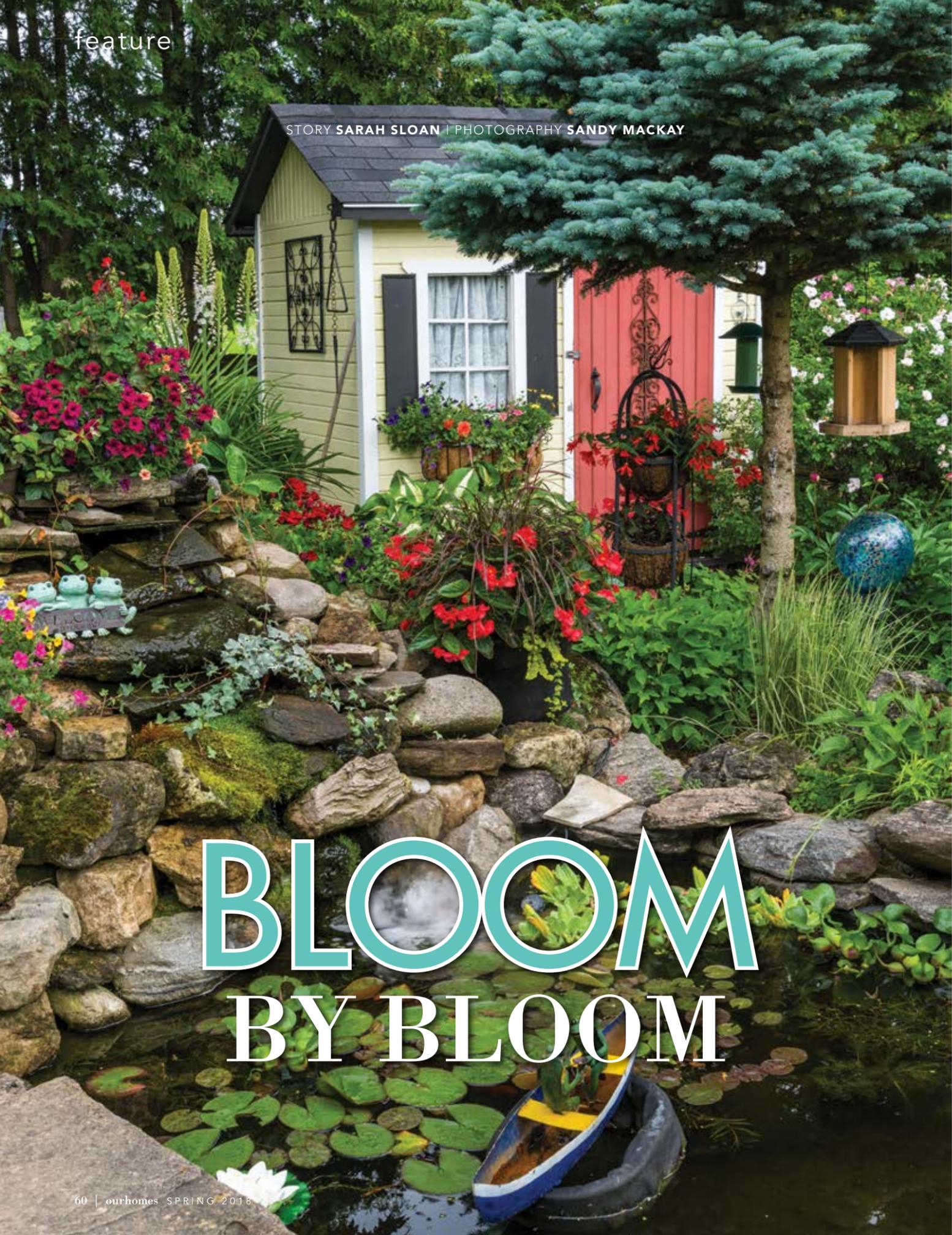
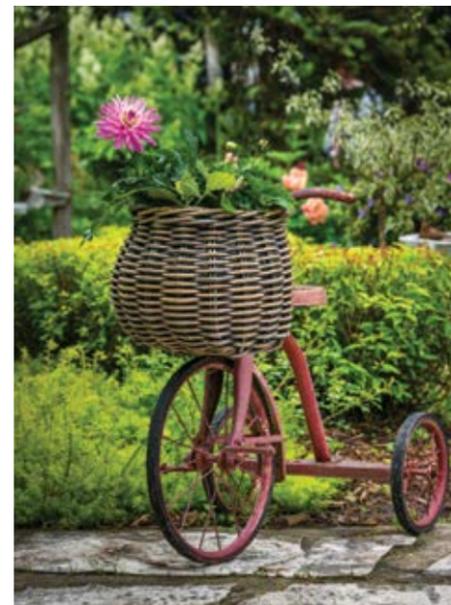


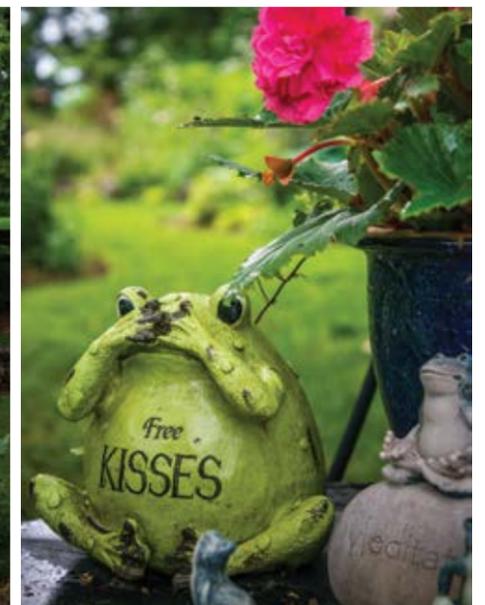
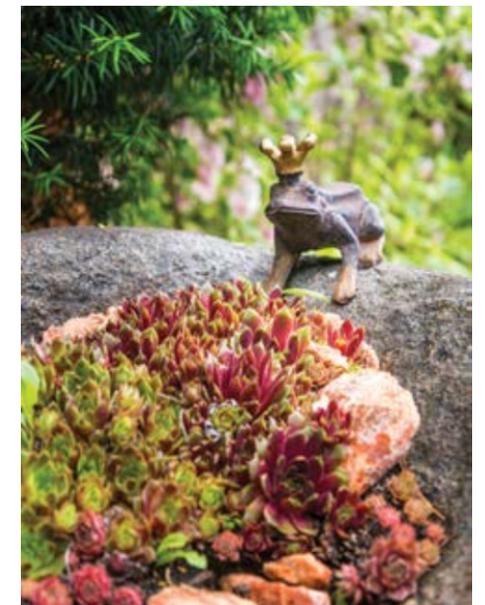
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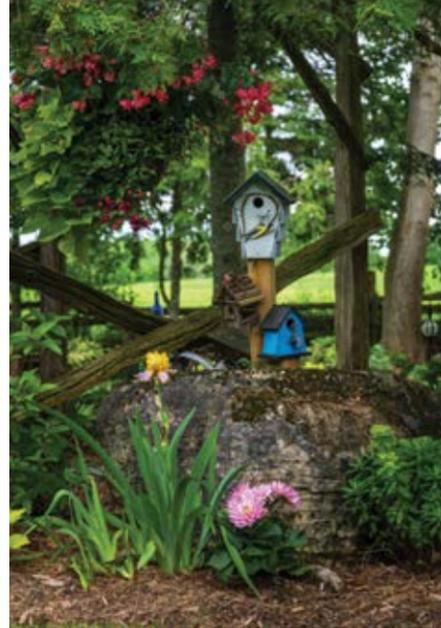


Nestled in the quiet countryside, Barbara and Morgan Weatherall's home is the perfect retreat in all seasons. Just a short drive to the ski hills, you can imagine cosying up after a day on the slopes by their magnificent fireplace, watching the snow collect on the branches of the large trees out front. *Continued on page 62*





TOP RIGHT: Whimsical birdhouses pepper the rock garden. **ABOVE:** You can tour Froggies Song as part of the Rural Gardens of Grey and Bruce Counties Network. **RIGHT:** Scalloped wrought-iron fencing with Gothic, arch-top wooden gates greet you at the garden entrance.

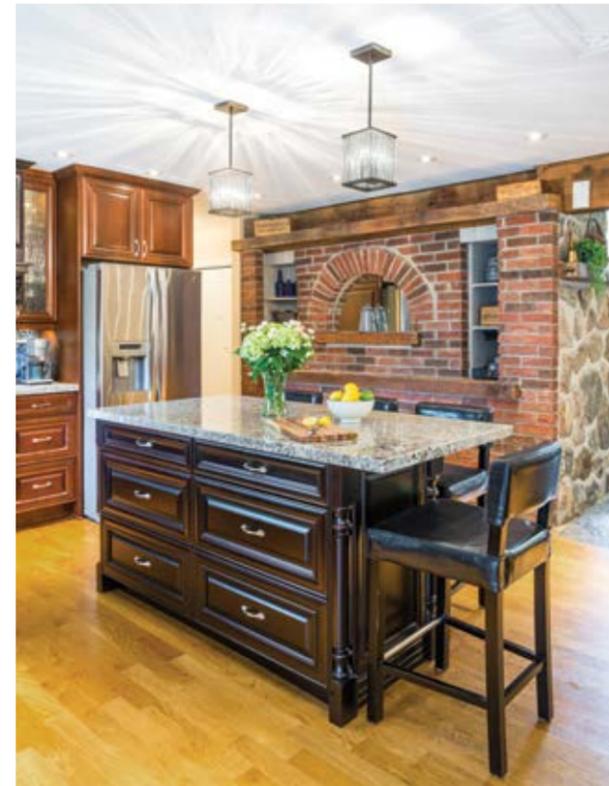


But hidden beneath the snow, a beautiful oasis of gardens – planted by Barbara, a master gardener – can be seen coming to life each spring through the large chalet-style windows (**Taylor Made Windows & Doors**). Barbara started planting a single garden as a way to distract herself from worrying when Morgan was working out of town with their company **Weatherall Dock and Dredge**. Over the years, one garden turned into two and soon Barbara found herself with many story-book-like cottage style gardens to tend to. The property is affectionately known as Froggies Song, a one-of-a-kind display of various blooms, colourful sheds, garden ornaments and a lily pond. **Ron Sharron** of **Yesterdays Garden Centre Landscaping & Construction** helped construct arbours, a gazebo and walkway, while Barbara sourced trees and elements for her fairy garden from **Westside Nurseries & Greenhouses Ltd.** Outdoor furniture is from **The Fyre Place & Patio Shop**.

Although built in 1980 by Gary Doig, the Weatherall home is rich in family history. What was once the bones of Morgan's old family farm became the foundation of this home, which he designed with an old school friend.

"The stone is all from the farm," explains Barbara. "Years ago, they were large field stones from fence rows." The portion of land overlooking the valley was gifted to Barbara and Morgan on their wedding day in 1976, and the couple eventually bought the rest of the farmland.

"I drove the tractor and we went around and picked out the stones," she recalls.



TOP: The features of the kitchen cabinetry are carried onto the walls with the painted moulding detail. **ABOVE:** All of the textures in the space tell a story while adding layers of visual interest. **RIGHT:** The black light fixture above the dining table ties together all of the dark elements in the space while the crystal keeps the fixture from feeling weighty. Fresh cut flowers throughout the home are from Serendipity Florals.

They then hired a stone mason to split the stones that not only went into the structure itself, but also the fireplace, which remains today.

At the same time, an old factory in Owen Sound was being taken down and Morgan purchased the old cherry beams, which accent the ceiling in the foyer, kitchen and living room while antiqued elm flooring by **Old Vintage Floors** adorn the floors.

Below the fireplace, beautiful slate leads into the open-concept dining area and the kitchen, which was updated in recent years.

"Morgan said he wanted to sit at the kitchen table and see who was coming up the driveway, and he can," Barbara laughs.

That's about the only element of the space that has remained untouched in its 38 years, especially since Barbara acquired the expertise of designer **Carla Pavlov**, owner of **CR Designs**.

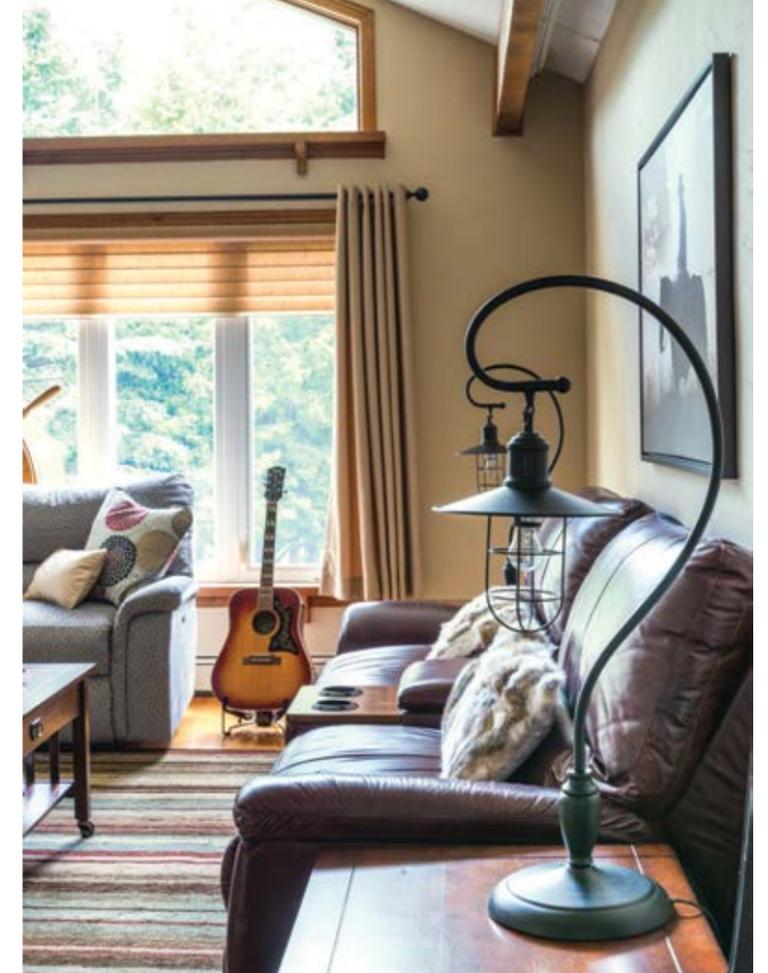
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Built-in cabinetry is home to the TV and open shelves display collectibles with plenty of concealed storage below.



ABOVE: The stone that was harvested from fence rows on the property adorns the feature fireplace. **TOP RIGHT:** A vaulted ceiling in the living room with floor-to-ceiling windows lets the light beam in while the trees are nature's art. **RIGHT:** A coffee table showcases Barbara's gardens.



"The goal was to bring the outside in so the colours and finishes seamlessly blend for a visual connection to the outdoors," explains Pavlov of the space. "When you walk in, the first thing your eyes rest on is the dining room with a crystal and black wrought-iron, seven light, horizontal chandelier, which adds a touch of glamour above the country dining table near the doors to Barb's gardens."

On the wall next to the table hangs beautiful acrylic art by **Carol Norris**, owner of the **Light House Photo Gallery**.

Across from the dining table, a large granite-topped island played an important role in the home's kitchen upgrade as the Weatheralls frequently host company parties and family events.

Hanging cabinets that once divided the kitchen and dining area were torn out and replaced with rich, cherry wood cabinets (**Exquisite Wood Designs Inc.**) and new appliances (**Macdonald's Furniture & Appliances**), which together create a contemporary space.

Another impressive feature in the kitchen is the exposed brick wall – the back side of the fireplace which was originally built to be a pizza oven.

Off of the front foyer, the hall of the 1,700 sq. ft. home leads to three of the four bedrooms as well as a shared bathroom off of the master.

"We utilized found space by having the closets professionally organized by **Bob Wilson**, owner of **Wilson Solutions**," Pavlov explains. "We did away with the furniture and opted for a built-in armoire and detailed it with mirror to reflect light."

Pavlov chose one of her favourite go-to white paints (Cloud White, **Benjamin Moore**) in a pearl finish to illuminate the floor-to-ceiling custom trim work by **Dorothy Smith**. *Continued on page 66*

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Glamour continues next door in the guest room, which saw her son's old room transformed into a luxurious space complete with a chandelier, mirrored side tables and glass table lamps.

Pavlov installed custom full-length silk drapery panels, with crystal finial hardware and updated the look of the existing bedspread by incorporating new pillows. She painted the walls Brandy Cream (Benjamin Moore) and refinished an existing antique chair in flat black to tie it all together.

"I knew everything was outdated, and Carla brought it back to life," Barbara says. "I showed her through the house and she tweaked things. Now it's beautiful, night and day. I think it has finally come together and it's nice that it feels fresh." *Continued on page 68*



TOP LEFT: Mirrored bedside tables are a great way to reflect the light and keep a small space from feeling cramped. **ABOVE:** The main bath with shared entrance off of the principal bedroom looks out to the gardens. **RIGHT:** Painted out applied trim enhances the bedroom walls by adding dimension and architectural interest.

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The Weatheralls' property has really come full circle since Morgan used to cut hay there as a child. Building from the ground up, raising a family, operating a business and creating exquisite gardens on its grounds, history continues to write itself at the Weatheralls' home down the old country lane outside of Markdale, overlooking the valley. **OH**



TOP LEFT: Garden ornaments and small personal touches are everywhere you look. **TOP RIGHT:** Coco, the family pooch, patiently anticipates the throw from Barbara. **ABOVE:** 'Rooster Morgan House Bed & Breakfast', is one of Barbara's garden sheds on the property. **LEFT:** The blue sign with the yellow flower indicates participation in the Rural Gardens of Grey & Bruce Counties. Tour available with a small donation.



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