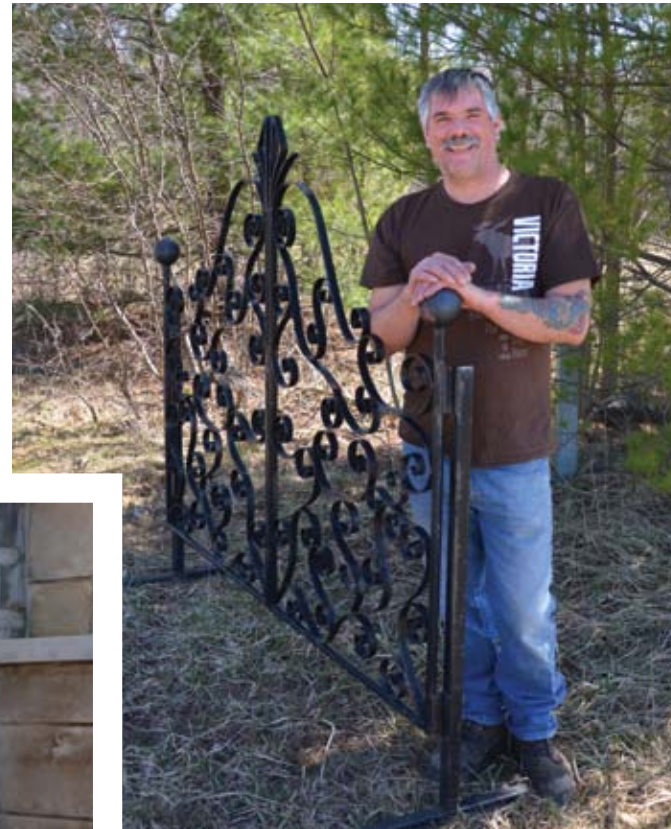


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PATIO & GARDEN MAKEOVER

As the days lengthen and the weather warms, our backyards beckon us to enjoy beautiful patios and colourful gardens. Make your outdoor space irresistible with a new deck, a custom iron fence, a hiking trail, or a beautiful patio set with a pizza oven to match.



▲ Lynda Grimoldby Owen Sound Ledgerrock Ltd.

POPULAR STONES: Algonquin Limestone is quite popular. Its light brown colour has the ability to blend well with a wide range of interior and exterior palettes.

WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT BUILDING WITH NATURAL MATERIALS? The longevity, ease of maintenance and permanence are all great. Natural stones possess a range of colour, pattern and texture, which makes them visually intriguing, and the properties contribute to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

BEST PART OF THE DAY: I enjoy going to see the quarries and knowing where the stone comes from and understanding the challenges of extracting the materials.

▲ Dan Duquette Duke Iron

FAVOURITE JOBS: I love all custom iron projects. The exciting part is shaping and assembling the metal. A beautiful curve is equal to a beautiful weld and the balance of straight bars is gorgeous.

WHAT DO YOU TEACH? I am the lead teacher of the welding program at Georgian College. We teach welding and metallurgy and also offer a general interest course.

HOW HOT DOES IT GET? The electric arc that's used to melt the material is 9,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The cutting torch is about 5,000 degrees. The heat is dangerous. It's important to protect your skin from the radiation and heat. *Continued on page 54*

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WHAT TO BUILD: A lot of people build decks and fences. Our wood is also great in timber-frame homes, railings and staircases.

DO YOU GIVE BACK TO NATURE? We plant trees or donate to conservation authorities who plant trees. In the last two years, we planted over 30,000 trees on my private property alone.



◀ Bob Wilson

The Fyre Place and Patio Shop

WHAT'S NEW IN PATIO SETS? We have a new marine-grade polymer, high-back glider settee ensemble. We've also introduced a new aluminum frame stacking sling chair in 70 different fabrics.

HOW TO ENJOY A FIRE THIS SUMMER: The best way to enjoy a fire is to have safety in mind. Smoke can cause respiratory problems for family members and sparks pose a risk of unwanted fire. A propane or natural gas fireplace is a great compromise.

BEST PART OF SUMMER: Sitting back on our patio and listening to nature at work.



Sascha Wagner ► Ground-Up Contracting

SPECIALTY: We develop beneficial products for the garden out of materials that would otherwise be sent to landfills. We make landscape mulch out of waste wood.

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