



Au Naturel

STORY **SARA MARTIN** | PHOTOGRAPHY **SANDY MACKAY**

Peek inside the nine spectacular gardens featured on the 2018 Backyard Glam Tour. Each garden was custom designed and decorated for the tour by a talented group of local landscapers and stylists. This successful event raised money for the Blue Mountains Animal Shelter.



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The groovy vibe of this garden starts at the steps to the front door. Macrame drapes both sides of the front porch, casting dappled sunlight on the entrance. Guests walk through the home to the back garden that overlooks the Mill Pond. Tropical plants surround the outdoor dining area. On a patch of grass, an outdoor rug piled high with pillows is a place to relax and enjoy a game of tic tac toe.

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ABOVE: Karen Willison.





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The mood is set at the front of this home. Sit down, relax and enjoy the sound of water trickling through a large boulder onto river rocks. Lush container gardens provide colour and movement. Walk around to the back of the home and enjoy the always stunning view of Georgian Bay, which is the backdrop to the many entertainment areas in the rear garden. So no matter where you are, the water view is front and centre. *Continued on page 76*



ABOVE: Heidi Ehlers and John Pedlar.



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A deck that can accommodate a crowd and a sheltered area surrounded by mature trees is the backdrop for the creative styling of Tricia Jeffery. Using items from her store, Dovetail Interiors, Tricia has made every corner of this garden perfect. Even the s'mores are staged for the ideal end to the evening. Visitors to this garden had only one question, "what time does the party start?" *Continued on page 78*



ABOVE: Tricia Jeffery of Dovetail Interiors.



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The front courtyard of this low-maintenance garden has a minimalist style and is sheltered by mature maples with hundreds of thyme plants growing underneath. Heartwood Landscapes and Gardens worked closely with the homeowners to create a garden enjoyed while sitting and relaxing, not cutting grass and maintaining perennials. The lawn is covered in low-maintenance clover, which needs just one or two cuttings a season, yet still offers plenty of green space. *Continued on page 80*



ABOVE: Lynn Barnes of Heartwood Landscapes and Gardens.



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A large deck surrounds three sides of this home with several seating areas. Stylist Silvie von Gymnich has captured the laid-back vibe of this garden, adding bright colours in the furnishings and accessories that embrace summer. A few steps down from the main deck is a dining area and outdoor kitchen. Luke Williams of Williams Outdoors Inc., who designed and constructed the garden, has taken full advantage of every foot to offer the homeowners several spots to entertain family and friends. *Continued on page 82*



ABOVE: Silvie von Gymnich.



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Luke Williams of Williams Outdoors Inc. has used his degree in landscape architecture to design and build this family a multi-level and multi-use area. The contrast of town-meets-country has been thoughtfully captured. Large metal planters filled with trees and perennials divide and define sitting areas. Wide steps lead to the lawn's lower level. For the children, a huge sandbox has also been included and when covered becomes another spot to enjoy this outdoor space. *Continued on page 84*



ABOVE: Luke Williams of Williams Outdoors Inc.



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Large blue-and-white ginger jars set the colour palette of this French-inspired garden. The owners have created a garden of cedars, shrubs and perennials in green and white. This crisp, symmetrical space has been enhanced by soft furnishings from Fresh Design owner Nancy Driscoll's design touches. The blue and white china came from the homeowners' extensive collection and adds a sophisticated flair.

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ABOVE: Nancy Driscoll of Fresh Design.



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Nestled on a hillside, this garden is completely secluded from neighbours and the street. A Buddha on a ledge by the hot tub greets everyone and also sets the tone for this tranquil, quiet garden. A lovely dining spot is ready for the steaks to go on the barbecue and a hammock on the hillside is waiting for an after-dinner nap. *Continued on page 88*



ABOVE: Ellen Oelbaum, independent stylist.

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Heartwood Landscapes has used the rugged beauty of limestone slabs to create levels, walkways and entertaining areas in this garden on the edge of a golf course. The dining area, one of many seating areas, is set under a pergola covered in ivy. Perennial beds and random boulders provide a path to the fire pit surrounded by comfortable chairs to enjoy the flicker of the flames until late in the night. **OH**



ABOVE: Kim Blake of Stonewater Design and Studio.



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