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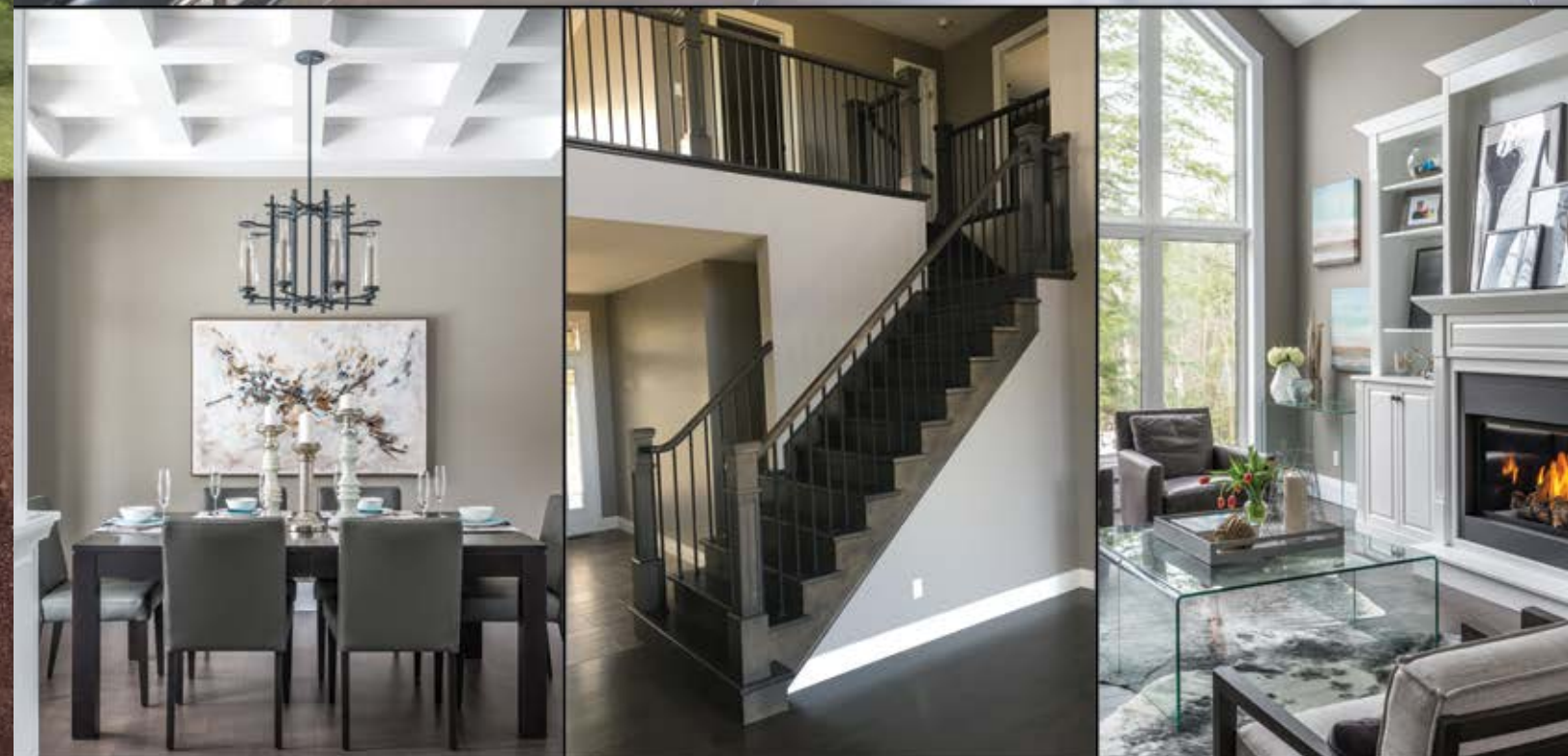


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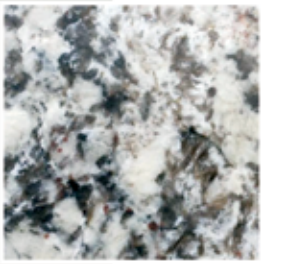
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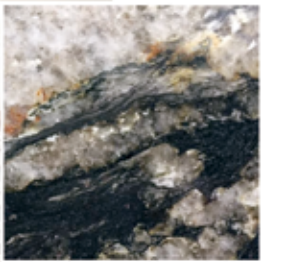
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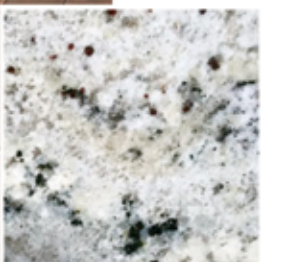
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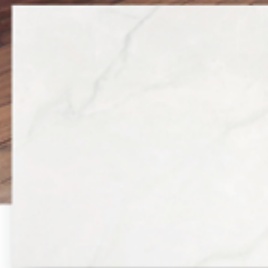
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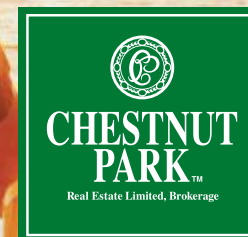
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I'VE ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT the diverse history of our ancestors, in particular the evolution of life at home. I'm drawn towards the simplicity of living with fewer distractions and less stuff (and being resourceful and creative with what you have). These days my desire to consciously slow things down and live a simpler life is stronger than ever. Perhaps it's part of my innate character; or maybe as I get older the months tumble into years and the desire to be more present with family and friends becomes stronger; or perhaps it's a deeper urge to find a little peace from the "always-on" noise of our current technology-driven reality.

Enter the concept of homesteading, a way of life that fascinates me more and more all the time. Originally, homesteading represented the act of granting land (and with perhaps a dwelling and out-buildings) to settlers, but in the 21st century homesteading refers to a lifestyle – one that is hallmarked by the conscious choice to become more self-reliant.

I'm inspired by my sister-in-law and brother-in-law who have a small family farm where they raise a variety of livestock; where heritage hens produce farm fresh eggs at the ready and where a fertile garden grows each summer.

I'm also inspired by a neighbour whose vegetable gardens (yes, there are multiple) and vast knowledge of growing is so impressive (I'm talking a couple of rotations, hundreds of tomato plants, etc.) that you really have to see to believe. Although the time and effort required to plant, maintain and harvest is significant, the fruits of the labour are enjoyed all year long. I'm sure there's a special satisfaction that is derived from that level of provision and self-sufficiency.

So, as Canada celebrates its 150th birthday this summer, I'll take it as an opportunity to learn a lesson from our ancestors. I'm going to become a little more self-reliant by returning to the roots of the land – and I'm going to plant a garden. If the goal is to consciously slow down, then the lessons inherent in planting a seed and watching it grow may be just what I need – after all, you cannot rush nature.

And from garden to table, after all these years, the kitchen remains the hub of the home and its most important role is to nurture the gathering of family and friends (as you'll see in the following pages). So, as you get together with those you love and care about this summer – to share meals, enjoy the warm weather and celebrate the birthday of our great nation – slow down and take a moment to revel in the simple beauty of fresh food, great company, and everyday life in Canada.

Cheers to 150th,

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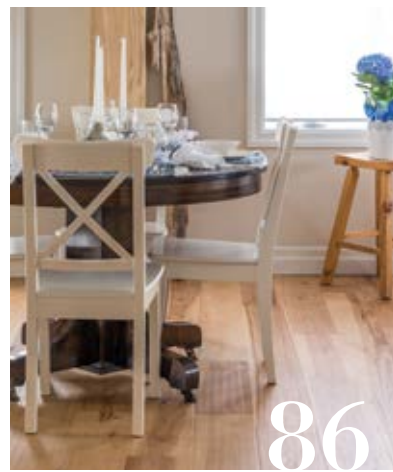
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COOLING OFF IN THE HOT DAYS OF SUMMER

Interior Designer **Dolores Pian** shares her ideas.

You're hot, you're sweaty. What can you do for relief?

Other than the obvious answers – hang out by the pool, at the mall with igloo temperatures or at an outdoor cafe with an iced drink – sooner or later you do have to go home.

Here are our go-to suggestions for cooling off in the summer – indoors.

DRESS TO REFRESH

Create a summer look by dressing your sofas and chairs with linen slipcovers.

Linen has natural wicking abilities that pull moisture away from the skin. Used for centuries in hot climate countries, it also has natural anti-bacterial qualities.

COOL OFF WITH FANS

Living through a hot summer without air conditioning seems impossible, but you'll still feel the humidity at some point. Many people don't like the recirculated air from air conditioners, or the high energy bills that come with cranking up the air conditioner 24/7.

For immediate relief, have a fan directed toward your body or your feet! I find that a fan at my feet seems to cool off the rest of me.

Ceiling fans such as Casablanca's are romantic looking and create air movement that cools you off by evaporating

the sweat from your body. More evaporation means a cooler human.

FEEL THE FREEZER BURN

If linen sheets are outside of your price range, then stick your cotton sheets in the fridge or freezer for a few minutes before bed.

Place them in a plastic bag first, unless you want your sheets to absorb the variety of scents in your fridge. Granted, this won't keep you cool all night, but it will provide a brief respite from the heat and humidity.

COOL TO THE TOUCH

Enjoying a cool, sustainable home might be right on the counter or under your feet.

Stones such as granite or marble located on tables, counters and under your feet are cool to the touch. Why? They have a dense structure that absorbs heat from warmer objects. This heat dissipates through the stone quickly so it feels cold.

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MAKE IT DARK

Shutting your blinds and curtains all day will help block the sun's rays. Close all windows the night before and through the hottest part of the day.

Closing blinds is especially necessary if you have south-facing window walls. No matter how



much air conditioning you have, you'll feel the heat and be blinded by the glare of the hot sun.

Turn off the lights. Light bulbs, even environmentally-friendly CFLs and LEDs give off heat – if not directly, then their electrical housing and transformers do.

Take advantage of natural light as much as possible, and keep rooms cool after dark by using lights minimally or not at all. It's a great reason to have dinner by romantic candlelight.

GET WET

Take a shower, especially a cold rain shower. This will bring down your core body temperature and rinse off sweat, so you can hit the mattress feeling cool and clean.

SLEEP IN THE LOWER LEVEL

Basements make for a great summer residence. Since warm

air rises and cool air sinks, the lower level makes for comfortable sleeping.

Finishing off the basement is a worthwhile investment. The lower level is usually 10 to 15 degrees cooler than the above-ground part of the house.

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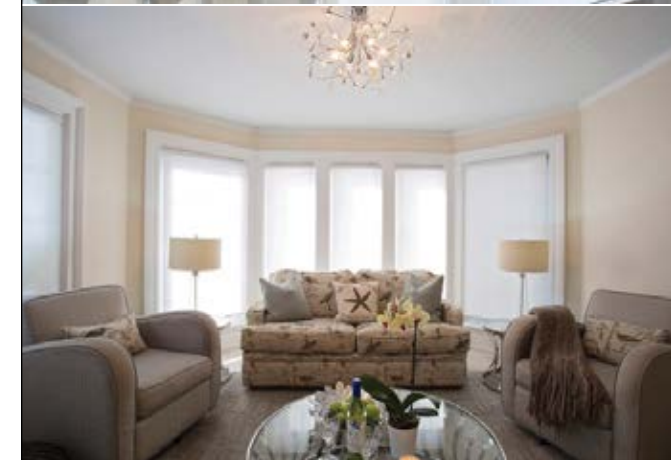
Cool colours – blues, greens and white – can promote your brain's capacity to visually cool off.

Blues in particular remind us of the sky and the cool wet seas. And green, the colour of nature, always brings up thoughts of spring.

Embrace the summer and enjoy your home whether it's located in the sky, on the ground or by the water. And ask yourself: How are you going to create a cool summer mood for your home? **OH**

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HERE ARE 7 OF MY FAVOURITE WAYS TO BRING AN ELEMENT OF THE EXOTIC INTO ANY DESIGN:

1 PILLOWS & TROWS
For a quick infusion of exotic appeal, pile on the pillows. Indian, East- or South-Asian-inspired prints and fabrics make for an easy splash of colour, in as big or small a dose as you desire. Bravely add rich jewel tones to even the most neutral of colour schemes – they’re surprisingly easy to work with. The best part? If you eventually get tired of a saturated hue, you can always switch out the cases for a while, and bring them back in when you’re craving that sizzling flavour again. *Continued on page 26*

There’s no place like home, but sometimes don’t you dream of enticing distant lands? If your décor is feeling a little bit like the same old, same old, shake things up with a touch of exotic flair, and bring back that feeling of home sweet home.



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3 FURNITURE

Adding accessories doesn't feel like enough of a shake up? Opt out of using just the typical clean-lined furniture and mix in something a bit more bold. Try drum coffee tables, East-Asian-influenced cabinets or Moroccan-inspired side tables. The flair a piece of exotic furniture brings to a space is worth braving a little commitment. Pair evocative pieces (like a studded wing chair) with demure classics like a plush leather sofa to create a subtle, sophisticated story.

4 PRINTS & PATTERNS

Fabric can be used to cover up or to attract attention. For beautiful draperies that make as much of a statement as the view outside, why not try a wild motif, such as this feather print from Maxwell Fabrics (Fantail fabric in #338 Prism). Try a similarly colourful print to upholster a side chair or bench, or spice up a headboard – or use a printed wallpaper to add rich hues to your dining room, foyer or powder room.



Exotic statuettes look great perched on top of a small stack of books, and you can easily play with the arrangement whenever you feel like being creative.

5 RUGS

Bold prints aren't only for vertical surfaces. A vivid exotic rug brings some drama to the fifth wall – the floor – which has several advantages. In some spaces, using a bold accent wall can leave the space feeling lopsided, but an accent rug stays grounded. Plus, you can always use a petite carpet (like a three-by-five-foot) in a small nook for a little splash of interest, rather than filling a whole room. Try pairing a rug in a rich palette with a piece of art that echoes some of the same colours to add a sense of continuity throughout the space.

6 TILES

In the kitchen and bath, and even beyond, tiles in exotic designs are a beautifully bold choice. Try a statement tile for a small area, such as a powder-room floor (or even the full walls), a kitchenette or butler's pantry, a shower-stall floor or accent wall, or a short but impactful backsplash. Look to cosmopolitan suppliers like Cercan Tile for traditional cultural patterns or even bold tropical motifs, to speak volumes with just a few tiles.



7 WILDLIFE

So maybe you can't have an exotic pet – you can still bring home some wildlife in the way of a stunning live plant. Not all tropical varieties can survive a Canadian climate, but you can bring lots of exotic essence with indoor trees, such as the impressive fiddle leaf fig. Look for a plant with large leaves or fronds to bring the air of a dreamy vacation destination to your home year-round. OH

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ARRANGEMENTS **LINDI GREEN**
PHOTOGRAPHY **TARA CHATTELL**

Flowers have proven to improve mood in study after study. While we plant and wait for our summer blooms to fill our landscapes, why not purchase and arrange blooms and greenery for an everyday uplift.



ARRANGEMENT A COMPOSED

A modern concrete vase with a tight, full arrangement. Lots of greenery was used to achieve a fuller look.

ARRANGEMENT B ROMANTIC

A tall ceramic vase contains this natural, organic arrangement. Long stems loosely grouped create a casual look.

ARRANGEMENT C TRANQUIL

A classic glass vessel holds this loose, asymmetric grouping. It's a beautiful balance of casual and elegant. **OH**



Mixing textures in a monochromatic arrangement helps to add interest. Below is a list of flowers and greens used in these arrangements.

GREENERY

1. Green Bell Thlaspi
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FLOWERS

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A TRUE NORTH ROSE

STORY **PAT CROCKER**
PHOTOGRAPHY **VINELAND RESEARCH
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There’s a red and white party about to unfold across the country this year, and for homeowners, one surprise guest is a proud Canadian rose.

Known as Canadian Shield, this stunner is a made-in-Canada repeat bloomer, and a more fitting plant could not have been selected to help Canadians celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

Few flowers are as rich in lore and history as the rose, and few are as highly prized. As natives of the cooler parts of the northern hemisphere, wild or species roses were blooming on this continent long before Columbus was born. In fact, they are thought to have evolved as long ago as 60 million years in Central Asia before making their way to North America, Europe and China.

The Canadian Shield rose is Canadian-flag red in colour and like the country itself, it has a majestic beauty and yet it is deceptively hardy, welcoming freezing temperatures as well

as searing heat. Developed by the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre in partnership with the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, the Canadian Shield rose is the first of Vineland’s 49th Parallel Collection to be released. If you plant in May it will be ready for the big day this summer.

Even if you are not partial to roses, because of its low-maintenance, versatility, repeat-blooming characteristic, disease-resistant hardiness and over one-metre spread with full, red flowers and glossy green foliage, the Canadian Shield rose is a natural for Canadian homes, landscapes and gardens.

Visit 49throses.com/node/10 for a list of greenhouses, nurseries and garden stores that carry it.

GROWING ROSES

PLANTING

Roses require a minimum of six to eight hours of direct sunlight every day, so choose a sunny spot, preferably one with slight shade in afternoons.

Although hardy to -40° C, as do all roses, the Canadian Shield rose will benefit if protected from cold winds by a hedge. Because they require circulating air, do not plant roses under trees or near walls.

Dig a hole twice the size of the container and to a depth that is about twice the length of the plant from growth node (the swelling from which the stems grow) to the end of the roots.

Add enough moist compost, manure, or peat moss to the hole so that when planted, the growth node is 2.5 cm below the surface.

Remove the plant from the pot and spread the roots over the new material in the hole. Add soil back around the plant, making sure that the plant is upright and the hole is completely filled. Lightly tamp the soil around the stems.

Empty a bucket of water around the base of the plant.

MAINTENANCE

Mulch roses (do not let mulch touch the stems) to help hold moisture, add some nutrients, and prevent the growth of weeds.

In early spring, cut out thin, damaged or weak shoots then prune all stems by about half of their length.

Add fertilizer to the soil around roses in the spring and water thoroughly after adding. One more feeding of fertilizer may be added around mid-summer.

Water around the base of roses regularly during summer.

Snip dead flowers from rose bushes. **OH**






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WELCOME BACK TO WATCH HILL



The living room is a breath of fresh air with trim and panel details in Benjamin Moore's Decorator's White and walls in Ice Milk. The space was thoughtfully designed and outfitted for comfort, style, and an assortment of entertaining options.

CANDRA SCHANK PHOTOGRAPHY



A beautiful picture from the road and waterway, Watch Hill, with its Victorian-styled exterior, is a bright pop of colour at the mouth of Southampton's Saugeen River. The home was first featured in OUR HOMES 10 years ago, and its new owners have given the welcoming home a refresh and transformed it into a bed and breakfast. *Continued on page 34*

TOP LEFT: Thoughtfully designed and positioned on the lot to optimize views all around, the cheerful yellow siding and large front veranda offer a grand yet warm welcome to guests. Garden beds and plantings perfectly suit the setting by Ground Effects Landscapes. **LEFT:** Designer Carla Pavlov of CR Designs (standing) with homeowners Sue Carruthers and Richard Lee in the sun-drenched living room.



Watch Hill had been a longtime love affair for homeowner Sue Carruthers. Smitten with the home, she always made a point to drive past, and when it became available, Sue and her partner Richard Lee put an offer on the home. Shortly after, they contacted local interior design professional and friend **Carla Pavlov** of **CR Designs**.

“I started with Carla before we got the house, and we talked about whether the house could become something different,” says Sue, who remembers picking light paint colours and light fixtures, as well as prioritizing sitting areas, early in the renovation phase. The home had a Victorian flair with pine floors and ceilings and bold colours that didn’t quite fit the style that Sue envisioned for a B&B. Sue knew she wanted Watch Hill to emulate a “beach house feel” and thus began two years of renovations.

“I didn’t understand that you could take what was built to be Victorian and give it a different flavour,” says Sue who credits Carla with having a great vision.

TOP RIGHT: In the evening, light reflects through the crystal fixtures, which adds an element of occasion to the dining experience. Floral arrangement by Serendipity Florals. **RIGHT:** A formal table scape with barely there crystal glassware and decorative accents allows the light to dance and play. **FAR RIGHT:** A classic black double door set with arch-top transom and unique privacy glass design separates two distinct outdoor seating areas, offerings guests the option to dine or recline.



“The area that is most important is usually what people see when they first enter your home,” says Carla. An immediate impression is created in the entrance way (recently modernized by **Upright Construction**) with a focal point light fixture that introduces a metallic “bling” theme that resonates throughout the home – including cupboard pulls in the shape of diamonds (**Martin’s**

Home Hardware), sconces, light fixtures, and a mirror mosaic strip backsplash in the kitchen from **Complete Flooring**. The convergence of styles lends a modern twist to the traditional structure of the home. “When I’m designing a home, I try and repeat throughout, so it has a really nice flow to it,” explains Carla. Although the entranceway keeps the original cherry hardwood flooring,

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A painted tin ceiling, an apron-front sink and mirror glass backsplash give the kitchen a modern farmhouse feel.



TOP LEFT: The foyer’s transformation included painting the pine ceiling white and installing a new statement chandelier as well as giving the railing and spindles a fresh but classic look in black and white. **TOP RIGHT:** A comfortable seating area right off the kitchen is finished with soft furnishings and accents in soothing colours suggestive of the sand and the sea. **ABOVE:** Sue’s office houses interesting features beyond the walls and furniture: unique sculptures, fascinating books, and many personal and professional accomplishments.



the pine in the living room has been replaced and brightened with durable 18-inch-square porcelain tiles (Complete Flooring), which then flows throughout the majority of the main level. The living room boasts lovely architectural elements, such as wainscoting, large windows and a high coffered ceiling. The minimalistic design approach is achieved with Benjamin Moore’s Decorator’s White in a pearl trim finish and Sue’s contemporary Roche Bobois Parisian furniture. A grand piano and modern light fixture take centre stage in the three-sided window nook at the front of the home.

In the dining room, the metallic accents are showcased through optical pieces, including

a statement mirror, sconces and two central light fixtures that produce crystal light-beams. The glass table has built-in leaves to handle many guests and more Roche Bobois furniture creates a bold and modern look.

The uplifting yellow tone continues into the hallway where a deep closet was converted into a convenient – and bold – coffee station and butler’s pantry. For ease of access, Carla advises that “if you’re going to have a pantry that’s really deep, you need to outfit it with drawers.”

A cosy area to enjoy a coffee or simply sit and relax next to a wall of windows (complete with remote control blinds from Martin’s Home Hardware) is another aspect Sue and

Carla both felt important to incorporate. Swivel chairs, coffee table and end tables from **Thompson Brothers Furniture Ltd.**, a sofa bed from **Little’s Furniture Ltd.**, hand-blown lamps, hand-woven footstools imported from India and an area rug from Turkey and sourced at CR Designs, a sound bar and 55-inch wall-mount TV from **Advanced Technologies** create a relaxed vibe in the busy spot. Butter-hued cabinets painted by **Owen Lee Construction** contrast nicely with the dark, natural soap-stone countertop that features drain-board grooves at the sink for water runoff – a handy aspect to the modern design of the home. Mirrored switch plate covers from **Owen Sound Glass Service** are a new addition to match the mirror mosaic backsplash.

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A secret stairway that leads to Sue’s bright and airy home office is concealed within the wall panelling.



LOCAL SOURCE GUIDE

- Advanced Technologies • Bath & Taps • Carol Norris Photography • CR Designs • Complete Flooring • Devitt Uttley & Company (original builders)
- EMS Plumbing Services • Ground Effects Landscapes • Kuehl Electric
- Little’s Furniture • Martin’s Home Hardware • Owen Lee Construction
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Three upstairs bedrooms are named after landmarks that can be seen from each suite in the bed and breakfast. The Chantry Room is aptly named after the famed Chantry Island Lighthouse; it has a soft femininity to it, and features a sunny reading nook with an enviable view. Antique oil lamps flatter the original fireplace that has been updated with a white pearl finish. The oil lamps continue into the en suite that features flecks of iridescent pink in the shower tiling.

The Huron Room offers a view of the lake and is a statement with red, stagecoach valances (CR Designs). Attached is the newly refurbished en suite by **Shawn Corrigan & Sons Carpentry** that features a pebbled heated shower (**Kuehl Electric**, **EMS Plumbing Services**), and waterfall faucet in the bathtub that is mirrored in

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ABOVE: A three-sided glass-enclosed shower stands in the centre of a newly added en suite in The Saugeen Room. **TOP RIGHT:** A blue velvet tufted bench with lucite legs is the perfect perch. **RIGHT:** Each suite has its own unique flavour (The Huron Room is accented with rich pops of red) but they are all painted in Benjamin Moore's Whisper, a perfectly soothing hue to induce a good night's rest. **FAR RIGHT:** The built-in cabinetry in The Huron Room en suite showcases a modern design aesthetic and provides the latest in amenities. Art by Carol Norris from The Light House Photo Gallery in Southampton.

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When refreshing a space, you don't have to get rid of everything. The armoire continues to add a nice richness to the room.



other bathrooms throughout the home (**Bath & Taps**). Wave your hand under the sink for the lights to shine while resting your feet on a recycled wool carpet that mimics the stones of the beach. An additional cabinet hides a second mirror and electric station that creates a functional shared space.

The “secret room” accessed through a hidden wall panel has been transformed into a bright oasis, with five coats of white paint overtaking the once pine walls and ceiling. Now Sue’s home office, the space is the perfect brightness for Sue to raise orchids, which she plans to place in every room of the B&B for guests to enjoy.

Homeowners Sue and Richard are thrilled with the transformation and are grateful that Carla gave them the courage to go through with the renovations. They are excited that Watch Hill is now a public place “dressed for company” and they look forward to welcoming guests to share in their delight. **OH**



TOP: The Chantry Room is traditionally styled in pale blue hues with soft pastel pink accents, antique light fixtures, rich wood furniture, a detailed iron bed and a scalloped drapery valance that frames the entrance to the reading nook. **ABOVE:** In the en suite, another vintage light fixture lends character and charm to the space. **LEFT:** A timeless and classic wooden sleigh bed offers a view to the Saugeen River. All beds are adorned with high end linens through CR Designs.



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THE PERILS OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS

STORY **MEHREEN SHAHID** | ILLUSTRATION **SHEILA BRITTON**

Looking to make an extra buck? Have a spare room? Listing it for short-term rental sounds like a good plan. But with government regulations finally catching up, here are some issues to watch out for when listing your dwelling for short-term rental.

WHAT'S THAT TOWN OR CITY BYLAW SAY?

Despite the rising popularity of services such as Flipkey, AirBnB and HomeAway, municipal laws in Canada have not kept pace. Many major cities, including Toronto, Vancouver, Hamilton and Edmonton have only recently started working on improving bylaws to factor in short-term rentals.

Toronto

According to Bruce Hawkins of the City of Toronto's Strategic Communications department, consultation is under way regarding bylaws governing short-term rentals in the city. A final report should be presented to council this summer.

The sharing economy has taken hold. City council has been told that the number of AirBnB rentals in Toronto hit 9,460 in 2015.

However, short-term rentals are not regulated by the City of Toronto, and zoning bylaws currently do not regulate the length of rental time. The hotel industry says companies like AirBnB get an unfair advantage because

they don't pay taxes and other costs.

Short-term rentals in downtown condominiums have also raised concerns about noise and neighbourhood safety, triggering heated debate regarding short-term rentals in freehold residences.

Vancouver

Documents posted on the City of Vancouver's website reveal the city's zoning regulations don't currently allow short-term rentals. Only licensed bed and breakfasts are allowed to rent for fewer than 30 days. Vancouver is also looking into changing the current set of rules around short-term rentals, says Jag Sandhu, a spokesman for the City of Vancouver.

Under the proposed changes, owners will be allowed to rent part or all of their principal residence on a nightly basis, if they have a business licence. For said licence, the owner will need to provide proof of ownership for the residence using a property title or a tenancy agreement along with photo ID and a recent government or utility mail.

If these changes come into effect, people operating short-term rentals without a business licence will face fines and legal action.

Similar efforts around bylaws are being made in other major cities, including Hamilton, Kitchener and Edmonton.

Despite the lack of rules and regulations around short-term rentals, Lisa Sobchysyn, communications advisor for the City of Edmonton's Department of Development and Urban Planning, says homeowners should consult with the city before listing their property online to check if a permit or licence is required.

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE INSURED?

"The first thing I would tell anyone is – before you list your home with AirBnB – to check with your insurance company if you're even covered," says Anne-Marie Thomas, an insurance expert with Insurance Hotline. "AirBnB offers some coverage, but they're very clear it isn't insurance."

Check with the insurance company to see if they even permit such coverage through their policy, she suggests. Most home-insurance policies are for personal use and may not be intended for commercial ventures, such as short-term rentals.

Cancellation of a policy in such a case could create a world of trouble due to non-disclosure and misrepresentation, says Thomas, making it a red flag on the homeowner's record.

Aviva Insurance recently announced coverage for home-sharing projects that can either be tacked on to an existing plan or be purchased as stand-alone packages for a rental property.

BE A MINDFUL LANDLORD

One Toronto AirBnB landlord recommends a thorough interview of guests before renting out a property. She usually avoids large groups of friends in their 20s. And for bigger groups, she requests names and email addresses for all guests be added to the listing. She then sends out an email with house rules and a warning of an extra nuisance charge of \$250 if the guests don't comply with her rules.

Moreover, she looks for positive guest reviews online, and if those don't exist, she asks additional questions, such as the purpose of the visit to the city, the composition of the group and their ages.

"If I have a sense someone is hiding something, I plan to greet them all at the house and give a personal tour," she adds. "There are ways to screen guests and you develop little tricks that you learn as you go." **OH**



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STORY **WALTER FRANCYK**
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Although this tiny, beautiful insect looks like a shimmering green jewel, its effect on Ontario's forests is ugly.

THE EMERALD ASH BORER, an invasive Asian species first found in Detroit and Windsor 15 years ago, has killed millions of ash trees as it spreads across southern and central Ontario, into Quebec and 21 American states.

"This is coming up like a mushroom cloud from Windsor, it's going to take over all of North America," says Ray Foster, owner of Foster Lawn and Garden Ltd. in Minesing. He's been using an organic pesticide to wage war on the pernicious beetle.

And while some municipalities such as Oakville, Newmarket and Wasaga Beach have started treatment programs for ash trees, Foster insists more should be done to save the trees and habitat of squirrels, birds and other creatures in the forest canopy. "More people would try to save their trees if municipalities would help them with some sort of tax relief," he says.

Researchers suspect the emerald ash borer arrived in North America in wooden shipping pallets or crates from Asia. Adult insects, up to 13.5 mm long (about a half-inch) emerge in June and July and lay 60 to 90 eggs in the bark of ash trees.



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Foster repeats TreeAzin applications eight times over a 12-year period. "The bigger the tree, the more the cost," says Foster. For his most expensive "patient" each application costs \$550. For the least expensive, a nine-centimetre ash, it costs \$50 per treatment.

Gardening expert Marc Cullen estimates that cutting and replacing a mature ash tree will cost about the same as the treatment. While treatment may seem expensive, at least one municipality has found that it's cheaper to treat trees than to cut them down and replace them, Foster says.

The Canadian government's attempt to check the spread of the ash borer by imposing restrictions on the movement of firewood and wood products has had limited effect. The insect has spread to Sault Ste. Marie, east into Ottawa and Quebec, and last year an isolated infestation was confirmed in Thunder Bay. Central Ontario, says Foster, is currently at peak infestation.

The Canadian Forest Service has joined the fray by releasing an ash borer predator. Last year, the service released parasitic wasps, imported from China where the ash borer is native, in an attempt to control the bug in 12 southern Ontario locations, including London, Newmarket and Ottawa. This year, researchers plan to release more than 10,000 wasps. These wasps insert their eggs into the ash borer larvae and the wasp larvae devour the beetle larvae. Dr. Krista Ryall, a forest service research scientist, estimates this method could take decades to control the Asian pest.

While Foster has reservations about introducing another non-native predator to hunt an invasive species, he welcomes the fresh troops. "In a decade those wasps will breed and multiply enough to go after the ash borer naturally, like they do in China. So we don't have to treat with TreeAzin forever. This is only a temporary measure while reinforcements come in." **OH**

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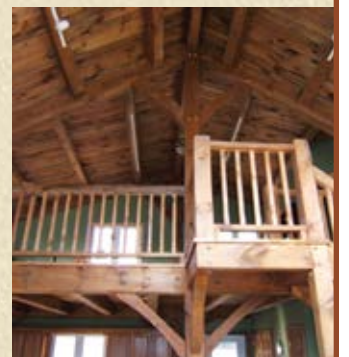
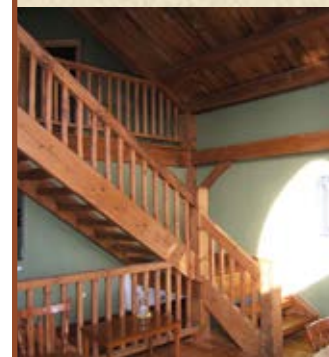
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STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHY
MELANIE REKOLA

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The Gardens

Woody plants are a dog owners' best ally. Many are tough enough to stand a bit of bashing with structures substantial enough to deter even the liveliest of canines. Trees in particular have great importance as they perform double duty by also creating the necessary shade crucial for pets. If you have a male dog, evergreens must be protected, as dog urine is especially destructive to these plants. This can be accomplished by simply placing deciduous plants at their base. Otherwise your evergreens may end up with brown patches or die altogether. Pick thorn-free vegetation whenever possible, buy large and plant densely. To guard softer vegetation from being trod upon, areas containing delicate plant life should be elevated and retained. Potted plant materials are usually safe, so long as the containers are large and heavy enough to stand alone or be grouped together for added protection. If your pooch is a plant eater, be very cautious of the plants you grow. Contact your local SPCA for a full list of toxic plants to protect against accidental poisoning.

The Lawn

No question, dogs are hard on lawns. By selecting tough perennial rye grasses and fescues, your turf will have the best chance of survival. To protect against those ugly yellow patches of lawn-burn, hose down the spot after your canine urinates within eight hours of contact. You can also teach your pal to use a designated toilet zone by placing their feces in the desired location. Praise wildly when they use this space as was intended. Pets are like children – positive reinforcement outranks corrective disciplinary measures.

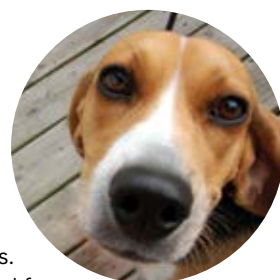
The Digging

Digging canines can be extremely destructive to a landscape. If your dog is a natural excavator, you must first figure out the reason behind the behaviour.

- For the random earth-mover, create a three-foot-square designated dig zone made of sand and hide special treats at varying depths within it to encourage use.
- Digging along fence lines could mean separation anxiety. Provide a cosy dog house to soothe an anxious mind. Keep an escape artist from tunneling under the fence by installing an underground barrier of chicken wire with rounded river stone on the surface to protect tender paw pads.
- If your mongrel likes to dig holes and lay in them, overheating is likely the cause. Be sure to provide enough shady spots and ample drinking water.

The Paths

Provide designated footpaths to give your pet much needed exercise and energy release while protecting other areas. Firstly, assess your yard for the trod-down paths your dog is already using, as your dog will always use the path of least resistance. If an undesired path arises, place a grouping of hardy shrubs or trees in its midst to redirect the route. When planning a perimeter garden, leave a two- to three-foot gap between the plant life and all fence lines. The reason for this? Dogs need to perform their perceived job of patrolling the boundary to keep out intruders. Even more so if there is another dog living in an adjacent yard.



The Pool

You need not martyr your swimming-pool daydreams just because you have four-legged friends. Pools are no problem for pets so long as you take a few precautions. Most importantly, you must have walk-in pool steps so that if your pooch (or other wildlife) accidentally falls in, they can exit safely. A winter safety cover is also a wise choice. If you plan on letting your dog swim, it's important to rinse with fresh water afterwards to prevent tender skin from drying out. Be diligent in providing fresh water at all times so your pet is not tempted to drink the pool water.

The Maintenance

A chemical-free method of upkeep is always the safest choice for landscapes used by pets and people. Many natural products exist on the market today from paw-friendly salt alternatives to melt ice, to beneficial nematodes to eradicate lawn grubs. These modern-day products make the use of chemicals largely unnecessary and help protect furry friends, wildlife and people from unnecessary toxic exposure. **OH**

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The backsplash is an opportunity to add colour and texture to your kitchen design, without taking on a major renovation or breaking the bank. With so many design choices out there, you don't have to settle for the same old, same old. Look at metal, wood, tile, mirror, stone, wallpaper, glass or paint – the backsplash is an ideal place in your home to let your creativity shine.

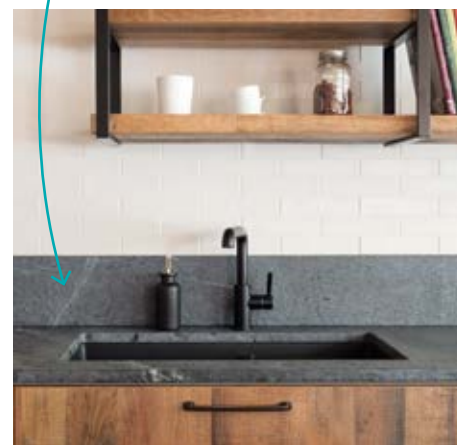


1 GLASS
Glass tiles add a lovely reflective quality in the kitchen and come in a multitude of colours. Look for frosted glass, glass bricks and even a process that will transfer an image onto glass – imagine how that could personalize your kitchen. Mirrored glass is very useful in a smaller space, reflecting light and making the space look much bigger.

2 METAL
Metals such as stainless steel are also becoming more mainstream in the kitchen. A panel of buffed stainless steel behind your range has a very contemporary appearance. New and old corrugated metal roofing and old tin ceiling tiles can add texture and depth.

Glass, stone and metal tiles come in a multitude of styles, shapes and colours.

The return of the "curb" backsplash is trending. This one is in honed soapstone.



3 STONE
Beach pebbles, fieldstone, river rock, clay bricks and dry-stacked stone have a nice organic quality to them and can add a lot of texture to a backsplash. Continued on page 50



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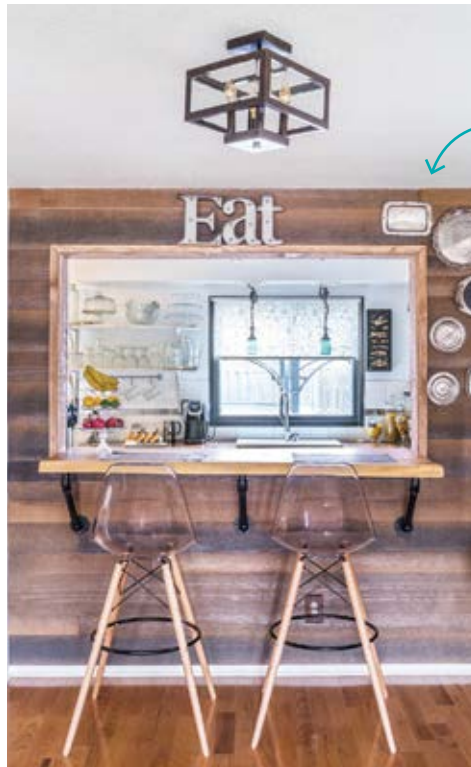
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4 WOOD
Another natural product is wood, and again you're only limited by your imagination. Hang barn board vertically or horizontally. Try wide pine boards or maybe walnut or bamboo. Tongue-in-groove boards or beadboards are another option.



Bead board, barnboard or even driftwood can add texture and create interest.



5 TILE
Classic tile has seen an expansion of choices: porcelain, marble, stone, ceramic and quartz. When using tile, the next decision is how will it be laid: straight, diagonal, checkerboard, chevron, herringbone and brickwork patterns are some choices, or perhaps you have a different pattern in mind.



Inject a jolt of personality with a bold, graphic wallpaper pattern. A protective layer of glass makes cleanup a snap.



6 PAINT & WALLPAPER
In paint and wallpaper, the colours and designs are endless. Once a wallpaper is covered with glass it becomes an easy-to-clean feature. Many paint suppliers offer tough finishes, so with a quick wipe, your backsplash looks brand new, year after year. Don't forget chalkboard paint, it will give your family a chance to create a unique and ever-changing canvas.

When you see something you like, use your imagination, and don't be restricted by suppliers' pictures. Make a splash in your kitchen and let your personality shine. **OH**

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STORY **TAMARISK MCNALT** STEPHENS | PHOTOGRAPHY **SARAH TACOMA**

THE HISTORY: In 1865, at the end of the American Civil War, Andrew Cuneo (who had emigrated from Italy a decade prior) and his family left Baltimore and settled in Toronto, where Andrew practised his barbering profession. Among his clientele were Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, as well as D'Arcy McGee, whose assassination remains one of the greatest murder mysteries in Canadian political history. Talk about a local connection to the Fathers of Confederation! Around 1873, the Cuneos moved north to Walkerton where Andrew set up his barber shop, but unfortunately, lost everything in the great Walkerton fire of 1877 that destroyed a significant part of the downtown business section. Undeterred, Andrew rebuilt and opened his new shop in 1891 at 207-209 Durham St. E. in Walkerton, which is where

Cuneo Interiors Ltd. is located to this day.

THE PRESENT: Cuneo Interiors in Walkerton and **Cuneo Interiors Carpet One Floor & Home** in Hanover are the third generation of the paint, wallcoverings, window fashion and floor covering supply business that was started in Walkerton by Tony Cuneo in 1948. Tony's son Steve was 12 years old when he began tagging along to help out with in-home drapery installations. In 1976, Steve took over the family business, expanded into Hanover, and joined the Carpet One group along with 1,500 other stores across North America. Steve's son Jordan joined the company in 2003 as General Manager and Vice President of Cuneo Interiors Carpet One Floor & Home in Hanover.

THE PHILOSOPHY: With a long-standing history in the area, it is evident how much Steve, Jordan and their expert team value the personal relationships they develop. Steve explains that "Cuneo's business philosophy is to provide the best products and services for the best cost value for our customers. This has enabled us to retain three generations of loyal customers."

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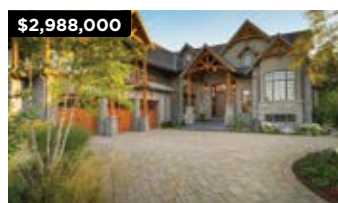


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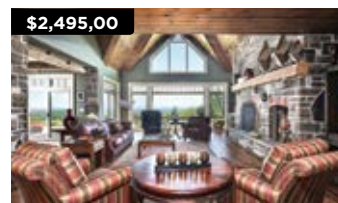


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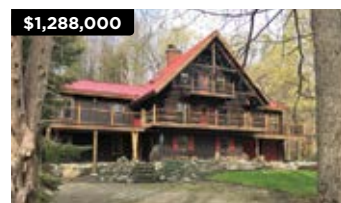


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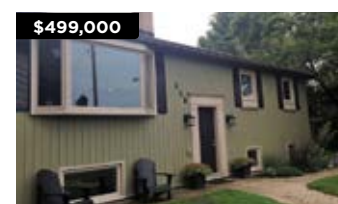


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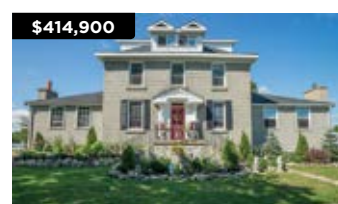


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INGREDIENTS

1 cup watermelon, seeded and cubed

1 jalapeno pepper, sliced

2 ounces tequila

1 ounce triple sec

1 ounce agave syrup

lime, for rimming

sugar, for rimming

ice

DIRECTIONS

- Rim two glasses with lime, then sugar, and set aside.
- In a shaker, muddle a few slices of jalapeno. Add watermelon and muddle to release juices. Add a scoop of ice and remaining ingredients.
- Shake and strain into prepared glasses over crushed ice. Garnish with jalapeno slices.

PEAR & GUAVA MARGARITA

INGREDIENTS

6 ounces pear-guava juice

2 ounces tequila

1 ounce triple sec

1 ounce agave syrup

lime, for rimming

1 Tbsp coarse salt, for rimming

1 Tbsp sugar, for rimming

¼ tsp crushed chili flakes, for rimming

fresh pear, sliced, for garnish

DIRECTIONS

- Mix together salt, sugar and chili flakes. Rim two glasses with lime then dip into salt mixture.
- Fill a cocktail shaker with ice and add pear-guava juice, tequila, triple sec and agave syrup.
- Shake and strain into prepared glasses over crushed ice. Garnish with pear slice. **OH**



STORY **TAMARISK MCNALTY STEPHENS**
PHOTOGRAPHY **SANDY MACKAY**



The Hartmans' selected Cambria quartz countertop in the Langdon design with the ledge edge profile and a Blanco Silgranit Café sink and faucet. The traditional styling of the bracket supporting the bar overhang adds another level of detail to the custom kitchen.

RECIPE for SUCCESS

Four couples showcase the detail and planning that went into the hub of their homes – the kitchen.

Hanover Home Hardware Building Centre set out to create an event to showcase kitchen design possibilities while simultaneously giving back to the local community. Ticket holders were ushered by limousine to tour the kitchens of four unique homes with all proceeds supporting the Hanover and District Hospital Foundation. As an independent store, the Hanover Home Hardware Building Centre (the recent recipient of the Walter J. Hachborn Store of the Year Award, which was selected out of nearly 1,100 stores across Canada!) has been able to create partnerships with the best

brands available in Canada. “We have created a unique one-stop design centre that offers everything for kitchens – from value to fully custom high-end,” explains Doug Weidner, who leads the kitchen department. Their suppliers Cabico Custom Cabinetry, Cambria quartz countertops, Electrolux/Frigidaire appliances and Blanco sinks and faucets were all involved in supporting the event. “It has been a great pleasure to work with all of the families that have opened their homes for this tour and to introduce them to our great family of manufacturers and our highly skilled installation crew,” says Doug.

Nancy & Brian Hartman

Nancy and Brian Hartman's newly built home in West Grey is a gathering place for family and friends. It's no surprise the priority when designing their kitchen was a large showcase island with plenty of room for company to enjoy a meal. The unique half-hexagon shape of the raised bar encourages conversation and can easily accommodate eight people.

When asked what they love about their kitchen, Nancy explains, “The counter space and working area. Multiple people can work in our kitchen without running into each other, which was an issue in our last house. Also, we always had plates and mugs in an upper cupboard but now I have them in a drawer, and along with pots and pans, it is all so much easier to work with.” Nancy encourages those embarking on a kitchen renovation to learn from what doesn't work in their current situation and seek the advice of professionals for ideas on functionality and efficiency. *Continued on page 62*

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Nancy and Brian decided upon a cherry door in Cabico's chocolate finish and added a custom wine rack and etched glass doors to the design to add varying elements of visual interest.



Debbie & John Baer

Nestled up on a hill on Lake Rosalind with 100 feet of lake view out front and an equally serene forest view out back, John and Debbie Baer have retired to their little slice of paradise. They decided to renovate their kitchen and wanted a space that was light, bright and allowed views to their outdoor surroundings – with an island that was as hard-working and practical as it was welcoming for family and friends to gather around. *Continued on page 64*



ABOVE: Debbie and John at their kitchen island, which showcases a durable quartz countertop in Cambria's Swanbridge design with a double treeline edge. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The Baers' opted for a painted door in a mist finish, a Blanco Silgranit Metallic Grey sink with matching faucet, and Frigidaire Gallery Smudge-Proof Stainless Steel appliances. The backsplash and flooring are available through House Rules Design Shop.



Corner drawers make clever use of space and things are much easier to reach.



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“Our advice to anyone renovating or building a kitchen is to go and consult the experts,” says Debbie.



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“Our advice to anyone renovating or building a kitchen is to go and consult the experts,” says Debbie. John and Debbie’s neighbour is local designer **Heather Smillie** of **House Rules Design Shop**. “Our consultation with Heather was extraordinarily helpful,” Debbie says. “She listened to us carefully, understood what we were trying to envision and designed a kitchen that

was so much more than we could have dreamed. Working with Doug at Hanover Home Hardware is something every person should do – he listened, pointed out all of our choices, helped us make all the decisions – and smiled through it all. We love everything about our kitchen – there’s not one thing we would change – it makes me happy every time I walk into its space.” *Continued on page 67*



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ABOVE: A Blanco Silgranit Café sink and faucet.
RIGHT: The glacial edge profile of the quartz countertop in Cambria's rich black and brown Wellington design.
LEFT & OPPOSITE: The Saltons selected red birch cabinetry in a natural finish and hardware that makes a classic and timeless statement.

Louise & Greg Salton

Louise and Greg Salton knew a kitchen renovation was imminent when they purchased their property a couple of years ago just outside of Hanover. The existing kitchen was small and dark with no windows or views to the beautiful property beyond, which sits along the Saugeen River.

The most important criteria when designing their new kitchen was an open plan with garden views, which required removing a large portion of an exterior wall. The new space is bright and completely transformed with light streaming in from their new all-season sunroom. They decided to keep the footprint of the old kitchen and utilize it as a fully functioning second kitchen and walk-in pantry.

To add a rustic element, it was important for Greg and Louise to integrate the existing brick (from a previous fireplace surround) and use it as the backsplash in their new kitchen.

When asked what advice they would offer homeowners looking to build or renovate an existing kitchen, they say, "Draw up a wish list, then list the pros and cons and obtain electrical advice as well as construction advice. Select the best quality that you can afford when choosing cabinetry, counters, flooring, etc., but do not over capitalize for your home." *Continued on page 68*



Maple cabinetry in Cabico's wheat finish, paired with classic cup-style pull hardware and knobs, and topped with a quartz counter in Cambria's Laneshaw design with treeline edge profile. Hanover Home Hardware supplied a Blanco stainless steel sink and faucet as well as Frigidaire Gallery Smudge-Proof Stainless Steel appliances.



LuAnn & Mark Pickard

Retiring from London, Mark and LuAnn loved the land and the character of the original home in Southgate – a triple brick structure that was built in 1860. What began as replacing the roof and the windows evolved into wiring and insulation, and eventually a full-scale renovation and a new addition.

When designing their new kitchen they ensured that the space was appropriately sized to comfortably facilitate food preparation for large gatherings of family and friends, which they enjoy as frequently as possible. As Mark and LuAnn are both quite tall, the cabinets have been customized to accommodate an additional three inches in height when compared to the standard

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"The raised bar at the front of the island is a magnet for our grandkids and guests," says LuAnn.

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36-inch height. The nine-foot-six ceilings offer additional storage and also provide a place to display antique dishes that have been passed down through the generations.

When asked what they love about their kitchen, LuAnn says “Everything... but especially the island. The raised bar at the front of the island is a magnet for our grandkids and guests. While we are preparing snacks or a meal, the interaction around the island is absolutely wonderful. We find that we spend more time there having coffee, breakfast and lunch than we do anywhere else.” **OH**

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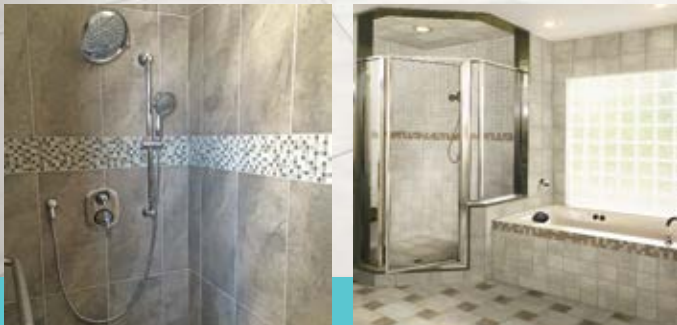
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Any plans to celebrate Canada's 150th this summer? Our staff traditionally enjoy local firework displays in Priceville, Shelburne, Feversham, Holstein and Creemore. Over the course of the summer, some of our staff will also be taking advantage of the Parks Canada Discovery Pass. In addition to Canada Day, Dundalk's Homecoming Reunion is August 4th to 6th. This grand three-day event happens every 10 years, and is full of visiting, fun and exciting activities.

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How are you celebrating Canada's 150th? We love to camp and spend time with our friends and family. To celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary we have a Parks Canada Discovery Pass. This summer we will be camping and showing our two young children the beautiful scenery along the Bruce Peninsula.

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MIKE CHAMBERS
Stoltz Sales and Service

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for a completely different look in your kitchen or bathroom.

In the spirit of celebrating Canada's 150th, what are your favourite Canadian travel destinations? You don't have to travel far from home for beautiful destinations. Our family makes frequent trips to Sauble Beach, which is a relaxing place to spend a sunny day or a week. Tobermory is also a great place to visit as you are close to nature everywhere you go and a tour on a glass bottomed boat is the perfect way to spend an afternoon.

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PAMELA FARROW
Architectural Technologist

How did you become interested in pursuing a career in architecture? From earliest memory I was fascinated with space, what it was and what it could be. With the unending encouragement and mentorship of my two uncles, Bev and John Plume (both builders), I found footing and advancement in my profession.

What do you enjoy most about your work? Imagining the spaces I am working on is a wonderful part of what I do, but the people I work for are the catalyst for this, many whom I really enjoy sharing the process with.

What is your favourite Canadian travel destination? I have been lucky to travel to each province in Canada. There is nothing like the shores near Peggy’s Cove, a road trip around Cape Breton, the tide creeping onto a PEI beach, a golden canola drive through the west, the mighty heights of the Rocky Mountains, or the amazing Sea to Ski of the B.C. coast. But if I had to pick one perfect spot it would be the summer shores of Lake Huron where we spend a restorative week each summer. *Continued on page 80*



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What trends are you seeing in outdoor living? We’re seeing a real interest in shore landscapes that encompass all of the functional spaces but also connect back to a naturalized

setting. Adding a long dock with a patio at the end and easy place to get onto the kayak is also a big plus for the paddler!

What is your favourite Canadian landscape (or travel destination) and why? Mark: Killarney is on my summer bucket list. I haven’t been there yet but I hear it’s pretty awesome up there and can’t wait to check it out. Ken: If you want a good experience I’d highly recommend Harbourville, N. S. It’s off the beaten path but it offers a fish market, restaurant and lots of hiking. Watching the Bay of Fundy tides come in and out, while enjoying s’mores over a driftwood campfire on the beach, was a delight for our young boys. *Continued on page 84*



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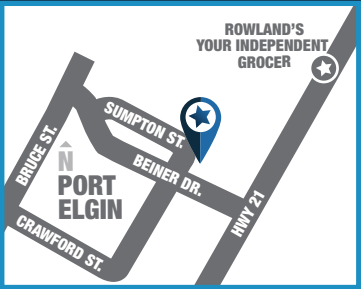
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The light and airy kitchen space is grounded by the rich navy island and the warmth of the natural hickory flooring. A touch of industrial character was added using a white porcelain brick backsplash, which gives another vary of finish to the all-white palette. **OPPOSITE:** Bridget Shedden and Ian Kershaw walk along the beach a short distance from their home.

HALE NAVY
HC-154

OXFORD WHITE
CC-30
(All colours by
Benjamin Moore)

A love for the serenity offered by the shores of Lake Huron and Nova Scotia – as well as quaint surf towns around the globe – inspired this Kincardine couple’s newly-built custom home.

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The fireplace is the statement piece in the home and is finished in Summer Stream Stone from Cultured Stone (West Shore Stone & Brick). The smooth, rounded texture provides a realistic look to stones found in rivers and along coastlines.

SILVER SATIN
OC-26



TOP: The mudroom is accessed directly from the garage and showcases tile laid in a herringbone pattern. The laundry is conveniently accessed but hidden from view. **ABOVE:** Layers of texture greet you at the entrance including the craftsman-styled door (Georgian Bay Window & Door); the board and batten siding in Coastal Blue; and the weathered stone on the base of the pillars. **RIGHT:** Mixing different wood finishes adds character and warmth to the dining area in the open-concept space.

Everyone out there has this dream house they've seen in a movie. A place where you can picture yourself cooking and sleeping and hosting parties and most of all just... being. Think of Diane Keaton's quintessential Hampton's beach house in the movie *Something's Gotta Give*. It makes one think of white linen pants, skipping stones and walks in the warm water as the gentle sun sets in the distance. A true sanctuary by the water.

And a sanctuary by the water is exactly what comes to mind when touring the Kincardine home of Bridget Shedden and Ian Kershaw – its two-storey stone fireplace, the layered neutral tones with their understated pops of colour set against the warmth of smooth, natural hickory floors (**House Rules Design Shop**). A place to come home to after a long day, climb into the admittedly amazing en suite tub and just let go. A place to curl up by the fire, to spend quiet evenings cooking together after walks on the beach. *Continued on page 90*





ABOVE: The casual coastal design aesthetic is achieved through lots of sunlight layered with natural materials, soft neutrals and pops of various blue accents throughout. The custom barn-beam coffee table was made for the couple by Bridget's parents.

According to Bridget, that's exactly what she and Ian were hoping to create with the help of **Beisel Contracting Inc.** A beautiful custom retreat. A place where they can enjoy the advantages of living near Lake Huron and also entertain family and friends; a place that made them feel as though they had captured elements of the places they have visited together and loved.

For Ian, a Collingwood native, the design aesthetic of the house hearkened back to the

summers he spent at his grandparents' cottage in White Point, N.S.

"The old resort lodge, which has since been rebuilt after being destroyed by a fire in 2011, has been a family retreat for three generations," explains Ian. "The old lodge had a huge fireplace built with river rocks that were likely found right on the coast during the initial construction. Bridget and I wanted to bring this idea into our new house for that coastal, beachy feel."



RIGHT: Simple design choices in the powder room allow for the patterned floor tile to make a statement without overpowering the small space. **MIDDLE RIGHT:** Mixing old and new. A modern chair is paired with a more traditional desk that belonged to Bridget's grandmother. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A jute rug in the lower level gathering area creates an instant beach vibe. **BELOW:** The whitewashed floors in the basement are reminiscent of driftwood and continue the light and airy feeling of the home.

STONINGTON
GRAY HC-170

SEA HAZE
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It worked out well that the couple were both interested in a clean, coastal vibe when it came to their home. Ian's blues blend seamlessly with Bridget's design aesthetic, a throwback to her own childhood. "I learned from my mom to keep things simple when it comes to colour, so I tend to use the pops of colour in my accent décor like pillows, wall art and flowers, Bridget explains. "My mom is a phenomenal interior decorator and this is likely where my own love and passion for design comes from." *Continued on page 92*



STONINGTON
GRAY HC-170

ABOVE: A deep, free-standing soaker tub is the perfect place for Bridget to unwind after a busy day. **TOP RIGHT:** The couple thoroughly enjoyed working with Heather Smillie and the knowledgeable staff at House Rules Design Shop when sourcing tile and flooring for the home. **RIGHT:** A double vanity with a central bank of drawers, undermount sinks, traditionally-styled lever faucets and sconce lighting in a custom cut mirror (Go Glass).



Bridget says the many tasteful blue pieces in the house are a nod to Ian's enduring love of the colour. In fact, she says they chose bright blue for the exterior of their home to remind them of the water, the ocean and the beach they both love so much.

The couple, who plan to marry this September in The Blue Mountains, are both self-described "beach bums." Bridget, who hails from Kincardine, has enjoyed the soothing, healing powers of being at the beach since childhood. Growing up on Blue Mountain, Ian is a natural athlete who always loved skiing, snowboarding, and mountain biking. But when he moved to Australia for two years, he picked up surfing and never looked back. Ian and Bridget travel to off-the-grid beach locales every winter, always looking for "little boutique hotels in small surf spots" like Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Barbados to catch some waves and avoid the winter.

But these days, it is the path from their door that leads them to Lake Huron that they love best. In their new home you are likely to find them in their elegant, warm kitchen cooking a little vegetarian fare à deux or

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gathered with friends and family around the large kitchen island – finished in a rich, classic navy in the otherwise soft white space (designed by **Ian Hackett** of **Dungannon Kitchens Ltd.**). Bridget might be soaking in a luxurious bubble bath in the master en suite, which is her favourite room in the house. Or you might find Ian in his own favourite space in the house: the garage, which tends to be his domain. Bridget notes that the other important family member of the house, their fluffy seven-year-old tabby cat Zoe, has claimed the master bedroom as her own private oasis. Zoe can always be found napping on their bed.

Working with **Steve Beisel**, the “wonderfully hands-on” owner of Beisel Contracting and Project Planner/Designer **Trevor Gamble**, they managed to create a space for everyone to enjoy their own little haven. In fact, Bridget says she still isn’t quite sure how Trevor managed to accomplish everything he did during construction.

As Ian and Bridget plan out the next projects for their home (landscaping and maybe a garden shed) they are looking towards their bright future. Currently, they are busy planning their upcoming wedding and have hopes to travel to a destination even further afield for a honeymoon getaway. After their honeymoon? Hopefully children one day. Happy little people who will grow up walking the path to the beach to swim and surf and play in the sand – and then return home to the little oasis their parents created. **OH**



SYLVAN MIST
CSP-740



TOP LEFT: Zoe curled up in her spot on the bed (linens from Harbour Rose). **ABOVE:** The antiqued white nightstand and glass table lamp with linen shade blend perfectly with the beachy, coastal aesthetic. **LEFT:** The main level principal suite is tucked away from the traffic areas of the home and feels like a peaceful retreat.



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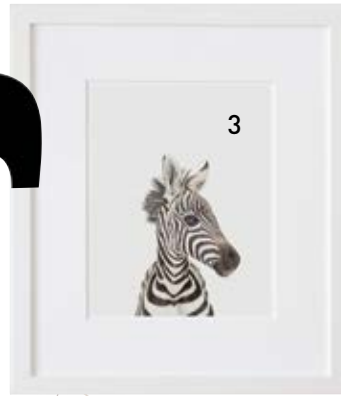
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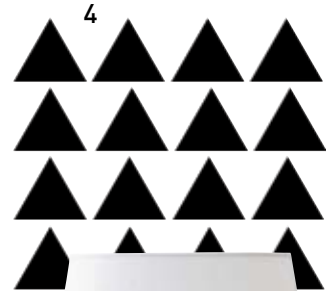
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the NURSERY

Few rooms in the home are more fun to decorate than a baby's room. We've gathered items in three different styles to inspire when decorating for that little bundle of joy.

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Babies love high-contrast, bold patterns because that's what they see best. Incorporating geometric patterns in a black and white palette in the baby's nursery can help stimulate their development.

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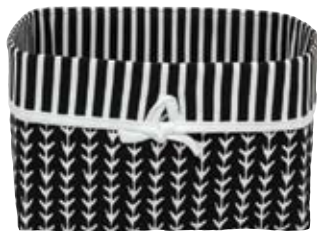
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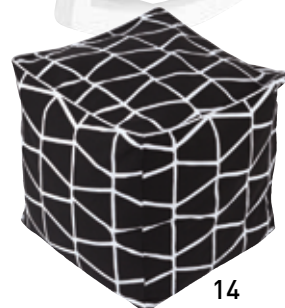
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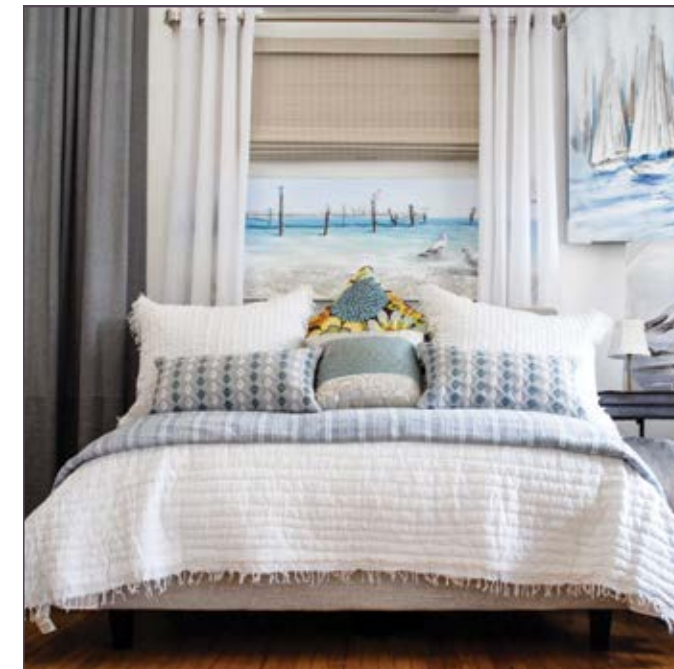
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- 3. **PETIT PEHR:** Little Lamb Mobile
- 4. **RENWIL:** Chelsea Lamp
- 5. **ARTERIORS:** Jesup Stool
- 6. **LIVING TEXTILES:** Tan Herring Fitted Crib Sheet
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For this special anniversary show, exhibitors will include guest artists and past members as well as current members of the Group. Works on display will run the gamut of paintings, drawings, mixed media works, pottery, fibre art, basketry, stained glass, woodturning, and folk art. This is a premium opportunity to buy that perfect gift, add to your collection, commission a new work, or become acquainted with artists whose work you may not have encountered before. Of course, browsers are welcome, too – a visit to The Show makes a great day trip! We look forward to welcoming you to the 20th Anniversary of one of Grey County's premier art events.

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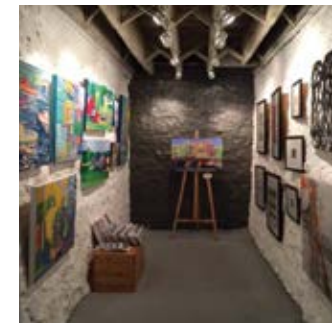
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RECIPE AND PHOTOGRAPHY **JENELLE MCCULLOCH**

This recipe is a party favourite. Inspired by Elotes – Mexican street food – we’ve finished it two ways, spicy or Italian. This fun classic starts with sweet grilled corn on the cob and homemade mayonnaise.



INGREDIENTS (Makes 6)

6 ears of corn, husked
oil for grilling

BASIC MAYONNAISE

1 ½ cups canola oil
2 egg yolks
2 Tbsp cold water
2 Tbsp lemon juice
1 tsp Dijon mustard
½ tsp salt

ITALIAN CORN GARLIC AND HERB MAYO

1 clove garlic, minced
1 tsp parsley finely chopped
1 tsp oregano, finely chopped
chopped parsley, for garnish
grated parmesan, for garnish

SPICY CORN SRIRACHA LIME MAYO

2 tsp sriracha sauce
1 tsp lime juice
chopped cilantro, for garnish



DIRECTIONS

- Preheat grill to a medium-high heat and brush with vegetable oil. Grill corn 7 to 10 minutes, rotating until each cob begins to brown.
- In a food processor or blender, add egg yolks, cold water, lemon juice, Dijon mustard and salt. Pulse to combine. With the mixer running slowly, drizzle in canola oil. The mayonnaise will begin to emulsify, become lighter in colour and then opaque. Remove and divide in two.
- **For Italian street corn**, add garlic and herbs to half of the mayonnaise, blend well. Spread generously onto three cobs of grilled corn and then sprinkle with grated parmesan and garnish with chopped parsley.
- **For spicy corn**, add sriracha sauce and lime juice to the other half of the mayonnaise, blend well. Drizzle over three cobs of grilled corn and garnish with chopped cilantro. **OH**

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