 705.503.6457
232 King St., Midland | 705.526.3463
oliveoilco.ca

5 BARRIE LEISURESCAPES
Chaise Lounge
The St. Tropez chaise lounge offers feel-good comfort as you relax by the pool, on the deck or at the cottage. It’s made in Stratford of recycled plastic, available in eight colours and strong enough to outlast the elements. Perfect for a nap in the shade on a hot summer day.
1027 Bayfield St., Midhurst
705.733.9119 | barrieleisurescapes.com

6 DWELLINGS HOME & GIFT
Metal Birds
These metal birds will make you happy. Find a perch inside or out in the garden. Featuring a goldfinch or robin.
2093 Horseshoe Valley Rd., Craighurst
705.730.7878 | dwellingsdecor.ca

Continued on page 24



3

4



5



6



7

ABODA DECOR

Reclining Chair
The Stressless Magic chair comes in three sizes. Your body controls the motion of the chair with its patented glide system. The headrest is adjustable to make sitting a perfect fit.

31 Commerce Park Dr., Barrie
705.735.1825 | abodadecor.com

8

DOTTI POTTS

Mug
The Kalahari San Mug is reminiscent of dried, cracked earth, like the Kalahari Desert. Potter Sandra Silberman draws on her African roots for inspiration in making this matte-glazed porcelain surface. It's food and dishwasher safe.

324 Saunders Rd., Unit 4, Barrie
705.812.3306 | dottipotts.com

9

BATHWORKS

Black Fixtures
Design alert! Matte black is trending for bathrooms. Black sinks and toilets with white vanities, counters and tiles are stunning. Bathworks has everything you need to create a luxurious en suite or glamorous powder room.

516 Bryne Dr., Barrie
705.722.4125 | bathworks.ca ON





Attention to detail, perfection demanded.



DESIGN • RENOVATE • BUILD
CUSTOM PROJECTS • FULL INTERIOR DESIGN STUDIO

CONTACT US TODAY FOR A FREE CONSULTATION

705.528.2815

www.decarlicontractors.com | john@decarlicontractors.com

1209 Sundowner Rd., Midland



Home Decor • Gifts • Local Artisans



705.730.7878

dwellingsdecor.ca

2093 Horseshoe Valley Rd. W., Craighurst, ON



CABINETRY
COUNTERTOPS
FIXTURES
TILE



LINDSAY SCHULTZ

kitchens + cabinetry

www.lskc.ca

FROM CITY TO COTTAGE



pack a PICNIC

RECIPE AND PHOTOGRAPHY
JENELLE MCCULLOCH

MAKE THESE THREE SIMPLE RECIPES
TO-GO FOR YOUR NEXT AL FRESCO MEAL.

CHARCUTERIE PICNIC BOX

There's nothing better than charcuterie for a picnic. Whip up a quick charcuterie box and head to the beach to enjoy the sunset!

A How-To Guide to Charcuterie:



WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Meats and cheeses –
choose 2-3 of
your favourites

Fruits – grapes,
berries and kiwi

Dried fruits – apricots,
figs or dates

Condiments – olives, jams,
grainy mustard and nuts

Crackers and bread

A portable to-go box
– you can use a baking
dish as well

TIPS AND TRICKS

Try layering a variety of textures
and colours. You don't want
similar items next to each other.

Start with the bowls you
will use. These will act as a
placeholder for the rest.

Next, layer in your larger items
(the cheeses and then the
larger fruits).

Crackers come next, then fill in
the spaces with things like dried
fruits and nuts.

Rule of thumb: Start with the
larger items and work your way
into filling the gaps. Finish by
filling your condiment bowls.



TO-GO APEROL SPRITZ

This classic summer cocktail is perfect to enjoy
outdoors. It's easy to make ahead and ideal
for sharing.



INGREDIENTS

Aperol

Dry sparkling wine

Soda

Oranges, to garnish

1L sealable container

DIRECTIONS

The recipe for this cocktail is very
simple – just follow this ratio: 1 part
Aperol and 1 part soda to 2 parts
sparkling wine.

Simply mix together all ingredients in a
resealable container.

Serve over ice with a slice of orange.

Continued on page 28



MASON JAR TIRAMISU

This recipe is the perfect to-go dessert this summer – easy to transport and eat outdoors. It also stays true to the original by utilizing egg yolk to give it a custard-like feel.



- INGREDIENTS** (Serves 6)
- 4 egg yolks
 - ½ cup granulated sugar, separated
 - ¾ cup heavy cream
 - 1 cup mascarpone cheese
 - 1 cup espresso, cold
 - ¼ cup liquor of choice*
 - 12-18 lady fingers**
 - Cocoa powder, for dusting
 - 6 500 ml mason jars

DIRECTIONS

Over a double boiler, whisk together egg yolks and ¼ cup of sugar. Continually whisk for about 10 minutes until the sugar is dissolved and yolks double in size and turn pale yellow. Set aside to cool.

In a separate bowl, whip cream and the remaining sugar until stiff peaks form.

Once cooled, fold the mascarpone cheese into the egg yolk mixture until combined.

Next, gently fold yolk mixture in the whipping cream until combined.

In a shallow bowl, combine espresso and liquor.

TO ASSEMBLE

Break lady fingers into pieces to fit the circumference of the mason jars. This will be a bit messy and won't be perfect. Quickly dip the lady finger pieces into the espresso and place into the mason jar in an even layer.

Top with about two tablespoons of the cream mixture and repeat the layers.

Sprinkle cocoa powder on top to finish.

Place the lid on each jar and store in the fridge for up to one week. They taste better after a few days!

RECIPE NOTES

*Traditionally, tiramisu is made with Marsala wine but you can also use rum, brandy or coffee-flavored liquor.

**Depends on the size of your mason jars.

Traditionally, tiramisu is made with raw egg yolk but this recipe tempers the yolks to ensure safe consumption and shelf life. **OH**



You're Invited!
To a taste experience you will never forget

Sample the highest quality extra virgin olive oils harvested fresh from around the globe and artisan aged balsamic vineyards from Modena, Italy.

NOW 4 LOCATIONS!
Shop online at OliveOilCo.ca
Local Delivery & Contact-less Pickup | We ship across Canada
OILS & VINEGARS. GOURMET FOODS. GIFTS & MORE.



birding

THE BIRDS OF SUMMER

feathering your nest

STORY **LYNNE RICHARDSON** | PHOTOGRAPHY **NIGEL EVES & DALE DARCY**



Bald eagle

WITH THE ONSET OF LENGTHENING DAYS AND WARMER TEMPERATURES, many OUR HOMES readers will be familiar with the urge to change up winter clothes and comforters and feather their nest with fresh décor for the fine weather ahead. It's something we have in common with the avian migrants that have just returned to our backyards, fields, forests and lakes – the birds have transformed their drab winter wear into fresh and colourful spring wardrobes. Once winter settles into spring, thoughts turn to summer construction season, for humans and birds alike.

MASTER BUILDERS

From hummingbirds, the original “tiny house” builders, to osprey and eagles with their palatial lakeside and rural homes, birds are master architects and master builders. Much of this construction gets underway right in your own backyard. If you want to expand your knowledge of bird biology you can be the local bird building inspector! A typical property with established trees, shrubs and gardens could easily be home to up to 10 different species of birds, all working on their nest projects. It can be a fascinating deck-chair study to see just how many species are exercising squatter's rights on your property for the season.



House wren



Yellow warbler on nest



Red-eyed vireo on nest



Baltimore oriole nest

MASTER ARCHITECTS

Each bird builds its nest with an architectural style unique to their particular species. Each style perfectly suits the species' needs. Exuberant house wrens are easily attracted to bird boxes and will stuff it high with fine twigs. Occasionally a sweet little chickadee will use the birdhouse and fill it with only the softest quality materials. In more rural settings the bluebird of happiness will gladly occupy a bird box, as will the tree swallow, which will swoop by with incomparable grace. Chirping sparrows, with their jaunty red caps and sporty white eyeliner, and serenading song sparrows will seek shelter in lower, thicker shrubberies, lining their tightly spun fine grass cups with cosy hair or fur linings. Mourning doves are not famous for their nest-building abilities – a few twigs laid on a supporting spruce branch will do. The ubiquitous robin will build its sturdy, mud-lined grass nest on almost any tree branch or ledge. Eastern phoebes will construct their lovely, moss-covered nests under an eave, often on a light fixture – if a robin doesn't get there first. Cardinals and blue jays will hide their rather large but loose twig nests deep in your cedar hedge. Brilliant Baltimore orioles, master architects, will hang their intricately woven deep pouch nests from the outer branches of tall backyard trees. Meanwhile, goldfinches will wait until later in the summer when thistledown is available to line their lovely nest beds. Depending on your location, numerous other species may be busy at work in quiet corners of your yard as well.

AN ABUNDANCE OF BIRDS

Discovering this hidden activity can open your eyes to the secret life of birds. Birds are the most apparent form of wildlife you will encounter. Just think, you might see a few mammals in your yard once in a while, but it's possible to see dozens upon dozens of different bird species migrating through or stopping to nest from time to time. To give you an idea of the possibilities: I've documented 292 different species in, flying over, or seen from my yard alone! Obviously, there's a lot of time involved staring out the windows, but it's time well spent, considering the interest and entertainment songbirds bring.

DO NOT DISTURB

While observing nests and watching hatchlings grow on their bellies full of bugs (gleaned from your yard as a free pesticide service) can be exciting, always be mindful of the Code of Birding Ethics – the welfare of the birds and their habitats come first! Do Not Disturb! Resist the urge to get up close and personal. If adult birds become agitated, back off. Some birds such as red-winged blackbirds and the elegant barn swallow are not afraid to take you on with all of their 50 grams of heft behind them.

Finally, while you're enjoying your new-found feathered friends, perhaps think a bit about how you can give back to them. Incorporate native trees, shrubs and flowers in your landscaping plans. Native species provide a much greater abundance of higher-quality natural food sources birds require. Hang a hummingbird feeder, put out oranges for orioles, nuts for the nuthatches and sunflower seeds for almost all others. And sit back and enjoy! **OH**

Lynne Richardson is a retired environmental planner, now active in natural heritage conservation and citizen science projects, with a focus on birds.



Tree swallow

ASPHALT • CONCRETE
RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL

www.roadreadiepaving.com
705.719.0074 • 1.855.607.PAVE

**MOONSTONE
TIMBER FRAME**

A proud member of the Timber Framers Guild of North America

Timber Frame Homes • Dovetail & Log Homes • Round & Square Post & Beam • Cottages, Barns & Additions • Gazebos, Pergolas & Pavilions • Heavy Timber Trusses • Staircases & Railings
Construction & Installation • Custom Design & Engineering
5805 9th Line North Oro-Medonte, ON L0K 1N0
705.835.3721
info@moonstonetimberframe.com
www.moonstonetimberframe.com

Forest Hill

REAL ESTATE INC. • BROKERAGE

We are both longtime cottagers on Lake Simcoe. Because of this we have a vested interest and we make it our business to know value, bylaws and environmental issues that could impact the purchase and sale of your property. We represent both Buyers and Sellers with a genuine enthusiasm...we love the lifestyle and our Lake Simcoe properties are more than just a summer home to us.
Service Is Our Specialty.
Kelly Lazar, CGA, CPA • Sales Representative
Office: 416.488.2875 - Toll Free: 1.800.466.2218 - Direct: 416.930.0787
kellyjlazar@gmail.com
David Wagman • Sales Representative | Managing Partner
Office: 416.488.2875 - Toll Free: 1.800.466.2218 - Direct: 416.414.0007

feature



Lise and Dave Simurda built their forever home, a Craftsman Cape Cod, near where Lise grew up on Georgian Bay. "It is more than water, views, sand, sunsets and shoreline," says Lise. "It is a way of life: Bay life."



LEGACY BUILD

on the beach

STORY **GEORGETTE MCCULLOCH** | PHOTOGRAPHY **SANDY MACKAY** | FLOWERS **FRESH BY LEANNE**

Lise Leroux-Simurda believes every home has a soul and should have a namesake. “Ours is *Baie Sableux*,” she says of her new home on Kingswood Beach North. “It’s a reference to this beach by my father, grandfather and many other locals predating the inception of the name Kingswood.”



ABOVE: The Simurdas’ all-white kitchen was crafted by Perkinsfield Rustic Furniture and Custom Kitchens. Frank Belcourt and his team also made the counter-height stools. White oak flooring throughout the home came from Wye River Flooring.
LEFT: The large, organized and functional kitchen pantry provides storage for supplies, small appliances and serving dishes. There’s even an extra spot for food prep.

It was her father Douglas Leroux who led Lise and her husband Dave Simurda to the beautiful location on the last stretch of Tiny Beaches North. “My father’s family summered at this beach in the 40s and 50s before it was ever developed because of its solitude and beautiful sandy beach,” says Lise.

She also convinced her father, a well-respected, now-retired custom builder, to make this stunning Craftsman Cape Cod home his last project before winning the election as Mayor of Penetanguishene.

“He was a builder for more than 45 years, but he has also been civically active in his community for well over 40 years, in many different capacities,” says Lise. “Therefore, we struck a deal: He would help to oversee this last build if I agreed to be on site to meet with a lot of the subtrades.”

They tore down an old Viceroy on the lot and donated or upcycled most of the material to friends, family and other contractors for their own cottages. *Continued on page 37*

“NOT ONLY WAS THIS MY FATHER’S LAST BUILD, IT IS ASSUREDLY OUR FOREVER HOME.” - Lise



ABOVE: More than a mudroom, this area of the home has armoire-style cabinetry designed to store seasonal clothing and provides a convenient spot for putting on and taking off shoes, boots, coats and jackets. **LEFT:** Benjamin Moore Chantilly Lace covers the walls throughout the main areas of the home. Lise purchased sofas, chairs and occasional tables at Saturday Afternoons. **BELOW:** Perkinsfield Rustic Furniture made the large round dining room table that fits 10 comfortably. A tulip-style chandelier from Pottery Barn is a stunner. The walls are painted Atmosphere Blue by Restoration Hardware. **BELOW LEFT:** A farmhouse sink is set between the washer and dryer in the smartly designed laundry room. The walls are Benjamin Moore Crystal Blue.



“Salvaging as much of that material was important to us so that as little as possible went to landfill,” says Lise. Construction began in October 2018, and the bulk of the build was completed by November of 2019. “The lower level and walk-out basement became my husband’s pandemic project and was finished by March.”

A rare find with more than 100 feet of shoreline on one acre, the design takes advantage of water views on Georgian Bay. “It really is irreplaceable artwork, changing as the seasons dictate,” says Lise. Every room is dominated by an abundance of oversize windows. While the exterior maintains many of the characteristics of a coastal Craftsman, including multiple roof planes, decorative corbels, cedar shakes and

generous porches, the interior millwork is very simple and unadorned, befitting a Craftsman.

“The colour palette I selected was predominantly white as a backdrop, and then I incorporated varying shades of blue and colour blocked walls and ceilings instead of wrapping rooms in an entire colour,” says Lise. “In this manner, the colours complement the rooms instead of dominating them.” Lise changes slipcovers and artwork seasonally, so a neutral background allows her talent for decorating to shine. Sofas, chairs and occasional tables were purchased at **Saturday Afternoons**. Window coverings and bedding were purchased at **Blair Interiors & Window Fashions**. *Continued on page 38*



ABOVE: A fabulous flower-filled Martha Stewart rug anchors the living room. Open shelving, fireplace surround and built-ins by Perkinsfield Rustic Furniture and Custom Kitchens line the wall. All window coverings are from Blair Interiors and Window Fashions. **RIGHT:** Perkinsfield Rustic and Mike Lepage of Leroux Contracting worked together to custom-design and install the staircase to the bedrooms upstairs. **FAR RIGHT:** The office is also a book-lover’s dream with floor-to-ceiling shelves and light pouring in from several windows.





LEFT: The coastal décor continues in the guest bedroom where Lise painted an accent wall Benjamin Moore Hale Navy. The four-poster bed is layered in blue and white linens for a comfortable sleep. The white oak flooring is reminiscent of the sand on the beach along Georgian Bay. **ABOVE:** Another guest bedroom above the garage has sleeping room for eight; some beds have trundles. **BELOW LEFT:** The primary bedroom has a king size bed with a weaved headboard and nickel light sconces wired above the bedside tables. Paisley bedding is from Blair Interiors & Window Fashions. **BELOW RIGHT:** The primary en suite in all white has a double vanity by Perkinsfield Rustic Furniture and Custom Kitchens with curved sink faucets, a vessel tub under the window and a large, glass shower. The marble floor is from Wye River Flooring.

Lise and Dave praise **Frank Belcourt** and his team at **Perkinsfield Rustic Furniture and Custom Kitchens** for his superb work throughout their home. “They have stamped every single room in our home with their meticulous and expert craftsmanship. From the kitchen to the mudroom, our walk-in closet, study and laundry room, to the bathroom vanities, fireplace mantels, and even some of the furniture.”

Millwork, says the builder’s daughter, is extremely important in a home’s overall look. “If light fixtures and plumbing are the jewelry of a home, then millwork is the apparel.” Nothing, she says, was too hard for Frank and his team. “I would design it, and they would simply build it.”

S. Charlebois Haulage was also instrumental in the project. “They quite literally moved our first boulder – doing all things required from an excavating contractor – to placing our last stone and helping us execute all of the landscaping from the shore’s edge to the road,” says Lise. *Continued on page 40*



LOVE
what you buy
Like
what you spend

SA
saturday afternoons
home store

225 King St., Midland
705.526.5226
www.saturdayafternoons.ca

f p i



BLAIR Interiors & Window Fashions

Celebrating Over 30 Years in Business!

FREE in home consultation!
Our experienced design professionals will help you select window treatments that meet your needs for privacy, light control, energy efficiency and child safety. We will also help choose colours, textures and finishes to complement your decor. Contact us today to get started!

Find us online at:
www.blairinteriors.com
www.shopmidland.com/blair
f @blairinteriors i #blairinteriors



With Hunter Douglas, the possibilities are endless.

**Featured: Designer Screen Solar Shades Offering UV Protection*

HunterDouglas

Blair Interiors & Window Fashions
305 King Street Midland
705.526.0500



ABOVE: Al fresco dining is part of living on Kingswood Beach. Lise swims daily from May until October. **ABOVE LEFT:** Sturdy and beautiful outdoor furniture is made of recycled plastic and was purchased at Perkinsfield Kitchen & Bath. The Simurdas purchased all their flowering shrubs and perennials at Mountainview Nurseries. **BELOW:** The lower level was just completed. It's Dave's spot. Frank Belcourt and his team covered the walls in shiplap and added rustic built-ins around the fireplace. There's a place to dine or play cards when the weather is poor and a walkout to the sun when it shines.





Other trades that deserve a nod are **Triple Tech Plumbing, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Inc.**, **Phil Gibson** (framing) and **Mike Lepage**, Douglas's foreman for 26 years, who did most of the finishing carpentry.

"Not only was this my father's last build, it is assuredly our forever home," says Lise. "We are now retired, and the solitude and privacy of this beach makes sense for this time in our lives. Although my grandfather Leroux has not been with us all these many years, I believe he is watching down on us with a pleasing eye." **OH**

LOCAL SOURCE GUIDE

- Balm Beach House of Glass • Barber & Haskill • Baumer's Electrical Services • Blair Interiors & Window Fashions • Fresh By Leanne • Huronia Alarms • Huronia Steel Sales & Building Supplies • Daren LaCroix • Mike Lepage • Douglas Leroux • Mountainview Nurseries • Perkinsfield Kitchen & Bath • Perkinsfield Rustic Furniture and Custom Kitchens • Rona Building Supplies • Saturday Afternoons • S. Charlebois Haulage • Simcoe Door and Trim • Triple Tech Plumbing Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Inc. • Tripp's Paint Shoppe • Wye River Flooring • York West Plumbing





S. CHARLEBOIS
HAULAGE AND EXCAVATING LTD.

PROUDLY SERVING OUR COMMUNITY
FOR OVER 50 YEARS

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • SEPTIC SYSTEMS • ROAD BUILDING
LOT CLEARING • LANDSCAPING • SHORELINE • TOPSOIL • GRAVEL

705-533-2596
www.charleboishaulage.com
430 CONCESSION 16 EAST, TINY, ON



TRIPLE TECH
WHATEVER IT TAKES:

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL



bryant Factory Authorized Dealer
Heating & Cooling Systems

HVAC/R PROFESSIONALS
Heating • Air Conditioning • Ventilation • Geothermal • Refrigeration
Gas Appliance Installs
Natural Gas • Heat Pumps • Propane

705.333.TECH (8324)
www.tripletech.ca | reception@tripletech.ca

24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
Serving Barrie, Elmvale, Midhurst, Midland, Penetanguishene,
Wasaga Beach & Surrounding Areas



fresh
by leanne^{td}

705.527.1515
www.midlandflorist.ca
212 King Street, Midland





flower
nook.
by fresh

705.686.3687
www.freshflownook.com
11 Coldwater Road, Coldwater

 @freshbyleanne 

STORY MICHELLE BERWICK
PHOTOGRAPHY LARRY ARNAL

Pastel PALETTE

The world is craving a little whimsy. Requests from our clients have gone from “keep it neutral” and “keep it white” to “let’s have a little fun.” Enter the pastel palette. Let us show you how to sprinkle this whimsical colour scheme into your home in fresh new ways.



Blush



These tones vibe seamlessly in most colour schemes.

Blue



Soft ocean-like blues carry us away.

Purple



These hues are reminiscent of spring blossoms.

Mint & Teal



Whimsical and fun but not overpowering.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO INCORPORATE THESE SOFT HUES INTO YOUR SPACE.



PAINT

Paint an accent wall and repeat that colour through accessories. The shade doesn't need to match perfectly; mixing and matching shades of the same colour creates dimension and sophistication.

Spray your kitchen island. People are usually scared to do this. We often hear, “What if we don't like it in 10 years?” We would rather you be in love with something for seven-to-10 years than feel blah about it for 15.

Refinish your furniture. You don't always have to resort to white. Sometimes a soft colour can feel like a neutral.

Paint your cabinetry. A minty hue on lower cabinets can be an unexpected surprise when entering a kitchen. Don't forget about your laundry room! A perfect spot to really go for it. *Continued on page 44*

BREEZEWOOD FLOORS
SOLID & ENGINEERED
CANADIAN HARDWOOD FLOORING

MADE IN ONTARIO • DIRECT FROM THE SAWMILL
Made with Sustainably Harvested Local Hardwoods
LOW CARBON FOOTPRINT • VOC FREE FINISHES

PLUS trim, moulding and more • See us for all your hardwood needs!

BREEZEWOOD FACTORY STORES

TILLSONBURG 1300 Jackson Side Rd Courtland, ON 519.688.3553	KITCHENER 1580 Huron Road Petersburg, ON 519.696.2424	BASS LAKE ORILLIA 4071 Digby Road Orillia, ON 705.326.3965
---	---	--

breezewoodfloors.ca f t i p

Forest Hill
REAL ESTATE INC • BROKERAGE

Prime Sutton
Live - Work Investment Property

Located in historical downtown Sutton this 1,695 sq. ft. storefront located on a prime street features a 1,070 sq. ft. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper apartment. A turnkey investment that features main floor commercial where you can operate your own salon, retail, bakery, diner or intimate restaurant that is steps away from your apartment or rental. A great investment that boasts many possibilities. Only 5 minutes to Jackson's Point & 45 minutes to Toronto.

Kelly Lazar, CGA, CPA • Sales Representative
Office: 416.488.2875 - Toll Free: 1.800.466.2218 - Direct: 416.930.0787
kellyjlazar@gmail.com

David Wagman • Sales Representative | Managing Partner
Office: 416.488.2875 - Toll Free: 1.800.466.2218 - Direct: 416.414.0007

Gregor Homes

Quality Custom Homes, Additions, and Renovations

Create a space you and your family will love.

705-721-3354
Call Us Today for a FREE Consultation

decorating



TILE

Yes, bring on the tiles! We know it can be scary, but you won't regret it. We love using a bold colour or pattern on a tile, especially when it's a spot with only a little bit of square footage like a shower niche.



ARTWORK

A large-scale colour print will work wonders in a space and is a great opportunity to showcase your personality. Incorporating a mural can also be a fun way to add colour to a room.



ACCESSORIES

It's one of the easiest ways to take the plunge into pops of colour. Little art pieces for shelves, decorative objects and books are all small ways to make a big impact.

FLORALS

Make it temporary. Florals are a wonderful way to incorporate a fresh pop of colour. The best part is you can switch between whatever colours you want that week. **OH**



Designer Michelle Berwick specializes in residential and commercial interior design.



FABRIC

A few toss cushions? A comforter? Even a throw blanket. No need to go wild; we want the colours to speak for themselves.

Layering colourful patterns and textures in your space will bring the room to life. Whether large or small scale, pattern brings a playfulness to a room.



Home Décor Solutions:
Interior Decorating | Colour Consultations | Installation
Hardwood | Ceramic | Carpet | Laminate | Vinyl
Benjamin Moore Paints | Hunter Douglas Window Fashions | Wall Coverings

HunterDouglas



Benjamin Moore®

Paint like no other.™

IRVINE
CARPET ONE® FLOOR & HOME

514 Bayfield St. Barrie ON 705.728.5566 • 494 Veterans Dr. Barrie ON 705.728.5567
irvinecarpetone.com



Luke Tosky and Rusty

There's no place like HOME

PHOTOGRAPHY SANDY MACKAY

THE PLACE

Home Options Made Easy (H.O.M.E) offers design, project management, product supply and creative thinking for all your home building and renovation needs. The design centre in Barrie's south end showcases the most sought-after materials to complete your new kitchen, bathroom, whole-home renovation or new build.

THE SERVICES

Owner Luke Tosky and the design team walk clients through their renovation every step of the way towards completing that new kitchen, bathroom, laundry room, mudroom or other home project. Services include an initial in-home consultation, professional measuring and design packages, including spacial layouts, full-colour 3D renderings, product selection and estimates. In-house designers also work hand-in-hand with local contractors and builders to create a seamless project plan.



THE PRODUCTS

It's all about options and there are plenty to pick from in the H.O.M.E showroom. Specializing in cabinetry of all styles, the team's favourite lines include KitchenCraft and H.O.M.E custom cabinetry. Kitchens come with all the bells and whistles, including drawers for pots and pans plus pantry, spice and garbage pullouts. You will also find faucets from Delta and Bristol, Cambria quartz, Beaulieu and COREtec flooring, tile from Daltile and X-tile and so much more. Discover everything you need for your project, big or small, in one place.

RENOVATION TRENDS

Designer and sales rep Melissa Guay says custom colours for cabinetry and islands are popular right now. "Trends are always coming back around," she says. Clients are seeking smart designs with creative storage solutions in fully functional, beautiful kitchens and bathrooms. Custom millwork is also in demand.



FORECAST FOR 2021

Luke says 2021 is shaping up to be another great year for home renovations. "With travel way down, the extra income people saved for family trips is now being spent on renovating," he says. "The biggest issue I see is the quality of workmanship. I can't stress enough that homeowners looking to get work done should go to a reputable company and not seek the cheapest price. Our team focuses on client satisfaction and we go the extra mile to ensure the best trades are intertwined into each project."

PARTNERS

The H.O.M.E team partners with many local companies, trades, designers, contractors and builders to bring projects to life. **OH**

Get There

130 Saunders Rd., Unit 7, Barrie
705.503.4663 | homeoptionseasy.ca



PERFECTLY

imperfect

STORY **SASCHA LAFLEUR**
PHOTOGRAPHY **WEST OF MAIN DESIGN**

This world is full of wonderful things that happen entirely by accident, but when it comes to our homes, the “perfectly imperfect” aesthetic doesn’t always come by chance. Though effortlessly curated in appearance, this distinctive style is quite deliberate, reflecting unique lives and interests, and the home that’s at the heart of it all.

From a design perspective, “imperfectly perfect” interiors have been gaining popularity as the world becomes more accepting of imperfection and increasingly seeks out the beauty in it. Gone are the unattainable, stress-inducing standards of perfection. This interior trend is all about living our best life in comfort and style. Here’s how to get this look.

MIX OLD AND NEW

Vintage pieces are key to this aesthetic. If it’s distressed, aged and faded, all the better. Remember, they’re not just scratches, they’re stories. One reason I really love this style is that it doesn’t demand the purchase of all-new items; the contrast between old and new can be quite beautiful. Some newly purchased furnishings and accessories can make your vintage pieces pop in a way that’s uniquely you. This style is also conducive to upcycling cast-off furnishings with some new upholstery and a fresh coat of paint.

Generally speaking, avoid anything that’s too matchy-matchy and aim for eclectic and artisanal. Look for contrasts and combine a variety of materials such as wood, glass, lacquer, metal and mirror. The goal is for your items to look collected rather than purchased in one afternoon at your local big box store.



Try this: In the kitchen, take the mix-and-match approach to your metallic finishes. For example, try pairing brushed nickel cabinetry hardware with gold-toned lighting or plumbing fixtures. Just keep a consistent temperature – warm with warm, or cool with cool. Alternately, matte black metal is a neutral and trendy option that pairs well with everything.



LIVE IN LAYERS

Textiles can completely change a room, adding warmth and dimension to what would otherwise be a cold and sterile space. Along with this particular aesthetic, pillows and throws were never intended to be neatly lined up and folded into a perfect little square. Just toss, drape and pile them where needed.

Your fabric choices create a mood and set a tone. Layer bold animal and cultural prints with more subtle patterns and solids for instant impact without having to make a huge investment or commitment. You can lighten up your fabrics during the warmer months with linens and cottons and go warmer and heavier during the winter with wool, faux fur and chunky knits.

Consider adding reclaimed antique rugs, window coverings, wall coverings, upholstery and accessories such as cushions and throws. Again, look for variety in colour, vibrancy, pattern and texture.

TELL YOUR STORY

Incorporate sentimental items and found objects that speak to your personal interests and experiences. Find a place to display that retro typewriter or your vintage camera collection. Put yourself out there through things that bring you joy and help tell your story.

Bring added interest to your collections by peppering your display with plants, books and artwork to create mini focal points through the space.

Think in odd numbers when displaying your collections and curios on tabletops, shelves or the fireplace mantel. Arrange your accessories in groups of threes or fives, with the largest item in the middle. This draws attention to the centre of your display and creates balance.



The final piece of decorating advice could easily apply to life as well. Rather than trying to fight the randomness that sometimes surrounds us, embrace it. Do things just because and you might be surprised by the outcome. **OH**

Sascha Lafleur is the principal senior designer at West of Main.

RELATIONSHIP *building*

STORY **KATHLEEN DUNCAN**
PHOTOGRAPHY **SANDY MACKAY**
FLOWERS **FRESH BY LEANNE**

The home was staged by Simply Country and Simply Home Furnishings. A large shag rug from Surya grounds the living room. Two sofas by Brentwood Classics frame the gas fireplace with a dry-stacked stone surround and wood mantel supported by chunky corbels.



In the kitchen, lower cabinets and the island are made of rustic light wood with contrasting white uppers. The hexagon backsplash that runs to the ceiling is a showstopper, along with crisp white quartz counters. The two-tone kitchen set by Ashley Furniture matches the space. Open wooden shelves provide a place to stack dishes or display treasures. **CIRCLE INSET:** A pretty powder room with blue cabinets, a gold faucet and quartz counter.



Nestled into the four-season beauty of Georgian Bay's Midland/Penetanguishene region, this 2,500 sq. ft. executive custom home with a three-car garage sits upon 1.5 acres lined by mature maples and oaks. *Continued on page 52*



model home tour



“The house was designed with the idea of inviting nature inside,” says **Samantha Keates**, designer at custom builder **A.N.T. Homes**. “We have accomplished this by using natural materials throughout.”

The dry-stacked stone fireplace featured in the great room tapers into the peak of a vaulted ceiling, where hand-scraped wooden beams and twin iron candelabra add warmth and majesty to the entertainment centre below.

The ceiling-high hexagon marble backsplash of the adjacent kitchen balances the rustic elements with elegance. Awash in natural light from a wall of windows that showcases meticulous landscaping, the pristine white countertops echo the sparkle of glass-fronted cabinetry and cascading

glass globe lighting fixtures. Floating wooden shelves add a lightness grounded by matching lower cabinetry and a hardwood floor that pulls the entire look together.

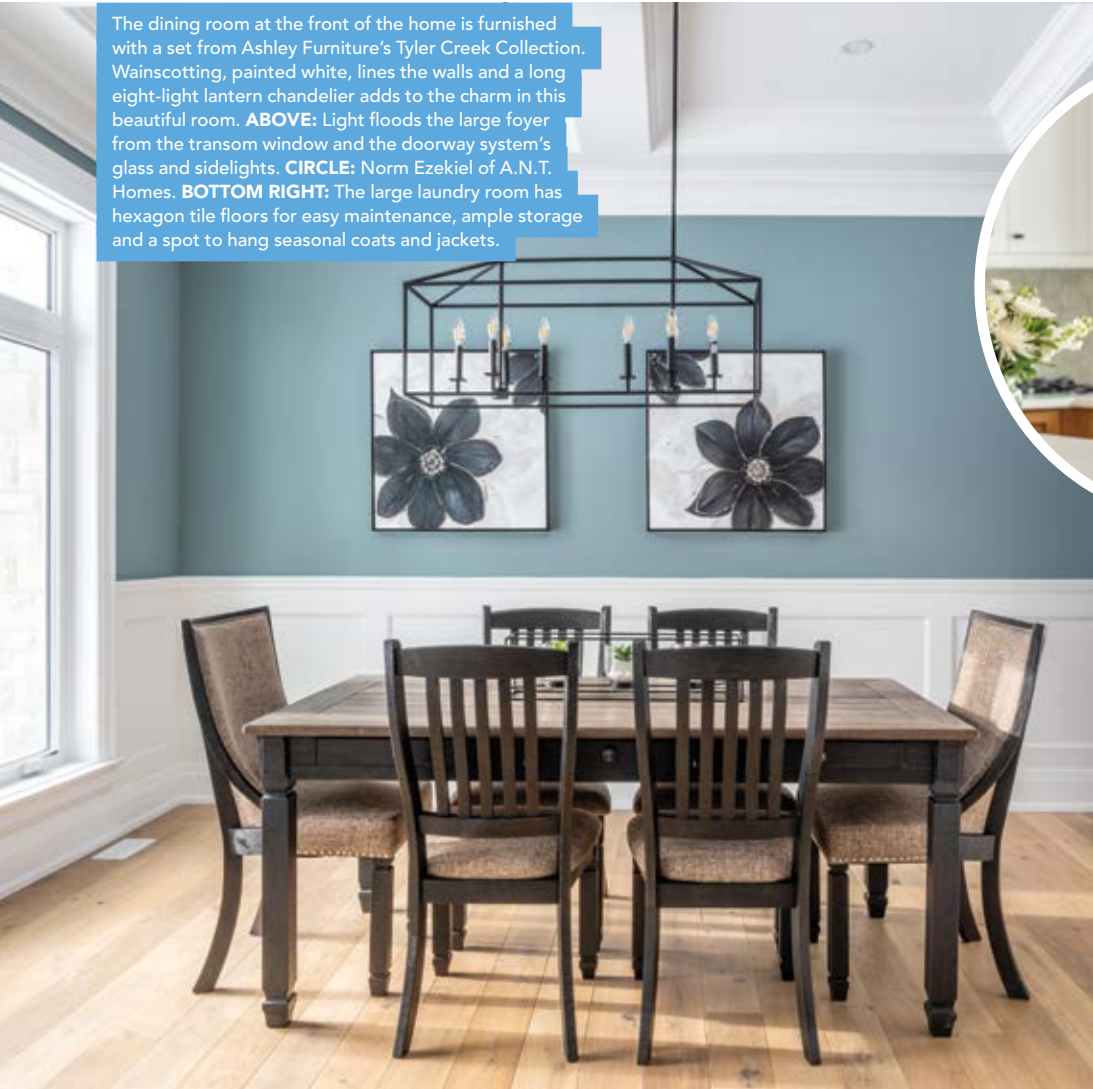
Although the kitchen welcomes both island and table seating for casual mealtimes, the formal dining room offers a sophisticated alternative. Trimmed with A.N.T. Homes’ standard oversize baseboards, extra-large window sills and toppers, this room also boasts an elaborate waffle ceiling and extensive crown mouldings.

The three bedrooms and 2.5 baths have also received special attention, Samantha promises.

“The primary en suite, for example, has a rich, warm glow from the high-gloss tiles reflecting gold fixtures,” she explains. “We also included beautiful handcrafted millwork

Continued on page 54

The dining room at the front of the home is furnished with a set from Ashley Furniture’s Tyler Creek Collection. Wainscoting, painted white, lines the walls and a long eight-light lantern chandelier adds to the charm in this beautiful room. **ABOVE:** Light floods the large foyer from the transom window and the doorway system’s glass and sidelights. **CIRCLE:** Norm Ezekiel of A.N.T. Homes. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The large laundry room has hexagon tile floors for easy maintenance, ample storage and a spot to hang seasonal coats and jackets.



We Transform Your Custom Home Dreams Into Reality



705.431.2268 | www.anthomes.ca

“THE HOUSE WAS DESIGNED WITH THE IDEA OF INVITING NATURE INSIDE.”

- Samantha Keates



Multiple windows provide natural light in the large primary bedroom, which has a view of the backyard. The room was staged with an upholstered bed with tufted headboard from Ashley Furniture and wood nightstands. **ABOVE:** This secondary bedroom is bright and light with a queen-size bed from the Prentice Collection by Ashley Furniture. **TOP RIGHT:** The primary en suite has a large corner, walk-in shower and a square vessel tub. Gold accents add a luxe touch to the room, which is also bathed in light.



in the laundry room, because let's be real, we spend a lot of time in that space.”

A.N.T. Homes, headquartered in Innisfil, has been making custom-home dreams come true across Simcoe County and beyond for more than 25 years. The father-son team of Wayne and Norm Ezekiel lead a talented team of professionals, many of whom have been on board since the beginning.

According to Wayne, “Great relationships mean the focus can remain on the homeowners – before, during and after their home is built.”

One such partner is **Simply Home Furnishings**, Midland's largest fine-furniture retailer, which staged this home to complement its design.

Elsewhere in the region, A.N.T. Homes combines custom homebuilding with land development.

“We're almost sold out of our latest country estates,” says Samantha of their new 10-home neighbourhood in East Oro. “We love taking our clients' dreams and bringing them to life, whether it be a small retirement home or a large family showstopper.” **OH**



BC ROOFING and Aluminum Inc.

Specializing in
Steel Roofing • Standing Seam • Architectural Metals

RE-ROOFING • NEW CONSTRUCTION • SHINGLES
CEDAR SHAKES • STEEL ROOFS • SOFFIT • FASCIA
5" SEAMLESS EAVES TROUGH
CUSTOM FLASHING • CHIMNEY FLASHING
VELUX SKYLIGHTS • ALU-REX GUTTER PROTECTION



6 Centennial Drive, Penetanguishene
WWW.ROOFERSMIDLAND.CA
705.715.7529

INTRODUCING THE CORVARA COLLECTION

THE CORVARA DESIGN IS A BLEND OF CLEAN LINES AND SMOOTH CURVES, CREATING A CRADLE-LIKE SPACE TO RECLINE AND RELAX. AT A COMPACT 59", THE CORVARA™ IS A STATEMENT BATHTUB THAT WON'T DOMINATE A ROOM. TOGETHER WITH ITS MATCHING SINK, THE BATHTUB'S NATURAL, ORGANIC SHAPE ELICITS A FEELING OF CALM AND SERENITY.

victoria + albert™



AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY AT

THE ENSUITE
Bath & Kitchen Showroom

359 Huronia Rd., Barrie
705.728.0150 • www.emco.ca

A DISTINCTIVE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF ROHL



Ashley Furniture • Décor-Rest • Magnussen • ELRAN • Brentwood • Palliser • Superstyle
Largest Inventory of Furnishings & Home Décor for Home or Cottage in Midland & Surrounding Area.



www.simplyhomefurnishings.com

900 King St. Unit B Midland ON • 705.526.5678

We provide full delivery & set up to Midland & Surrounding Areas! Contact us for more information!
Open 7 Days A Week!



www.simplycountryfurniture.ca

323 King St. Midland ON • 705.526.7630

SMALL SPACE *escape*

STORY **KATHLEEN DUNCAN**
PHOTOGRAPHY **SANDY MACKAY**

ADM DESIGN IS A TRUSTED PARTNER OF LUXURY PROPERTIES, SO WHEN FRIDAY HARBOUR RESORT WANTED ONE OF ITS NEW CONDOS STAGED, ADM'S CEO AND PRINCIPAL DESIGNER ANDREA MCMULLEN AND DIRECTOR OF DESIGN LEE BROWN WERE INVITED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. WITH ADM DESIGN'S SHOP ON THE FRIDAY HARBOUR RESORT BOARDWALK, IT WAS A SHORT COMMUTE.

Every inch of this Friday Harbour Resort condo was furnished by ADM Design as a luxe vacation getaway for the new owners. Blues, greys and creams dominate the colour and design scheme.

OH: What atmosphere did you want for the family who will vacation here?

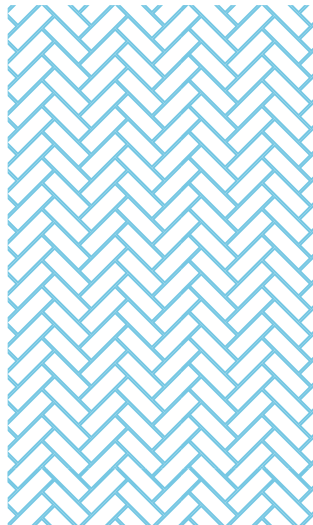
ADM: We wanted the condo to feel like a high-end lake retreat with hotel chic. We decided on a palette of blues, greys and creams to create a fresh, warm, relaxed feel.

OH: What was your inspiration?

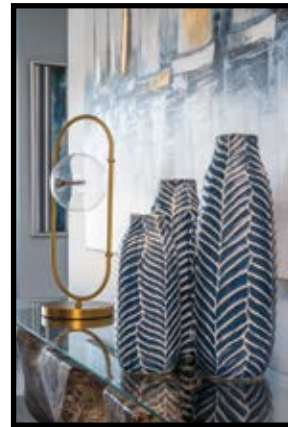
ADM: A beautiful mural in warm tones of blue and grey was used in the main area, a look that resembles stone and gives a natural-element feeling. At ADM, we sell a variety of murals to create themes and/or moods, including some that are hand-painted. Andrea's design roots began with hand-painting murals for clients. *Continued on page 58*



The kitchen is small but mighty with ample storage and full-size appliances. Three grey linen bar stools provide a place to sit at the quartz-topped island. It's the little details – dishes, accessories and flowers – that add to the elegant interior.



model home tour



OH: Why should homeowners call on ADM Design?

ADM: ADM is a one-stop shop for all your design and furnishing needs. We have a design centre and retail stores with inventory that includes exclusive products you won't find elsewhere. It allows us to make the process much simpler.

OH: Can you walk us through some key design choices in this condo?

ADM: The main area is comfortable and functional. We added a very rustic natural-root console table to add an element of nature underneath the nautical artwork. (Paint: Sherwin-Williams 6253 Olympus White.)

For the primary bedroom, a much darker paint colour (SW 6257 Gibraltar) evokes a more dramatic feel, with fresh, fun feather bedding and gold tones. The element of relaxed sophistication comes through.

In the second bedroom (SW 6254 Lazy Gray), we also hung a beautiful grey and white coral wallpaper to tie into the custom bedding for a calm and relaxing feeling. *Continued on page 60*



ADM DESIGN & DECOR

DESIGN | RENOVATE | DECORATE | STAGE

Outdoor Furniture

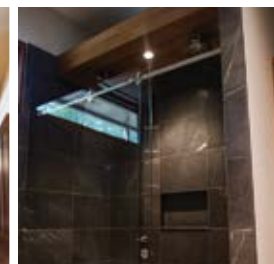
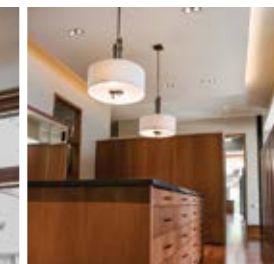
Prepare your outdoor living space for some social distancing!

295 Sunseeker Avenue
Innisfil / Barrie

505 Queen St
Newmarket / GTA

BOOK YOUR HOME CONSULT

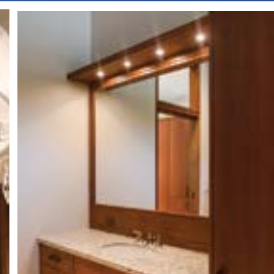
905-836-9890 | info@admdesign.ca | admdesign.ca
@admdesigninc



705.252.7159

152 John Street, Barrie • brian@littleelectric.ca

www.littleelectric.ca



OUR COMMITMENT TO RELIABILITY, INTEGRITY & FLEXIBILITY, HAS MADE US THE TOP CHOICE FOR ELECTRICAL WORK IN BARRIE & SIMCOE COUNTY.

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL

f in





Sherwin-Williams
Lazy Gray
6254



Texture in the bedding and pillows dominates the furnishings in the primary bedroom. **TOP LEFT:** The washer and dryer are hidden behind a door and are easily accessible. **MIDDLE LEFT:** This bathroom has a double vanity. **BOTTOM LEFT:** A beautiful grey and white coral wallpaper with a hint of pink in the custom bedding shines in the second bedroom.

OH: What window treatment works best for such beauty beyond the glass?

ADM: ADM has an in-house window covering service that includes measuring and installation. In this condo, we selected stationary side panels on either side of the windows to give the space a warm, completed feeling without taking away from the fabulous views at Friday Harbour Resort.

OH: Could you leave us with three design tricks to maximize space and light?

ADM: Adding light, reflective objects to small spaces can help light bounce and create a feeling of more space. A dual-purpose piece is always helpful and space-saving. Another space-saving idea is the coat tree at the front door, which is hung vertically. **OH**

Sherwin-Williams
Gibraltar
6257



NEWPORT INTERIOR
WALL SYSTEMS LTD.



STEEL STUD • INSULATION • DRYWALL • ACOUSTIC CEILINGS

(705) 737-3111
www.newportinterior.ca

**READY
PINE**

Pre-finished tongue and groove panels.

Ready Pine is the fast and convenient way to install your pre-finished tongue and groove pine for ceilings and walls.



Pre-finished panels



No more messes



Easy installation

[@readypine](https://www.facebook.com/readypine) (519) 669-8830

www.readypine.com

Available at your local building supply store

Proudly made in Canada

HIGH EFFICIENCY HEATING... NO DUCTWORK REQUIRED.

Authorized Dealer of:



Heating and Cooling

Keep any room cozy in the winter, cool in the summer... and energy-efficient all year long.

◆ Uses up to 50%** less energy to heat your home.

◆ Employs allergen filtration to reduce germs, bacteria and viruses.

◆ Provides year-round comfort that keeps you cool in the summer too.

◆ Requires no ductwork, so installation is quick and easy.

**HYPER
HEAT AT
-30°C**



Mention this Ad When You Call Us for Our Summer Maintenance Special!

*All versions of models MXZ-4C36NAHZ, MXZ-5C42NAHZ, MXZ-8C48NAHZ, PUZ-HA24NHA, PUZ-HA30/36NKA, PUZ-HA42NKA. Includes tolerance. Units can operate down to -30°C and beyond, depending on conditions. **Based on a 2014 study by NRCAN, compared to Baseboard Heating.

CALL THE EXPERTS

MAK
mechanical Ltd.

SERVICE & INSTALLATION
HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING & VENTILATION
HOT WATER TANKS
DUCTWORK & CUSTOM SHEET METAL
INFLOOR HEATING



705-730-0140

www.makmechanical.com

MAK MECHANICAL ARE YOUR
"HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING SPECIALISTS"
WE SERVICE THE BARRIE, ORILLIA & SIMCOE AREA

COMPOSTING 101

STORY
MELANIE
REKOLA

Composting is perhaps not the most elegant of subject matters. The word may conjure a messy, stinky, high-maintenance process, but it doesn't have to be so. Composting can be very gratifying and it certainly has a role to play in supporting a beautiful garden, a strong body and a healthy planet, too.

Compost is your veggie and flower gardens' best friend. Imagine the magic of creating the best, healthy soil conditioner through a natural and free process designed by Mother Nature herself! The key is to support the many responsible microbes. Much like our own microbiome, a host of tiny life forms allow plant life to absorb an optimum amount of soil nutrients.

Composting has an enormous impact on your carbon footprint. The average reduction is 663 pounds of carbon per person, per year, which is more than two average sized backyards full of trees. It also cuts your garbage by almost half.

It doesn't have to be complicated. Anyone can compost, regardless of living situation – even condo and apartment dwellers. The fundamental start to any composting is combining carbon-rich materials called browns with high-nitrogen greens. Browns rot more slowly and are usually woody or fibrous, such as paper, nut shells, dry leaves and twigs. Greens rot fairly fast and are typically moist, such as fruit and veggie scraps, coffee grounds and any fresh, green leaves. Green and browns should be layered equally to create an optimum composting environment. But even if your quantities aren't perfect, the material will compost eventually. By adding your brown layer last you'll help cut down on odours and flies.

There are quite a few ways to compost, with varying degrees of complexity, but the basic methods are:



1

Use a typical outdoor compost tumbler or pile method (if you have the room)

Yes, they are not attractive but they do the job. Alternate green and brown layers and tumble or fork-turn occasionally.



2

Keyhole composting

Make a tube of chicken wire and partially bury it in the middle of your veggie garden bed. That's right, you can compost within your growing garden! The same layering techniques apply., except you don't turn or mix it. By watering your veggie garden through the compost cage, the nutrients spread throughout your garden bed. I've been using this technique for several years and cannot believe the increase in production and great taste of my garden yield.



3

Electric composting

I've been using the Vitamix FoodCycler FC-50 as a trial and I'm amazed how easy it is to use – and with no odour! I actually like the smell of the resulting compost. It doesn't hold a large volume, so you have to use it often and there is the added expense of the electricity to run it, but it's really perfect for anyone who finds composting icky.

I can't speak about composting without also touching on cooking and food usage. Many food scraps can be saved and reused to make a nourishing and wholesome broth, such as animal bones and veggie peelings/ends. Making broth is easy, stretches your grocery dollars and further lowers your environmental impact. At my home I save my favourite savoury veggie ends and peelings from a weeks' worth of cooking – such as carrots, onions, garlic, beets and artichokes – in a bag in the fridge. They can also be frozen until ready for use. Simple broth recipes are available online and as many great chefs know, broth is easy to use and a wonderful starter for many mouth-watering recipes.

Happy brothing, happy composting and happy gardening dear readers – summer is upon us! **OH**

Melanie is a certified horticulturalist and landscape designer.

PRO TIPS: Don't add meat, bones, dairy or fats to your compost – it will attract unwanted critters. Any large fruit or veggie pieces should be cut so they break down faster. And citrus peelings should be avoided as they kill microbes.

Lakeside TREE EXPERTS

TRUSTED IN TREES SINCE 1963

INSURED & CERTIFIED ARBORISTS

Pruning & Cabling	Assessment & Health Care	Emergency Service
Hazardous Removal	Emerald Ash Borer Treatment	Stump Removal

705-722-4800
WWW.LAKESIDETREE.CA

PREVENTS CLOGGED GUTTERS

CLOGGED GUTTERS CAUSE:

- TOXIC MOLD
- WOOD ROT
- INSECT INFESTATION
- PESKY ANIMALS
- SNOW AND ICE DAMAGE
- CRACKED FOUNDATIONS

LEADING TO THOUSANDS OF \$\$\$ IN DAMAGE TO YOUR HOME & PROPERTY.

PREVENT LADDER FALLS

ACCREDITED BUSINESS VISA MasterCard

CALL TODAY & SAVE - DISPLAY HOMES WANTED!
1-888-995-4430 LEAFOUT.CA

Expect the best...
We're **greener** than the rest!

DESIGN • BUILD • MAINTAIN

Residential, Commercial & Estate Property
Lawn & Garden Maintenance
Tree Pruning & Removal & Stump Grinding
Fertilizer & Weed Control Programs
Grub Control, Chinch Bug Control, Slit Seeding & Firewood
We Are Now Treating For Gypsy Moths

PROTECTING YOUR ASH TREES AGAINST THE EMERALD ASH BORER, TREEAZIN IS THE #1 ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TREATMENT THAT IS NOT HARMFUL TO BEES.
TREATMENT DATES: JUNE 1ST - AUGUST 31ST

Foster Lawn & Garden LTD
www.fosterlawnandgarden.com (705) 726-9189

Call today for discounted pre-paid 2021 lawn programs!

Advance READERS' CHOICE 2019 WINNER
Advance READERS' CHOICE 2020 WINNER

smooth RENOVATION

STORY **DENISE WILLSON** | ILLUSTRATION **SHEILA BRITTON**

A smooth renovation requires partnership, a melding of minds. Beyond sheer manpower and expertise, a homeowner needs to know that a contractor or builder shares their vision. It might surprise you to learn a contractor needs the same from a homeowner. The result of this perfect pairing is often visible: a well-built home that meets or exceeds the expectations of both sides – the builder and the homeowner.

How does this kind of magic happen? Here are the top five things a contractor and homeowner need from each other to make a renovation run smoothly.



BIG-PICTURE SCOPE

While details such as lighting, flooring and cabinetry are always discussed, both parties need more. “It’s imperative we draw out the homeowners’ core needs,” says Brent Pym, president of Pym & Cooper Custom Homes in Niagara. “Details like why the homeowners want to renovate, and why renovate versus move or build. Most homeowners are surprised to discover their needs aren’t what they originally thought.” Answers define the project scope – noted in writing, discussed and agreed upon before the work begins. “By creating and following a concrete plan,” says homeowner Margaret Graves, “we met with vendors to choose fixtures, appliances, paint colours, etc., in an order that retained our vision while helping our contractor, Pym & Cooper Custom Homes, keep a steady schedule and finish on time.”

BUDGET

By wading into financials, builders can help homeowners refine their wish list. “Budget is not a bad word,” says Louie Zagordo, owner of SLV Homes and VP of the Ontario Home Builders Association. “Pricing and costs should be clear, documented and

discussed at length. It’s the only way to ensure the homeowners’ wants and needs are financially viable.” A payment structure with clear instructions ensures contractors and their trades are paid at specific stages while homeowners understand what they’re paying for. “Most projects don’t go over budget,” adds Louie. “The ones that do are usually homeowner-driven – add-ons or a change in the plan.”

CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

When both parties discuss and document expectations, disappointment is rare. For example, when a builder creates a schedule and sticks to it, the homeowner understands how long each stage takes and respects those requirements. Renovations are messy, loud, inconvenient and sometimes dangerous for young children. When homeowners relocate and store personal items, contractors can work unencumbered. When moving out isn’t possible, a contractor can make a plan to minimize any negative impact on the homeowners’ lives. Communication is key to setting clear expectations. When both sides provide contact names and numbers and respond promptly, questions don’t cause confusion or delays.

QUALITY WORKMANSHIP

When we think of quality workmanship, building materials come to mind, or the expertise of the principal contractor or project manager responsible for the renovation. While these elements play a part, quality workmanship must extend to the builder’s staff, designers, vendors and experienced trades. “When a contractor and their trades present themselves in a professional manner, you can rest assured your home is in good hands,” adds Ben Helder. Ben and his partner Rachel spent most of 2020 living in a rental while their home was under renovation.

TRUST

Trust flows both ways. Both sides must be professional and honest at all times. A contractor must trust the homeowner will respect an experienced perspective. “Trusting your contractor is paramount,” says Ben Helder. “Rely on the professionals you hire, on their judgment, on their creativity. A contractor must respect your wishes, but you must respect theirs as well since they are the experts.” When both parties understand what the other needs, the renovation experience is not only smooth but spectacular. **OH**

ALLANDALE DECORATING CENTRE

COLOUR • CONVERSATION • PAINT

ORDER ONLINE TODAY!



Benjamin Moore®

www.allandaledecoratingcentre.com

705.739.7730
393 Yonge St., Barrie

Interior Paint • Exterior Paint • Exterior Stain
Drapery & Bedding • Colour Consultations



Better Mortgages. Better Lending.

Get the mortgage you deserve today & make your dream home a reality. Advocating on your behalf!



Christina Demmings / Mortgage Agent

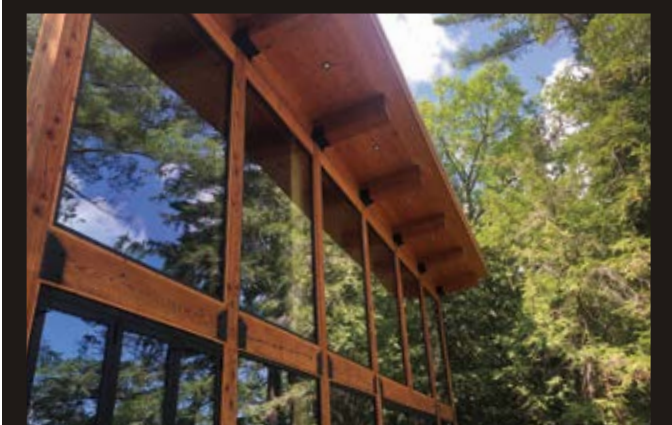
705.252.5199

christina@cdemmingsmortgagesolutions.ca

www.cdemmingsmortgagesolutions.ca

Serving Barrie & Surrounding Area

RESTORATIONS BY RODGERS RENOVATIONS BY RODGERS



www.RenovationsByRodgers.com

705.739.7720

Full Step AHEAD

We're all fixing, decorating or building something around the house. If your home is new or needs some love, reach out to these local professionals to make your wishes come true.



PHOTOGRAPHY **SANDY MACKAY**



PHOTO: COURTESY OF PARKLANE LANDSCAPES

WHAT ARE CLIENTS LOOKING FOR IN THEIR LANDSCAPE DESIGN IN 2021?

Clients are requesting environmentally conscious design solutions for their outdoor spaces and shoreline restorations. Examples are rain gardens, native plants, permeable paving, bioswales and lawn alternatives. These are appealing solutions to drainage problems and offer sustainable and functional spaces on your property.



Cassie O'Neill and Ally Lauer



PHOTO: COURTESY OF PARKLANE LANDSCAPES

"Sustainable is beautiful."

PARKLANE LANDSCAPES

Established in 1958, Parklane Landscapes is a third-generation family business now located in Orillia.

YOUR SPECIALITY

We provide a full design and construction service specializing in sustainable landscape practices. We provide design, installation and garden after-care for all our clients.

Continued on page 68

SALNEK'S CUSTOM WINDOW TREATMENTS & ACCESSORIES

At Salnek's you can be sure of our expert advice and service. We specialize in custom window treatments, from blinds and shutters to beautiful drapery and upholstery. Ask us about adding custom bedding and wallpaper to your bedrooms. Our custom-made products stand the test of time.



Judy Salnek, Marcy Shoesmith
& Kristine Chalmers



"Proudly decorating homes
from Simcoe County to
Muskoka for 35 years!"

WHAT'S TRENDING IN WINDOW COVERINGS?

There are so many trends! First would be motorization, from Hunter Douglas or Lutron. For drapery, colour and prints are making their mark on the amazing windows we decorate. Finally, wallpaper! Every home needs wallpaper in at least one room.



TOP ACCESSORY RECOMMENDATION

If you consider drapery an accessory, then that would be our first choice. It is the jewelry for your window and your room.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR CABINET LINE

We work with an abundance of cabinet suppliers that cater to the needs of our clientele. In this particular project you will find our Cabico Custom Cabinetry line. This Canadian-made brand sets the standard with its impeccable fabrication and distinct craftsmanship. The sky's the limit.



"As a designer, I like to start a project through inspiration or a personal item from the client. This allows me to provide a personalized concept. For this project, it was the floral mosaic backsplash."



Hale Navy

KITCHEN MUST-HAVES

Function: Well-designed storage solutions such as pot drawers, pantries and waste pull-outs.

Colour and Finishes: Vibrant white, touches of timber, quartz, dark finishes, sconces and mixing metals for a timeless and luxurious touch.

HOME DESIGN GALLERY AT ALLANDALE HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTRE

Home Design Gallery provides a full-service, one-stop shop for all your kitchen and bathroom design needs. We house products from flooring and tile to faucets and custom cabinetry, and much more. Our design team works with qualified contractors and suppliers to ensure your design needs are met every step of the way.



Vanessa Rogerson

Continued on page 70



Brian Westermann

BRIAN'S LITTLE ELECTRIC

Brian's Little Electric is named for the work that started Brian's business: little jobs. He saw a gap in the market for a customer-oriented electrical contractor. Now in the business for more than 10 years, Brian is focused on reliability, integrity and flexibility.

WHAT MAKES YOUR COMPANY DIFFERENT?

We pride ourselves on professionalism. This means being courteous to our clients by giving a quote and not exceeding it, as well as coming to site on time and when we say we are coming. We complete the job on time, in a professional manner!



TOP SERVICES

We provide all electrical-related services, such as service upgrades, car-charger installations, generation installations and new home builds or renovations. We also have a service electrician to fix any electrical issues our clients may have.



SKETCH DESIGN BUILD INC.

Matt takes pride in providing a unique custom-home design experience that starts with developing a deep personal relationship with his customers. The clients are his inspiration; each project and person is different. Sketch Design Build's focus is to provide a stress-free process from start to finish. We promise you will love your new home!

"Architecture is like painting a picture, no two brushstrokes are ever the same."



TOP MUST-HAVE DESIGNS FOR NEW HOMES?

- Home offices
- Screened rooms or porches
- Working pantry

HOW HAS THE PANDEMIC CHANGED THE WAY YOU DESIGN HOMES?

I feel fortunate to have been busy during these unprecedented times. Virtual meetings have become the primary way to communicate now – it works great!

Continued on page 72



Matt Reid





ALLANDALE DECORATING CENTRE

Kamal Kalsi has been in the paint and décor industry for more than 15 years. His instinctive knowledge of paint and décor will help you focus your vision for any space. He recently purchased Allandale Decorating Centre, a Benjamin Moore paint retailer that also offers decorating services, window blinds, drapery, bedding and wallpaper. Kamal's team includes renowned interior decorator Sue Kay, award-winning Georgian College decorating and design graduates and painting professionals.

WHAT'S NEW AT ALLANDALE DECORATING CENTRE?

Window blinds, drapery and bedding. Discover in-stock lined and weighted ready-made drapery panels made of natural fibres in grommet or rod-pocket headings and Sun Glow window blinds. We also carry bedding by Brunelli, a Canadian company known for style and quality.

"At Allandale Decorating Centre, you can expect the high level of service that accompanies an independently owned store."



DECORATING TRENDS

Wallpaper is back, and Allandale carries a variety of wallpaper books that showcase styles from York and Crown. Order samples of your favourite to get your project started. **OH**



Lauren, Kamal, Puneet, Chloe, Jade, Bre & Sue

GARRAWAY'S
ELECTRICAL SERVICES

"No job is too small, we do them all"

We Specialize In:

- Residential Services - New & Renovations
- New Panel/Service/Upgrades
- Authorized Generac Sales & Service Dealer
- Pools, Spa's & Sauna's
- In Floor Heating
- Roof Heat Cables
- Accent Lighting & Pot Lights
- Your Trusted LutronPro - Providing Cutting Edge Wireless & App Integration for your Home
- Under Counter LED Lighting
- And So Much More!

Established Since 1999!

705-527-8003
info@garraways.ca
www.garraways.ca

ECRA/ESA 7001456

Sketch
design build

Architectural Design
New Homes, Cottages & Additions

Call today for your free consultation
705.737.1515
www.sketchdesignbuild.com
Follow us on Facebook & Instagram

19 Collier Street, Unit 2, Barrie

UNITED LUMBER **Home hardware building centre** **UNITED TRUSS**

DecXorators
Go Beyond Ordinary

Let Us Help You with Your Deck Design
Bring Your Deck Dreams to Reality!

The Home You Always Wanted, The Way You Want It.
www.unitedlumber.ca

Barrie 705.726.8132 520 Bayfield St. N.
Bolton 905.857.6970 12833 Hwy 50 S.
Georgetown 905.873.8007 333 Guelph St.
United Truss - Innisfil 705.436.3425 3325 Thomas St.

@UNITED_LUMBER @UnitedLumberHHBC

A traditional facade doesn't hint at the modern addition that houses the contemporary primary bedroom in the Bondar home. The 54-acre property features a rolling field and mature trees.

PERSONAL *project*

STORY **M. CAROLYN BLACK**
PHOTOGRAPHY **SANDY MACKAY**

As popular wisdom goes, you're supposed to make lemonade with sour lemons. Chris and Candice Bondar embraced this advice last year during the worldwide pandemic that shuttered many construction projects. Chris, owner of **Gilkon Construction Limited**, says, "When COVID hit, some of the bigger projects were put on hold." The company continued doing some pretty cool renovations though, and it inspired the couple to finally start renovating the 1916 farmhouse they purchased in 2017.

Continued on page 76



CHRIS TOOK A BIT OF A ZIGZAG path into the fine home building industry. His family moved to the Midland area when he was 15, but while attending Queen's University in 1997 his mother was diagnosed with cancer. He returned home to be with her and took an environmental engineering program at nearby Georgian College. From there, he worked for a Barrie-based geotechnical engineering firm as a site inspector for commercial and institutional buildings and completed the requirements to become a Certified Technologist. While in his second year at college he met his wife, the daughter and niece of the original owners of Gilkon Construction, founded in 1976.

"I was always intrigued with the complexity of fine home building and wanted to get involved," Chris says. "While working for the engineering company I took it upon myself to learn the residential building code, receive my Building Code Identification Number (BCIN) and start drafting homes and additions." His love for homebuilding took off from there. *Continued on page 78*



TOP LEFT: The modern addition has massive windows that flood the room with light. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Two of the couple's three daughters, Ruby and Poppy, enjoy running around on the lawn with the family dog, Rubble. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A fire pit and play set make the most of the backyard.

"I WAS ALWAYS INTRIGUED WITH THE COMPLEXITY OF FINE HOME BUILDING AND WANTED TO GET INVOLVED." – Chris



The dining room features custom cabinetry with a built-in wine fridge. Daughter Addison's art is front and centre.



LEFT: Details in the living room include french doors and vintage details. **TOP RIGHT:** A Jøtul propane fireplace is a standout in the primary bedroom. **OPPOSITE TOP:** The entryway gives way to a large mudroom on one side and the living room on the other. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Five-year old Poppy's room is the perfect spot to play. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Daughter Addison's easel is flooded with morning light upstairs.

“Getting to understand the craft better, moving away from all-steel-and-concrete construction I was used to and moving into wood, I was impressed with the many layers required to produce beautiful and functional fine homes.” By the time Chris met his wife, her father had sold his partnership in Gilkon and it was solely owned by her uncle, Antero Kontkanen. Antero was ready to retire by 2005 and Chris was eager to take the reins. “Antero stayed on for a few more years, mentoring and guiding me through with the help of Richard Maltby, my financial guru and guide, until I was able to handle the day-to-day on my own,” Chris says. “I was fortunate to have the opportunity I did in 2005 to become a part of something so wonderful and well-respected in the community.”

The farmhouse was originally owned by Antero and his wife, Shirley. “It is perfect for us,” says Chris. “A gorgeous renovated farmhouse, our shop and office and 54 acres on the Wye River to explore and play.” Although ideal in many ways, Chris says the existing one-and-a-half bathrooms were not enough for the couple and their three daughters and they wanted more space and privacy. They decided to build an addition in a clean, spare Scandinavian style. When Candice saw the completed floor plans by **Adrian Worton** of **Daymark Design**, Chris says, “She was beyond happy. Adrian was able to take our ideas and masterfully incorporate everything together in just a short time without revisions. We were very happy and excited with the finished plans.”

With the pandemic restricting travel, the couple wanted a way to escape the office without having to leave home. Chris says, “When we walk through our new bedroom door, we are instantly transported into a very calming and consolatory space.” The bedroom and bathroom are one large room with a private water closet behind a frosted glass door. They installed large-format tiles on the heated floors to ensure warm feet. The generous tub is big enough for two and the tub tray, crafted from some of the old floor joists, accommodates two glasses of wine.

Continued on page 82



Traditional balusters are an elegant detail on the stairway.



**“WHEN WE WALK
THROUGH OUR
NEW BEDROOM
DOOR, WE ARE
INSTANTLY
TRANSPORTED
INTO A VERY
CALMING AND
CONSOLATORY
SPACE.”**



The Scandinavian-style primary bathroom is an oasis for Chris and Candice. A standalone tub overlooks the property, with a large open shower on the opposite side.



GILKON

CONSTRUCTION LIMITED

We Build To Suit Any Style

Custom Homes and Cottages • Renovations and Additions
Commercial Builds and Project Management
Cabinet Making and Woodworking

705.526.3364 | gilkon@bellnet.ca
www.gilkonconstruction.com





TOP LEFT: A double vanity with matte black hardware has plenty of space and storage for the family. **TOP RIGHT:** A water closet is tucked away in the primary bathroom. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The ceiling is prefinished maple plywood, as are the doors to the closet along the far wall.

The mirrors are backlit and the large six-foot vanity top was moulded with a trough sink and single drain. “The cabinets and ceiling were constructed with prefinished maple plywood and the ceiling panels were installed without mechanical fasteners, so there are no penetrations through the face, a trade secret,” he says. The Jotul propane fireplace fits neatly into the angled window corner where they can see into the field beyond. A steel roof, horizontal brushed siding on the new addition and fresh white paint on the existing stucco updates the exterior.

The renovation wrapped up in December 2020 and Chris has some good advice for homeowners wanting to create their own ideal escape: “Find a builder and a designer or architect you trust and who shares your vision. I suggest having all three parties working together during the design process – the homeowner, builder and designer. This will help with budgets, structures, cost savings, integrations of ideas and create a symbiotic relationship during a build or renovation. If everyone is on the same page and has a firm understanding of the project at hand, it is amazing to see how smoothly a job can go.”

He adds that it’s important to be realistic about budgets and expectations. “A good builder will be honest and upfront regarding costs, budget challenges and alternative material selections. As a homeowner, you have to be the same. Be diligent, do your homework and educate yourself. This is usually the largest investment for people; it is always good practice to have some prior background into the process. Over the last 16 years I have been able to ensure we deliver the quality that our clients have come to expect and I hope to carry this fine homebuilding tradition for many more years.” **OH**



Our House feels like home

UNIQUE GIFTS, JEWELLERY & HOME ACCESSORIES

55 DUNLOP STREET EAST | DOWNTOWN BARRIE
705.725.0829 | WWW.OURHOUSEBARRIE.COM

**SPEED +
QUALITY =
WOW**

- Friendly, Uniformed Painters
- Start and Finish On Time
- Exceptional Communication

WOW 1 DAY PAINTING

SCHEDULE YOUR FREE, NO OBLIGATION ESTIMATE TODAY
1-888-WOW-1DAY | WOW1DAY.COM

Ready to get outdoors?
Call Today for a Free Consultation!

PARKLANE LANDSCAPES

**SUSTAINABLE
is BEAUTIFUL**

Imagine having a beautiful outdoor space at home that you and your loved ones can enjoy *and* feel great about. For over 60 years, we’ve been designing & building sustainable landscapes that people love - and that keep the enjoyment of future generations in mind too. **Call us today to plan your outdoor space.**

learn more at parklanelandscapes.ca
or call us **705.327.0064**

double take

All DECKED OUT

RECREATE THIS LOOK IN YOUR OWN HOME.



PHOTO: SANDY MACKAY



2



4



3



5

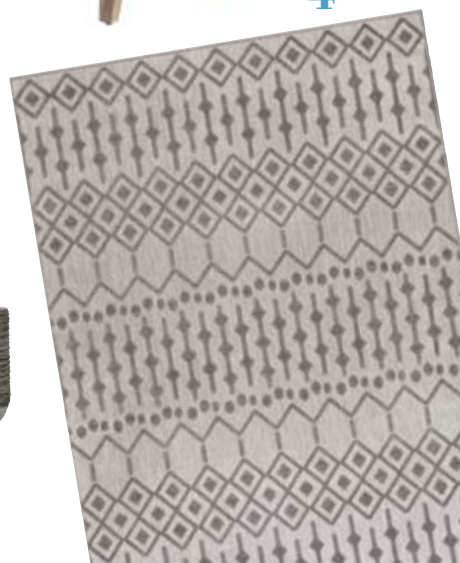


6



7

1. **SUNPAN**: Logan End Table in White
2. **MODLOFT**: Netta Sectional Sofa
3. **ARD OUTDOOR**: Bayside Round Coffee Table
4. **SURYA**: Big Sur BSR-2309 Rug
5. **WEST ELM**: Palma Outdoor Rattan Lounge Chair
6. **RENWIL**: Midland Outdoor Pillow
7. **ABBOTT COLLECTION**: Large Spiral String Planter **OH**



Customized spaces for real people,
living well.



Total Living Concepts

Kitchens • Bathrooms • Closets • Family Rooms • Additions • Renovations



naturekast
weatherproof cabinetry

Outdoor Kitchens.
Perfecting the Art of Outdoor Living.

TotalLivingConcepts.com

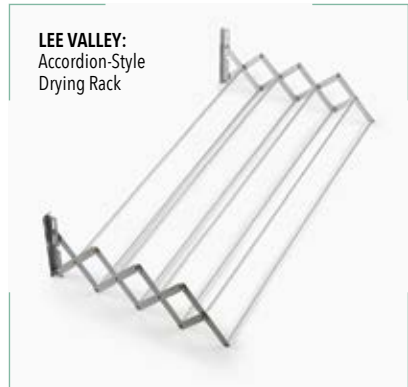
Call 705.721.9148

visit our showroom at
464 Penetanguishene Road, Springwater.

green living



The sun is shining, the air is warm and it's laundry day. Ditch the dryer and hang your clothes outside. Line drying saves money, is good for the environment, makes your clothes smell super fresh, reduces static cling, whitens your whites and is easy exercise. You can install a clothesline in your yard or on your balcony, use a collapsible folding rack or install a system in your laundry room for year-round use. OUR HOMES found some cool products you can use to make doing laundry a feel-good experience.



HOME OPTIONS MADE EASY CUSTOM CABINETRY & DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

Your home is a personal space. It's where you unwind after a hard day, celebrate events with friends and make memories with family. Whether your project includes a newly designed kitchen, ensuite oasis, custom basement bar or even a full home reno, we will walk you through the process every step of the way. With a comfortable and inviting design centre full of beautiful displays and finishes such as cabinetry, flooring, countertops and tile, paired with our talented design team who take joy in putting our clients first and exceeding their expectations, we go the extra mile to provide a seamless experience. Our seasoned contractors and trades take pride in not only their workmanship but the quality of the products that they are installing while bringing to life the space you've always dreamed of.

**We are all spending more time in our homes these days.
Let us help you make it perfect, it all starts at H.O.M.E.**

Serving Barrie, Muskoka and Surrounding Areas.



705.503.4663 | 130 Saunders Rd., Unit 7, Barrie
info@homebarrie.com | www.homebarrie.com



DRIFTWOOD WREATH



PROJECT AND PHOTOGRAPHY **TARA CHATTELL**

Add a beachy vibe to your space with this fun and easy-to-make driftwood wreath. Plus, there's the added benefit of long walks along the water to collect driftwood!



TOOLS

- Pencil
- Jigsaw or scroll saw
- 7-inch diameter bowl
- Paintbrush
- Glue gun
- Screwdriver
- Wire cutters

MATERIALS

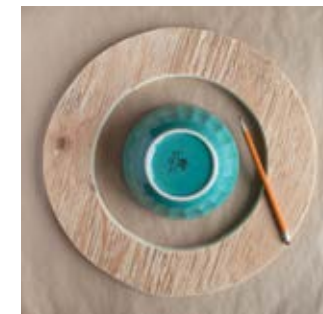
- ¼ to ½ inch-thick plywood (large enough to cut a circle 14 inches in diameter)
- Roll of kraft paper
- Lots of driftwood pieces, 9 inches in length or a little shorter
- Sandpaper
- Hot glue sticks
- Acrylic paint in three colours (we've used navy, light blue and white)
- Picture-hanging hardware (screws, D-ring hangers and wire)



HOW-TO

To create the plywood backing for your wreath, draw a 14 inch-diameter circle with a 10 inch-diameter circle inside. Don't worry if it's not perfect; it will be hidden behind the driftwood. Cut your circles with either a jigsaw or scroll saw to create a wooden ring.

Place your ring on a large piece of kraft paper. Using something round, with a diameter of about 7 inches, trace a circle with a pencil inside your wood ring. This will be your guide as you begin gluing the driftwood pieces onto the ring. You can temporarily glue your backing to the paper to prevent sliding. Peel paper from wood when complete.



Paint approximately 10-12 pieces of driftwood in each of the three colours you've chosen and leave the rest of the pieces natural. Let dry before gluing onto backing.



Begin gluing the driftwood pieces onto the wood ring, using the longest pieces first. Do not go too far past your pencil guideline on the inside of the ring. Leave some space between each piece to get a nice starburst shape.



Once you have the first layer glued around the entire ring, begin filling the spaces with slightly shorter pieces. Continue layering driftwood pieces until the backing is completely hidden.



Use shorter pieces and layer with the smallest pieces on the top layer.



Decide which way to hang the wreath and attach hardware and wire to the backing.



Now you're ready to hang and enjoy your work of art! **OH**

plumbtech
PLUMBING INC
RESIDENTIAL | COMMERCIAL | INDUSTRIAL

Custom homes, renovations,
plumbing service & repairs.

www.plumbtechplumbing.com
(705) 722-7209

Advertise With Us

Give your business the benefit of premium exposure and connect, like never before, to our extensive targeted readership!



Suzanne Strong Account Executive
T: 705.446.4877 E: suzanne.strong@ourhomes.ca

Glenda Wiedeman Account Executive
T: 705.446.4997 E: glenda.wiedeman@ourhomes.ca

ENVIRONMENTAL pestcontrol
Excellent reputation for quality service.
LOCAL EXPERTS SINCE 1988



www.environmentalpestcontrol.ca • 1-800-263-5055



LAKESIDE TREE EXPERTS
Lakeside Tree Experts has been servicing residential and commercial customers in Central Ontario since 1963. We are a small company with a personal touch. We have a long-standing relationship with our customers and their properties, returning year after year to assess and provide the needed service for their trees. We take pride in the quality of service we provide. We are proud to provide the most professional crews, up-to-date equipment and a proven customer service record.

Our hardworking staff are professionals in the field, representing our business and their trade as ministry licensed and ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) Certified Arborists. We also have crews certified through IHSA and ESUA to work in proximity to live hydro lines for trimming and removal. For your peace of mind and protection we are fully insured with a commercial liability policy, and all our workers are protected by WSIB.

As a member of the International Society of Arboriculture we are always educating ourselves with the latest information regarding our industry, and the most effective tree care procedures so we can provide you with the best service possible.

lakesidetree.ca
705.722.4800

(Please see ad on pg 63)



A.N.T. HOMES
A.N.T. Homes has over 25 years of experience in the custom home business. *We thrive on transforming your Custom Home Dreams into Reality.* Wayne Ezekiel, president of A.N.T. Homes, apprenticed for over 10 years with Master Craftsmen, learning custom home construction from the ground up. We have assembled a talented and experienced team of architects, engineers, site supervisors, building trades and other specialists to fully serve our homeowners with the best of the best.

Wayne is a true advocate of the importance of working together with his customers to ensure the very best results. This relationship continues even after the home is built and occupied – because A.N.T. Homes has one of the most committed customer care departments available. This is a company that listens, and reliably delivers the quality that makes the fundamental difference between a house and a home.

We service Innisfil, Barrie, Oro-Medonte, Orillia and Simcoe County with custom home building and niche development projects.

We transform your custom home dreams into reality; an extraordinary custom home builder for extraordinary residential design.

Visit anthomes.ca for more information or to register for our upcoming projects

705.431.2268

(Please see ad on pg 53)



CHRISTINA DEMMINGS MORTGAGE AGENT – BETTER MORTGAGES, BETTER LENDING

As a Mortgage Agent I have the privilege to assist the community in various financial capacities regarding home ownership.

It is important to me that my clients trust me and know that I am available and approachable, truly caring about their needs and situation.

I am personally committed to being an advocate for my clients and assisting them every step of the way.

We provide financing for new home purchases, refinancing and renewals, and specialized services for clients needing additional funding for renovations, building nest eggs, starting or adding to retirement funds, consolidating debt and more.

My approach when working with clients is to listen and help obtain the best financing solution available.

Choosing the right mortgage can save you thousands of dollars. As trained mortgage professionals, myself and my funding team have access to many lenders and can present your proposal in the best way possible for a successful outcome.

Whether you are a first time home buyer, seasoned home buyer or an investment buyer, contact me today for a true, authentic customer service experience.

cdemmingsmortgagesolutions.ca
christina@cdemmingsmortgagesolutions.ca
705.252.5199

Real Mortgage Associates
License#10464

(Please see ad on pg 65)

JONES ALUMINUM

We are a family owned three-generation business with over two decades of experience providing quality exterior work for our customers throughout the Midland and surrounding area. We are the one-stop shop for all your exterior needs. We install everything from windows, doors, soffit, fascia, eavestrough and covers to vinyl siding in many different profiles to suit your style. Our installers work with the best products available from brands like Gentek, Kaycan and Royal Building Products.

Our customers rely upon us for our dedicated and experienced professional team, personalized attention to detail, prompt service done on time and competitive pricing within your budget. Our team of installers receive all the proper training and continuously stay ahead of the ever changing products within the home improvement industry.

We care for your home as if it were our own, committed to providing excellence on every job! Let **Jones Aluminum** be the name you can trust to provide you with home improvement solutions you will feel proud of.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Showroom Located at
169 Elizabeth St, Midland
705.526.8321

Jonesaluminum@bellnet.ca
jones-aluminum.com

(Please see ad on pg 21)



WOW 1 DAY PAINTING

promises to deliver quality work on quick timelines: SPEED + QUALITY = WOW!

WOW 1 DAY PAINTING has made the process of getting your home or business painted a whole lot less annoying. We deliver both speed and quality, so you don't have to shift your whole life around just to get your home or office painted. (It's almost as fast as clicking your heels three times.)

You won't even smell paint fumes after we're gone – we also use zero-VOC paint, which is better for you and the environment.

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

- Easy booking.
- Schedule your free, no-obligation estimate online or call us.

ON-SITE ESTIMATE

- We'll come to your home or business and give you a personalized detailed proposal including price and schedule.

SAVE THE DATE

- If you like what you hear, we'll schedule your painting day.

THE 1 DAY DIFFERENCE

- Our professional team will deliver your quality paint job on time and on budget.

EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS

- We'll do a walkthrough before we leave and check in after to ensure you're happy. Our work is backed by a two-year warranty!

Blink, and you'll miss us!

Book online or by phone.
521 Dunlop St W, Barrie
888.wow.1day
705.715.7272 | wow1day.com

(Please see ad on pg 83)



SIMCOE LAWN & GARDEN SERVICES – SERVING SIMCOE NORTH

Your grass can be greener and your gardens well maintained on your property this year with **Simcoe Lawn & Garden Services** in Orillia. We are on the scene with 10 plus years of experience and certification from Seneca College's Environmental Landscape Management program – you can trust that your yard is in good hands!

Like most homeowners in this area, you love all that winter has to offer, but now that the warmer weather is here, your lawn and garden becomes an extension of your home. We can ensure that your outdoor space is ready to enjoy.

Our services include but are not limited to: grass cutting, garden maintenance and design, installing mulch, topsoil, river rock and sod, seasonal clean-ups and snow removal.

We can work out a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly care plan to suit your needs.

Simcoe Lawn & Garden Services is fully insured and licensed to do business within the City of Orillia and surrounding area.

will@simcoelawnandgarden services.com
705.345.8523
simcoelawnandgardenservices.ca

(Please see ad on pg 16)



NEWPORT INTERIOR WALL SYSTEMS LTD.

Newport Interior Wall Systems Ltd. is a family owned and operated company for the past 30+ years. Our relationship with our clients and builders is our priority and we have been lucky to have had these relationships last since the first day.

Our services include drywall, insulation, spray foam insulation, steel stud framing and more! We believe at Newport that service is just as important as the construction process and our Service Department is one of the best.

Our professional staff are here to help with any questions you have during your build. Our Workers, Supervisors and Project Managers are all qualified professionals and they are kept up to date with their training and safety training.

We are located in Barrie and work mainly in Northern Ontario from Custom Homes, Cottages, Subdivision and Commercial Projects. Please visit our website at newportinterior.ca to view our portfolio and learn about more services we provide.

Newport Interiors continues to strive in high quality workmanship and professionalism.

Call our office today for your free estimate

705.737.3111
newportinterior.ca

(Please see ad on pg 61)



THE ENSUITE BATH & KITCHEN SHOWROOM

Located in the south end of town, with easy access from the 400 highway, the **Ensuite** in Barrie is a one-stop shop for all your residential plumbing needs in the Simcoe and Muskoka area. We provide the perfect combination of excellent customer service with a wide variety of quality plumbing products. Whether you are a plumber, designer or homeowner, our team has the expertise to go above and beyond to make your plumbing plans come to life. Our knowledgeable and friendly staff will be happy to help you with anything, whether it be a small repair, technical questions, renovation projects or a new home build.

Ensuite Bath & Kitchen Showroom in Barrie is where top-quality products and knowledgeable consultants come together to deliver outstanding service. Before you begin your new bath, kitchen or renovation project, call us.

ensuiteontario.com/barrie
359 Huronia Rd, Barrie
705.728.0150
kmills@emcoltd.com

(Please see ad on pg 55)

OUR HOMES attracts the area’s finest businesses to advertise in our pages, and utilize our unparalleled distribution and coffee-table appeal to market their products and services. We’re making it easier for you, our readers, to become educated as you plan your home- and real estate-related purchasing decisions. View these business ads online at ourhomes.ca. The listings below are organized alphabetically by industry.

APPLIANCES

Leon’s, 8

ARBORICULTURE/ARBORIST

Lakeside Tree Experts, 63, 90

ARCHITECTS/ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN/
ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGISTS/
DRAFTSMEN & DESIGN

Crayon Design, 10
Sketch Design Build, 73

BEDS & BEDDING/MATTRESSES/
SLEEP PRODUCTS

Tom ‘The Dreamer’ Mattresses –
Chatterson’s Home Furniture, 11

BUILDERS

A.N.T. Homes, 53, 90
Crayon Design, 10
DeCarli Contractors, 25
Gilkon Construction Ltd., 81
Gregor Homes, 43
JVL Home Improvements Ltd., 6
Kirkworth Construction Inc., 95
Milestone Custom Construction, 15
Moonstone Timber Frame Log Homes
& Cottages, 31
Prycon Custom Building &
Renovations, 21
Renovations by Rodgers, 65

BUILDING/LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES

Trans Canada Wood Products, 14
United Lumber Home Hardware
Building Centre, 73

CABINETS & MILLWORK/
CARPENTRY/FINE WOODWORKING/
CUSTOM FURNITURE

Home Options Made Easy, 87
Perkinsfield Kitchen & Bath Inc., 4
Perkinsfield Rustic Furniture
& Custom Kitchens, 19

DRYWALL/PLASTER/STUCCO

Newport Interior Wall Systems Ltd., 61, 91

EAVESTROUGHS/SOFFIT/FASCIA

BC Roofing & Renovations, 55
Jones Aluminum, 21, 90
Leaf Out, 63

ELECTRICAL

Brian’s Little Electric, 59
Garraway’s Electrical Services, 73

EXCAVATING/SITE PREP/SEPTIC

SC Haulage and Excavating Ltd., 41

FINANCIAL/INSURANCE/
MORTGAGE/INVESTING

Christina Demmings Mortgage
Solutions, 65, 90
Raymond James, 7

FLOORING

BreezeWood Floors Bass Lake Sawmill, 43
End Of The Roll, 9
Home & Cottage Interiors, 2
Irvine Carpet One Floor & Home, 2, 45
Trans Canada Wood Products, 14

FLORAL DESIGN/FLORISTS

Fresh Flowers by Leanne, 41

FOOD & DRINK/RESTAURANTS/
CATERING/DELI

Olive Oil Co., 29

FURNITURE & HOME DÉCOR/
ACCENTS/GIFTS/COLLECTIBLES

Aboda Decor, 15
Blair Interiors & Window Fashions, 39
Dwellings Rustic & Refined Living, 25
Leon’s, 8
Our House, 83
Saturday Afternoons, 39
Simply Country, 55
Simply Home Furnishings, 55

GEOTHERMAL

MAK Mechanical Ltd., 61

HEATING & COOLING

MAK Mechanical Ltd., 61
Triple Tech Heating, Air Conditioning
and Refrigeration Inc., 41

HOME IMPROVEMENTS/
RENOVATIONS

ADM Design, 59

Gilkon Construction Ltd., 81

Gregor Homes, 43
JVL Home Improvements Ltd., 6
Jones Aluminum, 21, 90
Kirkworth Construction Inc., 95
Newport Interior Wall Systems Ltd., 61, 91
Prycon Custom Building &
Renovations, 21
Ready Pine, 61
Renovations by Rodgers, 65
Total Living Concepts, 85

INSULATION

Newport Interior Wall Systems Ltd., 61, 91

INTERIOR DECORATING/INTERIOR
DESIGN/HOME STAGING

ADM Design, 59
Crayon Design, 10
Saturday Afternoons, 39

KITCHEN & BATH

EcoRefinishers, 21
Home & Cottage Interiors, 2
Home Options Made Easy, 87
Lindsay Schultz Kitchens & Cabinetry, 25
Ora Kitchens And Bath Inc, 17
Perkinsfield Kitchen & Bath Inc., 4
Perkinsfield Rustic Furniture
& Custom Kitchens, 19
The Ensuite Bath & Kitchen
Showroom, 55, 91

LANDSCAPE DESIGN &
ARCHITECTURE/LANDSCAPING/
LAWN & GARDEN

CLEARRAIL, Frameless Glass
Systems Inc., 3
Foster Lawn & Garden, 63
Lakeside Tree Experts, 63, 90
Parklane Landscapes, 83
SC Haulage and Excavating Ltd., 41
Simcoe Lawn & Garden Services, 16, 91

LIGHTING

Home & Cottage Interiors, 2

NEW HOME COMMUNITIES

A.N.T. Homes, 53, 90
Braestone, 96

OUR HOMES is committed to ensuring the businesses below appear under the correct headings. To make a correction, or to have your business listed under more than one heading, please email suzanne.strong@ourhomes.ca or glenda.wiedeman@ourhomes.ca. To have your business listed in our Home Resource Directory, call us to advertise at 705.446.4877 or 705.446.4997.

OUTDOOR FURNITURE/STRUCTURES

Total Living Concepts, 85

OUTDOOR KITCHENS

Total Living Concepts, 85

PAINTING & DECORATING

Allandale Decorating Centre, 2, 65
Benjamin Moore, 2
Elmvale Home Building Centre, 2
Home & Cottage Interiors, 2
Housser’s Paint & Wallpaper, 2
Irvine Carpet One Floor & Home, 2, 45
WOW 1 Day Painting, 83, 91

PAVING/CEMENT/CONCRETE/
INTERLOCK

Road Readie Paving, 31

PEST CONTROL

Environmental Pest Control, 89

PLUMBING

Plumbtech Plumbing Inc, 89

POOLS/HOT TUBS/SAUNAS/SPAS

CLEARRAIL, Frameless Glass
Systems Inc., 3

REAL ESTATE

Forest Hill Real Estate – Kelly Lazar,
David Wagman, 31, 43

RESTORATION SPECIALISTS

Restorations by Rodgers, 65

ROOFING

BC Roofing & Renovations, 55

SHORELINE DREDGING

SC Haulage and Excavating Ltd., 41

STAIRS/RAILINGS

Barrie Trim & Mouldings, 5
Creative Design Stairs & Railing, 13

TRIM/MOULDING/CASING

Barrie Trim & Mouldings, 5
BreezeWood Floors Bass Lake Sawmill, 43

WINDOW TREATMENTS

Blair Interiors & Window Fashions, 39
Complete Blinds, 12
Salnek’s Custom Window Treatments, 7

WINDOWS & DOORS

Barrie Trim & Mouldings, 5
Jones Aluminum, 21, 90

EXPAND THE
ONLINE PRESENCE
OF YOUR BUSINESS

INQUIRE ABOUT OUR
DIGITAL ADVERTISING
OPPORTUNITIES



REACH 500,000+ PEOPLE ONLINE

• SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS • NEWSLETTER ADS • SPONSORED ARTICLES • AND MORE

ourhomes

CELEBRATING LIFE AT HOME

FOLLOW US ON 

92 | ourhomes SUMMER 2021

finishing touch



linen IS BACK

Linen, a sustainable fabric made of flax, is ruling the runway and home fashion this year in a big way. Linen sheets top the list, but this ancient, natural fabric is popping up in home goods for every room of your home. Say yes to linen.

1. POM POM AT HOME: Jackson Bedding in Flax/Midnight 2. EASTERN ACCENTS: Naomi Pleated Accent Pillow in Purple 3. KLIPPAN: Edge Cushion Cover in Lead Grey 4. CURREY & COMPANY: Ledoux Lantern 5. MAXWELL FABRICS: La Foliage Linen Fabric in Sweet Water, Washi and Durum 6. POKOLOKO: Element Towel in Cinder 7. SURYA: Rowland Table Lamp with White Linen Shade 8. SURYA: Solid Linen Pouf 9. REVELATION: Phaedra Dog Bed 10. KLIPPAN: LINN Kitchen Towels 11. JAIPUR LIVING: Madura Throw 12. EASTERN ACCENTS: Leonara White Curtain Panel 13. MERCANA: Trixie I Dining Chair with Linen Seat. **OH**

Big ideas...fine detail.



**RESIDENTIAL CUSTOM BUILDING
& RENOVATIONS**

705.818.7900
austin@kirkworthconstruction.ca
www.kirkworthconstruction.ca



the country estate, rethought.




BRAESTONE
HORSESHOE VALLEY

welcome to braestone.

Braestone is an award winning country estate community located in the heart of the Horseshoe Valley. Inspired by the farmhouses, barns, and sheds of the Oro-Medonte region, the homesteads are an authentic reflection of refined country living with four seasons of outdoor activities at its doorstep. Hiking, skating, apple picking and maple sugar tapping are just a few of the many remarkable activities homeowners experience living at Braestone.

We invite you to join in our vision and become part of Oro-Medonte's finest community. Contact us today to learn more.



Distinctive and timeless bungalow, loft and two-storey homesteads on a selection of 1/2 acre to over 1 acre valley and ridge lots.