



HELLO THERE! YOU'VE PICKED UP OUR MIDSUMMER issue, one of our most widely-read of the year, perhaps because so many of us take time in summer to relax in the sun. I first fell in love with Georgian Bay in 2009 at Northwinds Beach while swaying in a hammock between two beach willows after a swim. For me, life doesn't get much sweeter than a dip in the Bay at the end of a hot summer's day. It wasn't long after I moved to the area that I began contributing to OUR HOMES. This magazine has been like a passport to me, as it is to all its readers, sending us to all corners of the region: escarpment, valley, beach and bay. This issue, I've stepped into the role of Managing Editor, and it's been a delight to help shape this season's travel itinerary for you, if you will. Done, of course, with the help of the inspiring and talented crew at OUR HOMES, who have been bringing you great local stories, products, ideas and homes for nearly a decade.

I have the pleasure of introducing you to 10 people who probably work harder than any of us during the summer months – a group of landscapers, horticulturists, designers and a plant health expert who can help your yard become as incredible as those of our three feature homes. We take you from casual beachfront in Craigeith, to a manicured Thornbury classic, to a stone cottage complete with English garden in Collingwood. We've sought out eco-friendly local Style Picks to green up your space. We also recommend you spend some time in Tyme Home, one of Collingwood's newest retailers.

Enjoy your journey through our pages, and when you get back home, leave a comment, ask questions or join our conversation on our new website, ourhomes.ca.

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Note To Readers: Ashton's Blinds Draperies Shutters provided window coverings for the home in our Spring issue, starting on page 78. OUR HOMES apologizes for the oversight.



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