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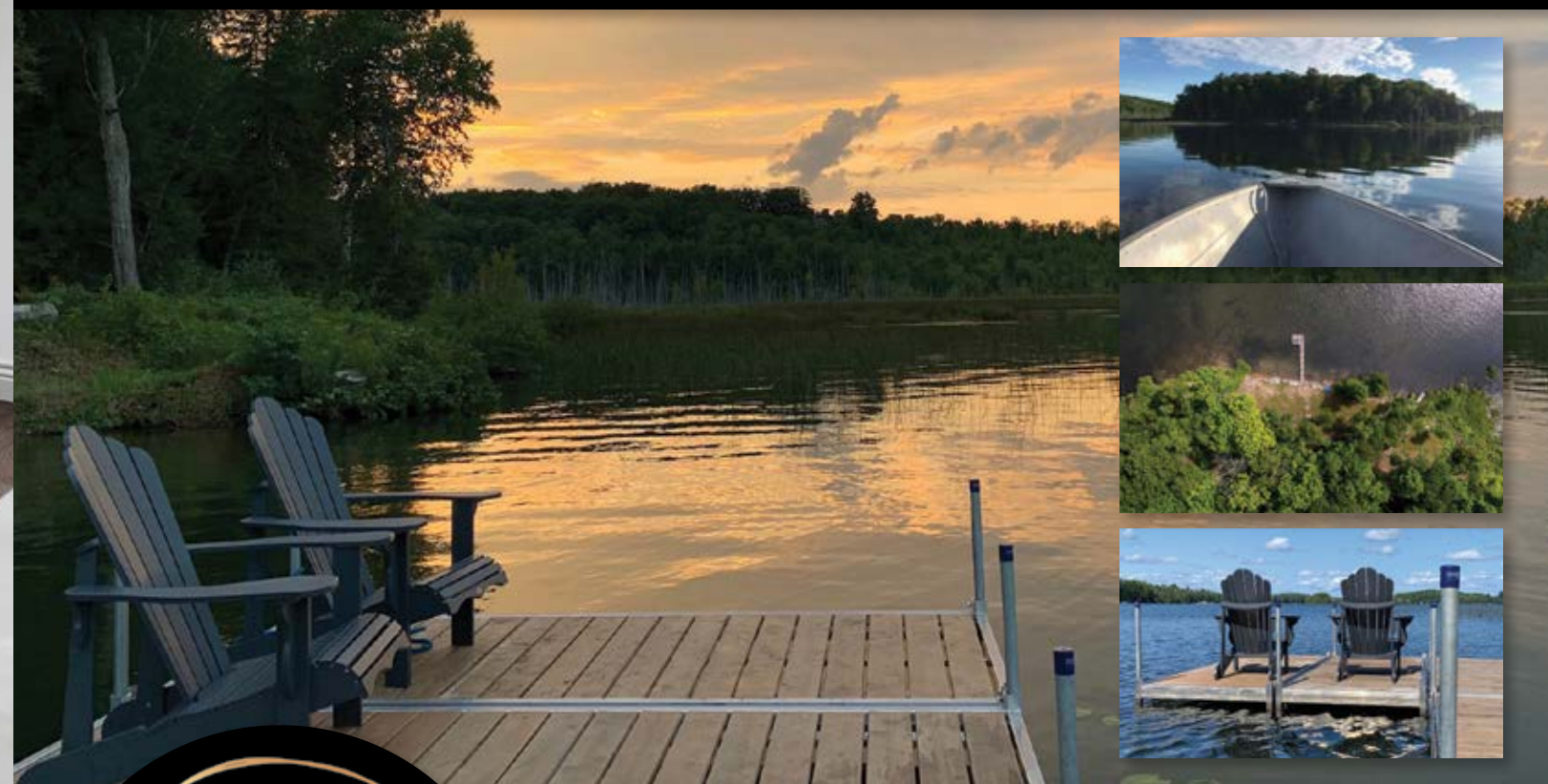
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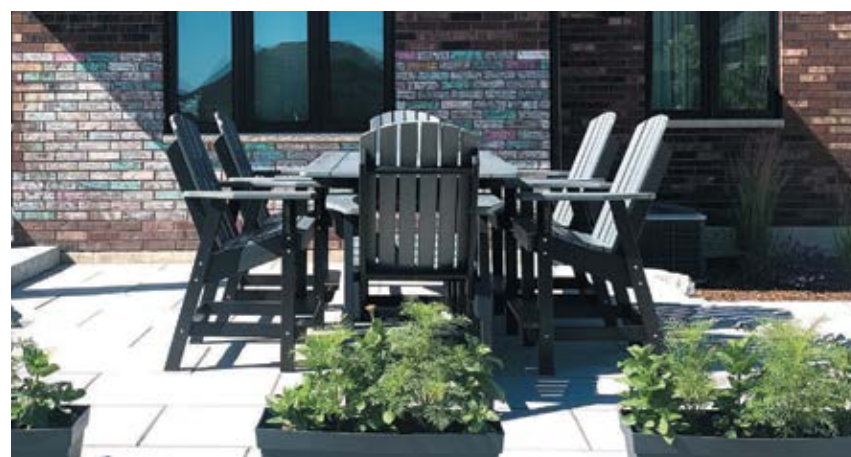


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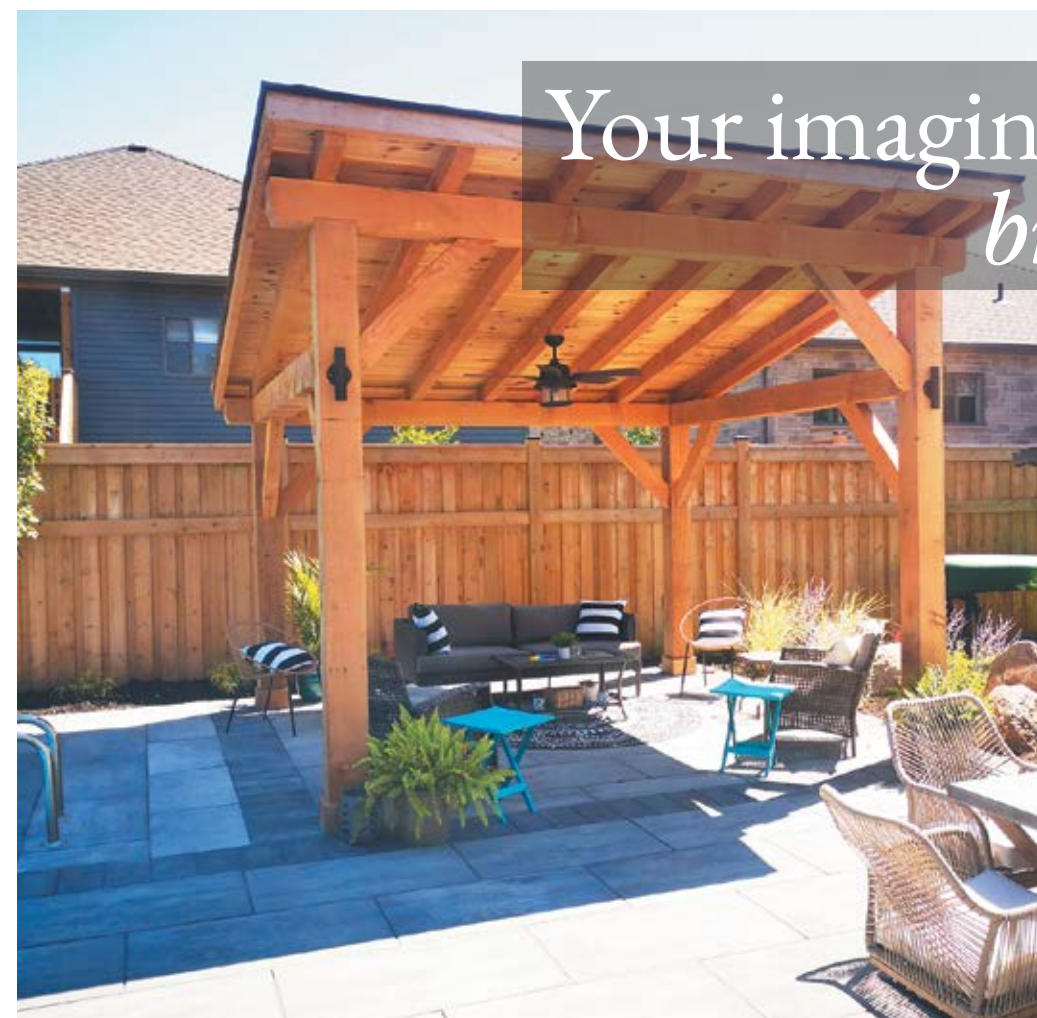
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MY FATHER’S PARENTS – NANNY AND BUNKA TO ME AND MY BROTHERS – lived in Ingersoll, where Bunka sold insurance. They had a cottage in Grand Bend that was a short walk from the beach on Lake Huron. They spent every weekend there in the summer, knew all their neighbours and loved cruising the main street, waving or giving a quick toot of the horn to familiar faces.

I spent my early childhood summer weekends there and remember my parents loading up the car Friday evening to spend the weekend at “The Bend” with Nanny and Bunka. Saturday morning, after a breakfast of eggs, bacon, lots of toast and orange juice, the adults would start gathering everything needed for our family day at the beach, including lawn chairs, a radio, towels, plastic shovels and buckets, water wings and donut beach floats. We packed two coolers with sandwiches, hard-boiled eggs, field ripened tomatoes, Tupperware salt-and-pepper shakers and tumblers, peaches, Nanny’s signature oatmeal sandwich cookies with date filling, beer for the adults and a large pitcher of Kool-Aid for us kids. With bathing suits under shorts and t-shirts, we would take the short walk to the beach with everyone carrying something.

We spent the day swimming, burying someone in the sand, digging holes to see how far down you could go until you found water, making sandcastles, riding the surf on our donut floats and walking along the shoreline looking for sea glass. The picnic lunch was the highlight of the day, with even a simple peanut butter and jam sandwich tasting divine. My brothers and I were allowed to sprinkle our hard-boiled eggs and

tomatoes with salt and pepper. We might have over-seasoned, but there was plenty of Kool-Aid to quench your thirst from too much salt!

After lunch we weren’t allowed to swim for an hour, so we rested on a beach towel as a bed and another towel as a blanket. Sometimes one of us would fall asleep, but mostly we lay in anticipation of getting back into the water to cool off, back to the holes that were being dug or the forts being built. Time slowed down on those days at the beach. Even when it was late afternoon and time to head back to the cottage, with sand in our hair and between our toes, tired and sunburned, we would walk slowly, hoping the idyllic, hot, sunny day would last a little bit longer.

I hope every day this summer is as perfect for each of you as it was for me at my grandparents’ cottage.

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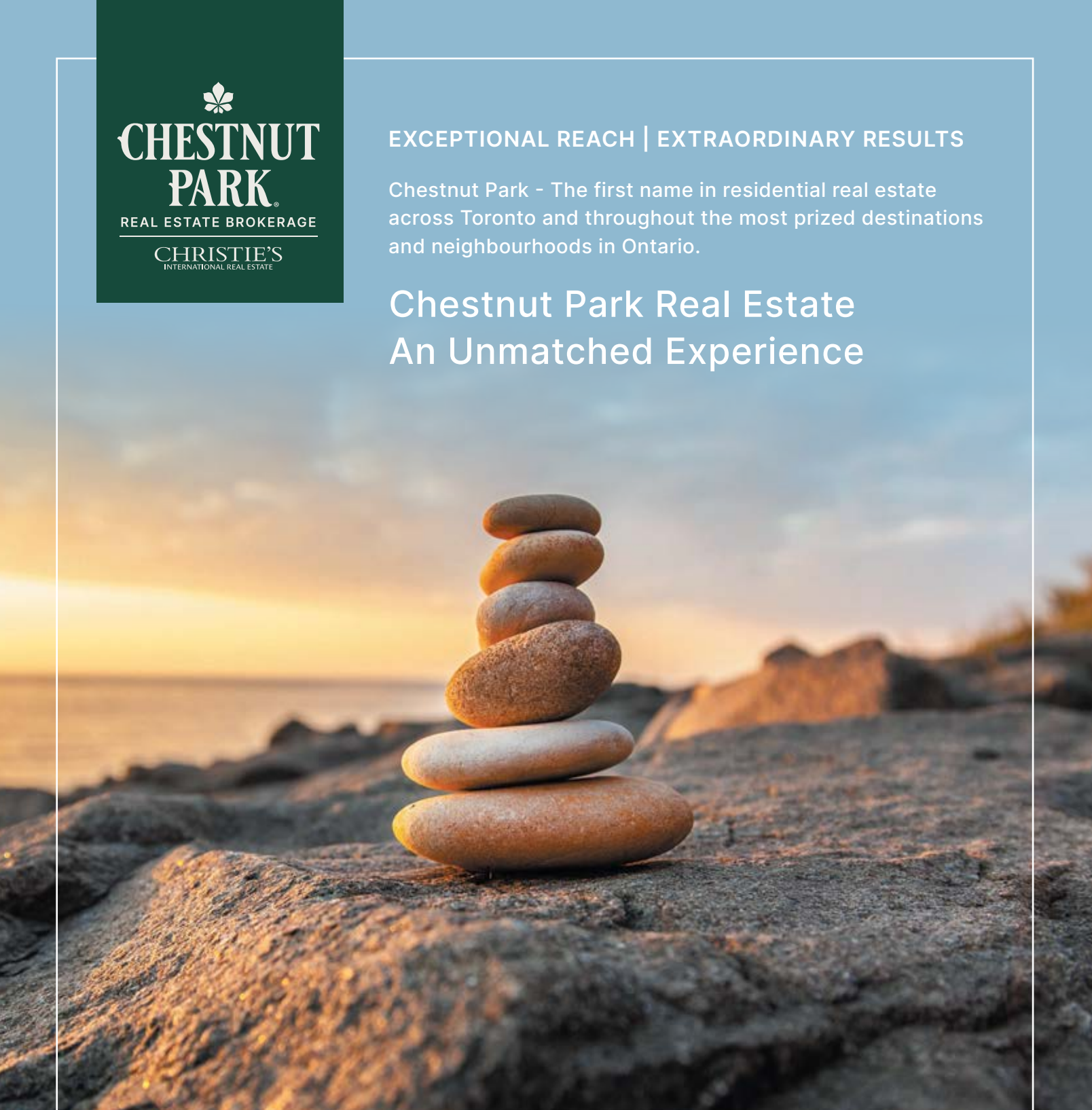
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THE ARRIVAL OF SUMMER IN ONTARIO BRINGS A COLLECTIVE DESIRE TO EXTEND OUR LIVING QUARTERS OUTDOORS. AFTER MONTHS OF COLD, SNOWY AND GREY WEATHER, WE DON'T WANT TO START COMPLAINING ABOUT THE HEAT! HERE ARE SOME SOLUTIONS — AT VARIOUS PRICE POINTS AND LEVELS OF PERMANENCY — THAT OFFER A REPRIEVE FROM THE HOT SUMMER SUN SO YOU CAN BE MORE COMFORTABLE ENJOYING LIFE OUTDOORS.

Hats

A good old-fashioned, wide-brimmed hat will provide instant shade from the sun. Choose an option that is lightweight and breathable (such as cotton or straw). A four-inch brim generally provides the protection you need on your face, ears and neck.

Umbrellas

An umbrella is an economical solution that can provide shelter from the glaring summer sun — and it can be moved to where you need it around your property. Umbrellas can tilt as the sun shifts during the day and raised or lowered depending upon the strength/heat of the sun. You need a sturdy base and remember to take it down during high winds! Choose high-quality fabrics that are colourfast and provide UV protection.

Shade Sails

Shade sails offer protection from the sun (and light rain/drizzle) and are more affordable than a more permanent roofed structure. However, you need to ensure appropriate supports as shade sails are aptly named and can catch the wind. Available in a wide array of colours and different shapes, they are a great way to provide UV protection for children's play spaces in open areas.



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Retractable Awnings

Retractable awnings can be secured to your home or building. The benefits are that you retract an awning when you want the sun (perhaps spring and fall or early morning/evening in the summer) and extend it during the hottest times of the day when protection from the sun is most desirable.



Sunbrella Retractable Awning



Toja Grid Pergola

Pergolas

Pergolas are identifiable structures with columns that support cross beams and open rafters (no solid roof). Pergolas diffuse the harshness of direct sunlight but do not protect from rain. They allow the breeze to circulate freely. They can be freestanding or attached to your home and can be designed to be contemporary or traditional, depending upon your design aesthetic. Pergolas can also offer a structure to support climbing vines and blooms, providing visual interest and additional shade. Consult a landscape professional when considering which plants will thrive in your zone (as well as the soil, exposure to wind and sun, drainage, maintenance, the possibility of invasiveness, etc.). There are also retractable canopies and canvas shades that can be incorporated into pergola designs.

Gazebos

Gazebos are roofed structures often constructed in a hexagonal or octagonal shape and open on all sides (although sometimes screened in) and traditionally have a railing between the posts. They often act as ornamental structures to complement gardens, courtyards, parks, etc. They can enhance the aesthetic value of your property.

Covered Porch

Attached to a dwelling or building, a covered porch is a permanent structure that offers protection from the sun and rain. As a porch generally has a wood or concrete floor, it is easy to clean and provides a



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sturdy base for outdoor furniture. A covered porch is also a natural extension of your home in the warmer months while being accessible to the amenities, such as the kitchen and bathroom, when entertaining. Although a larger investment than some other options, you will probably recuperate the cost as a covered porch is a desirable feature for prospective homebuyers as it adds a particular charm and can increase curb appeal. **OH**



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QUICK PICKLES

½ cup white vinegar
1 tsp sugar
1 tsp salt
1 clove garlic
Fresh dill
1 cucumber, sliced

HERBED DRESSING

4 Tbsp mayonnaise
2 Tbsp yogurt
Fresh dill
1 clove garlic, smashed

INSTRUCTIONS

QUICK PICKLES

In a small saucepan over medium-high heat, add vinegar, sugar, salt and garlic.

Cook until liquid begins to simmer and sugar dissolves.

Add dill and sliced cucumbers to a heat-proof bowl.

Pour simmering liquid over the cucumbers and stir to evenly coat.

Allow to cool at room temperature or chill before serving.

HERBED DRESSING

In a small bowl combine mayonnaise, yogurt, dill and garlic. Mix together.

COD & ASSEMBLY

Set aside quick pickles and herbed dressing until ready to assemble cod burgers.

Season cod fillets with salt and fresh pepper.

In a pan over medium-high heat, sear cod fillets until cooked through.

Remove from pan once cooked and place the hamburger buns in the pan to toast.

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These are a few plants I like to use in gardens. Some are native and some are not, but all are growing in zones 5 and lower. They are low maintenance, drought tolerant and will resist some of the diseases common with overused plants. Some are good pollinators as well.



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1 Instead of prickly horizontal junipers, try soft-needled **Microbiota decussata** or **Siberian Carpet Cypress**. Grows 30 cm tall and 175 cm wide. This evergreen can be grown in dry shade or full sun. The operative word here is dry. A bonus is that their foliage turns a copper penny colour in the late fall and winter.



2 **Hypericum kalmianum** or **Pot O' Gold St. John's Wort** can work very well instead of lower growing Spireas. This St. John's Wort has four seasons of interest starting with profuse golden yellow flowers on a two-foot-high shrub with bluish green narrow leaves. Persistent brown seed capsules and exfoliating bark add winter interest.



4 **Amelanchier canadensis** or **Serviceberry** is a well-used native in our landscapes for its beautiful white flowers, edible fruit and great red fall colour. I would use this native large shrub/small tree as a replacement for Burning Bushes (*Euonymus alatus*) which is now considered an alien invasive as it is a prolific self-seeder. *Continued on page 34*

3 **Hepaticodium miconioides** or **Seven-Son Flower** is a large (four-by-two-metre) uncommon shrub with white blooms later in the season. The highlight of this shrub is the pink to red calyxes left on after the flowers fade. The exfoliating bark is great for winter interest. Use this plant when you need a focal point in your garden.



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5 **Caryopteris x clandonensis** or **Bluebeard** could be used as an alternative to Lavender in the garden when you still want purple flowers, but later in the season. Caryopteris is drought tolerant, a great pollinator and has fragrant foliage. Grows 80-by-80 centimetres.



6 **Clethra alnifolia** or **Summersweet** is a summer fragrant flowering shrub with white or pink bottlebrush type flowers, ranging in height from 100-to-200 centimetres. It attracts the pollinators, too.



7 **Geranium macrorrhizum** or **Bigroot Geranium** and **Asarum canadense** or **Wild Ginger** are great ground covers for full-shade areas in the garden. Periwinkle is considered an aggressive alien and should not be planted anymore. Geranium has pink or white flowers with fragrant foliage. Wild Ginger has interesting flowers half hidden under the leaves.



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TIRED OF CEDARS? HERE ARE A COUPLE OF EXCELLENT ALTERNATIVES:

8 **Picea abies 'Cupressina'** or **Columnar Norway Spruce** is a great choice when space is limited. It grows to eight-metres tall and 200-centimetres wide and has dense branching to the ground with dark green, stiff, short needles.

9 **Thuja x 'Green Giant'** or **Western Cedar** (a cross between Thuja plicata and Thuja Standishii). Although this is a cedar, it is not on the menu for deer, which is why I have included it here. It can grow to 13-metres tall and four-metres wide. It can be used for hedges and tolerates trimming too.



By using some of these less common selections, you are supporting sustainable landscaping practices.

The next time you are at the nursery, look for these plants. If they don't have them, ask for them. We need more diversity in our gardens and if we ask the garden centres for these not-so-common plants, we create a demand, and they will start bringing them in. **OH**

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5 TIPS to WASH & FOLD in Style

STORY **FRANKIE CASTRO**
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You probably spend more time in your laundry room than you'd like. What if you actually wanted to spend time there? A space that's well-equipped and aesthetically pleasing can make laundry feel less like a chore. Finding that balance can be challenging, especially when considering a household's diverse needs. These are the top five laundry room essentials.

Location, Location, Location!

Laundry rooms were historically unsightly, utilitarian rooms, usually tucked away deep in the basement where the machines could whirr, hum and buzz all day or night. This placement had its practical purpose, shielding living areas from noise and potential water leaks. But thanks to advances in machine technology and aesthetic design, many modern homes are now putting the laundry room in more convenient locations, near upper-level bedrooms, or adjacent to the kitchen or entryway mudrooms.



Storage Space

Smart storage is essential to an effective, efficient laundry room design. Customizing under-counter cabinets and uppers are a great option to maximize every inch of space. And while having everything behind closed doors leaves the space neat and tidy, it lacks visual interest. Consider incorporating a combination of open and closed shelving, which allows you to have a few frequently used items on hand and some decorative pieces on display. Ultimately, your storage system should match your needs and personality. If you're naturally messy, closed storage may be better suited to you. If you are neat and highly visual, you may benefit more from open shelving.

FUNCTIONAL ESSENTIALS: Bonus elements within the cabinetry design include an ironing board, a shelf for storing baskets and everyday cleaning products, and rods mounted high enough to hang shirts and longer items like dresses. Don't forget to factor electrical outlets and adequate lighting into your design plan.

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Counter Space

As a designer, I love a long spacious countertop like the butcher block countertop we used in this design pictured below. As a doer of laundry, I can also attest that ample counter space is great for folding, ironing and organizing, too.

SPACE-SAVERS: If your laundry room is tight, there are many alternatives to a traditional countertop that can do the trick. Fold-down counters or tables on casters can create more space and can be moved in and out of the way when not in use. A retracting shelf or rack is another great addition to compact spaces. Installed beside the washer and dryer, or tucked between a stacked washer/dryer unit, this pull-out surface is a convenient and unobtrusive place to rest your laundry basket as you load and unload your machines.



Large Laundry Tub

While still available on the market, the oversize utility sink has gone by the wayside, making way for more modern options in various materials that match durability with style. For example, look for under-counter mounted sinks in stainless steel or acrylic porcelain or other hard-wearing materials that are made to last. Regardless of the specifics, make sure the sink is large and deep enough to hand-wash your delicates, soak your dirty shoes or give Fido a good scrub.



Some Style!

A laundry room is a great place to try out the latest design trends you've been coveting. Since this is typically a smaller room that isn't open to the living areas, it's a great place to be bold and introduce some colour. Try a patterned wallpaper or tile, or test out a trending hardware style, such as matte black or one of the brightly texturized, coloured hardware options.

Ultimately, it's important to take stock of what you're trying to achieve in your laundry room and ensure that you have a solution to simplify each task. And don't forget to have a little fun with it. Separating the whites from the darks is boring enough without a dull beige wall staring at you! **oh**

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STORY **LORI DAVIS**
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STAGING **SIMPLY PUT DESIGNS**

As the sun's summer rays light the hamlet of Eugenia in a warm glow, Steve and Christina Moricz enjoy the natural beauty of their peaceful, wooded haven. "It's such a beautiful environment," says Steve. "We love the house and this wonderful community."

Their three-bedroom, chalet-style house, designed by **Beaver Homes and Cottages**, sits on property steeped in family history. Steve's parents bought the property 25 years ago and renovated a small existing cottage. Over the years, Steve and his family enjoyed the fresh air, outdoor activities and breathtaking scenery throughout Grey County. The Moriczes, including sister Sue, who lives in Switzerland, are pleased the property remains in the family after all these years. *Continued on page 42*



ABOVE: The centrepiece of the home is the 25-foot-high fieldstone fireplace with a Napoleon High Country insert, installed by Certified Woodstoves. Stone was sourced from Thornbury Home Hardware Building Centre and installed by Dominic Arcaro. Floor-to-ceiling windows are Ostaco, supplied by Van Dolder's Custom Exteriors. **LEFT:** The plans for the home are from Beaver Homes and Cottages. The chimney stone was installed by Universal Builders, with stone supplied by Shouldice Stone. The roof is covered with Owen Corning shingles from Shelburne Home Hardware and installed by Darryl Galbraith. **OPPOSITE:** The open-plan living and dining room sits under the soaring Ready Pine, Pecan-stained tongue-and-groove ceiling. Northern Iron supplied the chandelier over the dining table, which was installed by the electricians for the project, Ridge and River Electric.



With retirement looming, Steve and Christina decided to relocate and build on the family property. “Steve is from Bolton and we lived there for a long time,” says Christina. “We felt it was time to get out of the city.” At first, the thought of building a house was daunting and they were apprehensive as they searched for a builder. “We have never built a house, so we didn’t know what to expect,” she says. “We were really nervous and hesitant.” Their anxiety quickly dissipated when they found **Universal Builders**. “They were so accommodating right from day one,” says Steve, recently retired from Canadian Border Services Agency. “We can’t say enough about Mike and Jenn. Everything was on time and budget. There were no surprises and lots of communication.”

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LEFT: Jennifer and Mike McInnes of Universal Builders and Christina and Steve Moricz on the stairs sourced from The Master’s Workbench and installed by Rick Hartley. **BELOW:** Simply Put Designs brought to life Christina and Steve’s vision for a modern and bright interior. Georgian Design Centre supplied the white oak engineered hardwood flooring for the home, which was installed by Universal Builders.



“WE PLAN TO STAY HERE FOREVER SO WE WANT EVERYTHING WE NEED ON THE MAIN FLOOR.”
~Christina Moricz



Family can enjoy meals at the handcrafted dining table with matching chairs from The Rusty Star. The paint colour on the walls is Chantilly Lace from Benjamin Moore. Rick Dodd Custom Painting completed all painting for the project.

RIGHT: The custom deep blue cabinets in the kitchen were supplied by Across the Grain. Appliances were sourced at Home Depot and the quartz countertops that sparkle with luminescent flecks are from The Granite Company. **BELOW:** A bright and cheerful arrangement of yellow Gerbera daisies sits on the peninsula in the kitchen.



TOP LEFT: A thoughtful vignette on the kitchen counter contains useful items. Subway tile was installed by Trendy Designs. **TOP RIGHT:** Goldie is 8-years-old and is very happy with its new home. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The coffee machine has coffee mugs within easy reach in the upper cabinet and coffee pods in the drawer below the counter. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Frosted doors let sunlight from the pantry flow into the foyer of the home. Interior doors were supplied by Shelburne Home Hardware and installed by Universal Builders.



The traditional Swiss celebratory wedding plate was given to Steve and Christina from Steve's sister Sue.

Established in 2003 by **Mike McInnes**, Universal Builders specializes in custom builds, renovations and additions. Mike believes his attention to detail, ability to visualize the completed project and a quest for quality sets him apart from other builders. "We make people's dreams come true so we don't take it lightly when someone chooses us," says Mike's wife Jennifer, who is involved in many aspects of the business, including working onsite and handling administrative tasks. Mike's father, also a builder, taught him the trade from the ground up. "Mike is particular and his attention to detail is exceptional," says Jennifer. "He doesn't cut corners or take shortcuts. He is proud of his work and wants

clients to have the best possible experience." Establishing a relationship with clients is key. Often friendships evolve from an initial business connection. "Steve and Christina are an amazing couple," says Jennifer. "They made the process easy and we are really good friends now." Decorator **Keri Stewart of Simply Put Designs** helped the Moriczes design the interior. They envisioned a chalet-style theme, modern and bright. An open floor plan allows natural light to cascade throughout the main level. Floor-to-ceiling windows, supplied by Van Dolder's Custom Exteriors, flank a stately 25-foot fieldstone fireplace. A wood-burning Napoleon insert glows with an aromatic fire that warms chilly evenings. *Continued on page 47*

“THE VIEW FROM THE GREAT ROOM IS AMAZING, WE LOOK OUT THE WINDOWS AND LOVE WHAT WE SEE. WE CAN’T BELIEVE IT’S OURS.”



RIGHT: The loft has a view of the soaring stone fireplace and the mature trees that give the property privacy. Heating and cooling for the home was installed by Geo Tech Mechanical.
BELOW: A bar cabinet in the living room holds glasses and libations while a preferred tippie sits on top with crystal tumblers.
OPPOSITE: The blue tone of the sofa from EQ3 is in the same spectrum as the custom cabinets. Steve found the horn coffee table at a yard sale in the area. The home was framed by Sunrise Carpentry.



Georgian Design Centre provided engineered white oak floors that complement a pine tongue-and-groove cathedral ceiling. Whether it's a full moon or setting sun, the great room shimmers with light and colour. “The view from the great room is amazing,” says Christina, who works part-time at the Beaver Valley Ski Club. “We look out the windows and love what we see. We can’t believe it’s ours,” says Christina.
Steve loves to cook so his favourite room is the well-equipped compact kitchen. White stone-topped counters, sprinkled with luminescent dark flecks, sparkle in the sunlight while deep blue cabinets, supplied by **Across the Grain**, add contrast and interest. A glass-panelled door leads to an adjacent pantry. “The pantry frees

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In the two-and-a-half bathrooms, Christina has folded the tissue paper into beautiful designs. Bath and kitchen fixtures were sourced from Mueller Plumbing Contractors, which also completed the plumbing for the home.



ABOVE: The primary bedroom on the main floor offers Steve and Christina the ability to age in place. Christina's father made the headboard and side tables. Walls are painted Crystalline and the ceiling is Chantilly Lace, both from Benjamin Moore. **RIGHT:** The primary en suite has a large glass-enclosed shower with barn board-style porcelain tiles that mimic authentic aged wood.

up so much space in the kitchen," says Steve. "There are lots of shelves and room to store appliances." Two large spice drawers skirt the stove, providing easy access during cooking.

The primary bedroom is conveniently located on the ground level. "We plan to stay here forever so we want everything we need on the main floor," says Christina. Off the bedroom, a walk-in closet with roomy sliding drawers ensures organized, easy access to clothing and accessories. The focal point of the en suite is a spacious glass-enclosed shower with unique barn board-like tiles installed by Trendy Designs. *Continued on page 50*



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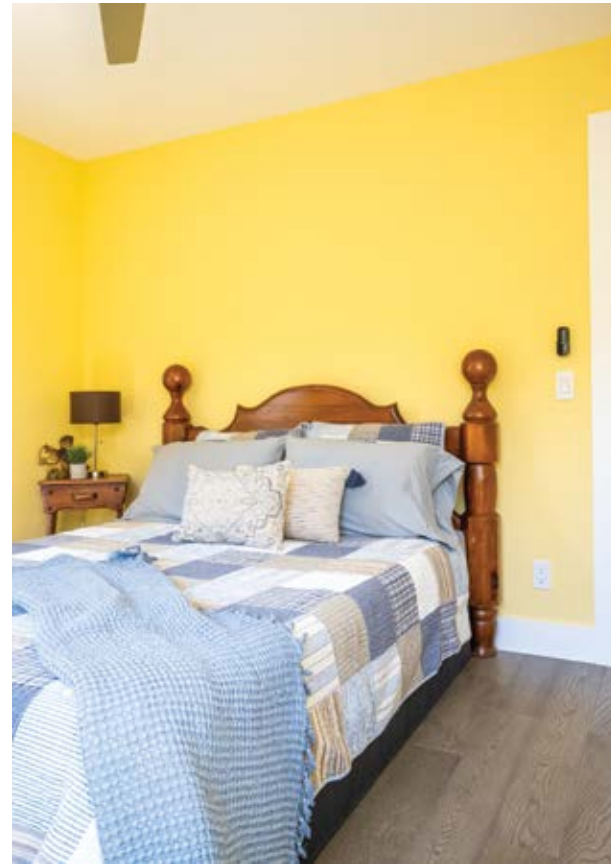


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LEFT: Steve and Christina like to watch television in the cosy loft. Christina purchased a sectional from EQ3, which, when purchased was a tad too long. Now, part of it serves as a separate comfortable seat. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Ready for visiting family and friends, this guest bedroom offers a comfy sanctuary. The walls are painted Fernwood Green by Benjamin Moore. **ABOVE:** The cannonball bed frame resided in the original cottage and is a family heirloom. A patchwork quilt and pale blue bedding are inviting lures for a restful sleep. Walls are painted Hawthorne Yellow while the ceiling and trim are painted in Chantilly Lace, both by Benjamin Moore.



Connected by a pale oak staircase from **The Master's Workbench**, a cosy loft offers a bird's eye view of the great room and lush wooded property. "It's a cosy little nook where we watch TV in the evening," says Christina. Her favourite room is one of the adjacent guest suites, painted **Benjamin Moore** Hawthorne Yellow. This bold, sassy shade smacks of golden sunlight. "The sun always shines here in the morning. It's such a bright, cheery room," she says.

Steve and Christina embarked on an adventure when they decided to build. Although there were a few ups and downs, they enjoyed the journey. "We were worried our expectations were not realistic," says Christina. "But, in the end, our experience surpassed our expectations. Mike is a perfectionist so we didn't have to worry. We feel so good about the result." **OH**



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Grebe with Grebette

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STORY LYNNE RICHARDSON

HITCHING A RIDE

BIRDS BEHAVING CUTELY

Bird behaviour has always been a favourite part of birdwatching for me. Courtship displays, foraging techniques, a territory being vigorously defended by a feisty wee ball of feathers, and a wide range of other avian action adds interest to your observations and provides insight into the secret life of birds.

Behaviour watching can also provide some of the most rewarding sightings and photo ops. Picture this: A mother duck swims into view. Following close behind are a string of downy ducklings. Your interest level rises; baby birds are always appealing. Click, click, you get a picture with your camera – or in your mind's eye. You're about to carry on with your birding day when you notice the row of ducklings is shorter. Where did the others go? Then you see them. A few have scrambled up onto the mother's back! The cuteness scale just shot up! Witnessing a moment such as this is one of the highlights of the summer nesting season.

ALTRICIAL OR PRECOCLIAL

Summertime is a busy time for birds. Songbirds have nests full of baby birds that hatch out featherless, helpless and completely incapable of surviving on their own. These nestlings are classified as altricial young, meaning they require much feeding and nurturing to maturity. They are also, let's face it, not cute, with their naked featherless bodies, their big bulging eyes and their oversize gapey beaks.

But not all young birds hatch out that way. Some species crack out of the egg ready to hit the ground running, or swimming. They are the epitome of cuteness with their fluffy feathers and the way they can motor about and feed themselves. These species include the waterfowl family, which are in the precocial class of birds. Precocial comes from the Latin word for precocious and is an apt term for a chick who can swim circles around its parents and practically fend for itself from day one. However independent, these wee birds still require some level of parental protection and guidance to learn strategies for staying warm and conserving their limited energy supplies as they make their way in their big watery world. *Continued on page 54*

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PIGGYBACK RIDES

The poster bird for cottage country, and everyone’s favourite, the Common Loon, is beloved for its iconic wails, yodels and tremolo calls throughout the summer. But equally endearing is its habit of carrying the young on their backs for the first few weeks of their little lives. The young loonlets instinctively know they will be safe and warm when up on their piggyback perch. Adult loons are strong, fast paddlers; baby loons not so much yet, so they climb up and snuggle down when they tire or when they catch a chill from paddling about in the cold waters of their natal lake.

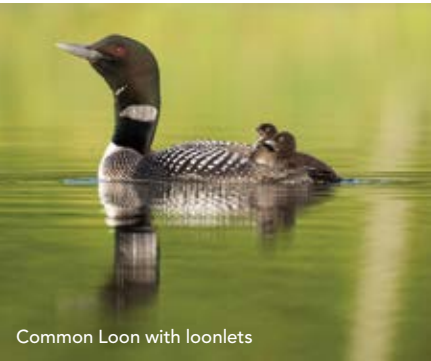


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PREDATOR PROOF

Another bonus of catching a ride is the protection it provides from underwater predators. Adult birds can move their young away from danger very quickly by carrying them on their backs. A loonlet’s little legs just can’t paddle fast enough. And by remaining in the water, the chicks’ feet are dangling down rather enticingly in front of a lurking fish, snapping turtle or even a mink. Better to jump on the fast-moving mama’s back and get outta there in a hurry!



Duck with ducklings



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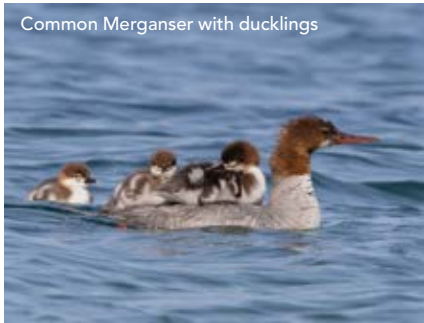


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GETTING YOUR DUCK(LINGS) IN A ROW

Hitching a ride isn’t the only energy-saving strategy in the baby duck repertoire. They soon learn that swimming all in a row behind their mama is easier than swimming in a bunch behind her. There’s physics at work here. The V-shaped wake the mother duck makes as she swims along forms a tiny wave the ducklings can surf down the sides and into the trough below. This wave energy gives them a wee push forward and the ability to keep up with their fast-moving mother. Each duckling down the line seems to know where to precisely position itself to get the benefit of the next ripple in the wake. That’s why the ducklings are so evenly spaced out in their row and this perfect symmetry makes for such an appealing scene.

SNUGGLE DOWN

Even fully-feathered precocial baby birds aren’t totally able to regulate their body temperature at first. For the first few days after hatching from their warmly incubated egg, the chicks of some species will simply scramble onto the patient parent’s back and snuggle down into its thicker, warmer feathers. They’ll even do this on the nest, perhaps getting ready for the parent’s launch into the lake. This back-brooding is common with the Pied-billed Grebe and again provides such appeal to birders’ eyes and camera lenses alike.

BIG BIRD



Nature is full of surprises. It turns out piggyback rides are not limited to just the waterfowl family. The Sandhill Crane is a big bird; more than one-metre tall, with long legs that raise it over the tall vegetation of its marsh- and-meadow habitat. Their young on the other hand – known as colts – are but centimetres tall at hatching and somewhat unequipped to keep up with their long-legged parents. The short wee colt (so named because of its ability to run around right after hatching like a young member of the horse family) is not averse to taking it easy when it can. So why not hitch a ride and get a bird’s-eye view of its domain.



PHOTO: FEY CLARKE

As a bird behaviour buff, I highly recommend an early morning paddle or stroll along the beach, camera or binoculars at the ready, for a chance glimpse into the life of a baby loon, grebe, or merganser, or any other gift nature may present you with. It’s time well spent. **OH**

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HOW MILLENNIALS ARE REDEFINING SUSTAINABLE LIVING



STORY **BONNIE J STINSON**

Millennials have matured, and so has their approach to sustainable living. Picking up the green torch and leading the way, this generation dares to define a new style of green living that balances personal responsibility with mental health – and the result is a sustainable lifestyle that feels good and gets results.

Natalie DeYoung Ricci, 40, is a busy millennial mother of two. Her fierce determination to resist the fast-paced disposable culture of single-use plastics led her to a surprising destination: her own kitchen. “The kitchen is more accessible than other areas where changes might be more expensive and out of reach, like vehicles or clothing,” Natalie explains. She uses washable silicone bags in her kids’ lunches and cloth bowl covers for baking. For other millennials, activities outside the house are a more meaningful pathway to sustainability. “I group my errands together so I can drive less,” says Meadow

Holtby, a younger millennial who grew up on a small island and now lives in the city. Meadow knows that a small change to weekend errands will only have a minor effect on her overall carbon footprint. However, this strategy helps her feel more in control. For Meadow – and for many millennials – depressing headlines and discouraging politics do not offer enough reassurance to feel super hopeful about the planet’s future. As the parent of a young child, Meadow finds that a single personal commitment provides the psychological stability and integrity to move forward. *Continued on page 58*

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green living

Does the prospect of switching to a green lifestyle sound complicated? You might be shocked to discover how simple sustainability can be.

Anna Culver, now 34, was in her late 20s and in between jobs when she started to seriously prioritize green living. Anna refills her soap, lotion and household products at zero-waste stores like Keep Refillery (locations in Toronto, Kingston, Creemore and Meaford). Reducing the clutter and waste of disposable products is not only good for the planet but it “greatly simplifies my life,” she says.

The pessimists among you may be thinking, ‘Sure, these changes are nice to read about but they won’t actually change anything.’ But millennials have actually hit upon a powerful insight.

Green living is not about changing the world, it’s about changing yourself.

Yes, we need systemic change. Yes, we must advocate for better policies and invest in climate-friendly infrastructure. But, what do we do in the interim?


Millennials do not have David Suzuki’s hope, nor do they have Greta Thunberg’s rage. However, this generation is doing something far more radical than hoping or raging: they’re taking action.

“I know that my little contribution isn’t the same as large-scale, systemic change,” says Natalie, “but it helps me psychologically to have some agency so I don’t feel hopeless.”


Quietly and conscientiously, millennials are driving the green revolution by aligning their personal habits with sustainable lifestyle choices. Millennials are showing us that we can live like there’s hope for the future.

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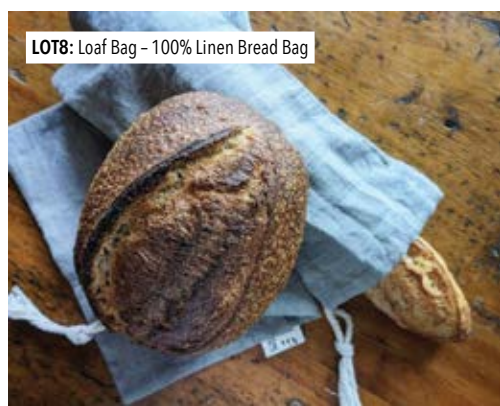
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MILLENNIAL PLAYBOOK FOR GREEN LIVING

Identify one area of your life that creates a lot of mental anxiety for you around climate change. Example: “I feel incredibly guilty about takeout containers. I just don’t have the time to wash them or cook a meal at home right now.”

Figure out how your current habit is meeting some of your non-sustainability values. Example: “I love being able to spend more time with my kids instead of cooking or cleaning. I want to feed my family a balanced meal even if I’m really busy.”

Brainstorm creative ways you could live your other values while making a slight improvement on sustainability. Example: Set up a meal swap with a friend. Sign up for a meal kit subscription and cook as a family. Pay your kid to wash the takeout containers. Research local restaurants to find out who offers sustainable packaging.

Commit to one small change that balances your personal values with environmental impact. Example: “I value convenience and time with my family, so takeout is still the right option for me right now. But because I value sustainability, I will make a list and try to only order from local restaurants that use compostable and recyclable packaging for takeout containers.”

Nurture your new green living habit until you start to notice a difference in your mental health.

Repeat again, aligning another area of climate anxiety with your values by changing a small personal habit. **OH**

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what's your DESIGN AESTHETIC?

STORY JANE LOCKHART

Coastal, minimal, Mid-century modern, farmhouse, Bohemian – these are just a few design styles popular today. Type any one of these in a search engine and multiple photos pop up displaying rooms for each look.

But what is a “design aesthetic?” Isn’t it the same as picking a style? In today’s world, it seems like they should be interchangeable terms and “design aesthetic” is simply another way to describe your style, right? In fact, a design aesthetic is a more in-depth understanding of a style. It relates to all elements included in the lifestyle represented by that style, not just the things we see in beautiful photos, like pillows or furniture. It digs deeper than the surface elements. To simplify, a design aesthetic includes not only the décor elements but also how you interact and behave in your space.

For example, if you lean towards a modern design aesthetic, simple furniture shapes and an uncluttered interior would appeal to your sense of style and you would also prefer to own

minimal stuff in general, with clean, organized closet interiors as important as the exterior living space. Design aesthetic is the way you live IN a space as much as the space itself.

A personal design aesthetic represents the authentic you. It captures what you love, rather than a passing fad or design trend that may come-and-go over your lifetime. That’s not to say an aesthetic won’t change as we age – it should change, as it represents our true self. As we evolve and re-evaluate our lifestyle over time, our style evolves with us.

How then do we identify our design aesthetic? It sounds a lot harder than just picking a style! The two do cross over, but to really drill down to finding a style that’s meaningful to you, it has to fit your lifestyle. *Continued on page 62*



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INJECTING COLOUR

Do you love colour and gain energy from having it applied to walls or furniture? If you do, consider a rustic, coastal or Mediterranean look, as each incorporate colour as a main staple.

INTEGRATING KEEPSAKES OR MEMENTOS

Do you find comfort in seeing your memories displayed, and photos of family around you, or do you like to collect items from travel as reminders of the past? If so, select a style like countrycore or rustic country that incorporates more surfaces, walls and furniture for display of precious photos and mementos. These styles don't fight your natural preferences and instead easily allow you to incorporate elements that YOU love.

HERE ARE SOME GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR SELECTING YOUR PREFERRED DESIGN AESTHETIC.

LOOK AT YOUR SPACE

Do you like open spaces, high ceilings and light walls, avoiding the feeling of being closed in? If the answer is yes, look for design aesthetics that incorporate this feel, such as modern, Mid-century modern, farmhouse modern or architectural. These styles all share light-painted walls, light floors, minimal decoration, large windows and lots of lighting, all of which create the feel of open space (even if your home is not big and open).



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FINDING WARMTH

Does wood add warmth and a casual element you've always loved? If so, select an aesthetic that heavily incorporates both casual living and wood touches to it naturally. This would include a coastal or rustic look, even cottagecore or lodge. Each of these styles use wood as a main expression, whether light or dark and would fit your overall design aesthetic.

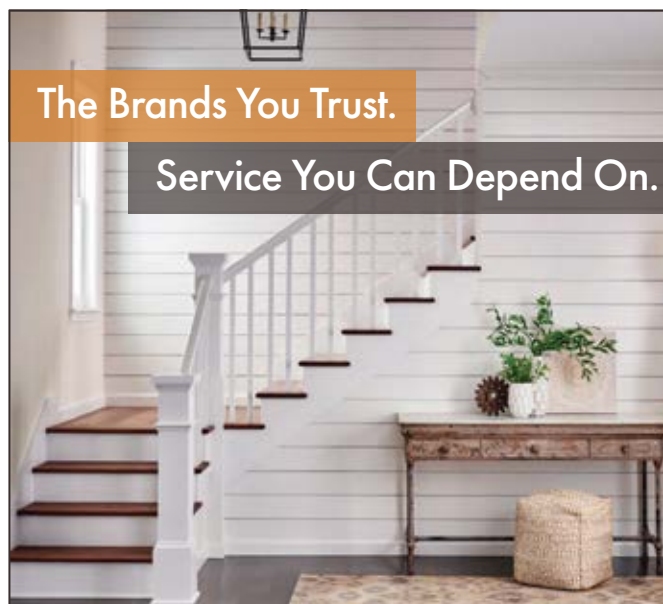
These principles offer simple examples of how to reverse engineer the style question to become "what are things that make me happy and that I want to experience every day in my space?" Once you know this answer, look at photos to see where your preferences fit within the millions of images of spaces available today.

Upon choosing a design aesthetic that captures how you want to live and feel, start building your style from there. And, of course, make it your own. All of these aesthetics can mesh into your own style, which is entirely the point! **OH**

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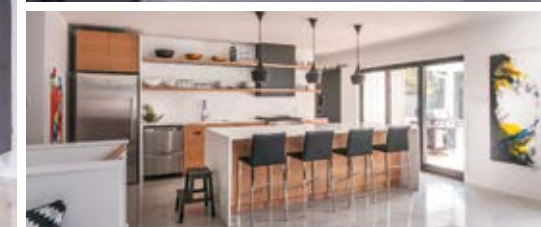


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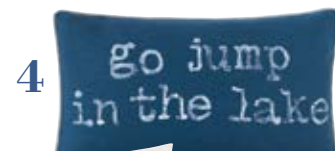
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The family loves gathering around the large island for meals and conversation. The pot filler over the gas range and the kitchen faucet were supplied by Acton's Plumbing and Heating.



Homecoming

JESS AND IAN ALWAYS KNEW THEY WANTED TO COME BACK HOME TO THE SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY AREA. JESS GREW UP IN STAYNER AND IAN IN CREEMORE BEFORE SCHOOL DREW THEM AWAY. “AS SOON AS WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK, WE TOOK IT,” JESS REVEALS. THAT OPPORTUNITY BROUGHT THEM TO OWEN SOUND IN 2008.

STORY **RACHAEL HAVENS**
PHOTOGRAPHY **SANDY MACKAY**

Ian met local builder **Tim Clancy** through a local recreational hockey league. Tim is a second-generation builder at **Clancy Builders Ltd.**, a company building custom homes in Grey and Bruce Counties since 1988. “We don’t build the same house twice, we always start with a plan and continually customize it to the wants and needs of the customer,” Tim explains. “Even during construction, both the homeowners and I are always trying to think of new ideas to keep making the house better and better. The more work and thought that goes into something, the better the new home ends up.”

This was certainly the case with Jess and Ian. It took about five years to find the perfect building lot. After viewing several other properties with Tim, none fit the bill. That was until Tim’s business acquired three lots along a shore road just north of Owen Sound.

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ABOVE: The view of Georgian Bay from the front of the home is what caught the couple’s attention when they viewed the building lot. **RIGHT:** The covered front porch is a favourite spot for the family to relax. Windows were supplied by Dashwood Industries Inc. Just Roof It installed the timberline shingles and the standing seam steel accents, which were supplied by Miller’s Home Hardware Building Centre. The stone skirting is from Shouldice Stone and installed by Vinny’s Masonry.

Homeowner Jess Rowbotham and Tim Clancy of Clancy Builders Ltd. stand in the light-filled front foyer.





This property had the best of both worlds, with a view of Georgian Bay in the front and mature forest in the back. It was worth the wait, as the lot perfectly suits the home.

By the time they began construction in 2021, the couple knew exactly what they wanted. “Ian and Jess have their fingerprints all over this house,” says Tim. Ian describes the style as “a modern take on traditional.” The front-and-centre dormer and the quad foyer door, allowing for lake views, are what caught the couple’s attention.

The colours of the lake have been brought indoors. Though the design is neutral, there is a pop of blue in the kitchen to reflect the water. It’s Jess’s favourite room in the home. “I love to cook so it’s a

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OPPOSITE, TOP LEFT: The black quad door unit in the front foyer pops against the white interior walls and was supplied by Dashwood Industries Inc. The door maximizes the view of the lake and the landscape at the front of the property by Hutten & Co. Land and Shore. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The contrast of finishes on the exterior of the home add to the curb appeal. Exterior lighting was sourced through Design Electrical and installed by LDS Electrical. **TOP RIGHT:** The

gold pendant lighting over the large island in the kitchen accents the gold cabinet hardware on the Shaker-style cabinets painted Chantilly Lace with the island painted Blue Note, both from Benjamin Moore. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The bar nook, which is tucked around the corner from the kitchen, features the same style of cabinets. The subway tile for the backsplash was supplied by Complete Flooring and installed with grey grout.



“I LOVE TO COOK SO IT’S A DREAM FOR ME TO HAVE THE COUNTER SPACE, A LARGE ISLAND WHERE THE KIDS EAT BREAKFAST AND THE GAS RANGE.”
~Jess

Open-cage lighting over the dining table does not obstruct the view enjoyed from the kitchen. Window coverings for the home were supplied and installed by Decor Design. Appliances for the home are JennAir and were sourced through Square Deal Neil's TV and Appliances. The counters are Caesarstone Empira White quartz from Amsco Solid Surface Canada.



dream for me to have the counter space, a large island where the kids eat breakfast and the gas range," she says.

Tim can't pick just one favourite room in the house now that it's complete. The open-concept great room (gas fireplace supplied by **The Fyre Place and Patio Shop**) is his initial choice, quickly followed by the beautiful and functional mudroom. "It's perfectly set up for a family to stay organized," he says. "And the house really stands out from the road. It has great curb appeal. It's as nice on the inside as it is on the outside."

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ABOVE: Flooring throughout the home is Grandeur Enterprise Collection in Stratus oak, supplied by Floorcrafters. Shiplap on the ceiling adds another design element to the dining area. Electrical for the project was installed by LDS Electrical. **RIGHT:** Urban Zebra Metal Art tile in black is laid in a herringbone pattern in the combination mudroom/laundry. Bench seating, lots of hooks for raincoats and upper cubbies keep this area organized for the family. Trim for the project was installed by Wood and Wallworks. The counter over the washer and dryer is Silestone Snowy Ibiza from Amsco Solid Surface Canada.



ABOVE: The white oak vanity in the main-floor powder room is topped with Caesarstone Empira White quartz. Plumbing fixtures for the home were supplied by Acton's Plumbing and Heating Inc.



“NOTHING WAS OVERLOOKED, EVEN LAST-MINUTE CHANGES. TIM ALWAYS FOUND A WAY TO MAKE THINGS WORK.”



LEFT: The impressive stone fireplace is flanked by closed cabinetry painted Benjamin Moore Blue Note. Floating shelves display textural décor. Audio for the home was installed by Balaklava Audio. The gas fireplace was supplied by The Fyre Place and Patio Shop.

Jess and Ian can't thank Tim enough for his patience and expertise. He was quick to offer helpful suggestions and took the couple to see other homes he built on several occasions. Ian explains, “we might have been hung up on a specific detail, such as windows in the en suite, but Tim would take us to see a real life example and help us make the final decision.” Jess adds, “nothing was overlooked, even last-minute changes. Tim always found a way to make things work.” **Balaklava Audio** installed the home's audio-visual system. *Continued on page 80*

BELOW: Patio doors lead to the pool installed by Ground Effects Landscapes. The leather accent chair is one of the comfortable seating options that surround the fireplace in the great room. **TOP RIGHT:** Ian's office has dual-aspect windows, plenty of desktop space and built-in storage that keeps the room clutter-free and organized. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The main-floor guest bedroom has a view out front. Heating and cooling for the home was installed by Acton's Plumbing and Heating Inc.





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ABOVE: The accent wall in the primary bedroom is Benjamin Moore Boothbay Gray. The distressed wood bedframe and the side tables add a natural element. **TOP RIGHT:** A velvet stool in the primary en suite sits at the makeup counter, while a round silver tray holds perfume bottles. Interior doors were sourced at Miller's Home Hardware Building Centre and installed by Wood and Wallworks. **RIGHT:** A chest of drawers in the primary bedroom offers extra storage and matches the bedside tables. A plush sheepskin rug is layered on top of the large area rug. **FAR RIGHT:** The white oak double vanity in the primary en suite has a quartz countertop. The vessel tub sits on heated tile flooring – Urban Zebra Metal Art in Black, sourced from Complete Flooring.



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ABOVE LEFT: In Evan’s bedroom, the quilt on the bed highlights his passion for fishing and was made by his great aunt Marg. **ABOVE MIDDLE:** The white oak vanity in Ivy and Evan’s bathroom on the second level offers plenty of storage. A carved stool makes it a little easier to reach the tap. Plumbing for the home was installed by Acton’s Plumbing and Heating. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The unique hue of the subway tile in the shower/tub combination mimics the colours found in Georgian Bay, which is steps from the home. The inset shelf is trimmed in black, matching the hardware, faucet and lighting.

Jess, Ian and their kids, 10-year-old Ivy and 8-year-old Evan, moved in on December 23rd, 2021. They had been living in a small townhouse during construction. Jess laughs as she recalls asking Tim, “is Santa coming to the townhouse or our house? I felt that he was going to get us in here and he did. It all came together and it was a whirlwind, but it was wonderful for the kids to come down the steps on Christmas morning.”

Now that they are settled in at home, the family doesn’t take it for granted. Jess most enjoys sitting under the covered porches, listening to the boats pass, the waves and the birds. “I love watching the coyotes, deer, wild turkeys – you never know what you’re going to see,” Jess says. “It really feels like a little community out here. You rarely pass a person who doesn’t look at you, smile and wave.”

“I grew up on a farm and I feel more at home here than I have since I left my childhood home,” Jess shares. Ian adds, “it feels so nice to be home. It’s been a long time in the making.” **OH**

Ivy picked the colour of her room, Benjamin Moore Icy Moon Drops. The quilt on the bed was made especially for her by her great aunt Marg.



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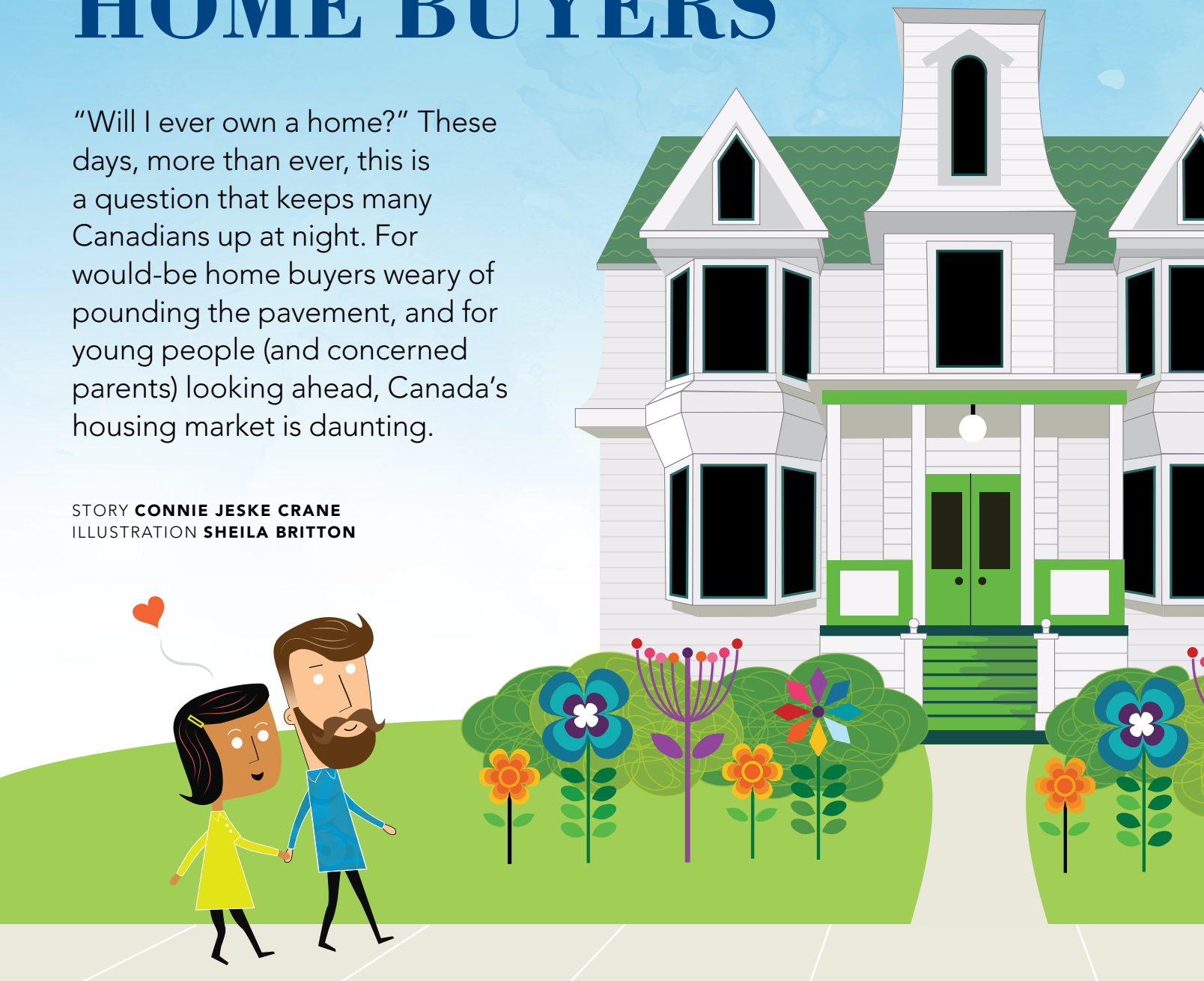
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STRATEGIES FOR First-Time HOME BUYERS

“Will I ever own a home?” These days, more than ever, this is a question that keeps many Canadians up at night. For would-be home buyers weary of pounding the pavement, and for young people (and concerned parents) looking ahead, Canada’s housing market is daunting.

STORY **CONNIE JESKE CRANE**
ILLUSTRATION **SHEILA BRITTON**



THE LAST FEW YEARS, fuelled by inflation, interest rate hikes and lack of supply, an affordability crisis extends well beyond hotspots like Toronto and Vancouver.

Is there any recourse? We looked at some government initiatives

and contacted Gary Taitt, a broker with RE/MAX Hallmark Realty Ltd. in Toronto. While there’s no magic solution, creative longer-term strategies can be very helpful for many first-time buyers.

Here’s a closer look: *Continued on page 84*



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DOWN PAYMENT REALITIES

Understanding Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation requirements is a crucial first step. (Hint: you may need more of a down payment than you think.) Talking with a lender can help buyers get clear on how much they need to save.

For example, the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada states, “If your down payment is less than 20 per cent of the price of your home, you must buy mortgage loan insurance.” At the same time, “Mortgage loan insurance isn’t available if the purchase price of the home is one million dollars or more.” It means many first-time buyers are constrained to stick under that million-dollar price.

Gary says due to lofty requirements, even dual-income buyers with healthy salaries can struggle with a “down payment problem.”

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

As for financial assistance, Gary says, “The government’s come up with new incentives to help first-time buyers.”

This April, among several initiatives, Canada introduced a First-Time Home Buyers’ Tax Credit (HBTC), plus a registered First Home Savings Account (FHSA). The FHSA allows first-timers to save up to \$40,000 tax-free towards down payments – and unlike RRSP Home Buyers’ Plans, funds don’t have to be repaid.

Provincially, Ontario first-time home buyers may qualify for a land transfer tax rebate.

FAMILY HELP

Where possible, asking for family help is an increasingly common strategy for younger buyers. According to a recent CIBC report, almost one-third of first-time buyers get financial help from family for down payments.

On the ground, Gary says, “I see that way more now, where people get money from the bank of mom and dad.”

CREATIVE STRATEGIES

Finally, by necessity, today’s first-time buyers can apply other can-do strategies:

Smaller centres – Choosing to buy outside of Canada’s priciest centres can boost affordability. As Gary says, “If you’re living in Toronto, it may seem daunting, but if you’re living in Calgary or Ottawa, you just need a really good plan.”

Fixer uppers – While many buyers gravitate towards magazine-perfect “showpiece” homes, Gary says the “junky houses, the fixer uppers” are where buyers can find lower prices and add value.

Condos – In this niche, Gary says, “Now it’s kind of flipped where buying a new condo costs more.” Currently Gary sees more resale condos available and says for first-timers, these can be more affordable and easier to upgrade. “They only really have to do flooring, kitchen and bathroom.”



Co-ownership – Slowly gaining traction in Canada, Gary feels this strategy works for some, citing three buyers he worked with who bought a large house together in Toronto. “They held it for four years and by the end of it, they sold and each made enough for their down payments and moved on to their own houses.”

Finding tenants – Becoming a landlord during the early stages is another route Gary is seeing. “I would live in a basement and rent out the upstairs until my principal came down.”

MINDSET

In Canada, Gary has seen affordability concerns rising for 10 years or so. “I started hearing it when my kids were around eight or nine. ‘Oh, they’ll never be able to afford a house’ and parents say these words.”

Challenges aside though, Gary believes in a solutions mindset, and in the lasting value of home ownership. “Real estate values double every 10 years, give or take,” he says, and encourages buyers to have a vision not just of today’s challenges but of where they could be five or 10 years down the road. **OH**



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36 is the average age of first-time home buyers in Canada

40

\$40,000 is the maximum first-time buyers can contribute towards a home purchase via Canada’s new tax-free First Home Savings Account (FHSA) (up from 20 per cent in 2015)

82

\$82,000 was the average down payment gift received by first-time buyers in 2021 (up from \$52,000 in 2015)

43

43 per cent of Canadians aged 20-34 own their home (30 per cent lower than other age groups)

30

30 per cent of first-time buyers in 2021 received financial gifts towards a down payment (up from 20 per cent in 2015)

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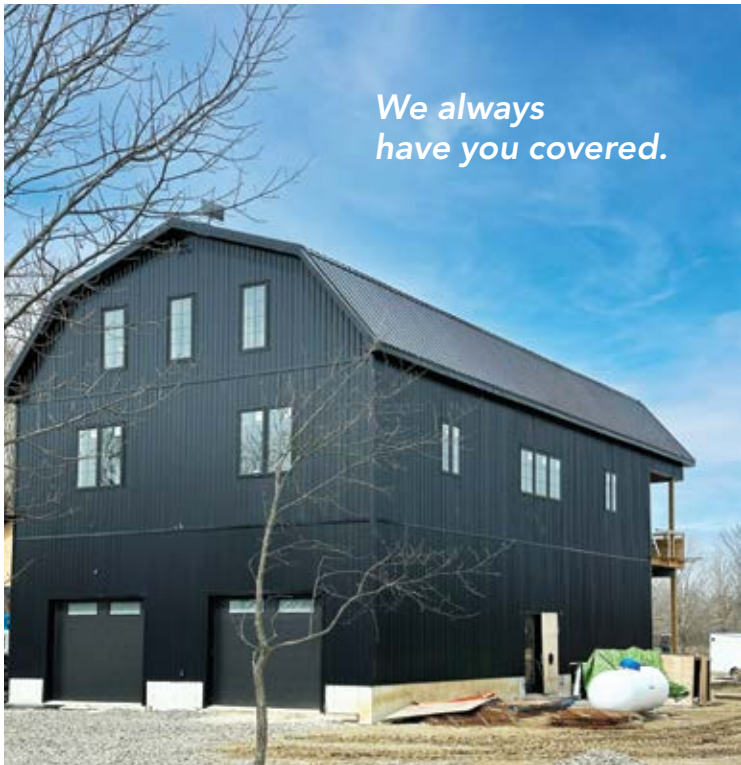
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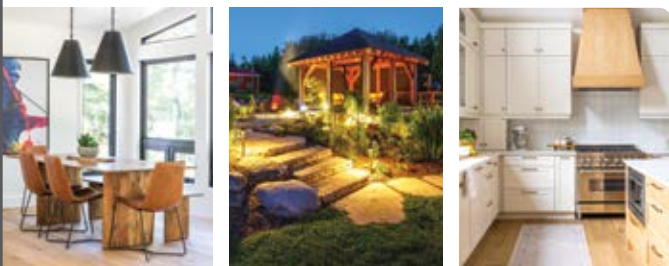


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How to Create a FEATURE WALL

Feature walls come in all shapes and sizes and they all serve a very important purpose – to create a focal point, attract attention and deliver that essential wow factor that no room is complete without.



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FEATURED FUNCTIONS

The purpose of a feature wall is to catch your eye. Will your feature wall be the focus, or will you use it as a way to highlight another focal point in the room?

A feature wall is a great way to invite attention to existing elements, such as a unique architectural feature or as a dramatic backdrop to a sophisticated fireplace, a fabulous staircase, a powder-room vanity or a prized piece of furniture. You can see how a bold colour or wallpaper selection can complement and underscore the high points throughout the home.

In the absence of an existing focal point, a feature wall can serve as the highlight every room needs. It is an eye-catching yet cost-effective way to make a visual impact.

When choosing your feature wall, consider your view when you enter a room, or in the case of an open-concept area, the view from various points in the space. Which wall is your eye naturally drawn to? What's the first thing you see when you walk in? That's likely to be your target area. Avoid walls with windows and doorways, which can diminish the artistic integrity of the wall itself. Plus, a large blank wall is practically begging for some flair.

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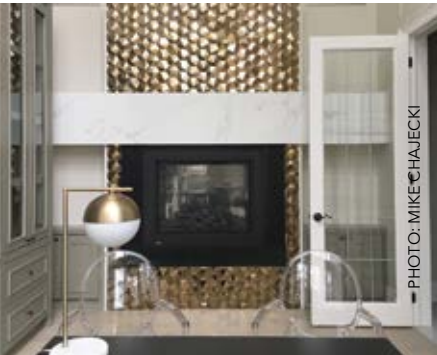


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MATERIAL MATTERS

A little paint can go a long way. When choosing a colour for your feature wall, create contrast. If the room is light and neutral, consider a vibrant or dark colour. If colour graces your walls, look opposite the colour wheel for some options that pop.

This opposite approach works for materials, too. Think glossy meets matte, rustic meets refined, classic meets minimalist – you get the idea. Create an element of surprise with unexpected additions such as metal inlays, upholstered wall panels, eccentric wallpapers and unusual tile patterns. From sleek to rustic, wood is another neutral material for an accent wall that is high impact and goes with everything.



TRENDING: Use three-dimensional tiles and marble slabs to create a feature wall that elevates a space by adding texture, colour and movement. There are some truly stunning paintable 3D tiles on the market, which use shadow and light to create an ever-changing effect – from subtle to dramatic, depending on the time of day.



THE OPEN-CONCEPT CONUNDRUM

Open-concept homes have risen in popularity in recent decades, but their proliferation has also brought to light some distinct design challenges. One of these is defining various functional areas within these vast, wall-less floor plans. Adding a feature wall is an effective way to visually differentiate a specific area without closing it off or straying from the overall style of the space. Adding a feature wall behind the dining table creates just enough drama – especially if you’ve taken my advice to leverage contrast! Similarly, a feature wall can also be applied in a front entrance area, in the office or reading nook and in the kitchen, to help visually separate these distinct areas from the others. If you’re planning to create multiple feature walls, don’t finish them with the same treatment. Remember, the goal is to make them stand out. Just be sure to give each one enough breathing room, so they don’t clash or compete for your attention.



Perhaps the best part about adding a feature wall is that sometimes it can be relatively easy to do and requires no structural changes. All it takes is some design creativity and a little bravery on the homeowner’s part. But trust me, it’ll truly transform and make for stylish and impactful interior spaces. **OH**

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The golden patina on the newly refinished hardwood floors makes a warm base for the freshly painted home. The cabinets that flank the windows are original and their design dictated the style of the new kitchen cabinets. A large window seat is perfect for reading on a rainy day. **OPPOSITE, TOP & BOTTOM RIGHT:** The first home built on the property when it was settled is still standing. The interior of the stone and log structure is a snapshot of what life was like more than 150 years ago. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The two-storey farmhouse had good bones, which made it ideal to renovate and create a perfect rural retreat.



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“A SIMPLE KITCHEN REMODEL INVOLVING NEW COUNTERTOPS, FIXTURES AND FRESH PAINT GIVES YOU THE MOST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK.” ~Scott

Countertops Plus supplied the laminate counters in the kitchen, which were installed by Austin Brown. Paint for the home is Benjamin Moore Steam Thunder and was sourced at Grey Bruce Paint & Decor.



LEFT: The galley-style kitchen has lots of storage, new appliances sourced from Tom The Dreamer, and a view through the full glass front door to the rural landscape that surrounds the home. **ABOVE:** Fresh coffee, fruit and a platter full of croissants gets the day started on the farm. **BELOW:** Scott Crowther of EXP Realty Brokerage.

Living in an up-to-date, modernized farmhouse doesn't need to be just a dream. There are many options available to purchase, renovate and remodel traditional rural homes on modest to flexible budgets.

Agriculture is an important part of the rural identities of Grey & Bruce Counties. The counties offer 4,500 square kilometres of picturesque land and pastures. The area is rich in agricultural history with many historic farm homes more than a century old.

For **Scott Crowther**, living on a farm has been an integral part of his upbringing, so he set out to find and renovate a farmhouse to share with his wife and children.

As a seasoned professional in country and farm real estate with **EXP Realty Brokerage**, Scott has an eye for a good investment. He saw the potential of a 100-year-old brick house near Meaford and decided to transform it with

a new and fresh design. The Crowthers were attracted to the 100 acres of farmland. As Scott says, with farmhouse properties, the outside land is half the fun.

The quaint two-storey farmhouse had good bones but deserved a few interior renovations. Scott says it is important to consider the house's foundation and ensure a solid roof system. Inspecting the insulation can determine whether the home was previously renovated and indicate necessary structural upgrades.

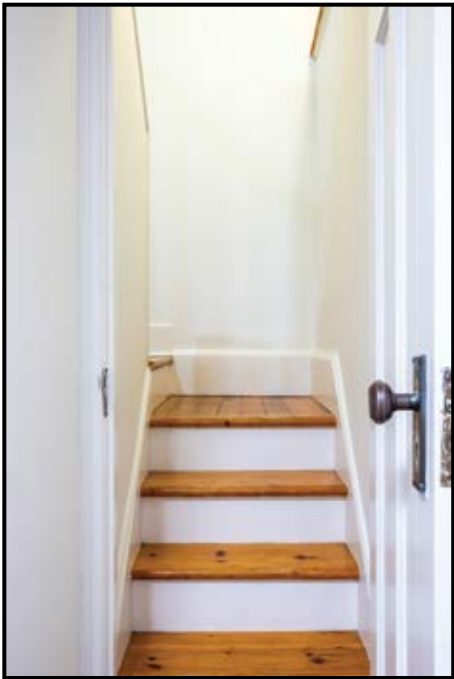
When renovating a farmhouse, the most critical functional benefits to consider are high-quality insulation and lighting. Insulation helps maintain a comfortable temperature during all seasons, and the strategic planning of pot lights or replacing small windows for large ones drastically impacts the overall feel of a home.

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In the open plan living space on the main floor, sunlight floods the room from the windows on four sides. Leather armchairs are placed to offer an intimate conversation area. **RIGHT:** All the solid wood doors in the home were in excellent condition. This door opens to reveal stairs to the third-floor loft. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The pedestal sink in the third-floor loft en suite fits with the design era of the home. Where possible, new LED ceiling lighting was added to create a contemporary feel.



Scott says first and foremost, it is important to understand your final game plan and to take time in the planning stage before starting renovations.

“Don’t be afraid to involve professionals,” advises Scott. “They can often source quality products with great value and drastically reduce your project timelines.”

When choosing a farmhouse, buyers on a budget are advised to consider the home’s layout and how it suits their family. Often, the footprint can be kept the same to avoid tearing down or putting up walls, which can be costly.

The summer kitchen in Scott’s house was converted into a functional mudroom and closet to keep the mess out of the main home after a long day on the farm. Older farmhouses typically feature a summer kitchen – a small, detached building or an attached wing where families, before the advent of air conditioning, would cook in the warmer months. These additions offer creative opportunities for repurposing into a mudroom, playroom, guest room or laundry room.

One of the most prominent transformations of the home is the kitchen. While keeping the layout and kitchen island, a few modest upgrades made a huge impact.

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ABOVE: A primary bedroom suite was created in the third-floor loft. The dormer is the perfect size for the queen bed. Mattresses for the home were sourced at Tom The Dreamer. **FAR LEFT:** Built-in shelving that was original to the home was given a fresh coat of paint and now holds plants and décor. The hardwood flooring throughout the house was refinished by Glen Leslie’s Hardwood Flooring. **LEFT:** A bistro set in the loft offers a quiet spot to enjoy coffee in the morning. Heating throughout the home was upgraded to a hot water boiler system by Crose Mechanical.

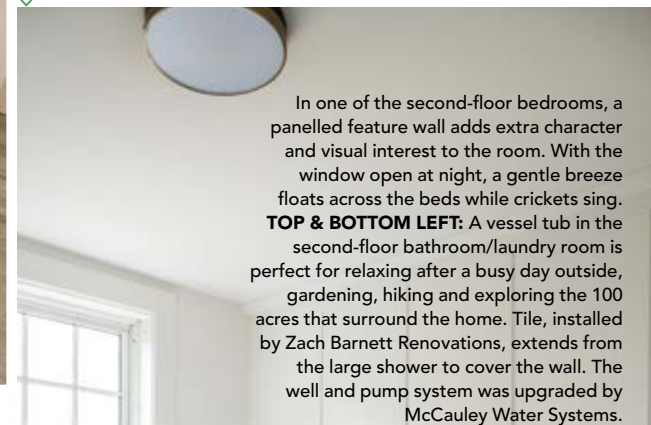


“A simple kitchen remodel involving new countertops, fixtures and fresh paint gives you the most bang for your buck,” says Scott.

Scott also stresses the importance of upgrading the lighting. Older farmhouses are typically very dark and poorly lit. Adding more lighting and elements like LED-style pot lights and modern light fixtures give the interior a contemporary feel.

Light colours were selected for the ceilings and walls to create an open, airy ambience. **Benjamin Moore** Steam White paint with a matte finish gives the farmhouse a modern makeover.

The beautiful maple hardwood was refinished by **Glen Leslie's Hardwood Flooring**. They removed the floor's existing varnish and seal, sanded the top layer and applied a fresh stain and lacquer. The hardwood looks brand new without needing replacement. Luxury Vinyl from **Greyfair Flooring** was selected for the mudroom as a practical solution for cleaning up after time spent on the farm. *Continued on page 120*



In one of the second-floor bedrooms, a panelled feature wall adds extra character and visual interest to the room. With the window open at night, a gentle breeze floats across the beds while crickets sing. **TOP & BOTTOM LEFT:** A vessel tub in the second-floor bathroom/laundry room is perfect for relaxing after a busy day outside, gardening, hiking and exploring the 100 acres that surround the home. Tile, installed by Zach Barnett Renovations, extends from the large shower to cover the wall. The well and pump system was upgraded by McCauley Water Systems.



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With the expertise of **McCauley Water Systems**, the home's well and pump system were upgraded and brought into the house from the barn location to prevent freezing in the winter.

As an investment for future cost savings, a hot water boiler system was installed by **Crose Mechanical**. The system pumps boiling water through baseboards to heat the home instead of forced air. This is a great tip to save money and is maintenance-free.

On the second floor there are three bedrooms with fresh white linens and contemporary furniture, each with its own window. The newly-renovated four-piece bathroom and laundry room offers a tub for soaking after a day's work outdoors. Renovating the third-floor loft into a primary suite offers a cosy private retreat, complete with a breakfast nook for relaxing with coffee on laid-back mornings.

With the help of **Julie Brown** from **Flair Style Co.**, Scott's go-to home stager, the home was winterized to remain cosy in all seasons. Julie drafted spreadsheets and budgets for the farmhouse renovation before the project was started.

Scott says Flair Style Co. assisted greatly with the home from start to finish. Julie is also credited for much of the interior finishing touches and interior décor, such as the bunk beds in the upstairs guest room.

For those who want to enjoy the scenery and peacefulness of residing on a rural property without taking care of the land themselves, there are options to rent out the land to local farmers.

Interest in living in the country has increased in recent years due to the appeal of having space, getting outdoors and enjoying a peaceful lifestyle. As the Crowthers have demonstrated, Meaford and the Grey-Bruce area offer a scenic pastoral paradise and a laid-back lifestyle suited for a modern farmhouse renovation project. **OH**



LEFT: A peek into another of the three bedrooms on the second level. Julie Brown of Flair Style Co. helped the Crowthers with spreadsheets and budgets for the renovation as well as choosing furniture that complements the refreshed look of the home. **ABOVE:** Trim was matched and replaced where needed in the renovation by Austin Brown. **BELOW:** Each of the three bedrooms has a large window, deep closets and comfortable beds, giving family and friends a cosy spot to rest their heads at night.



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How to STOCK YOUR PANTRY *for a* PLANT-BASED DIET



STORY **BAILEY FRANKLYN**

Whether you’ve recently adopted a plant-based diet, or want to eat less meat, a well-stocked pantry is the key to success. A plant-based pantry is similar to a regular pantry, with a few main differences, namely proteins and some baking ingredients.

If you want to start eating a plant-based diet, as a plant-based Registered Dietitian, I recommend stocking these 10 pantry and fridge staples.

BEANS & LEGUMES

Think black beans, brown or red lentils, cannellini beans, chickpeas and kidney beans. A great source of protein and fibre, beans and legumes can be found canned or dried. Both are equally nutritious, but if you’re using dried, they require some planning as they have to be soaked and cooked before use.



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You can get most of these items at Bulk Barn, Costco or your local grocery store. No need for specialty stores.

A pantry takes time to stock, don’t feel like you have to buy everything at once. Grab a few items every time you shop, and you’ll have a well stocked plant-based pantry in no time. **OH**

Bailey Franklyn is a registered dietitian and lives in Meaford.

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Summer SWAYING

Nothing says summer like a porch swing. A place to sip lemonade with family and friends or just relax with a good book. Here are some swings that work for every front porch or patio.



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CB2: Brisa Rattan Outdoor Hanging Lounge Chair



CB2: Zora Black Rattan Outdoor Hanging Daybed with White Sunbrella® Cushions



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FREESTANDING

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