



WARM WELCOME

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THE PLACE: After falling in love with a century home in the quaint village of Coldwater, Connie Archer decided to buy it and pursue her long-time dream of opening her own boutique shop. **Wyley Gray & Company** is filled with antiques, vintage finds, local handcrafted wares, soaps, art, signs and more! An avid painter and folk artist for many years, Connie also enjoys teaching workshops and art classes.

WORKSHOP/STUDIO: Attend a workshop and learn how to paint your own furniture. Wyley Gray & Co. carries the full line of Miss Mustard Seed Milk Paint and the recently released Fusion Mineral Paint, featuring the new

Michael Penney Collection. Want to create your own personalized sign? Attend a sign-making class or buy a customized kit to take home and complete on your own.

WHAT'S INSIDE: Connie has gathered an eclectic collection of vintage/antique finds, including locally-made soaps and candles as well as a nice selection of home décor items, frames and signs. Toss pillows are plenty and if you're shopping for your waterfront home or cottage, there's an abundance of natural, coastal and beachy finds. Inventory is always changing, making each visit a surprise. A collection of vintage tin toys are new to the shop.



FAVOURITES: "Narrowing down a favourite is difficult," says Connie. "The shop is filled with everything that I love." After much consideration, Connie points to vintage lace, tarnished silver teapots used to hold fresh-cut flowers and paint brushes made in Italy. "It is important to me to have items made in Canada and/or locally lining the shelves – down-filled pillows, beeswax candles and Billy Goat Soaps to name a few."

SERVICES: Need a piece of furniture painted? As a certified retailer of both the Miss Mustard Seed Milk Paint and Fusion Mineral Paint, you can be sure that your piece will be updated to your satisfaction. "Working with the paint on a daily basis and attending seminars in Toronto and Las Vegas means I am current and knowledgeable on both lines of paint." Connie also hosts painting parties, where a group of friends can all paint together. Connie has completed several "made to order" signs for her customers ensuring a unique one-of-a-kind item. Gift certificates are available.

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