



# SUMMER BREEZE

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**THE PLACE:** August Skies in Port Elgin is a beautiful and somewhat whimsical shopping destination. From the moment you enter the store and walk along the “boardwalk” of nautical/beach items, past the soothing sounds of the fountain and onwards to the garden area, you know for sure that this store is unique. A tree grows up one beam, stretching its branches onto the ceiling. Bird feeders and wind chimes hang from its branches while outdoor furniture is displayed below.

**THE STYLE:** The shop is organized into experiences. In one hall,

clocks of every shape and size adorn the walls. The decorating den at the rear of the store is where customers find small furnishings such as lamps, chairs and tables. Artwork hangs throughout, including many original pieces. On the shelves you find serving pieces for entertaining, statues and hand-blown glass. Visit the Sheeler Gallery inside, featuring the art of Peter Sheeler. There are also plenty of one-of-a-kind, locally made wares and a collection of exclusive Canadian-made products. Don’t forget to visit the baby nook or the “pamper yourself” corner. *Continued on page 34*

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**WHAT'S HOT:** Popular items include artificial flowers and plants all lit up, Trump Hotel lamps and other lamps made of driftwood and stacked rock. Discover contemporary furniture, patio furniture, clocks and statues, as well as "wall words" that are an easy, affordable way to add some punch to your walls.

**SEASONAL:** August Skies has introduced a new line of acrylicware for outdoor entertaining. The line includes serving trays, drink dispensers and tumblers that are fun, functional and affordable. "Recycled" and "unbreakable" wine glasses are great for poolside or lakeside entertaining. Browse through items that

reflect the lakeside community, including a ship-wheel table, beach-themed "traveller" mugs and plaques that feature Saugeen Shores, Port Elgin and Southampton. The gourmet section has been expanded to include more "just open the jar" foods for easy summer entertaining.

**FAVOURITES:** At August Skies, favourite items are those that evoke emotion. You'll laugh after reading a humorous card or napkin and smile when you find a beautiful hand-made gift or a perfect piece for your home.

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