



SKY'S THE LIMIT

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THE PLACE: “There’s nothing more relaxing than laying beneath an August sky and dreaming as you watch the fluffy, white clouds of summer skate softly across the sky... it’s the one time of year when the world seems to slow down and catch its breath,” says Carol McKnight, co-owner of **August Skies Home Décor, Etc.** It was this feeling that she and her business partner, Carol Brown, wished to evoke in customers when designing their Port Elgin home store. “We’re continually trying to introduce beautiful new products that, like shooting stars in August, take you by surprise because they’re wonderfully unique,” says McKnight. Like the products they carry, the store itself is one-of-a-kind with a wooden dock to walk along as you browse, a running fountain to relax you and a twinkle tree to recreate that shooting star sensation.



Carol McKnight and Carol Brown



THE STYLE: August Skies has something to offer everyone and every budget. They strive to provide products that are different than what you’ll find elsewhere – making it easy to apply your individual style to your home. Much of what the store carries is Canadian-made. Some items such as art, jewelry, handmade bread boards, cushions, candles, gourmet foods and clothing are produced by local and area artisans.

WHAT’S HOT: Reallite candles are big sellers right now. They’re battery-operated, genuine wax candles with a very real-looking flickering flame that are both safe and affordable. Dream Lights, which are solar lanterns that twinkle like fireflies in a jar, are also popular.

SEASONAL: August Skies is not a shop you’ll want to pass by when



gift shopping. There’s something unique for everyone on your list, like a RedNek Wine Glass for your friendly neighbour, a jeweled scarf for your fashionable friend or rabbit-fur texting gloves for your social daughter. Brown and McKnight are pleased to offer free gift-wrapping along with a cup of Joe. “To us, it’s just plain old-fashioned good manners to welcome people by offering something... even if it’s just a smile and cup of coffee,” says McKnight.

FAVOURITES: With so many unique finds in stock it’s hard to pick a favourite, but handmade pottery, beautiful lanterns, vases and candle holders are always a hit, and always in style.

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