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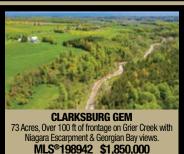








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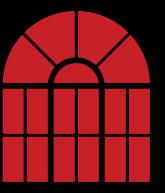
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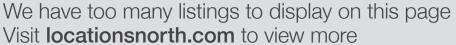


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168 Delphi Lane, Blue Mountains

5 ★ 4+1 5,353 Total FT²

This stunning home has many unique features and finishes throughout; a security system, a generator to run the entire home, high-end appliances & many other notable features. Access to Georgian Bay & views of Georgian Peaks Ski Club. Short drive to Thornbury, Blue Mountain and additional amenities in Collingwood.



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105 Stone Zack Lane. Blue Mountains

4 ★4+1 4,610 Total FT²

New build by Pinnacle Building Group. Exceptional craftsmanship & attention to detail in this stunning 4 610 sq. ft walkout stone bungalow with a 600 sq. ft. covered porch. Finished lower level. Views of Georgian Bay, Escarpment & pond.



207 Arrowhead Road, Blue Mountains

6 ♣ 4+1 6,265 Total FT²

Custom contemporary chalet backing onto green space and ravine with views of the Mountain & ski hills. Features 22' vaulted ceiling in great room, fireplace, walkout to stone patio, chef's kitchen with walk-in pantry, master bedroom with dressing room & mud room on main level. Close to Craigleith & Alpine Ski Clubs.

LOG HOME



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4 ★ 2+1 2,640 Total FT²

Set back comfortably off the road across from the Georgian Bay Golf Club, protected & private in a serene park-like setting of mature trees surrounding the .7 acres of manicured grass & gardens, this authentic rough-hewn log home (circa 1880) offers much more than its quaint veranda frontage & porch swing.

GEORGIAN BAY CLUB



107 Stone Zack Lane, Blue Mountains

4 ★ 3+1 5,766 Total FT²

Natural stone bungalow with spacious kitchen with morning room & walkin pantry, formal dining room & great room with 19' ceiling. Elevated terrace off of the kitchen & master suite with expansive NW views of Georgian Bay. Work with the builder or on your own to finish this home ahead of the ski season!

NIPISSING RIDGE III



112 Interlaken Road, Blue Mountains

6 ★5+1 6,252 Total FT²

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PEAKS RIDGE



100 George McRae Road, Blue Mountains

4 ★ 3+1 4,260 Total FT²

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NIPISSING RIDGE



123 Cortina Crescent, Blue Mountains

5 ★ 3+1 4,448 Total FT²

Custom built home in the coveted Nipissing Ridge subdivision close to skiing, golf, and Georgian Bay! A gas fireplace adds a warm ambiance to the living room & the sunroom features a wood burning fireplace & many windows. Private, treed lot with expansive patios great for entertaining family & friends

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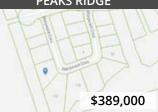


114 Brooker Blvd., Blue Mountains

≥ 3 ★ 3 2,050 Total FT²

Split level home located in the heart of The Blue Mountains. The upper levels consist of the living area. kitchen, dining room, master bedroom, an additional bedroom & 2 adjoining ensuites. A large patio at the rear of the house. This property is a short walk to Blue Mountain Resort & close to Collingwood.

PEAKS RIDGE



Lot 25 Maryward Cres., Blue Mountains

Building Lot

Building lot just over 1/2 an acre, located off of Camperdown Road and next to the Georgian Bay Club. Close to the ski hills, golfing, Thornbury, Craigleith, Collingwood and Georgian Bay. HST is in addition to purchase price.

BUNGALOW



141 Brooker Blvd., Blue Mountains

4 ★ 2+1 2,280 Total FT²

This charming home has a practical layout & well maintained. On the main level is an open concept kitchen, living & dining area with large windows & a gas fireplace. Located in the heart of The Blue Mountains, a close to Blue Mountain Resort & close to amenities in Collingwood.



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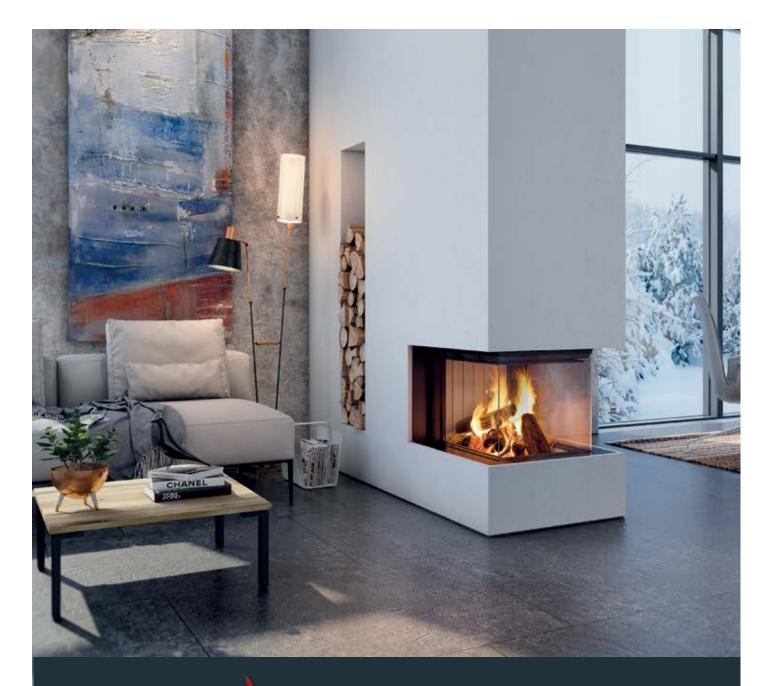




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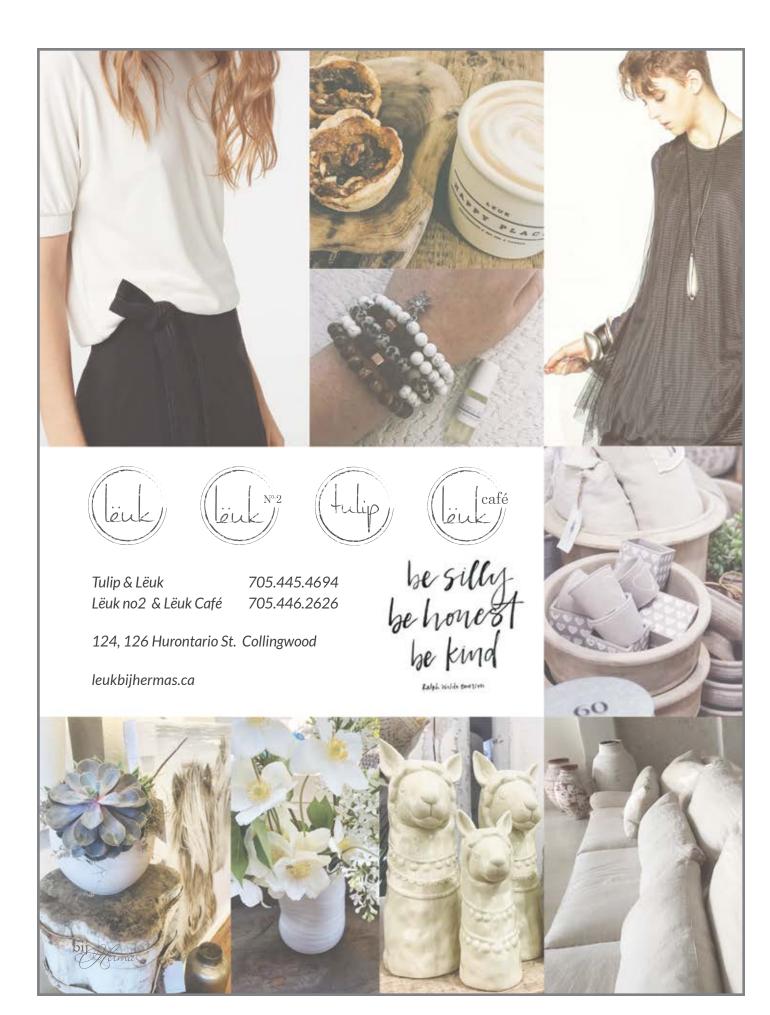
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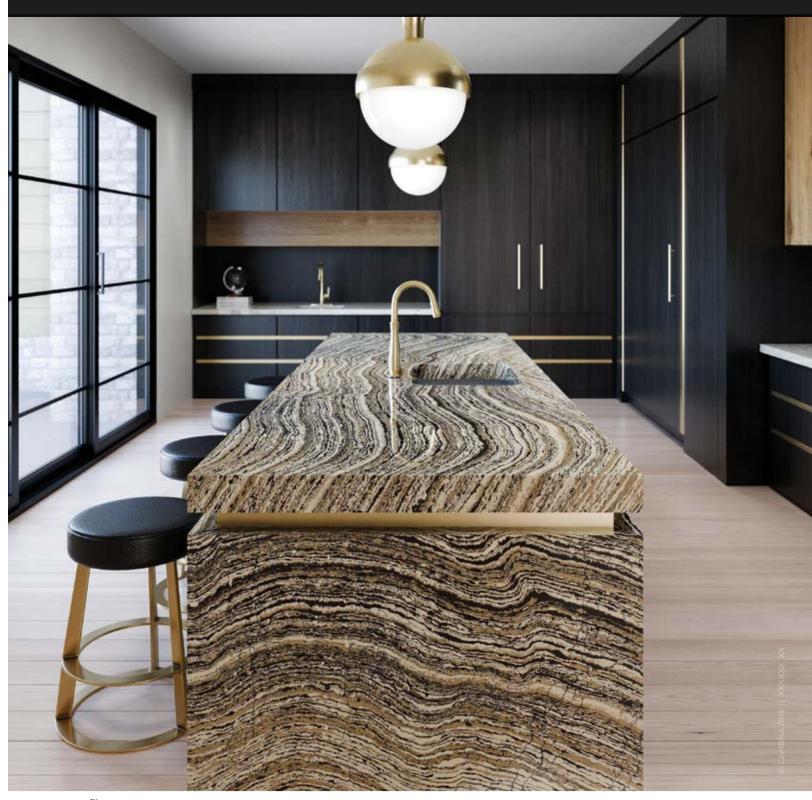






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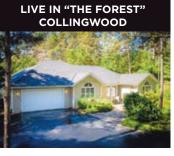




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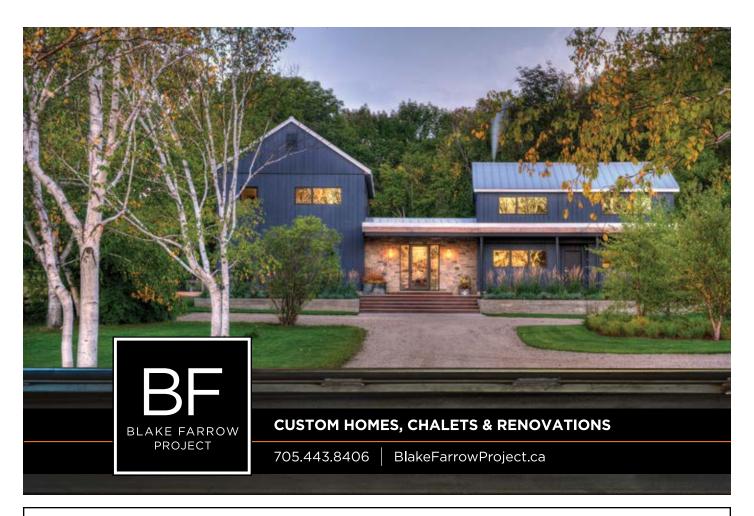


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Considering the wet and cool start to the growing season, followed by an extended dry period, my organic garden has astounded me with the amount of produce it has provided. So much, in fact, I can't keep up with consuming or preserving it all. When friends visit, I take them through the garden and we harvest a take-home basket full of produce. I cannot tell you how happy it makes me to share my garden's overabundance with others.

Sharing is also on the minds of the individuals and businesses in this issue's People feature. Not only are they giving back within our community, but also across

Canada. We are also happy to share homes from last year's Collingwood Holiday House Tour. It's a festive day full of holiday fun and an incredible fundraiser for the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation. OUR HOMES is a proud partner and sponsor of this event.

At this time of year, giving is something we all do, through love and kindness. Each of us helps to cultivate a community of compassion and hope, and we all deserve a pat on the back for that!

Happy, Happy Holidays

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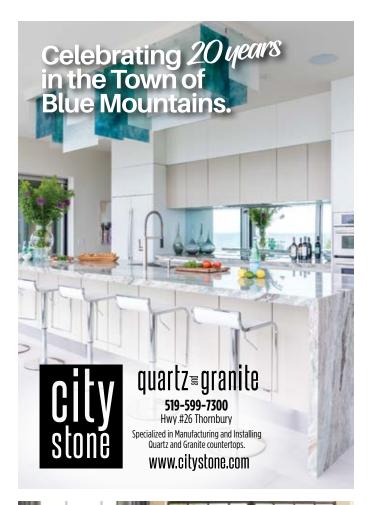


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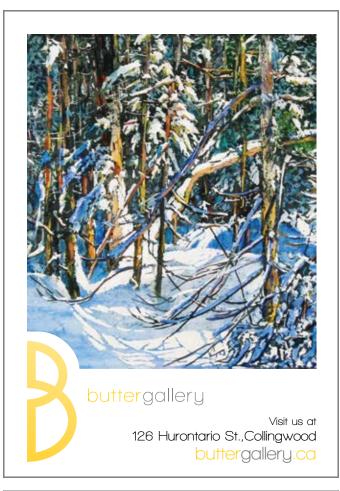
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WITH THE FIRST CHILL IN THE AIR, MY NESTING INSTINCTS KICK IN.

Last fall, after years of talking about it, we finally renovated our kitchen. It was a big reno in a small space, and we replaced everything – cabinets, countertops, flooring, lighting and appliances. We chose classic, neutral finishes to blend into the rest of our 43-year-old home, and used all local companies, each one professional and efficient.

The entire project took eight weeks, from start to finish. After many decisions and recycling as much as we could, we now have a fresh, functional space in which we now spend almost all of our time.

With autumn here again, we're diving into our next home renovation project: the laundry room. My focus now is on washers and dryers, organization and storage solutions – including many Pinterest searches.

Here at OUR HOMES, we have more than 400,000 followers on social media! We've been working hard behind the scenes to package print with digital for our new and long-standing clients. For the upcoming season I will be very busy offering multi-channel marketing options. (And demolishing my laundry room! Anyone need a really used washer and dryer?)

During the upcoming season, enjoy time with your friends and families – and this issue.

See you in the New Year, 2020!



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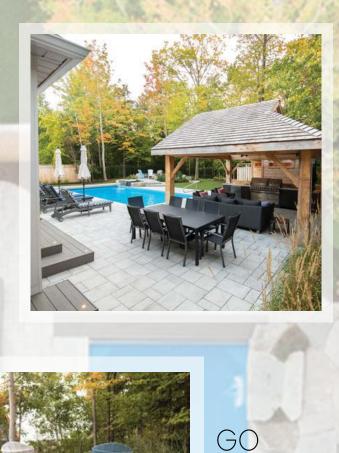
Reminder for the Collingwood Holiday House Tour, Saturday, November 16, in support of the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation and many other local charities. OUR HOMES is a proud partner and sponsor of this annual event. There may still be a few tickets left for this action-packed day! See page 136 for details.



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WINE CELLARS

Interior Designer **Dolores Pian** shares her ideas.

WINE CELLARS AND WINE-TASTING ROOMS ARE COMING OF AGE.

Wine collecting requires a special space of its own and more homeowners are installing wine rooms in new and existing homes to ensure the right bottle is on hand. With today's technology, refrigeration and modern materials, wine can be stored in almost any location. However, this 6,100-year-old beverage still requires tender loving care.

WINE IS FUSSY

Wine breathes through the cork and ages in the process. Too much oxygen makes the wine bitter. The pace of this breathing is faster at higher temperatures and slower at lower temperatures. Fluctuations in temperature and humidity accelerate the aging process.

WINE STORAGE

Wine requires a cool, dark space with higher humidity than the average living space. Wine does not like noise or vibrations from any source.

It doesn't like any temperature extremes; 45°F to 65°F are the best temperatures for serving wine and 55°F is the ideal storing temperature for long-term storage, regardless of your wine style. Wine storage rooms come in two types: passive and active.

Passive Wine Cellars such as caves, basements and closets are naturally cooler and only receive indirect sunlight. They minimize swings in temperature and damage to the wine.

Active (Cooled) Wine Cellars are fully climate-controlled and can be set to the perfect storage temperature and humidity level to ensure ideal conditions. They are more flexible and can fit into any large, small or odd space in your home.



MODERN DESIGN TRENDS

Glass enclosures allow you to show off your wine collection and can be built as tall or wide as you want. The choice of tempered glass used is extremely important. The insulation value should maximize the refrigeration, humidification benefits and UV protection required for wine rooms that are in direct contact with sunlight. Etched or frosted glass are decorative options.

Integrating wine cellar design into your space for that WOW factor. Placing wine storage in living areas,

man caves or kitchens allows you and your guests to engage with the wine while you show off your collection.

A label-forward design draws attention to the label art. It creates an intimate, interactive experience between the user and the bottle of wine.

Metal and acrylic wine racking. These materials are gaining popularity in contemporary wine cellar design. They provide the same storage quality as wood and can be much more cost effective.

Bridging old and new. Combining wood with metal or acrylic allows for more flexibility in a project design that is less stuffy and ornate, more contemporary and inviting.

MODERN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ Use LED lights and UV film for glass enclosures.
- No vibrating wall speakers and no noisy air conditioners. Insulate your mechanical air ducts or use a ductless air conditioner.
- Vent equipment heat outside.
- Storing multiple bottles of wine requires plywood backing for wall installation.
- Proper wall insulation, a vapour barrier and moisture-resistant green board walls are essential.
- Easy access to electricity.
- Moisture-resistant flooring is a must. Consider the insulation value of the floor and materials.



RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT (ROI)

A wine cellar is a high-end investment and, in some homes, it is a must-have upgrade. With an average bottle price of \$95, it pays to design your investment so it can add value to your home.

Galileo tells us: "Wine is sunlight, held together by water." Then sunlight and water hold together the truth in wine. Take good care of your truth. **OH**

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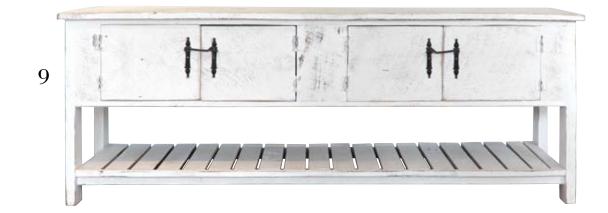
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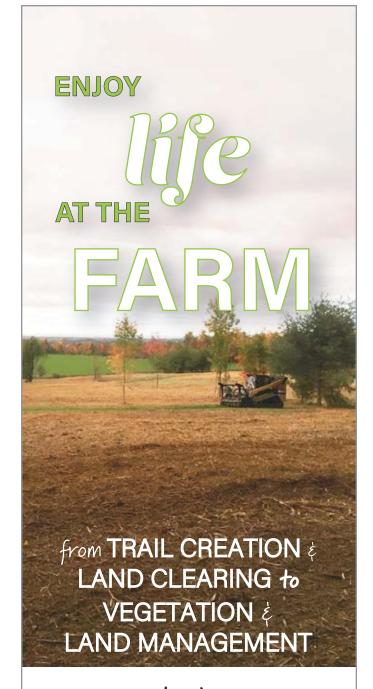
Buffet

This locally made buffet, crafted with reclaimed wood, will look spectacular laden with food for the holiday dinner. Its whitewash finish highlights anything displayed on top with extra storage for a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.

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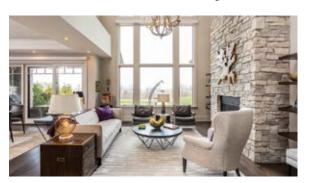
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REAL ESTATE MARKET SNAPSHOT – Q3 2019 IN REVIEW

We continue to focus where we specialize - residential single-family homes and condos in the WESTERN DISTRICT of Southern Georgian Bay, in particular Collingwood, The Blue Mountains, and the areas of Clearview near Collingwood/Blue. Specifics for those are below. The entire Western District is comprised of the aforementioned + Meaford and Wasaga Beach, and its stats at the end of September show that in this guarter over last the number of new residential listings is down .6%, and the sales to list ratio is up from 53.8% to 61.1%, a tilt toward a "Sellers' market". Currently there are only 3.6 months of inventory compared to Q2's 4.3 months, but the average sale price is down slightly by .7% to \$538,938.

MARKET INSIGHTS

Royal LePage Canada reports that the "Canadian Real Estate Market Shows Signs of a Sustainable Recovery with Modest Price Gain of 1.1%" ... Nationally, home prices are expected to rise modestly by 0.4% by the end of 2019 compared to 2018, driven by gains in Toronto and Montreal; Condominium prices in Vancouver have declined for the first time in 5 years; and New federal government programs are expected to have minimal impact on home prices. According to the Royal LePage House Price Survey, low interest rates and healthy employment have offset the market drag caused by widespread economic uncertainty that has kept monthly unit sales volumes below the tenyear average leading to very modest home price appreciation at the national

Locally, as stated by our Board's President, our rebound in activity in the Western District is in line with the trend across much of Ontario, where sales have finally begun improving following a tough couple of years in the wake of the Ontario Fair Housing Plan and B-20 stress test.

HIGHS, LOWS & SPECIFICS COLLINGWOOD:

- The 2 high sales were both in Mariners Haven on Georgian Bay for \$1,500,000.
- The low sale was a small condo on Eighth St. for \$179,000
- Condos: Q3 2019 (vs Q2 2019) 104 listings avg/mth, 73 sales avg/mth (102 listings, 24 sales avg/month) avg Days on Market (DOM) 45 (34); avg sale to list price – 98.5% (98.4%); avg sale price \$481,161 (\$465,783) up approx. 3.5%
- Single Family Homes: Q3 2019 (vs Q2 2019) 177 listings avg/mth, 121 sales avg/month (188 listings avg/mth, 41 sales avg/month) avg DOM 49 (39): avg sale to list price – 97.8% (98.8%); avg sale price \$585,318 (\$582,379) – up approx. .5%.

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS:

- The high sale was a unique waterfront home in Craigleith for \$5,200,000.
- The low sales were all under \$195,000, 5 condo-hotel units in the Village at Blue.









- Condos: Q3 2019 (vs Q2 2019): 64 listings avg/mth, 46 sales avg/mth (62 listings, 14 sold); avg DOM 57 (76); avg sale to list price – 97.7% (98.3%); avg sale price \$432,866 (\$437,180) – down about 1%.
- Single Family Homes: Q3 2019 (vs Q2 2019): 182 listings avg/mth, 56 sales avg/mth (158 listings, 17 sold); avg DOM 52 (63); avg sale to list price -96.4% (96.6%); avg sale price \$952,429 (\$884,556) — up about 8%.

CLEARVIEW (Nottawa and Nottawasaga Districts):

- The high sale was a 4 year new modern chalet off Sixth St. for \$1,900,000.
- The low sale was a small Glen Huron home for \$260,000.
- Single Family Homes: Q3 2019 (vs Q2 2019): 101 listings avg/mth, 50 sales avg/mth (92 listings, 15 sold); avg DOM 57 (71); avg sale to list price – 96.8% (97.7%); avg sale price \$620.591 (\$567.542) — up approx. 9%.

WHAT'S NEW?

- Collingwood has been named by Expedia.ca as one of the "35 Most Beautiful Destinations in Canada"!
- The Low Down Bar and Restaurant in our Arts and Culture centre at 65 Simcoe that features Asian inspired snack food
- Coriander has opened a new Style store at 78 Hurontario across the street from the original gift shop at 83 Hurontario
- Don't miss the Collingwood Santa Claus Parade on November 16th
- Hidden Hare is a tequila and tapas cocktail bar located at 158 Hurontario Street – it is set to open Fall 2019
- Cabin Boutique and Lounge is a new extension of Cabin Bistro located at 203 Hurontario Street.

- Clearview Community Theatre presents Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Oct. 18 – 26.
- Choral Works classical choir presents A Christmas Festival including John Rutter's Magnificat Nov. 29 – 30.

For a detailed analysis of the property you wish to sell or buy, please contact us at your convenience. We are here to help you make an informed decision and to SAVE YOU TIME!



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3 LUMINOUS LIGHTING TRENDS

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Inspired By Throwbacks

In the illuminating world of design and décor, history has a way of repeating itself. At least, the good things from the past seem to find their way back into the spotlight. Today's hottest interior lighting styles are taking a cue from days gone by, but these throwbacks are being revived with a cool, contemporary twist. Here are three lighting trends to keep your eye on in 2019 and beyond, inspired by the ages and back in all their glory.





ART DECO: 1910s-1930s

Art Deco has come a long way from its artful origins in the 1910s in Paris, France. This decadent aesthetic is distinguished by geometric motifs, curved forms, defined silhouettes and the dominant desire to be modern, influencing everything from architecture and furniture to jewelry, fashion and everyday appliances. Remnants of this distinctive style continue to inspire today's trendiest lighting designs. This bodes well for interior designers and homeowners who wish to incorporate a hint of adornment in an otherwise cool, contemporary abode. The avantgarde aesthetic is thoughtfully modernized with warm metals such as gold and copper and trendy geometric forms.

DESIGNER PICK:

Hexagons are hot, baby! They are appearing in everything from lighting to tiles and textiles. Hudson Valley Lighting has a great selection.





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OLD HOLLYWOOD GLAMOUR: 1930s-1940s

Vintage romance is the prevailing theme of the equally inspired and inspiring Silver Screen starlet era. Those who seek to bring this luxurious look into the spotlight embrace a "more is more" mentality. (To those who find themselves asking if it's "too much," the answer is likely, "it's just enough.") Look for sparkle and shine, and overall softness that comes in the form of fabric shades and gentle silhouettes, such as a cascading crystal chandelier.



TIP: A chandelier lends the perfect touch of luxury that the Old Hollywood aesthetic demands. Traditionally featured in dining rooms and front foyers, a crystal chandelier also makes a dreamy addition to a bedroom or bathroom.

MID-CENTURY MODERN: 1950s-1960s

This important style movement continues to affect interior design today. The simple and understated look is all about minimalism and integrating with nature. When it comes to lighting, this enduring aesthetic has never truly gone out of style.

FAVOURITE: One of the most prevalent examples of Mid-century modern today is the Sputnik chandelier, which is well-loved for the simplicity of its glass globes and an unfussy, linear base, lending intriguing illumination with a chic, sculptural focal point.

FUTURE FORWARD: TODAY, TOMORROW & BEYOND

What's next in the world of lighting and design? The future looks bright indeed, and as with all things these days, technology is the driver of the latest and greatest.

LEDs have created an endless world of possibilities for modern lighting designers, and they have become mainstream thanks to their efficiency, longevity, wide range of colours and temperatures, and their unique applications. They've also become more economical, which is great news for all.

Lighting controls are a huge trend and an essential part of every lighting plan. Even the most perfect arrangement of recessed lights, pricey designer fixtures and top-to-bottom accent lighting won't create the impact you want without the ability to customize. Lighting controls can range from basic fundamentals to high-tech features, so consult a lighting professional to determine what's available to meet your needs and wants.

One piece of advice we have for all our clients, regardless of their lighting choices, is to ensure all lights are on dimmers. This allows you to adapt the ambience based on your current mood and use of the space. This is especially important with the rise of modern multi-functional rooms and open-concept floor plans.

Don't forget about the multitude of other options available to you, such as timers, sensors and so forth. For instance, a multisensory switch with a motion detector in a bathroom or closet will enhance your day-today in a subtle way. Once you have this, you'll wonder how you ever got along without it.

Then, for the smart-home owner, in the spirit of Google Home and Alexa, wireless and voice-activated lighting is the next big thing.



Whether you're tempted by the throwbacks, fascinated by the future or you find yourself somewhere in between, consider your lifestyle and consult with a professional who can shed some light on what's available and what's possible. OH

Phyllis Liu and Aleem Kassam are partners at Kalu Interiors.





and turn shades of red/brown in autumn.

VANILLA **STRAWBFRRY**

The fragrant Vanilla Strawberry hydrangea takes a few years to really get growing but when it does - oh my - patience will be rewarded with huge, fluffy and creamy white blooms slowly fading to pink and white bi-coloured flower heads.

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keep these plants happy, healthy and blooming.

Their long-lasting blooms

bracts, which explain their

very long flowering cycle.

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QUICK FIRE (AND LITTLE QUICK FIRE)

Quick Fire hydrangea (as the name suggests) blooms earlier than all the others. The flowers open white and quickly turn to dark pink. Little Quick Fire is exactly the same except it grows only about four feet in height - great for small spaces.



BOBO

Bobo hydrangea is a dwarf panicle that is exceptionally floriferous. White blossoms turning to blush pink smother this smallstatured three-foot shrub.

LIMELIGHT AND LITTLE LIME

Yet another wonderful panicle type, Limelight hydrangea sports cool limegreen blooms. Little Lime hydrangea does too, in a smaller size.



SMOOTH TYPE (HYDRANGEA ARBORESCENS)

Sometimes called wild hydrangeas, these have gorgeous, round snowball blooms that last for weeks in mid/late summer. They are much more shade tolerant than the panicle types but bloom best with some morning sun. They flower on new wood and can be pruned to the ground or near ground level in late winter/early spring to encourage abundant blossoms. The leaves of arborescens are large, dark green, heart-shaped, and thin.



ANNABELLE

Annabelle hydrangea is a well-loved classic hydrangea with tremendous staying power. It has large, pure white snowball blooms but they do tend to flop after a heavy rain. Peony rings work to keep them upright and are quickly hidden by their large leaves or you can prop them up with strategically placed dead branches.



INCREDIBALL

Incrediball hydrangea is exactly like Annabelle but with even more gargantuan white blossoms the size of basketballs!

CLIMBING HYDRANGEA (HYDRANGEA PETIOLARIS)

As the name advises, these hydrangeas are actually vines. Gorgeous white and fragrant lacecap flowers cover this sturdy vine in June/July. Mid-green leaves turn yellowish in fall with pretty peeling bark. This is a slow grower that enjoys a shady spot but can grow 50 feet, so plant wisely.

BIGLEAF TYPE (H. MACROPHYLLA)

These include both lace-caps and mophead types and are sometimes called French hydrangeas. They have big, glossy leaves and have gorgeous pink, blue, purple or white blossoms and are the fancy kind coveted by many. I hate to be cynical and the bearer of bad news, but in our Ontario climate, this type of hydrangea will often produce lots of leaves, but blossoms can sometimes be a scarcity. Most varieties bloom on old wood, making the flower buds susceptible to killing winter temps, though there are some that flower on both old and new wood. Read below.

ENDLESS SUMMER

Endless Summer hydrangea and its offspring (The Endless Summer collection) bloom on old and new wood, making them the most reliable of the bigleaf type for our climate. The blooms of the whole series are beautiful! Just be prepared; they are high-maintenance and if you want to keep them blooming, you need to water them often and just the right amount. They need to be kept moist, but not have wet feet. Best of luck! он



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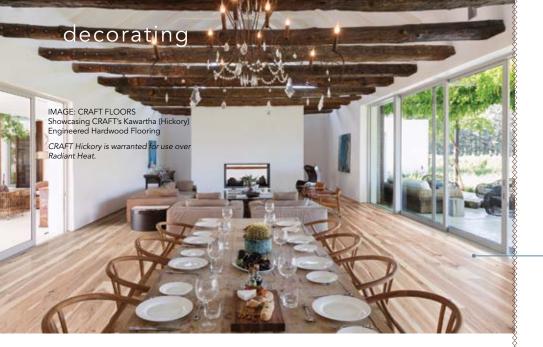












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STORY TAMARISK MCNALTY STEPHENS

There's no doubt that integrating the timeless beauty of natural wood adds character, warmth and value to your home. Here's a review of several species to help determine what selection may be right for you. Remember, as a conscious consumer, select FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified wood to ensure that it has been sourced in an environmentally responsible manner.



HICKORY

A very hard wood that offers a distinctive character due to bold graining (which is best showcased in wide floorboards), but also requires added care during installation to achieve a cohesive aesthetic, especially in large open-concept spaces. Take note that most hickory flooring (including engineered products) cannot be installed over radiant floor heat.



MAPLE

Its subtle grain pattern provides a consistent look and when combined with its strength and durability, it can perform well in applications like cabinetry, flooring and furniture. However, maple is notoriously difficult to stain (proper procedures must be followed to avoid blotchiness) so prefinished from the factory is the best option when selecting maple hardwood. If you're looking for a solid wood cabinet instead of MDF or HDF (medium- or high-density fibreboard), maple is a great choice. Birdseye maple has a distinct pattern found in some sugar maples and makes a beautiful statement for custom furniture pieces.

OAK

A common option for flooring as it is incredibly durable, stable (when it comes to moisture and humidity) and offers a dynamic grain pattern that can hide imperfections such as scratches and dents more than other species. Red oak is more affordable than white oak, although there is a rosy undertone that the name implies.

Oak generally receives stain well.

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PINE

An affordable, lightweight softwood that is not the best for floors as it can scratch and dent easily (although heartwood is harder and more durable). Generally suited for a rustic aesthetic due to the dark knot, though clear pine comes without knots. Although pine takes paint well, you'll want to seal the knots so they don't bleed through. Great for wood trim.



ASH

A hardwood that has a lively graining similar to oak. It is naturally pale in colour. Even with its strength and density, ash is relatively lightweight compared to other hardwoods like hickory and oak.





WALNUT

A more costly wood, walnut has a distinct aesthetic with tones that can vary from dark chocolate brown to a lighter butter brown. Although strong and stable, walnut does scratch and dent more easily than hickory, oak or maple. Clearcoating or oiling walnut is the preferred finish to highlight its natural beauty. Great for statement pieces.



CEDAR

Western red cedar or eastern white cedar is a fragrant wood most suitable for exterior applications because of its ability to resist moisture (think cedar shakes), decay and insects. Exterior soffits and interior wood ceilings with tongue-and-groove cedar add warmth. You'll often see clear cedar as smooth ceiling details in modern builds.



POPLAR

Generally painted as it's not necessarily the most attractive wood. If you're looking to avoid the use of synthetics and MDF materials, paint-grade poplar is a great solution for interior trim, mouldings and doors.



BIRCH

Similar to maple in appearance, although not as hard. Can have a unique flame appearance when cut on the saw in a certain way. Sometimes used in engineered

hardwoods to achieve an aesthetic similar to maple, but at a more affordable price tag. But remember, it is not as hard or durable as maple.

CHERRY

A beautiful and expensive hardwood with a fine straight grain and a rosy hue that reddens with age. Often used in cabinetry and furniture.

RECLAIMED WOODS

These offer a great way to reuse materials and prevent more trees from being harvested, while providing a unique, timeworn aesthetic with a sense of character and history. Reclaimed wood is often denser and more stable due to being harvested decades ago from mature

EXOTIC WOODS

As the name implies, these woods are generally imported One fairly expensive option is zebra wood, which is harvested from central Africa and offers a distinct stripedgrain pattern from pale yellow to dark brown. Another exotic wood is acacia, which is a fast-

ENGINEERED VS. SOLID WOOD FLOORING:

Although cost is generally thickness of the wood veneer on engineered products will dictate whether or not it can be refinished. Engineered hardwoods are more stable and less susceptible to compared to a solid product.

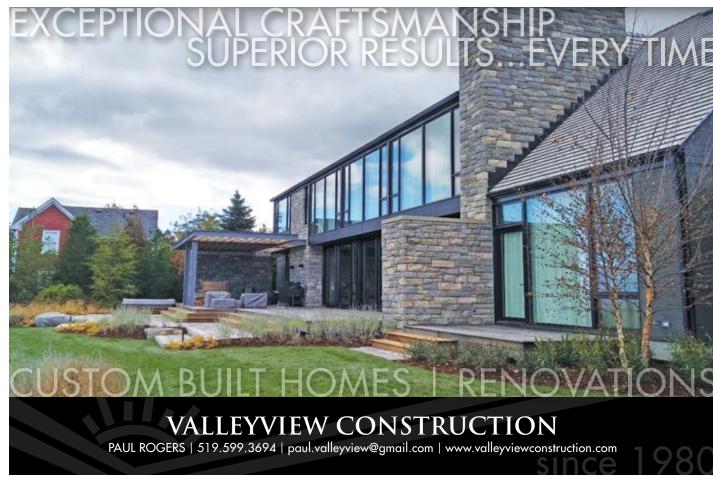
TIP: When selecting a flooring material, consider thickness and the transition to other tile). For example, a half-inch require an underlay so that from one material to the next, while a solid three-quarter-inch wood may not require an underlay to match height with adjoining flooring. **OH**

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"We found what we really missed most was the incredible neighbourhood," remembers Lucia. Summer arrived and, when the house directly across the street from their former rental came available, the couple made their move. Winters in the area had been idy<mark>llic, and th</mark>ey knew year-round visits, to a home they could truly make their own, were what they needed next.

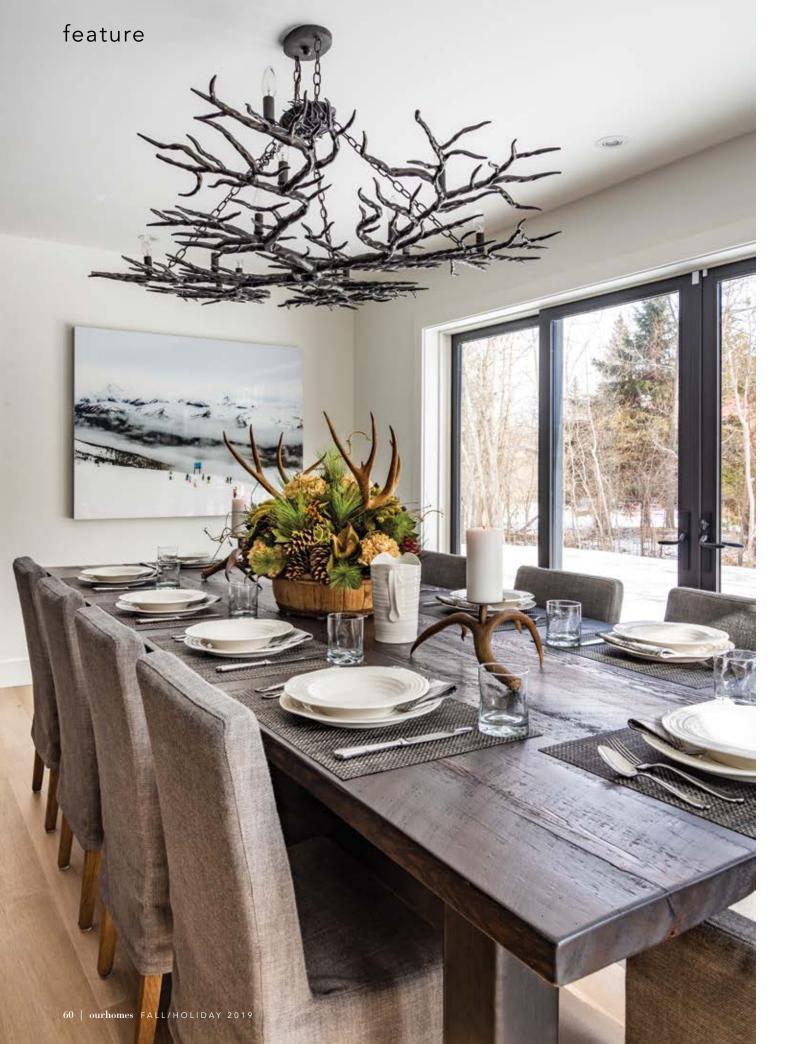
The house in question was built a few decades prior and required a bit of work to better align with their aesthetic and needs. Hoping to accomplish a renovation, including a sizable addition, before ski season arrived, the couple contacted **Marina Farrow** and **Katherine** Arcaro of FAD Inc. (Farrow Arcaro Design) and Blake Farrow of Blake Farrow Project Management Inc. The team's reputation for professional, high-quality work and their confidence in the project's short timeline appealed to Trond and Lucia, and their shared design sensibilities finalized their decision. Continued on page 62





TOP: Weathered barn board lines the wall in the front foyer. Cowhide chairs with lucite legs flank the steel console table. Furniture throughout the home was sourced at FAD Inc. ABOVE: The deck runs the length of the front of the home. Its linear lines mimic the siding, creating an uncluttered front façade. RIGHT: The vintage-ski coat tree is tucked in a corner by the mudroom. A black-and-white aerial view of Osler Bluff Ski Club hangs on the wall.







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"I wasn't there for the first meeting," says Lucia. "But Trond said to me, "You will LOVE Marina! Her shop is amazing!"

The couple had a vision for their new space - Trond with an overall concept, Lucia with design details - and Marina brought it to fruition, bringing floor plan ideas, concept drawings (final plans created by Mountainside Design) and gentle nudges in the right direction.

Such was the case with the dining room addition, initially slated to be a single storey. "They talked about liking the smaller size of the house, of wanting everyone to be together," says Marina. But, after much back-and-forth and encouragement, the couple ultimately made the decision to add a second storey, allowing room for a new upstairs family room. "People really need space to be on their own," comments Marina. "And we are so grateful now that it's here. We use it so often," adds Lucia.



ABOVE: The mudroom has an entrance from both the garage and the front of the home. Built-ins line two walls and offer storage for everyone's gear. The slate floor is heated to melt away ice and snow and to keep toes warm. **LEFT:** The back hall leads to the rear deck and hot tub. Hooks on the barn board wall, salvaged during the renovation, are handy for towels and bathrobes. RIGHT: A guest bathroom on the main level shows how effective wallpaper can look when used in a small space.





ABOVE: The upper level family room is part of the new addition. If playing board games or movies become too loud, the sliding barn door keeps the noise contained. A framed flag of Norway hangs over the integrated desk. RIGHT: Steel and wood stairs hug the wall and lead to the upper level. The triangle of wire mesh designed for safety keeps the stairwell open and airy. FAR RIGHT: A peek down the hall into the family room.

"I didn't have a sense of how everything would fit, spatially," says Lucia. "But after I started working with Marina, it all worked out."

Marina adds, "I do think the hump at the beginning was to trust us. We didn't have a relationship established beforehand, so the challenge was to trust that we knew what we were doing, that everything would be taken care of. After that it was easy."

"Our confidence in the partnership evolved from, 'Okay, stop questioning,' to 'Start trusting,' then, 'Actually start enjoying it,' and finally, 'Oh my gosh, this is so much fun!" " laughs Lucia.

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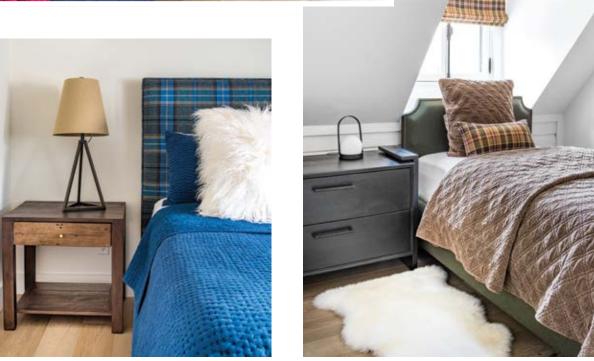


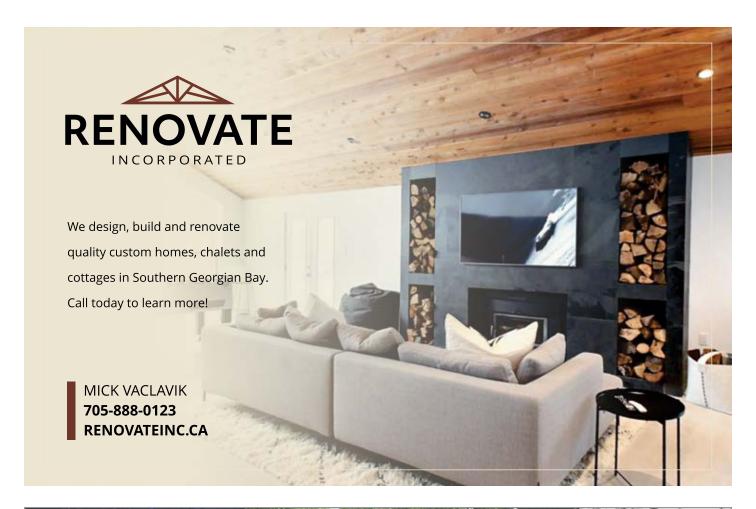


The couple worked with Marina to create a cohesive design flow throughout the home, with high-quality reclaimed barn board, metal accents and strong, rich colours all reappearing as focal points or slight suggestions, depending on the room and application.

"I would just tear out pictures and give them to Marina saying, 'I don't know how to do this, but this is the feel I want, the look I want.' And she would break it down," says Lucia. "And nearly every time I visited her shop, I would point at something and say, 'I love that!' " Much of these finds, sourced by FAD Inc., are custom-made for the space, including handmade tables, wall hangings, upholstered furniture and window coverings.

Blake Farrow's team provided additional hard-surface custom details throughout the home, from kitchen cabinetry and closet shelving to their signature metal-framed doorways and one particularly significant ski-shaped door handle. "Blake is so clever, and has such confidence," says Lucia. "He thought of so many details I never could have dreamed of." Continued on page 66







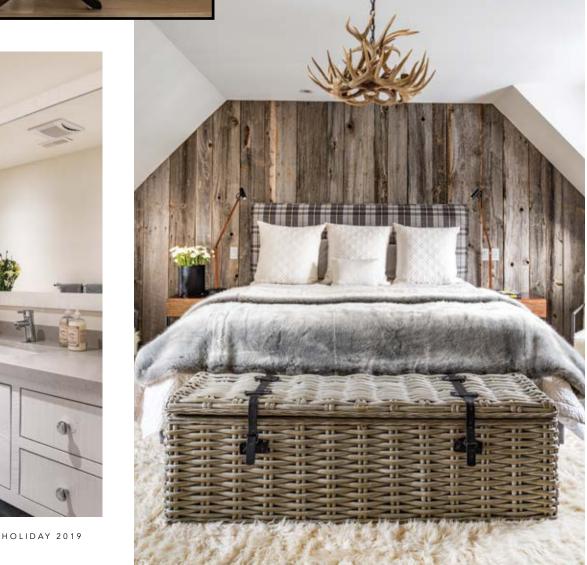


"We had such a tight timeline, so there was a lot of willpower to get it done. But there was also a lot of expertise, too. Nothing whatsoever was compromised."

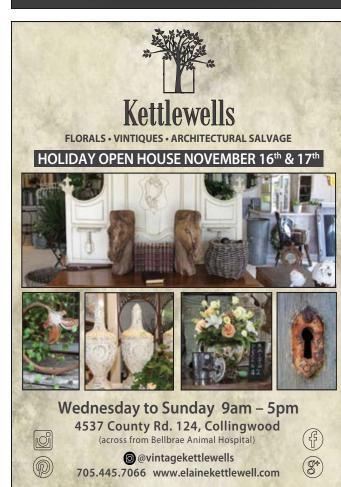
And it all came together – on time. That Christmas, the family hosted 10 family members in their new space. A few details remained, but by and large their project was complete. "We had such a fun time," remembers Lucia.

Their new cabin is warm and open, cosy yet modern, and filled with organic materials – all flowing seamlessly from space to space. "We're just so happy with how everything turned out," smiles Lucia. "We're grateful we found Marina and Blake, and so happy to be here – nearly every weekend of the year now." OH

LEFT: A folding leather stool is framed by a dormer in the vaulted ceiling of the master bedroom. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The large vanity in this upstairs bathroom provides lots of storage. The tile in the glass-enclosed shower repeats the theme of the weathered barn board walls throughout the home. **BELOW**: The barn board wall, woolly carpet, wicker basket and faux fur bedspread create a warm and inviting space for the homeowners after a busy day of activities.











HOME SECURITY FROM NO-TECH TO HIGH-TECH

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OPEN WINDOWS, UNLOCKED DOORS AND VACANT HOMES ARE IRRESISTIBLE TO WOULD-BE THIEVES.

When windows open to cooling breezes and the temperatures lure people away from home to the beach or cottage, burglaries are more frequent.

Although crime in Canada has been on the decline for years, insurance companies still pay out millions of dollars to people victimized by break-ins, a cost that drives up home insurance premiums for everyone.

Ontario's rate of burglaries dropped about 70 per cent between 1998 and 2015, one of the country's lowest rates of break-ins, according to the Conference Board of Canada. While the chances of being victimized are lower, it's little cause for complacency. In fact, improved home surveillance and security is one of the factors police attribute to the decline in property crimes.

Homeowners can guard against break-ins and protect their homes and property in a variety of ways, from no-tech common sense to high-tech smart technology.

LOW-TECH

Most burglars rely on hiding, speed and force to break into a home, according to The Co-operators insurance company. Cutting back trees and bushes will deny burglars hiding spots.

Exterior doors and frames of solid wood or steel are harder to break through than hollow-core doors.

Deadbolts and good locks on exterior doors are essential.

Insurance companies urge clients to lock their doors and windows at all times – when they're inside or anytime they leave, even for a brief time in the yard.

Drawing curtains, closing blinds and locking the garage keeps valuable belongings out of sight.

When homeowners are away for an extended period, having the property maintained by cutting the grass and raking leaves will make a home less of a target.

Using timers to control lights and play a radio intermittently will make a vacant house look and sound like people are at home.

Motion-sensing spotlights are recommended for entrances in the back and side yards.

HIGH-TECH

A basic home security system with a burglar alarm can deter break-ins while reducing the cost of insurance.

"An alarm system is not going to keep a burglar out, but it's going to minimize the time they're in the house," says Huronia Alarms president Rob Thorburn Jr. "The loss with an alarm system is much less than without." His company keeps an eye on the properties of 10,000 monitored clients in central Ontario. Its services include burglary and environmental monitoring, water level sensors and smoke and fire alarms.

Letting people know a property is monitored can also deter break-ins. "The hope is that when thieves see a security company's sticker on the premises, they'll move on," says Rob.

Simple alarms that can be monitored and controlled from smartphones, tablets or personal computers are available as do-it-yourself kits. Home Hardware, Canadian Tire and Home Depot all carry easy-to-install home security technology that starts for as little as \$12.98 and ranges up to \$300 or more.

A starter kit that includes a monitor for one window or door, a control hub and a motion detector for one room is sufficient for an apartment, condo or small home. It warns homeowners via their phone, tablet or computer when someone opens a window or steps into a room.

An inexpensive sensor placed near water sources can detect and warn about basement flooding or plumbing leaks. It will also notify homeowners if the home temperature drops below 4°C.



Easy-to-install smart locks can be controlled with a smartphone app or added to a home automation hub that controls lights and thermostats.

Many of the latest DIY systems can be expanded to include garage-door openers, surveillance cameras, door locks, and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Video doorbells can detect motion when someone approaches the front door. They'll alert homeowners on their mobile device or computer, allowing them to see, hear and speak to visitors from almost anywhere.

A wide array of interior and exterior security cameras can notify the owner when someone enters or leaves the home. Equipped with speakers and microphones, they allow homeowners to speak to and hear anyone on camera. Some cameras are equipped with motion detectors, flood lights, night vision and sirens that can ward off intruders.

Certain surveillance cameras can store video on an SD card or in the cloud, where a subscription fee applies.

Voice control through spoken commands on Apple Siri, Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant is available on many do-it-yourself and top-of-the-line systems.

High-end security systems with lots of features require expert installation. Different technologies use different wireless protocols, so getting good advice before buying is always a good idea.

Rob recommends homeowners start by calling a security consultant for an on-site visit. "I suggest you always enlist a professional," he says. A consultant can provide a proposal and security recommendations. Different people have different needs, he says. Some may use a security system every night, some only when they go out, and others every second of the day, he explains. "It really comes down to the user and what they want," he says. "We want to provide you with the security level that makes you feel comfortable when you put your head down at night." OH





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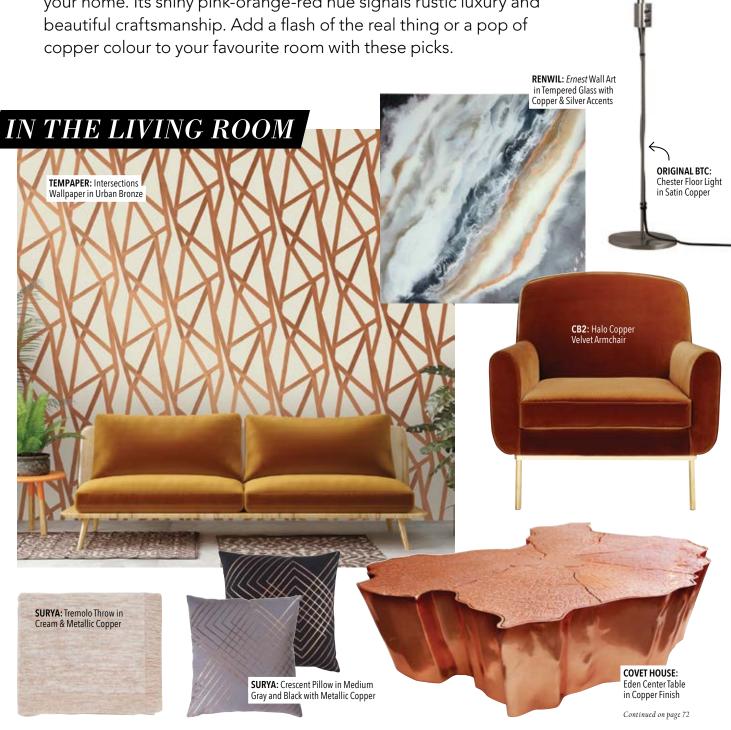
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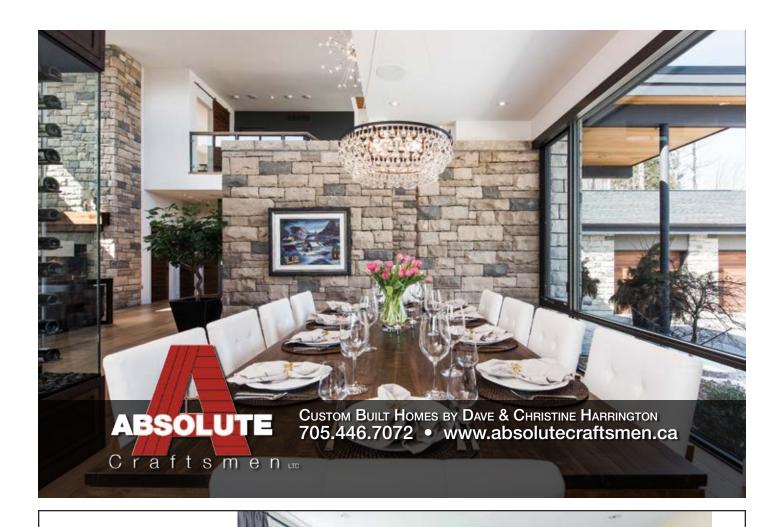
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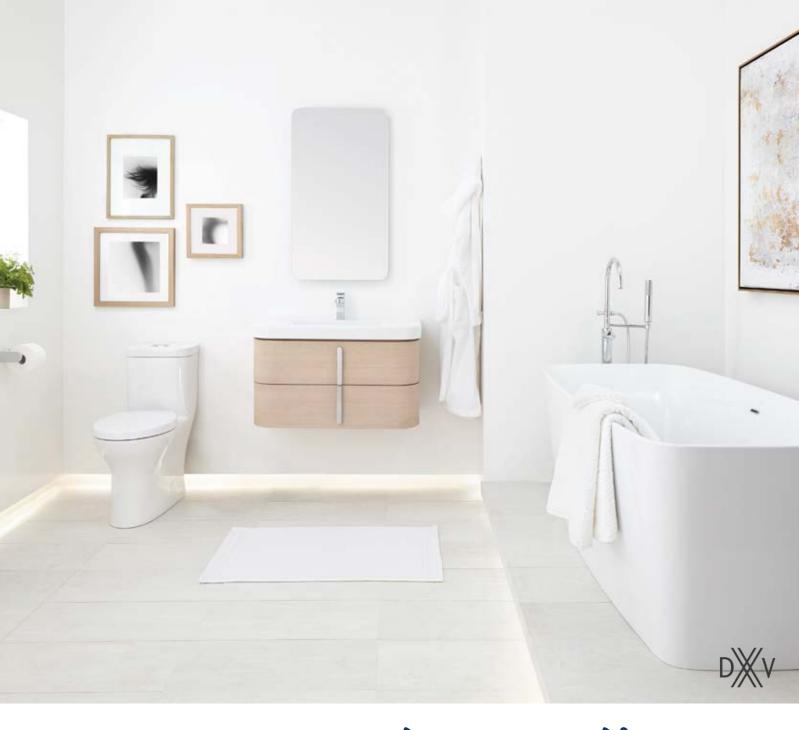


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10 ways to add VINTAGE STYLE to your home

Gargantuan mahogany dining sets. Towering armoires. Royal Doulton figurines, anyone? If items like this aren't your thing, you're not alone. As The New York Times recently reported, thanks to today's small homes and pared-down aesthetic, the market for traditional antiques has shifted sharply in the last two decades.

"As far as decorating, I think we're contemporary," confirms Marlene Cook, owner of the Sunday Antique Market in Toronto. So, why is thrifting all the rage? And why are markets like Marlene's still mobbed on any given weekend? Marlene says that while her urban hipster shoppers give certain items a pass - yup, those dark old furniture suites – they love to snap up quirky vintage and antique pieces from savvy sellers.

Yet the mindset has really changed. "Some people are thinking about upcycling and recycling," she says. "When you buy something from a market like mine or somewhere else, it doesn't go to landfill." Today's buyers also want quality craftsmanship, and investment potential. Above all, says Marlene, rather than rooms stuffed with antiques, buyers want single pieces to inject interest into modern interiors. "It could be a really great piece someone has seen in a magazine. Here they can buy the original. It doesn't have to be a reproduction."

Beyond the actual goods, Marlene says the market experience itself - communal, handson, revelatory - is another huge draw today. "People get to talk to our vendors, they can get to shop and touch it and feel it, and see the vibrancy of the colours," she explains. Vendors can also tell you about an object's history, she says, meaning buyers are likely to take home a story along with their fab finds.



Ready to dive into the happy chaos of your local antique market and find some deco treasures of your own? Looking for inspiration, we asked a couple of pros what's flying off the shelves these days.

HERE'S OUR LIST **OF MUST-HAVES** FOR 2019:

BOTANICAL AND FLORAL **PRINTS**

Bring the outdoors in with framed antique prints. Marlene says, "We had a book dealer with beautiful botanical prints and prints of birds from the mid-1800s and they just sold like hotcakes!'



VINTAGE

VINYL LPs

Whether for display or

listening pleasure, at

Market, manager

Patrick Gilkes says, "Records are still the

number-one seller

right now."

FULL-COLOUR VINTAGE MAPS. GLOBES AND TÓYS

Often featured in high-end design magazines, buyers love using these items to add interest to kids' rooms.

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While you can buy electroplated pieces for a song, pricier sterling silver cutlery elevates any table and is in high demand.

DISPLAY PIECES

From typewriters to vases and sculptures, people are buying vintage objects for display.



TEA CUPS & DISH SETS

Want to add superb quality and vintage wowfactor to your table? Patrick says, "Entire dish sets are constantly selling, especially around holidays and Thanksgiving."



MID-CENTURY

Vases, coffee tables, credenzas – sellers say

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ANYTHING

EARLY ASIAN PIECES

Better-quality antiques, including pottery, are very popular.

VINTAGE HARDWARE

It's a fantastic way to transform generic furniture, and dealers see many people hunting for hardware, particularly handles and drawer pulls. OH

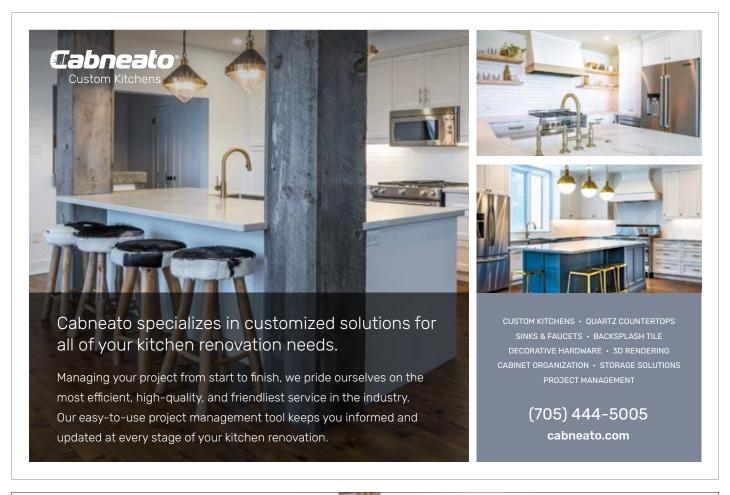
GLASSWARE

Whether funky cocktail glasses, colourful goblets or delicate stemware, Marlene says glassware sets are hot. "That's something anyone can buy for a party."



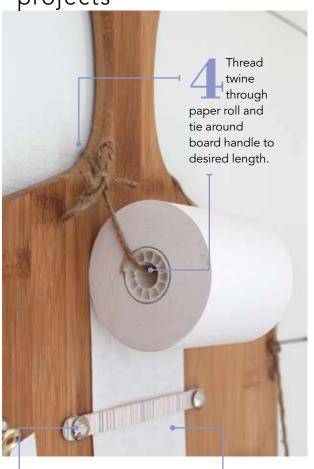
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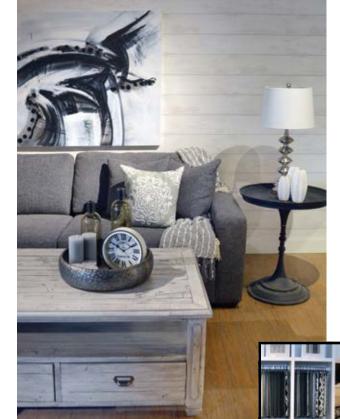


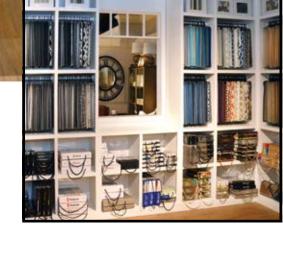


IN-STORE PHOTOGRAPHY BONNIE FOX

THE PLACE: For many years, Tammy Millsap and her husband were busy buying and renovating homes throughout Southern Georgian Bay. Tammy designed the interiors, and her go-to store was always Collingwood's At Home Interiors. The original owner mentioned he was considering selling the business, and in no time at all Tammy purchased the store. The name and the location have remained the same, but there is a new energy as you walk through the doors. Tammy has an amazing team, excited to share their expertise in interior styling with customers old and new.







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THE STYLE: The large showroom features a mixture of modern, classic and contemporary furnishings displayed in individual groupings. There are at least 10 vignettes beautifully styled with furniture and accessories, so customers can visualize how each piece will look in their own homes. Everything in the store has been curated with careful thought and consideration, based on Tammy's vast experience in interior design over the years.

THE WARES: At Home Interiors offers a design service; a designer will come to your home, help with room layout and guide your selection of furniture, lighting and accessories. With so many customizable pieces, including dining tables, sofas, chairs and sideboard units, finding the right piece has never been easier. They'll help make your home as unique as you are. Décor items include clocks, lighting, vases, realistic florals, photo frames and an extensive selection of upholstery fabrics for a custom look.



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want in a new build.

Study revealed three themes," Tim says, storage solutions, energy efficiency and kitchen design.

asked to answer 190 questions based on a recent new home purchase. It's the largest survey of its kind in Canada. The result is a comprehensive report by region, buyer type and demographics that Canadian homebuilders can use to plan new housing projects based on consumer wants and needs. Continued on page 84

A recent survey of Canadians who purchased a newly built home shows walk-in closets topped their list of must-have features. Surprising? Not really says Tim Bailey, division president of Avid Ratings Canada Ltd., a customer satisfaction company that works with Canadian homebuilders to determine what buyers

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Avid Ratings is currently compiling results for 2019 but Tim doesn't anticipate dramatic changes. There's only been moderate changes in the four years Avid Ratings has been conducting the survey.

Consumers clearly want energy efficiency, Tim says. "But they also want granite and quartz and all the fine features so it's really about trying to strike a balance between what buyers can afford to spend. Energy efficiency is a hot button for consumers, especially with the carbon tax and rising utility costs. Buying a home is one thing but then carrying the cost of that home is another thing."

Homebuyers also want storage, lots of it. "We're a four-season country," Tim explains using his family as an example. "We're a Brady Bunch family with four kids and storage is critical. We have off-season gear. four seasons of clothing and four seasons of sporting goods."

People also want open-concept kitchens with an island. "Quartz countertops and smart home technology score high on the survey as well," Tim says. Other wants include a single-detached home, doublecar garages, brick exteriors, tankless water heaters, LED lighting and a main-floor master suite.

What's surprising is the renaissance of the formal dining room. According to the survey, formal dining rooms have increased in importance since year one of the study.

What isn't a priority for new home buyers is outdoor spaces. Tim figures it's because landscaping isn't an immediate concern, it's not part of the purchase and new home buyers have to save and budget for outside projects that happen a couple of years down the road.

The 2018 study found the largest cohort of today's Canadian homebuyer is the growing family with kids followed by single couples with no kids. Millennials have edged out Gen Xers as the largest group of homebuyers.

How does the survey translate for resale homes? Tim believes new homes inspire renovations to older homes and stimulate the resale market. OH

"MUST HAVE" **NEW HOME FEATURES**

- 1. Walk-in closets
- 2. High-efficiency windows
- 3. Energy-efficient appliances
- 4. Overall energy-efficient home
- 5. Kitchen island
- 6. Linen closet
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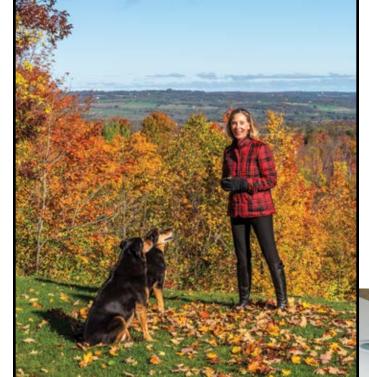


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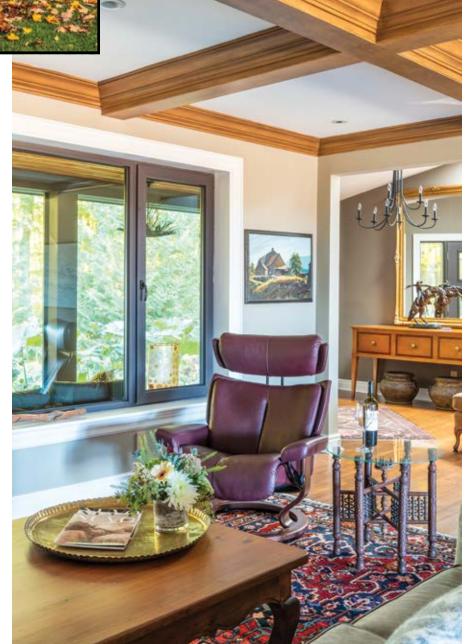


"WE WANTED IT ALL ON ONE LEVEL, WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE VIEW FROM ALMOST EVERY ROOM."

They cleared the land and carefully considered not just what they might build, or where their home would be constructed, but specifically where on the land they would position the home to maximize the vista and the beauty of the surroundings. "We knew the style of home we wanted and for the most part designed it ourselves," Sheila says. They constructed a home they felt would best integrate into the terrain – to be part of it, as opposed to being on it.

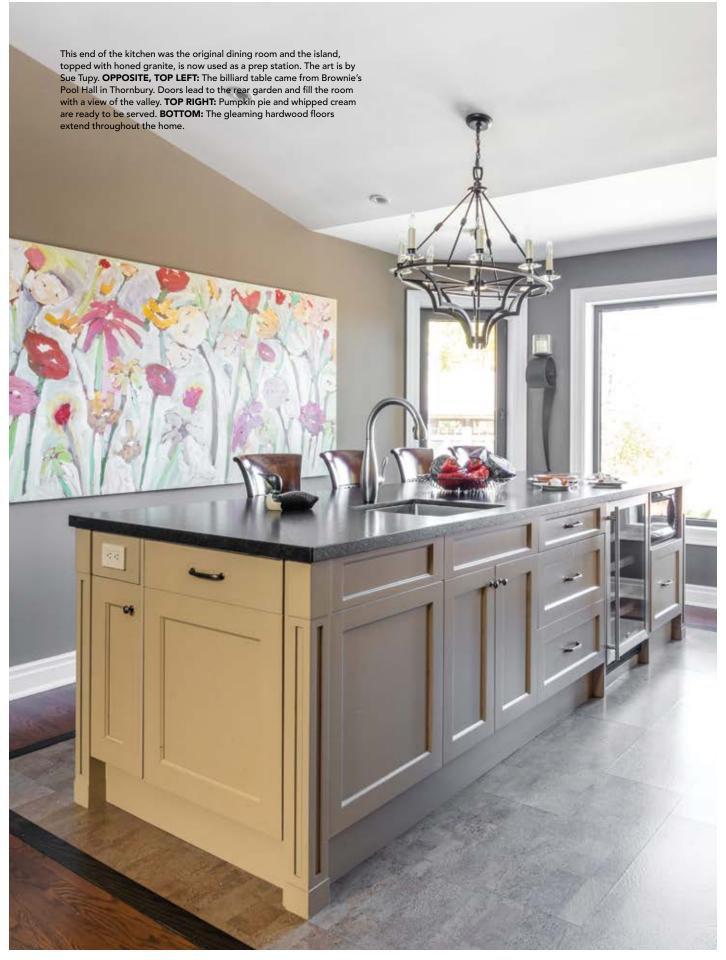
Approaching along an arbored drive, the wooded lot opens to reveal the home sitting gently along the ridge, comfortably slipping into the landscape. Surrounded by lush vegetation, it feels as though it is and has always been an indigenous part of the land on which it rests. "We wanted it all on one level, with an opportunity to enjoy the view from almost every room," Sheila says. Each room has generous picture windows and large glass doors that frame the glorious farmland and forest across the valley.

"We built the house 30 years ago," says Sheila. "We knew all the trades because they were local and so were we." Michael was an electrical and mechanical contractor himself, which made it easy to connect with well-known, reliable people and get the job done right. Continued on page 93





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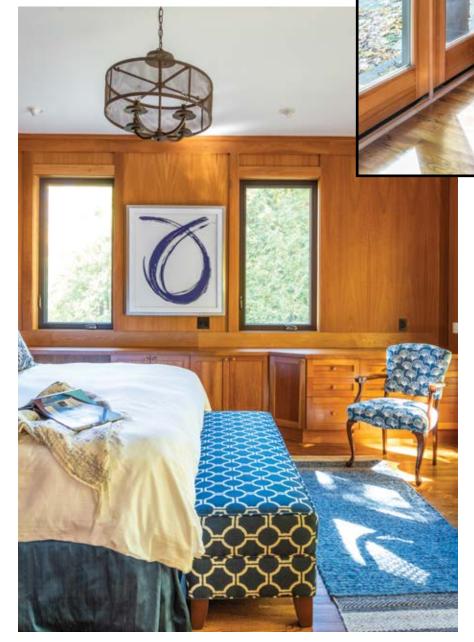
this stunning residence. "We were not looking for the latest look or trend necessarily. We wanted quality and purposeful finishings and furnishings, because we are not always driven by what is new."

The home is filled with family heirlooms, aged Persian carpets and refinished and repurposed pieces of all description, which are arranged in a casual manner throughout. A 14-foot African mahogany dining room table that's more than 100 years old can seat a substantial number for dinner. A full-size, fully restored billiards table rescued from Brownie's Pool Hall in Thornbury also resides here. It is replete with the original sets of billiard and snooker balls, vintage cues and - reflecting its history – a good number of small burn marks along the rails, from the many cigarettes that must have resided there just a little too long, many years ago. It is definitely a conversation piece and a gathering place for friends and family. Continued on page 94

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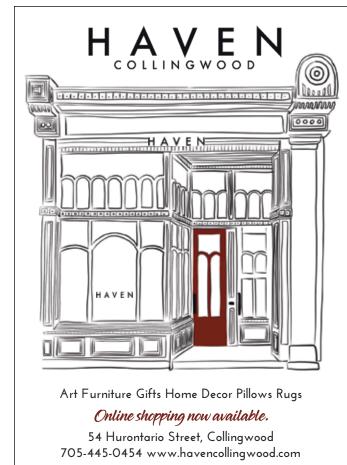
There are cosy sitting areas around every corner with comfortable chairs and tables welcoming warm conversation or a good book. One of the homeowners' favourite spaces is the charming screened-in area at the front of the house decorated with rocking chairs, throw rugs and floor-to-ceiling motorized screens that allow the forest view in and keep the bugs out. A gazebo, steps away from the main house, is outfitted with a fireplace, an oversize sofa and leather arm chairs. Continued on page 96

BELOW: The garage conversion suite is panelled in cherry. Various shades of blue give the space a fresh look. **RIGHT:** An elegant Queen Anne-style desk sits by large windows that offer a vista of the old growth forest at the front of the home. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The large front foyer has a comfortable sofa for removing wet boots. The painting above is by Pat Ransom and was found at the Loft Gallery. The door leads to Michael's office.



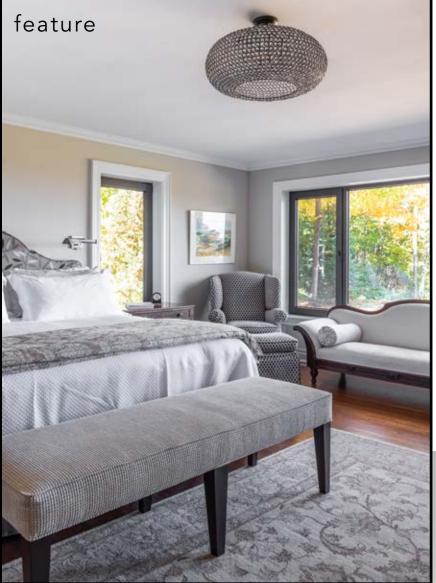












The home is all about comfort and practicality blended with wonderful vision, elegant taste and skillful construction. Sheila and Michael spent a couple of years planning and another year building their hilltop home, which has offered endless pleasure over these past 30 years.

With its timeless design and sensibilities, this home with its 100-mile view will never get old. он

LEFT: Windows surround the master bed, offering a breathtaking view from every angle. **BOTTOM LEFT:** A wooden pedestal holding a pottery urn sits in the master en suite. Just beyond is the sunroom, where Sheila and Michael enjoy relaxing and reading in the comfortable wicker furniture. BELOW: This calm and cosy guest bedroom has a palette guided by the Bonnie Dorgelo painting. The oriental carpet adds a touch of colour.









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AT HOME

Favourite Holiday Song: The Skydiggers' version of Good King Wenceslas. Pure Canadiana. Mince Tarts Or Plum Pudding: Mince Tart all the way, but I enjoy the flambé on the pudding. What Did You Last Google: How to spell Wenceslas and best holiday gifts for my perfect wife. Last Time You Won Something: The two I am really proud

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JOSÉE AT HOME

Do You Believe In Santa: Of

course!! I even yell "Santa" (to myself, of course) every time I see an older man with a Santa-worthy white beard. Favourite Holiday

Song: White Christmas by Bing Crosby. Mince Tart Or Plum Pudding: Neither. How about

tourtière and ragoût de boulettes? Now that's a French-Canadian Christmas. What Did You

Last Google: Rustic office space ideas. I love redecorating/renovating. Last Time

You Won Something: I won when I met Kevin and nothing else compares to that.

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KEVIN AT HOME

Do You Believe In Santa: Yes, of course. I know him! Favourite Holiday Song: Baby It's Cold Outside. (Despite the controversy last year.) Mince Tart Or Plum Pudding: Neither – I like Mom's shortbread. What Did You Last Google: Airstream trailers and electric mountain bikes. Last Time You Won **Something:** Just won a free Lotto

649 ticket yesterday!

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DIANA LEA BERDINI

BROKER, OFFICE MANAGER

Chestnut Park Real Estate Limited Brokerage

Locally, our brokerage has focused on three categories: Home Horizon for housing-based charities, Purple Hills Art and Heritage Society and Jazz at the Station for arts and culture, and the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital for health-based organizations. We help make the dream of home ownership a reality and through support of these charities we aspire to help build better communities and help shape and promote community values.

AT HOME

Do You Believe In Santa:

Of course! Favourite Holiday
Song: By Band Aid, Do They Know
It's Christmas. Mince Tart Or Plum
Pudding: Plum Pudding. What Did You
Last Google: Realtor.ca. Last Time
You Won Something? Hmmmm...
never, but happy to be on the
giving side.

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LORRAINE AT HOME

Do You Believe In Santa: Of course! Favourite Christmas
Song: White Christmas. What
Did You Last Google: Recipe for meatballs. Last Time You Won
Something: A free ticket
on Lotto 649.

LORRAINE MCDONALD

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JANE MOYSEY BROKER

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JANE AT HOME

Do You Believe In Santa:
Of course! Favourite Christmas
Song: O Holy Night. What Did
You Last Google: Mozart's Ave
Verum Corpus translation. Last
Time You Won Something:
\$1,000 cruise credit on
Holland America.

Neither - just

give us an

eggnog with rum!



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MAX HAHNE

BROKER OF RECORD

Engel & Völkers Collingwood Muskoka

The realtors and administrators within my brokerage and I support Special Olympics Ontario and the Blue Mountain Special Olympics Alpine Team. My wife and I are proud supporters of the Georgian Triangle Humane Society. A portion from every real estate transaction that I make is donated to those charities. We participate in Special Olympics events and raise funds through sponsorship and donations. Diane Melnick, one of our administrators, is a terrific baker so she bakes cupcakes by the dozens to sell to our realtors, friends and family and the money is donated to the GTHS.

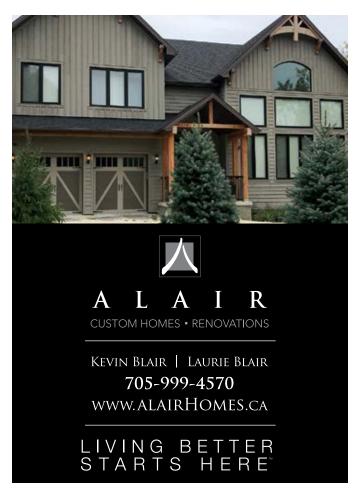
AT HOME

Do You Believe In Santa:

hate to date myself, but to quote Laurel and Hardy, "You're Darn Tootin'." Favourite Holiday Song: That's easy, White Christmas by Bing Crosby. Mince Tart Or Plum Pudding: I really wish rum and eggnog was an option but if I must choose, plum pudding minus most of the ingredients. What Did You Last Google? Jack Russell Terrier Rescue Ontario because I miss our little JRT Zulu terribly.

> LAST TIME **YOU WON SOMETHING:** Twenty years ago, my wife said yes and I won the lottery!

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AT HOME

Do You Believe In Santa:

Of course I do – where else would all my new socks come from? **Favourite Holiday Song:** *All I Want For Christmas* by

Alvin and the Chipmunks. It brings back happy childhood memories and yes, I'm just that old!

Mince Tart Or Plum Pudding: And why do I have to choose? It's Christmas after all, can't I have both? That would be my choice. And maybe some Christmas cake as well. What Did

You Last Google: How many calories in mince tart, plum pudding and Christmas cake?

LAST TIME YOU WON SOMETHING: When I opened Clairwood Real Estate. I won the jackpot with the wonderful friendships that developed. I know, corny, but so true.

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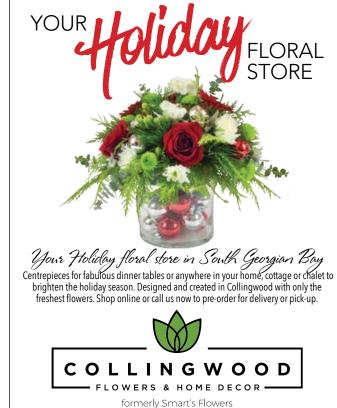




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Locally, we support Strive Learning Centre for Children and Georgian Triangle Humane Society. The Strive Learning Centre for Children offers an intensive form of rehabilitation therapy designed to teach children with neurological disorders and helps them achieve maximum potential. Nationally, Days of Giving was recently launched to support children in hospitals across Canada suffering from long-term disabilities. Support is monetary, and in the case of Days of Giving, we help with the making of activity kits.

AT HOME

Do You Believe In Santa: Yes, I believe in Santa Claus!

Mince Tart Or Plum Pudding: Plum Pudding. What Did You Last Google: How to fix a problem with my computer. Last Time You Won

Something: Many years ago, I was lucky to win a trip for two to Orlando.

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BLAIR AT HOME

Do You Believe In Santa: Yes of course. Favourite Holiday Song: Santa Claus Is Coming To Town by Bruce Springsteen. Mince Tart Or Plum Pudding: Sorry, neither. What Did You Last Google: College Football Rankings. Last Time You Won Something? 1994, Western University, her name was Gail and we are still married today.

BLAIR THOMPSON

BROKER/OWNER

NORM BAUER

BROKER OF RECORD/OWNER

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We support The Salvation Army, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Georgian Triangle, Hospice Georgian Triangle, Blue Mountain Watershed Trust and the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. The Salvation Army and Big Brothers Big Sisters help develop confident and responsible children and young adults in Southern Georgian Bay, which benefits the community in so many ways. We just had a golf tournament that raised funds for three of our causes and every year a team participates in the Canadian Cancer Society CIBC Run For The Cure. Our corporate charity is The Children's Miracle Network.

NORM AT HOME

Do You Believe In Santa: Yes absolutely, I saw him at the Elvis Festival. Favourite Holiday Song: White Christmas, I know all the words. Mince Tart Or Plum Pudding: Neither. What Did You Last Google: I do not Google much. Also they usually Google me. Last Time You Won Something? | got the biggest prize – I won my granddaughter's heart. on





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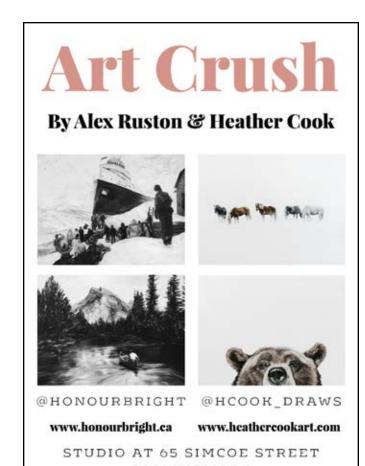
5 STEPS to creating A FABULOUS DINING SPACE

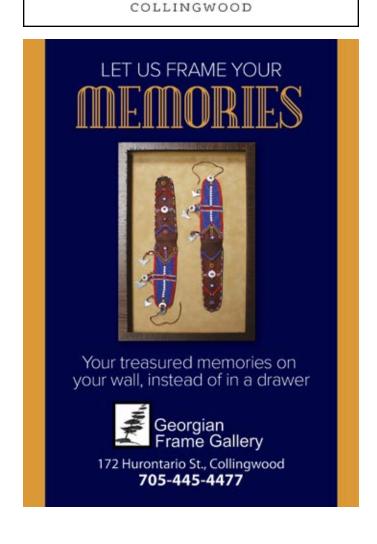
Cooler temperatures bring warmer gatherings as we all move indoors to entertain. That also means it's time to show off your home. No more backyard barbecues here. It's finally time to highlight your culinary skills or cocktailmaking and impress your guests with a dining room design that feels both elegant and comfortable. Here are my five non-negotiable design elements for creating a fabulous dining space.

COLOUR & MOOD

Think about the mood you wish to evoke. A bright room with fresh white walls and lots of natural light will make you feel awake and alive. This is great for brunches and luncheons. For a more intimate vibe, choose richer colours and warm lighting. I love to use wallpaper and grasscloth in dining rooms. It adds a luxurious touch and can even act as a great conversation starter among guests while you slip away to prepare the meal.

FURNITURE LAYOUT Function is foremost to dining room design. If your table is too big, the chairs may bump up against the wall, or if there are too many large furniture items, guests may knock over a lamp (or each other). A general rule of thumb is to keep a minimum of 36 inches between the edge of the table and the wall for chairs. This gives chairs just enough space to pull out so that your guest can slide in. More than 36 inches is even better. Continued on page 112





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SEATING SELECTION
You'll want to consider what type of seating suits your needs. Some families prefer a bench or banquette seating. This works great for children but not as well for adult dinner parties.
No one wants to be the guest stuck in the centre of the bench. It's like having a middle seat on an airplane and the lady at the window continually has to squeeze by you to use the washroom. Banquettes do, however, work really well when you are tight for space. The 36-inch rule no longer applies when you have bench seating. Just make sure that your table has a pedestal base instead of four legs so people can get in and out easily.



SIZE MATTERS

The size of your table is important. L It's not just about what fits in the room (although this is important too). Select a table that accommodates how you like to serve and dine with guests. You want it to have enough space for plates and décor or family-style platters in the middle, but one that still encourages great conversation across the table. Never go smaller than 36 inches wide. In general, tables 42 to 48 inches wide are most common. Anything bigger is difficult for conversation. The shape of the table can also affect your dining experience. You've seen this at restaurants. A round table is great for including everyone, but if it fits more than eight people (think of a wedding), it's too big and you get stuck talking solely to your neighbour all night. Round tables are great for smaller spaces. They lend themselves well to a space that also acts as a thoroughfare since there are no sharp corners to impede the flow of traffic.



Lighting is the last main factor and perhaps the most important one

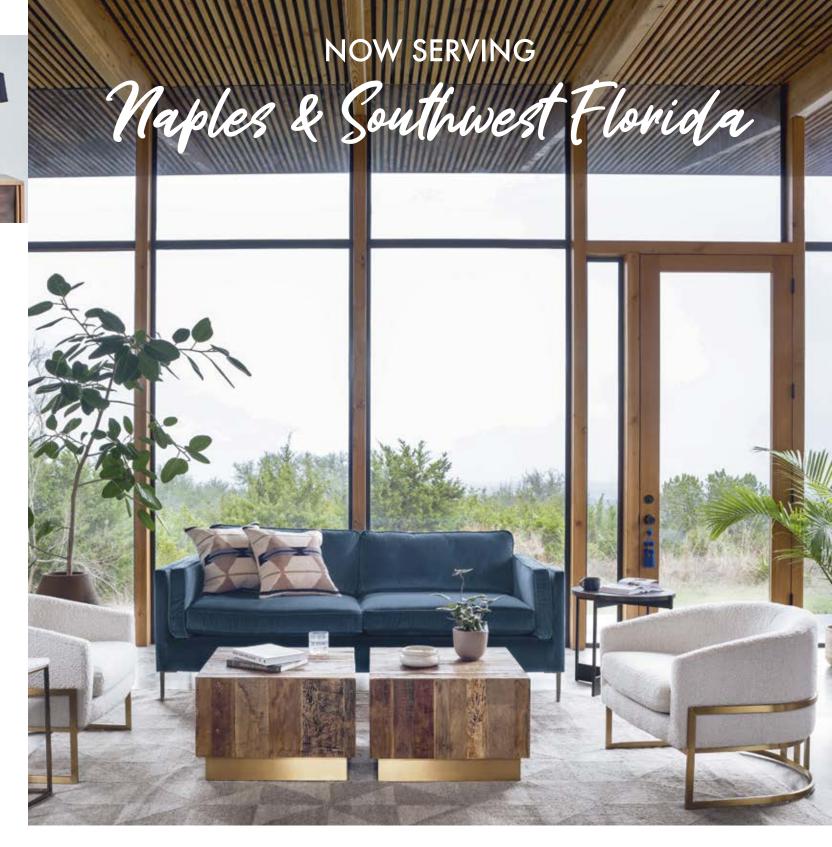
if you're looking to create a space that

LIGHT IT UP



BONUS DESIGN ELEMENT: If you have a little more space, consider a sideboard or a bar cart. Bar carts are fun to look at and you can set them up as an extra area for guests to serve themselves. The vintage bar cart in my own home sees a lot of action and sparks many conversations.

By considering mood, layout, table size, seating and lighting, you'll have covered all the bases to designing a beautiful and functional dining room. When you've found the perfect dining design, don't forget to add in some additional table decorations, candles and glassware. OH

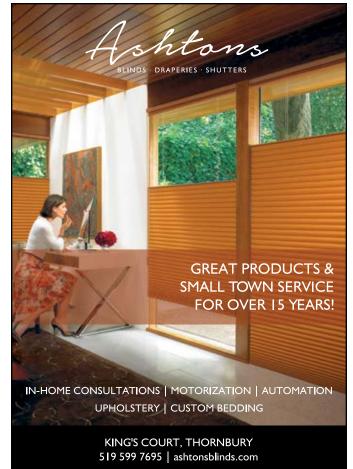


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Materials

18-gauge galvanized wire

Glitter paper or glitter foam (we used gold, silver and white)

Glue gun or bottled glue

Length of ribbon or twine, for hanging

Tools

Wire cutters Scissors



How-to

Determine the size of the wreath by forming a circle with the wire. Continue to wind the wire, forming between seven and nine circles in various diameters. Leave a tail of wire about two inches long.

Holding the bundle in one hand, wrap the tail around the wire circles several times.

Cut pairs of stars from glitter paper or foam in a variety of sizes for the front and back of the wreath.

Grab a pair of stars and apply glue to one side of each star. Pick a strand of wire, line up stars on each side, then sandwich the wire between the two stars. Repeat, adding stars at random throughout the strands until you love

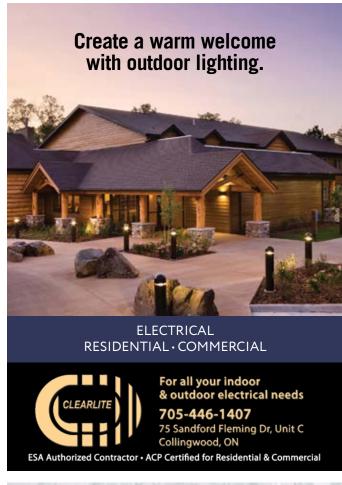
your design.

Tie ribbon or twine at the top of the circle to hang your wreath. OH

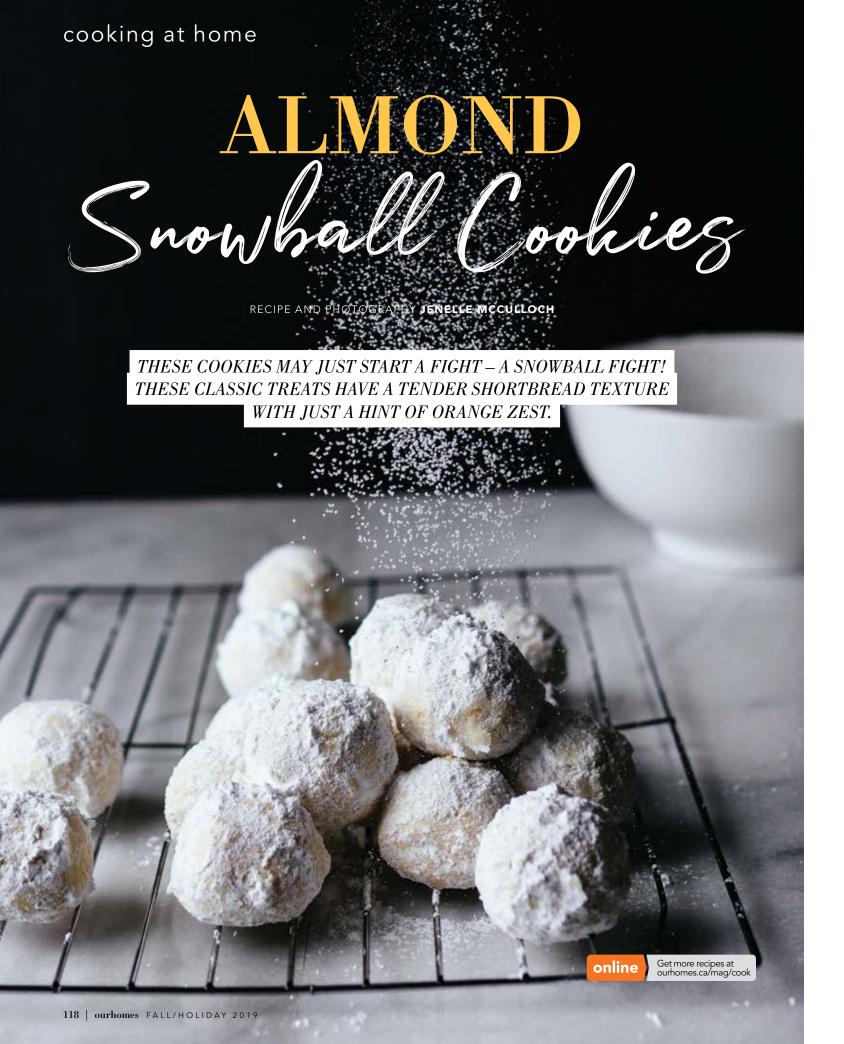














INGREDIENTS Makes 20-25 cookies

1 cup unsalted butter, softened

½ cup powdered sugar plus more to coat

2 cups allpurpose flour

1 cup almond flour

1 tsp vanilla extract

 $\frac{1 \text{ tsp orange zest}}{\frac{1}{2} \text{ tsp salt}}$

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In a stand mixer with paddle attachment, cream together butter and ½ cup powdered sugar.

Add all-purpose flour, almond flour, vanilla extract, orange zest and salt. Mix until dough is combined and forms a ball.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and roll dough into 1-1.5 inch balls.

Bake for 13-15 minutes, or until bottoms are light brown.

Let cool slightly and, while still warm, roll in powdered sugar.

Let cool before storing. Enjoy! **on**













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A gentle snowfall greeted more than 1,000 people as they made their way to the Toronto Ski Club for the annual Royal LePage Locations North Collingwood Holiday House Tour. This 2018 one-day event featured six beautifully decorated homes, celebrity designer Jo Alcorn, holiday shopping, a greenery demonstration and fashion show. The event raised more than \$33,800, with proceeds going to the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation, Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club, Hospice Georgian Triangle, the emergency department at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, E3 Community Services and Collingwood Basketeers. OUR HOMES is a proud partner and sponsor of this incredible day that kicks off the festive season.

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HOLIDAY MEMORIES

DESIGNER

TRICIA JEFFERY OF **DOVETAIL INTERIORS**

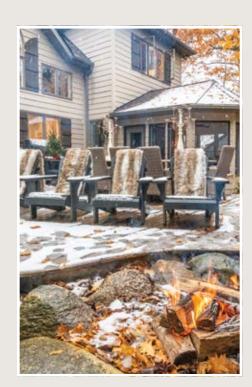
HOMEOWNERS

RICHARD MERCEY & TRICIA JEFFERY

GOLD SPONSOR

KAREN E. WILLISON OF KW COLLABORATIVE REAL ESTATE

As visitors approached this Fan Favourite home and stepped through the front door, the scene was set for Tricia Jeffery's interpretation of old-fashioned Christmas. The spirit of Christmas, the smell of baking cookies and eggnog, filled this home. Every room was decorated. Family heirlooms, furs, antlers, Santas, lights, quilts and a giant Christmas tree in the front foyer charmed all who toured this magical home. Continued on page 124

















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DOUBLE FESTIVE FUN DESIGNER PAMELA **MCINTYRE DESIGN** HOMEOWNER **DIANE ANDERSON** GOLD SPONSOR **KEARNS PAARA GROUP**

This cosy log home, steps from the shores of Georgian Bay, inspired Pamela McIntyre to create a different theme for each level. On the main floor, rustic charm influenced a nod to nostalgia with a roaring fire, beautiful tree, flickering candles and a deep sofa for curling up in on Christmas morning. Heading up the garland-draped staircase to the upper level, the mood changed to a glamorous, formal country setting. Decorations included white poinsettias, roses, warm woollen throws and a floor-to-ceiling tree wrapped with white lights, gold ribbon and hundreds of gold ornaments. The gold theme carried to the dining table, set for the evening meal with gold chargers and crystal. Continued on page 126











BLUE MOUNTAIN HIGHLANDS

DESIGNERS

BRITTANY STEPTOE-WRIGHT OF BSW DESIGN & ASHLEY KIMMEL OF ASHLEY ELAINE FLORALS

HOMEOWNERS **ODETTE**& ANDREW BARTNICKI

GOLD SPONSOR RICK CROUCH

Brittany Steptoe-Wright and Ashley Kimmel transported this stone home in Lora Bay to the faraway Scottish Highlands. Urns overflowing with greenery flanked either side of the front door, with a tartan-covered bench nearby. Warm vegan furs and tartan throws in each room were accompanied by candle flames dancing throughout the home. Two majestic trees, blazing brightly with lights, stood in the living room. Another tree in the dining room welcomed a night of food and good cheer, the kitchen island laden with holiday treats. The master bedroom featured a fourth tree, decorated with winter woodland creatures. In the backyard, visitors found a firepit surrounded by chairs - an invitation to sit and enjoy the warmth of this home a little longer.

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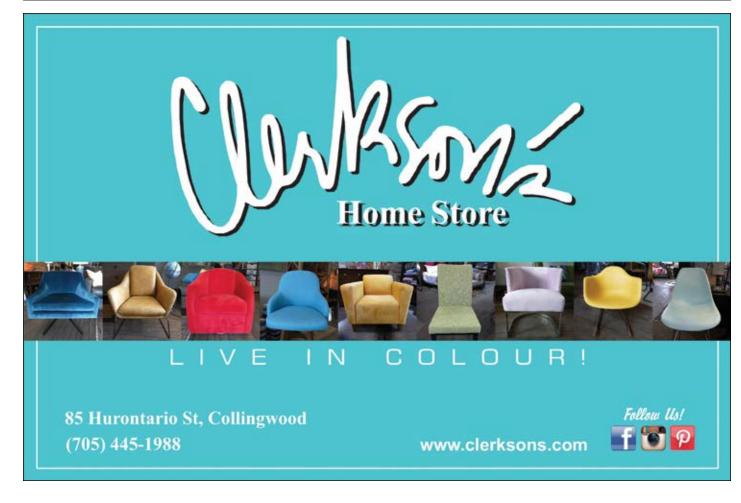
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JULIA APBLETT DEBBIE BULLOCK AMP CHAMP

Catherine Staples found inspiration in four themes to decorate this home just outside of Collingwood: coastal, beach house, cottage and charming – a perfect theme for holidays on Southern Georgian Bay. Catherine created an airy, warm and playful design in every room. Rob Street of Street's Flowers added restrained touches of sophisticated greenery to complement the décor inside and out.

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A tinsel-covered, star-topped tree was the showstopper at this Collingwoodlands home. Katherine created a sophisticated, warm, welcoming feel, decorated for family and visitors. Twinkly lights added brightness and warmth to mantels, shelves and stairs to the second level. Heidi Ehlers of GREEN LOVE created the greenery and arrangements throughout the home, including the dining room table's gorgeous centrepiece.

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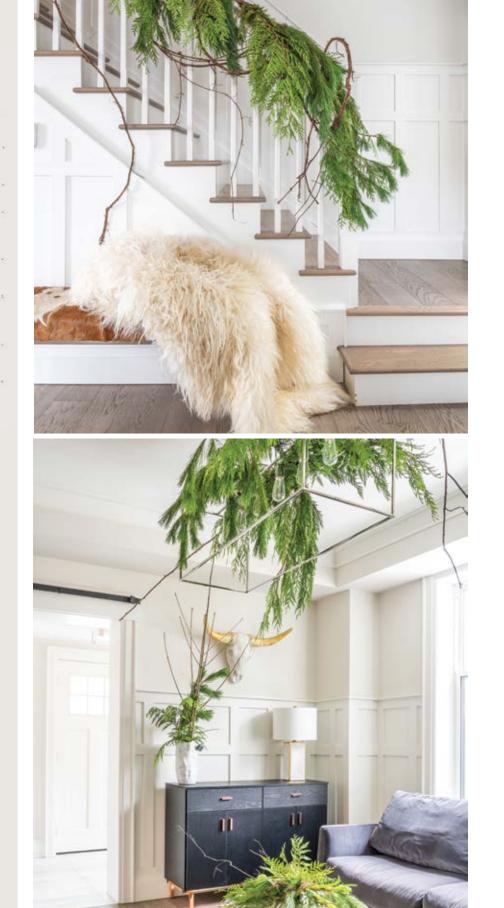


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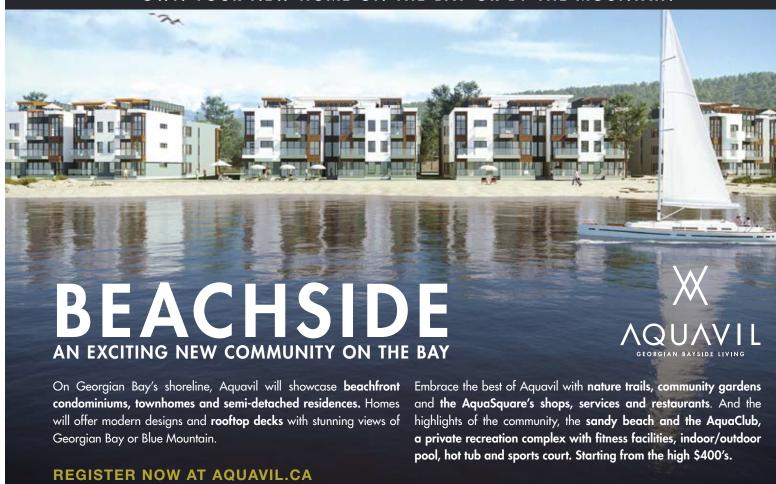
WINTER **FOREST** DESIGNER **HERMA VEGTER-PETRIE OF LËUK** HOMEOWNERS GRANT & **ELIZABETH GULLEDGE** GOLD SPONSOR **ANITA HEARN & DOUG BEAUMONT OF HEARN BEAUMONT GROUP**

The signature styling of Herma Vegter-Petrie perfectly suited this Collingwood home. The white walls of the open, airy spaces dramatically framed the lush greenery, which hung from pendant lights and cascaded up the stairway. Greens and flowers intertwined with bare vine, adding an additional textural element to the simple, artful arrangements. OH





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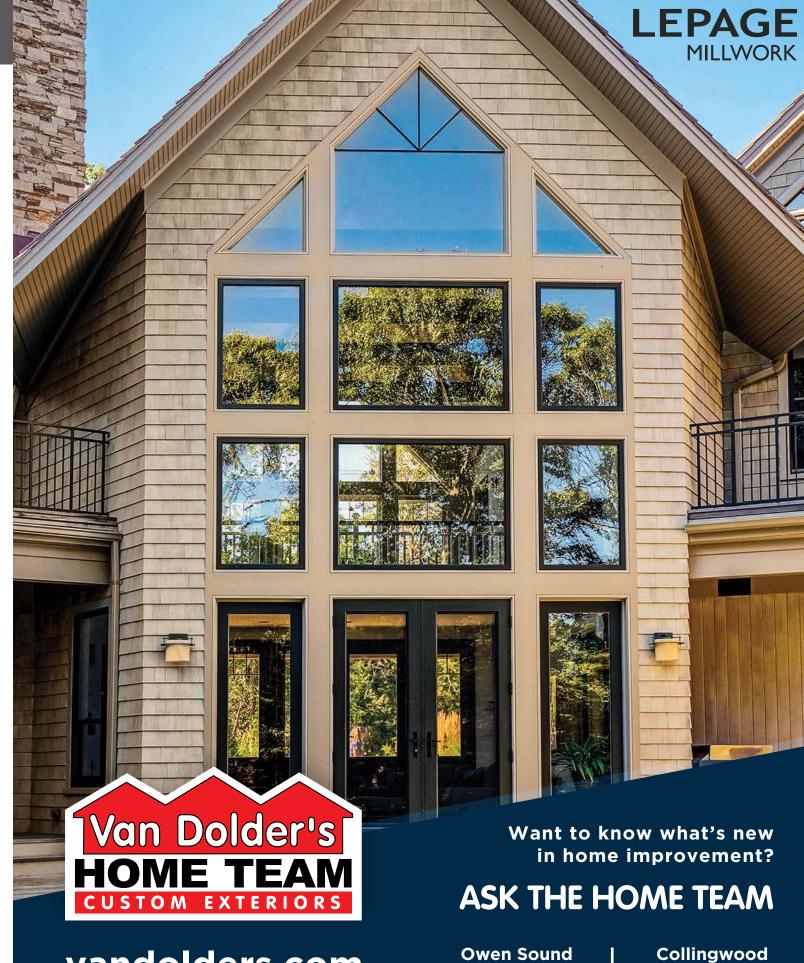
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ABOVE: Timbers, shingles, stone and siding combine to create a warm and welcoming exterior to the Taylors' home. LEFT: Cedars surround the vast lawn, providing privacy and year-round greenery. The porch is a quiet spot to enjoy this tranquil yard. OPPOSITE: The warmth of the timber beams extend into the kitchen area and are enhanced by the white Perkinsfield Kitchen.

IT WAS OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW WHEN JEFFREY AND LYNNE TAYLOR DECIDED TO MAKE THORNBURY THEIR PERMANENT HOME.

They've moved and renovated a dozen times since marrying. "We've renovated just about every house we've owned," Lynne laughs. Their new home, by **Andrew Noxon** of **Upstream Construction**, is where they plan to stay for a very long time.

Jeffrey, a semi-retired owner of a highway transportation leasing company, and Lynne, who retired after a career in IT, met at university and settled in Waterloo region. For 20 years, they spent their winters in the Blue Mountains, where their children, Jackson and Maddy, had great success as ski racers at both Georgian Peaks and Craigleith Ski Club.

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"HE'S [ANDREW]
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Lynne knows all the backroads in the area after years spent driving what she fondly refers to as the "escarpment loop" to drop her kids at winter activities. After renting for a few years – both at Lighthouse Point and in a handful of farmhouses near Thornbury – Jeffrey and Lynne bought at Lora Bay. They sold that home when the kids had finished racing.

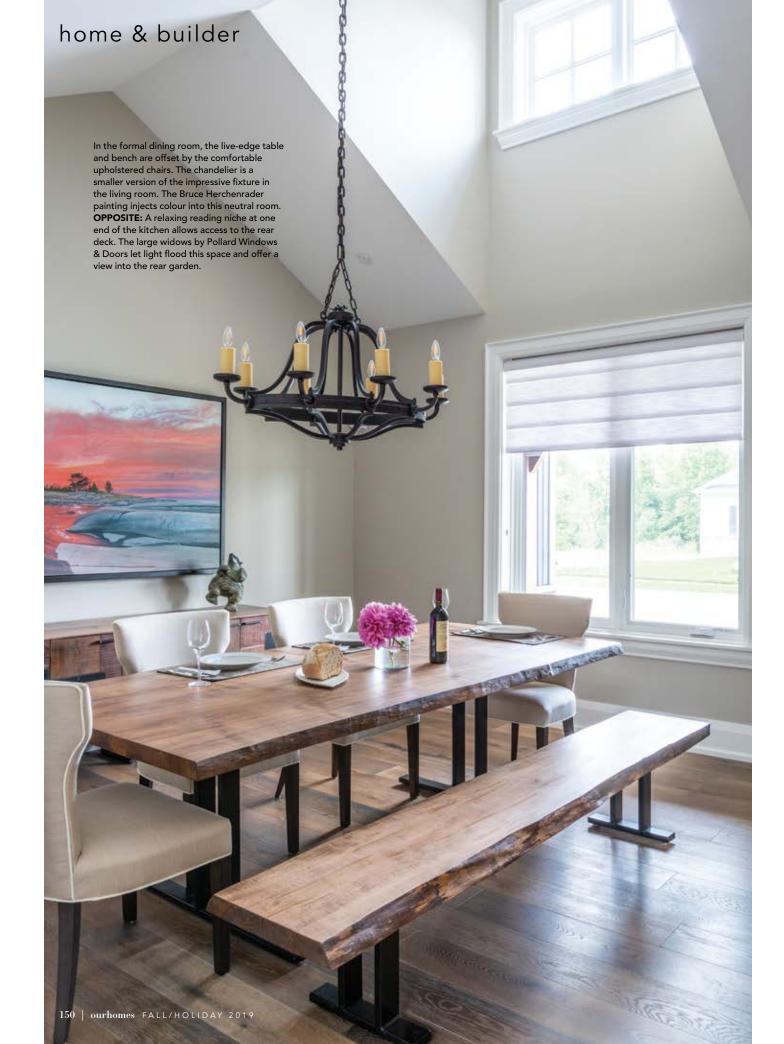
Their next move would be a home for all seasons, and Thornbury topped their list of locations.

After looking at countless houses, their realtor, Ian Hawkins of Royal Lepage Locations North, introduced them to Andrew and the rest, as they say, is history. Andrew showed them a timber frame he built, and Jeffrey and Lynne say they knew right away it was home. "It was a no-brainer," Lynne reveals.

The home is unique, Andrew says, because it has "a heavy timber interior with a traditional exterior build." The timber, supplied by Canadian Timber Frames Inc., gives the whole house a warm feeling, despite its towering 23-foot ceilings.

Andrew purchased six lots on the street, and built this house on spec. His target demographic? Baby boomers living an active lifestyle. He notes this is a smaller part of the market at-large, but a big part of the market in Thornbury. Continued on page 151





Avid skiers, bikers, golfers and tennis enthusiasts, Jeffrey and Lynne were the perfect fit for the home Andrew built. Their well-equipped basement gym adds to their outdoor amenities, including their proximity to the Georgian Trail - where they frequently cycle and walk their new puppy, Huxley.

Even though the house was a spec home, Lynne points out they were able to make a number of decisions themselves and undertake a few custom projects. For example, they chose the kitchen backsplash at City Stone and the blinds from Blue **Mountain Shades & Shutters.**

They also worked with Andrew to finish the basement, which includes guest bedrooms and bathrooms, as well as space for a pool table and shuffleboard. Showcase Interiors, which Jeffrey and Lynne worked with on previous homes, designed the basement bar.

The house is filled with art, all of which depicts the local area. In the master bedroom, the paintings are by Bianca D'Angelo. The large-scale pieces in the living space are by **Bruce Herchenrader**. Much of the artwork portrays the landscape settling into twilight, adding to the cosy feeling created by the warm wooden beams and fireplace.

One of the best parts of moving to the 2,400 sq. ft. home, Lynne emphasizes, is that it inspired her to purge many of their belongings. "It forced us to change our ways and live more cleanly." Their previous family home was more than twice the size, so many items had to go. Continued on page 152



LIGHTING. THERE IS NOT ONE PLACE IN THE HOUSE THAT I WISH HAD BETTER LIGHTING."

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Closets by California Closets now house their pared-down essentials. Mirrors are from **Northern Windows** and Glass, while all the countertops are by **Di Pietra Design**. The kitchen, by Perkinsfield Kitchen & Bath Inc., is another standout. Both Andrew and Lynne speak highly of the trades they worked with on the project, which were all local.

Lynne's favourite room is the great room because "there is nothing better than coming home from the ski hill and lighting a fire." The wood-burning fireplace has a wide mantel that creates an inviting spot to relax. A showpiece in the great room is the huge white sofa from Restoration Hardware paired with a chandelier from the same retailer. Continued on page 154

RIGHT: The four-poster structure of the master bed mimics the timbers of the living area and grounds it under the soaring ceilings. The oriental carpet and large leather bench inject colour and texture. BOTTOM RIGHT: Comfortable velvet club chairs create a sitting area in the master bedroom. Window coverings were sourced at Blue Mountain Shades & Shutters. **BELOW:** Double sinks, a large walk-in shower and a beautiful vessel tub provide luxury in the master en suite.





Bianca D'Angelo's artwork is wellrepresented in the master suite. Her paintings add josts of colour throughout this space.



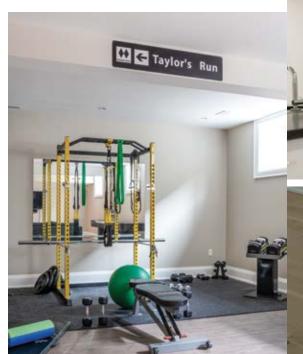




"Andrew is a master of lighting," Lynne says. "There is not one place in the house that I wish had better lighting."

Lynne cannot say enough good things about Andrew. She highlights "he's creative, he's passionate and he's willing to step outside of the box to solve problems." If she were to build from scratch in the future, she would choose Upstream Construction for the project.

Though Jackson and Maddy are now beginning their careers closer to the city – Jackson in law and Maddy in marketing – they are sure to be tempted back by their parents' new home, and by the ski hills they grew up on. After all their winters in the area, Jeffrey and Lynne are excited to experience Thornbury in all four seasons. **OH**







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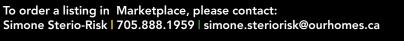
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Filling

Over medium heat, cook beet and onion in a splash of cooking oil and/or butter. After a few minutes, add a tablespoon or so of water and cover the saucepan. Stir occasionally until beets are cooked down and the liquid is gone, approximately 10-15 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Slice puff pastry into 4 squares. With a knife, score a 2-centimetre square border around the puff pastry. Score the pastry inside of the border. Bake the pastry for 12-15 minutes, until slightly golden.

Remove partially baked pastry from the oven and fill each square with beet mixture.

Top each pastry with a dollop of the cheese of your choice. Return to oven for 5-7 minutes, or until pastry is golden brown.

Serve with a drizzle of honey. OH





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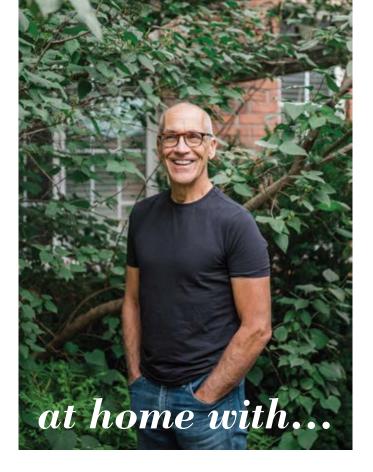
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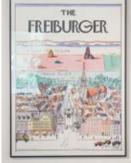
AIKEN SCHERBERGER

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Aiken Scherberger is a master storyteller. A documentary cinematographer, Aiken uncovers truth, celebrates perseverance and applauds ambition. Aiken researches, writes, films and edits each project, creating finished products in his studio at the downtown

Collingwood home he shares with wife, Suzanne Steeves. When he's not filmmaking, Aiken loves to ski and bike at Blue Mountain, and kayak on Georgian Bay. OUR HOMES met Aiken at home to chat about his work, ideas and why living in Collingwood makes him happy.







OUR HOMES: Tell us about your latest project: Aiken: Cool Black North is a prime-time, two-hour television documentary that first aired in February during Black History Month on the Citytv network. We profiled 15 people from Canada's Black community ranging from young social activists to parliamentarians, judges and Bay Street powerbrokers.

OH: What's your next project?

A: We're in the middle of production on a social enterprise video for the Fogo Island Fish Co. Tony Cobb and Janice Thompson, who have a second home near Singhampton, are actively working to create a sustainable cod fishing industry - one that doubles the wages of the fishers, eliminates middlemen and produces a higher-quality cod for restaurants across the country, including here in Collingwood.

OH: What project are you most proud of?

A: I love them all. But if only for its sheer scale and scope, Cool Black North was an amazing experience for many reasons, including the people we profiled and got to know, as well as the creative and production challenges.

OH: When did you first discover Southern Georgian Bay?

A: My parents brought me here on day trips to ski at Beaver Valley and Blue Mountain. I still remember, at age 6 or 7, staring at the little donut-making machine in the barn that was the base lodge at Blue Mountain (circa 1962). If we stared long enough, we were given a free donut, fresh and hot out of the oil. My second introduction to the area was as a 14-year-old ski racer.

I graduated from the Don Valley Nancy Greene team, and eventually joined the Southern Ontario Division (SOD) racing team for four or five years. My first billet was with the Kingsmill family at Osler Bluff, then with the Whalens at Georgian Peaks.

OH: Why do you live here?

A: Among the mix and in no particular order: my early connections to the area, great cycling, the size of Collingwood and its location between the escarpment and Georgian Bay.

OH: Tell us about your home and your

A: Suzanne and I bought our Collingwood home in March of 2014. Over the past five years, we fixed it up a bit here and there and we love it – my favourite room is a toss-up between my office and the gym in the basement. One of many great things is we're literally a five-minute walk to the main street, the farmer's market and great restaurants. We can dolly our tandem kayak in 17 minutes from our garage to the launch ramp in the harbour near the Terminal Building.



AWARDS: Aiken's shows have been nominated 20 times and have won two Canadian Screen Awards. He's won a MediaWatch award for the portrayal of women in sport, a Sovereign Award for Outstanding Film Production, a Wildscreen Award and an International Wildlife Film Festival Award for investigative iournalism. His shows have also been selected for screening at the Banff Television Festival, among others. on



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