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MEET & GREET

Keep it simple this winter. Shop for your home essentials nearby. In this issue we focus on local businesses with talent and experience.

Lyndsey Tkaczuk (middle),
Owner / Architectural
Design Consultant
Krista Howe (right),
Decorator / Design Consultant
Cassie Harris (left),
Architectural Designer
Bailey Designs

TELL US ABOUT YOUR SERVICES: Bailey Designs is a full-service architectural design firm focusing on new custom residential, renovations, additions, commercial and hospitality. We are committed to providing design solutions tailored to the unique needs of our clients. We offer complete packages of construction plans for permit applications. In addition to our architectural services, we provide space planning, feasibility studies, material selections, interior design and lighting design.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR SIGNATURE STYLE? Something I learned very early in my career was to appreciate all styles. I'm designing for my clients and their styles. My ultimate goal is to create a space or home that is exactly what they love. My preferred style, and probably what I would consider my own style, would be rustic modern with lots of industrial elements. Krista and Cassie share the same love for a more traditional home and like to incorporate the use of natural elements such as stone and timber. The classic look combined with large symmetrical windows creates a simplistic design they can both appreciate.

HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS? To start the holidays we always get together as a team and decorate my 11-foot tall Christmas tree. It is usually a whole day event where we eat cookies, drink hot chocolate, order lunch and open up all the boxes of decorations. It's a fun time to get away from the office and get into the holiday spirit. The holidays always have to be celebrated with a little bit of Baileys. *Continued on page 64*

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Kristin Whitehead

Owner

Closets By Design

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HOW WILL A CUSTOM CLOSET CHANGE MY LIFE?

Well, it won't make your husband more attentive, your wife more OK with your man-cave or your kids more well-behaved, but it will give you an extra edge in your own peace of mind when it comes to your "stuff." For example, having a purposed mudroom means that all the hockey/biking/soccer/ski stuff has a place AND you can come and go from that room with your shoes and socks intact and everything has quick laundry availability! Good stuff.

HOLIDAY TRADITION: We have a mixed tradition that allows our boys both Christmas and Hanukkah and the requisite gifts. All I can say is, "lucky kids!"



Jasmine Hemsworth and Troy Paterson

Cabinetmakers and Owners

Absolute Cabinets Inc.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES: We provide our clients with high quality custom cabinets and custom furniture for anywhere in their homes. Details and quality matter, as does attention to our customers. Our team has years of experience and a passion for the job, which results in an exceptional end product.

WHAT'S BIG FOR 2014: Anything goes. Do what you want in the house that you call yours. Absolute Cabinets will be there with you every step of the way.

HOME OR AWAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS? We will be away, at home with Troy's family in Sault Ste. Marie - a well-deserved break.

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Karen Miron, Designer

Karen Miron Design

TELL US ABOUT YOUR SERVICES: We design spaces that reflect the complete homeowners, from design/redesign of kitchen and bath to room styling and space planning, plus custom floral design and special events services. Our services cater to owners who are either reselling or changing their space to meet new living demands and lifestyles.

WHAT IS YOUR DESIGN PHILOSOPHY? Formerly a Dental Hygienist in professional practice, I focused on oral health promotion to foster better living and well-being for clients. My philosophy as owner of Karen Miron Design now focuses on new "salutogenic" principles. Accentuating physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual and social well-being for our clients, through holistic design, we create a positive response to their environments. Therefore, it is not just a matter of living well; it is a matter of living better. As just one example, a beautiful en suite towel fixture may become a grab bar tomorrow.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS? Gatherings of family and friends, slowing down a little and just having a great time! (With special thanks to Watercrest Luxury Condos)

Ruth Ord, Owner

Georgian Bay Living Fine Furniture

YOU'RE STILL IN ELMVALE BUT WITH A NEW NAME. WHAT'S CHANGED? After being in business for over four years, we decided that the store name needed to better reflect the area we do business in and also to reflect the uniqueness of the store and the products we carry.

WHAT'S NEW AT GEORGIAN BAY LIVING? This year was a time of change, not only our name, but also our furniture lines - the showroom was re-done with only 100 per cent "Made in Canada" furniture. From solid Cherry and Maple Bedroom sets, to solid Canadian Birch for our dining room sets. We are also very excited to have a new line of very affordable slipcovered furniture coming, also made in Canada.

HOW WILL YOU SPEND THE HOLIDAYS? We became permanent residents of Georgian Bay in August this year and we will be looking forward to spending the holidays in front of our roaring fireplace, perhaps cross country skiing or snowshoeing in the backyard. *Continued on page 68*





Gord Hébert, Larry McDonald, Jean Bamford, Corrina Thorogood and Scott Jolliffe

Labar Sales & Distribution

TELL US ABOUT LABAR SALES AND DISTRIBUTION'S PRODUCTS AND SERVICES: We're Barrie's premier residential and commercial source for top quality Para Paints, California Paints, paint supplies and so much more. We're more than paint. Come explore our window coverings, bedding and décor section!

WHAT'S NEW IN WINDOW COVERINGS? Hunter Douglas has introduced their cordless lift system on a great variety of their blinds, so you don't have to see cords hanging down anymore. Maxxmar offers some unique alternative shades such as the Mandalay in soft fabrics, or the Opera, which puts two roller shades of different weights together on one blind to solve light and privacy issues. There is a terrific selection of fabrics and colours for roller shades, which is a very affordable, clean and minimalist look for windows, capped off in a fabric-wrapped cassette to hide the roller.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS TREAT?

GORD: Cream Cheese cookies with sprinkles and walnuts

LARRY: Licorice Allsorts

JEAN: Buttery Short Bread

CORRINA: Chocolate Bark

SCOTT: Chocolate Santa Claus

Samantha Thomas,

Interior Designer (ARIDO)

Inhabit Interiors & Design

TELL US ABOUT YOUR NEW BUSINESS ADVENTURE?

I am very excited about our new retail store and design centre in Barrie. Drawing from my previous experiences working with industry leaders, I felt it was an opportune time to step out on my own and bring something a little different to the area. In addition to offering full interior design services, we specialize in kitchens, cabinetry and custom furniture. Inhabit Interiors & Design allows me to share and introduce local residents to comfortable, affordable designs.

WHAT IS YOUR APPROACH TO DESIGN?

Design should be functional and not overpowering. Every space should work together to create a sense of flow throughout the home. Getting to know our clients and understanding them allows us to create a space that is unique to them and reflects their character and lifestyle.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS MEMORY?

One year our family and close friends went for a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the bush on Christmas Eve. It was snowing like crazy and everyone was bundled up and huddled together to keep warm. We drank hot apple cider and belted out Christmas carols. When we got home later that evening, to our surprise, the oven timer hadn't gone off to indicate the turkey was done because the oven was never turned on! No one cared, so we all had appetizers and munchies instead. The no Turkey dinner gave us all a big laugh at the end of a perfect day. *Continued on page 70*





Jackie Ramler

Executive Wealth Advisor, Raymond James

TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU DO: At Raymond James Ltd, Executive Wealth Advisors, we specialize in working with corporate owners, corporate executives and incorporated professionals to manage our client's investment portfolio and work with their professional team to pull comprehensive strategies together that meet specific personal and corporate needs. We help clients diversify, protect and preserve the wealth they've built.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF WORKING WITH A FINANCIAL ADVISOR? My team will help take your business to the next level. We work to implement our clients' financial goals into reality, in a way that is most efficient and convenient. A good financial advisor is also a financial coach and educator. The Executive Wealth Advisor team is available to respond to queries, review ideas that clients present and increase clients' understanding of their wealth strategy so that they are confident in making sound wealth decisions for their business and family's future.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE HOLIDAY TRADITION? My son and I love to decorate the tree and look forward to an evening getting right to work on stringing lights and hanging decorations. The best part, after decorating, is sitting back and enjoying a warm mug of apple cider in the holiday glow of the beautiful tree. My heritage is Jewish but I was raised Christian, so it is not uncommon for us to play a Hanukkah game by the tree during the holiday season as well. It works for us.

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Kate Ramos, Owner and Artist
with Artist Anja Wildner (right)

The Edge Gallery

TELL US ABOUT THE EDGE GALLERY: The gallery began in the fall of 2011. We sell original artwork from local and nationally known artists. We offer a service where we will bring you a painting for a trial period before purchase. We care that our customers are happy with their paintings. Look for our 12-by-12 inch show for the holiday season. Each painting will be priced at \$144.00 - a great way to gift someone with an original art piece.

HOW DO I CHOOSE ART FOR MY HOME? When choosing a piece for your home you have to consider a few things: the size of the piece needed, the lighting in the room and the colour tones in the existing room. Bringing a picture of the intended room to the gallery is a great way to help you choose that special art piece.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE GIFT TO GIVE? My favorite gift to give at Christmas is, of course, something handmade. Nothing says I love you more than that.

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