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# wash away YOUR OLD BATHROOM

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Bathroom, water closet, shower room, spa, toilet, washroom, lavatory and powder room. Geography and history have given this essential room many titles. Whichever name you choose to use, a stylish and fresh bathroom will make everyone feel comfortable in your home.



## ▲ Lauren Ripley Swan Bath and Kitchen Centre

**PEDESTAL SINKS VS. VANITIES:** Pedestal sinks are elegant space savers, which accommodate both modern and traditional styles. However, they offer no storage, limited countertop space and potential hidden costs. Vanities, with plentiful storage and hidden plumbing, come in a wide range of décor styles.

**INTERESTING FAUCET OPTIONS:** Faucets now come in various styles and finishes. The touch-activated faucet is a new bonus, which eliminates water marks and is more hygienic.

**HOW CAN YOU ASSIST CLIENTS?** Our team can create a 3-D design of your space and research products that suit your needs, including fixtures, hardware and colours.

## ▼ Bryan Duncan

Exquisite Wood Designs Inc.

**DOES NATURAL WOOD WORK IN A BATHROOM?** Design trends have moved toward a more contemporary, clean and fresh feeling in bathrooms. Wood vanities will fit well in a traditional or country-style home.

**STORAGE SPACE:** Wall cabinets above the sink have become passé; we are now designing units which flank the mirror, giving cabinetry a built-in look, increasing lighting options and providing more storage space.

**DO YOU CUSTOM BUILD YOUR CABINETS?** All of our cabinetry is manufactured here in our factory. We have several skilled craftsmen who have between 20 and 50 years of experience.

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### Stacey Hill ►

#### Artery Bath & Kitchen

**WHAT'S NEW IN BATHROOM DÉCOR?** Look for décor items that don't scream bathroom – accessories that could easily live in any other room of your home.

**WHAT COLOURS ARE POPULAR FOR BATHROOMS?** Bathrooms always look best in white, cool or water hues. My best advice is to not follow colour trends.

**WHAT SERVICES DO YOU PROVIDE?** Artery Bath & Kitchen began as a plumbing company. We can help our clients establish a layout, select fixtures and work with them right through to installation, finishing off with help selecting accessories and towels.



### ▲ Reay Hunter

#### The Old Barn Polished Stone Creations

**WHY IS GRANITE GREAT FOR A BATHROOM?** Every piece of granite is one of a kind, so it's guaranteed to make your space unique. It's also extremely durable and holds up against moisture.

**PICKING YOUR GRANITE:** Many customers are able to find granite remnants in suitable sizes for bathroom vanities from the larger selection of stone at our shop. Remnants are offered at discount prices.

**THE OLD BARN:** Our shop is located on land once farmed by my grandparents. The barn has been converted into a shop. It's an old barn but it's fitted with the latest stone-working technology.



### ◀ Bob Van Dolder

#### Van Dolder's Kitchen & Bath

**WHAT'S NEW IN SHOWERS?** The Kohler Moxie Bluetooth-enabled wireless speaker integrated into the shower head is an innovation that can pipe your favourite music into the shower. Also, Fleurco has introduced new bases with integrated seating and storage.

**WALK-IN SHOWERS:** Many people are opting to install walk-in showers; the convenience of a shower space with freedom to move around is very attractive.

**FRESHEN UP YOUR BATHROOM:** Painting a vanity and adding new hardware and accessories is a great option. Installing a new vanity top with new taps can also lead to a stunning transformation. Don't be afraid to experiment with colour! **OH**

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