

# CHIC IN THE SHADE

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**THE PLACE:** Décor Design finally has a home to call its own in one of downtown Owen Sound's historic buildings. It's an ideal location for the interior design company, which began in 2002 and specializes in window coverings. The move has been an exciting one for owner Cindy Gardiner, who recalls first falling in love with interior design at the age of 18. "I've always had a passion for it," she says. However, it wasn't until she retired that she was able to give it her full attention. Décor Design originally started out of Cindy's home and has grown into a thriving business, which required more space, over the past decade. The relaxing and cosy showroom Cindy designed allows customers to leisurely explore an abundance of designer fabrics and products with expert guidance.

**THE STYLE:** With the recent expansion of several bedding lines, wallpaper and paint consultation, Cindy is able to offer complete transformations of any space. "My main focus is on window coverings but I've branched out to help people pull it all together," she says. Stylish and functional, a whole line of Hunter Douglas products is available at the shop, as well as custom shades, blinds and drapery, to give any room a classic look.

**WHAT'S HOT:** Platinum technology by Hunter Douglas can get you out of the dark ages this summer with a series of motorized window fashions. "The PowerRise, PowerGlide and PowerTilt



systems raise, lower, traverse and tilt window coverings," says Cindy. "Powered by batteries or a DC power supply, you can operate them individually or in groups from a remote, wireless wall switch, or even a mobile device."

**FAVOURITES:** "I love turning my vision into reality with my favourite designers and the blessing of my clients," says Cindy about a recent bedroom she revamped from floor to ceiling. Her go-to styles for the space included custom embroidered linen, Hunter Douglas Silhouette shades, full length reversed pleat drapery panels, flat valences with box pleats, stainless steel rods and banister finials with a ring of bling.

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