

KEEP THE WARMTH FLOWING

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THE PLACE: A wide smile and, if you catch Sam DiNapoli in the morning, an espresso awaits you at **Tyme Home**, Collingwood's new outdoor and interior custom furnishings showroom. Sam knows his customers. He understands his market. "My family has been spending summers coming to Georgian Bay for a number of years," says Sam, "I could see there was room for a quality outdoor furniture retailer in Collingwood." His partner and wife, Maria DiNapoli, handles design consultations and interior plans. "We jumped on the opportunity to raise our kids in such an ideal community," says Maria. The young family transplanted Tyme Home from Schomberg in early 2015.



THE STYLE: "I love colourful pieces that have more than one function," says Maria. Like the petite pouffe that can be used as a side table or extra seat, or the accent blue tin boat that doubles as an ice bucket. Or even in the CobiStyle pillows that can work indoors or out. Maria listens to her customers, and whether they're shopping for a pillar candle or to decorate an entire home, her balanced eye helps find what they're looking for.

THE SPECIALTIES: The large showroom carries elegant lines of furniture and accessories from Canadian manufacturers Cabana Coast, Steven & Chris, Statum Designs Inc. and Korson Furniture. A fascinating sideboard is custom produced from salvaged materials, including tin ceilings from century homes. Buddha statues bring an Asian flare to any room. Wicker sofas and ottomans make your outdoor space as comfortable as your living room.

WHAT'S HOT: "Extending the season," is hot, says Sam. He carries multiple varieties of outdoor gas or propane fire pits that nest within patio or coffee tables. "They add light and heat so you can keep the conversation flowing outdoors as the weather cools." Maria's pick: "Anything made in Canada. There are so many great options to be proud of, like the beautiful work by local Mennonite craftspeople, or the solid wood kiln-dried Handstone line."

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