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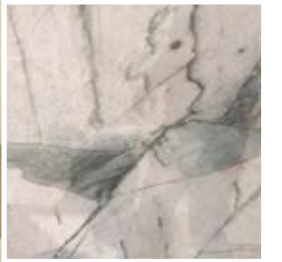
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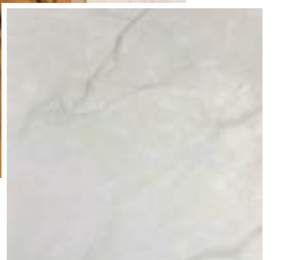
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ALTHOUGH LARGELY SELF-INDUCED – and perhaps combined with societal expectations (real or perceived?) – I felt tremendous pressure when I was 17 or 18 years old to map out my whole career trajectory.

My path involved taking a diverse selection of courses in various university settings, which culminated in a rather expensive liberal studies degree. Although I learned many valuable lessons in my post-secondary studies, including that accounting was definitely not in my future, it was actually a real world experience that led me back to the classroom to complete my diploma in interior design.

If there’s any advice I gleaned from my experience, it is that you cannot think your way through these things. What actually helps is the process of doing; trying something and course-correcting as required.

That’s why I think apprenticeships are so brilliant and so valuable. Not only do you get hands-on experience where you can discover what you’re good at and what you enjoy, but while you learn you are under the guidance of mentors who are experts in their field – talk about a major perk! Furthermore, it is quite possible to emerge from an apprenticeship with a good-paying job and money in your pocket – instead of starting out with an intimidating mountain of debt.

From the houses we live in, to the cars we drive, to the power that we all rely on, take a look at the world around and you’ll discover that there’s little that doesn’t require the touch of a tradesperson. And Canada is currently realizing a serious shortage of skilled trades.

In this issue I’m really excited to bring you a People feature that highlights apprentices and trades in Grey & Bruce counties who are finding fulfillment in their work. I hope it inspires young people to expand their horizons when considering their future career. There are so many opportunities right here – if you want to stay and enjoy this beautiful part of the country to build a future and raise a family – a career in the trades could be your ticket to a prosperous future.

Enjoy!

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NIGHT LIGHTS

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

First impressions matter, whether it's a single family bungalow or a condominium building. Outdoor lighting can improve curb appeal, welcome you home and make you feel safe and secure.

Because lighting choices and applications are limitless, you need a well-thought-out plan to help beautify your outdoor living space.

LIGHTING STRATEGY

What is your outdoor personality? To determine that, you'll need to ask:

What do I love most about my yard, patio or balcony?

When and how will I be using my outdoor space?

When and where is security lighting most important?

Do I need help? Can a professional help me achieve my objectives?

Lighting up your yard, garden, deck or patio is a great way to extend the square footage of your living space. It adds ambience to your home, promotes enjoyment and maximizes your entertainment space, adding to your personal style, comfort and convenience.

Strategic placement of fixtures can enhance the architecture and the use of your space. Here are some options:

Up-lighting – lights from below to create a focal point in the landscape

Wall washing – general illumination

Silhouetting – dramatizes an interesting shaped object

Step lighting – illuminates stairways and walkways

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Buy quality, long-lasting finishes.

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Colour temperature. Do you want cool or warm light? Selecting the correct lamp can dramatically change the look and feel of your outdoor space.

HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

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STORY **MELANIE REKOLA**

The addition of a fabulous outdoor structure enhances a backyard garden by providing an architectural destination to enjoy with family and friends. Garden structures firmly underpin and contrast the relaxed shapes of plants, thus providing valuable focal points.

Not only do garden structures provide functional requirements such as shade, shelter and privacy, they also enhance the landscape by adding opportunity to express one's individual personality and style.

Garden structures have countless uses – anything from saunas and yoga rooms to complete outdoor kitchens with fireplaces, pizza ovens and home theatres. They also come in many different shapes, forms and combinations. Let's take a closer look.

Cabana: A cabana (sometimes called a pool house) is basically a miniature house that usually shares architectural style with the existing home. They typically hold the pool equipment and have plumbing, electrical and fixtures just like any house, and can serve a multitude of functions in the backyard. Pool houses are the epitome of luxury and can even be equipped with glass walls and pocket doors that can open up fully for the summer months. They sometimes are designed with a pavilion or pergola attached to create a unique structure that maximizes outdoor living space.

Pergola: A pergola is an outdoor structure that consists of posts or columns and an open "roofing" grid of beams and rafters. Often rustic and made of wood (though sometimes modern and metal) these offer aesthetic value and a feeling of walls and ceiling. They provide some sun protection by way of light filtration but not any real protection from rain and other adverse weather. An option is to build it with a louvered cover system that can open and shut as needed, offering maximum versatility. They can be freestanding or attached to the home, depending on the structure and rooflines with pillars added to the posts if appropriate for the space.

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Pavilion: A pavilion is an open-air structure with a solid roof. They generally don't have walls but are sometimes enclosed on one or two sides for privacy or wind shelter. A wonderful function of having a solid roof is that these spaces are protected from the elements so there's no need to store outdoor cushions or apply furniture coverings. These spaces are ideal as outdoor living rooms complete with plush sofas, toss pillows and, of course, a freestanding fireplace.

Gazebo: Similar to a pavilion and offering many of the same functional benefits, a gazebo has a solid roof and no walls but with one key difference – they are always octagonal in shape. These fit in well to country settings but in a modern application they often look awkward.

TIP: Sometimes prefabricated metal and cloth canopy structures (typically sold by big box stores) are also called gazebos. Though these are tempting because of their price point, they are a temporary solution and will require frequent replacement.



Greenhouse: Perhaps these buildings are self-explanatory but couldn't you just imagine a gorgeous glass greenhouse in your backyard filled with lavish plants and a swanky little seating set ready for afternoon tea or an evening glass of vino? As these are prefabricated, there is no need for architectural design, though proper placement is crucial. Buyers beware – permits may also apply!

Though a landscape designer can provide concept plan and inspirational photos as the starting point for outdoor structure design, most will require a technical draftsman to blend detailing with local building code requirements. This can be accomplished

through some combination of a Landscape Architect/Engineer/Builder/Architectural Technologist. Designing an outdoor structure is a process and a specialty field – larger structures will require building permits and zoning permissions.

As the illustrious Benjamin Franklin once said, “The bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten.” The application of this phrase to outbuilding construction is no exception. Be forewarned – great tradespeople are in short supply and many good builders are already fully booked a whole year in advance. Take your time to find the construction company that's right for you and be prepared to wait for the perfect end result. **OH**

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The interior of a California home reflects a certain reverence for the vast and diverse landscapes found within the state, which include the redwood forests, cliffs along the Pacific Ocean, countless sandy beaches, Red Rock Canyon, Joshua Tree National Park in the Mojave Desert or Lake Tahoe – just to name a few. The connection to the outdoors is a central tenet in creating a space that aligns with the style of the Golden State.

With approximately 300 days of sunshine, Californians are well known for enjoying the out-of-doors and are recognized for being early adopters of sustainable initiatives and organic lifestyles. This connection to the landscape means that interior living environments often naturally extend to terraces and spaces that meld the worlds of indoor and outdoor living.

Inspired and influenced by the landscape, California style can be described as casual, relaxed and organic while also reflecting a deliberate less-is-more approach to obtain a look of curated minimalism. However, this simplistic approach is combined with the thoughtful layering of textures and a keen attention to natural and artificial lighting, which creates a warm and inviting space.

PALETTE

To create this look in your own home, begin with a soft, neutral backdrop in a muted palette of whites and ivories for walls and ceilings to make the space feel bright, fresh and airy. Try Benjamin Moore's Steam (AF-15), White Down (CC-50) or Deep In Thought (AF-30). A plaster finish would be a welcome, warm element that references the Spanish influence of the Adobe architectural style.



TEXTURE

Add in layers of natural textures such as heavy sisal and jute with softer elements such as a light cotton Turkish throw and breezy linen draperies. Natural, wire brushed and white-washed woods, worn leather, wrought iron and many handmade artisan elements such as woven baskets and imperfect pottery are also common design details.

Bohemian touches like patterned tiles and textiles such as vintage Moroccan rugs, Turkish kilims, Navajo weaving or African mud cloth can add a focal statement piece while anchoring the space with a splash of colour and another layer of visual interest.

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FURNISHINGS

Another common design statement is created by carefully selecting furniture that is practical in nature and beautifully simple in form. As a mecca of mid-century modern design, the influence of this movement is evident in the clean lines and modern forms that have become synonymous with Californian style (think Palm Springs, home to Modernism Week, which is devoted to celebrating and fostering an appreciation for mid-century design and architecture.)

GREENERY

Bring the natural world indoors with lots of greenery through house plants. Try an oversize fig tree, a rubber tree, which are surprisingly easy to care for, cacti, or native botanicals to add the fresh feeling of Mother Nature in your living space. Integrating natural elements such as driftwood and other treasures found along the shore is another common way to accessorize the home.

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WALL ART

Art that is simple in form and appropriately scaled in tones reminiscent of the sand, ocean and desert landscapes complete the look. Adorn the walls with simple line drawings, textural woven wall hangings or paintings of native plants and animals to create a design aesthetic consistent with California style. **OH**

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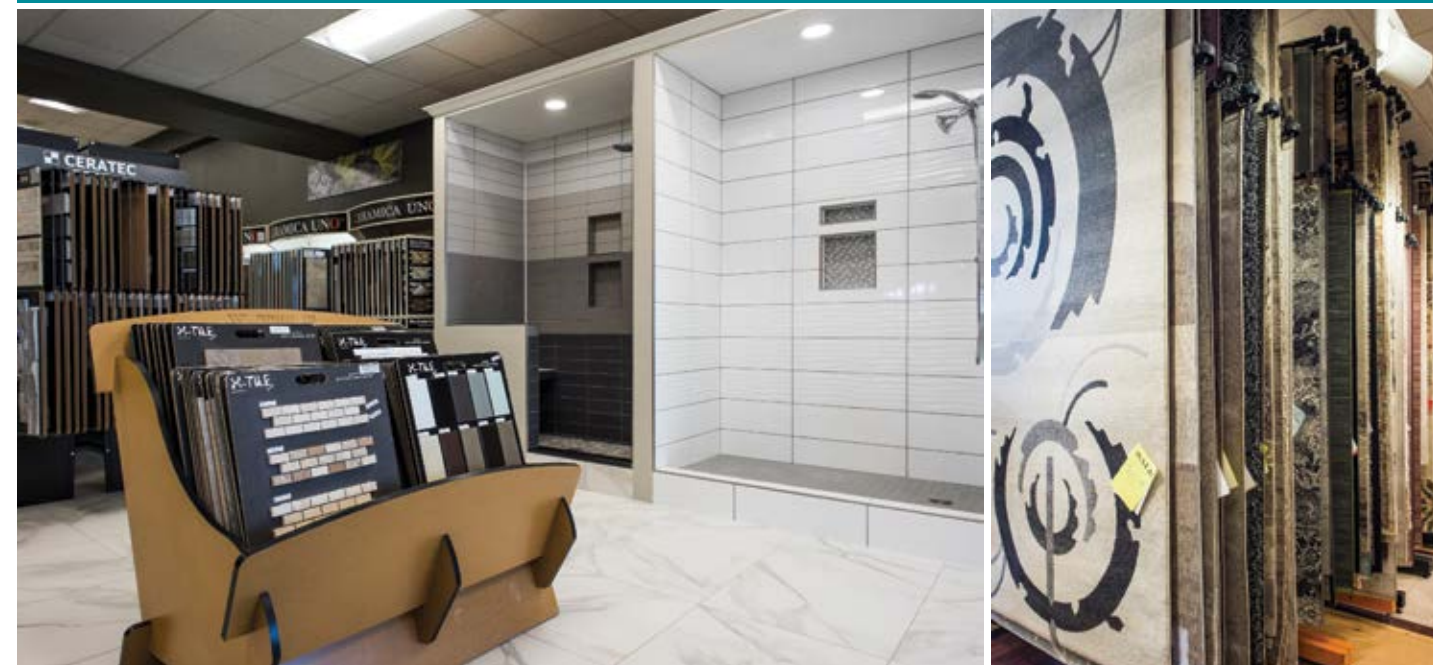
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The beauty of top-down cellular blinds is on full display in the open-concept main floor living area. They provide a view to nature and allow the sun to shine in – all while maintaining privacy. **RIGHT:** The blue lattice-weave wallcovering is a graphic welcome at the front entrance. The shape of the wall mirror is echoed in the door fronts of the white console cabinet. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A bench from her previous home received a fresh coat of paint in the recurring bold blue hue and was completed with a seat cushion and matching pillow in a floral upholstery.

IS IT RURAL LIVING, AN ESCAPE TO THE BEACH OR THAT LOOK-OF-LUXE YOU DAYDREAM ABOUT? *Continued on page 34*



feature

BELOW: The skylight floods the island in natural light. A mix of materials, patterns and finishes creates a refined coastal elegance feel. **RIGHT:** The sailboat art by Susan Seitz displays the home's colour scheme all in one piece. **FAR RIGHT:** Cabinetry above a sink can feel heavy – but the subtle obscure glass and display is a great trick to keep the space feeling light.



Hanover resident **Conny Detzler** wanted it all and proved it possible when she purchased her home on Lake Rosalind two years ago.

And today, while she enjoys the aforementioned, getting there didn't happen overnight. It took sacrifice and dedication, which has most certainly paid off.

To bring her wish to life, Detzler said goodbye to her farm in Mildmay, as well as her cottage in Lurgan Beach. Today, she is not only a short distance from her Hanover business **House Rules Design Shop**, but just steps from dipping her toes in the lake.

Working alongside her business partner and designer **Heather Smillie**, and the team at House Rules, Detzler captured all of the elements she desired in the breathtaking design that transformed her 1990s, one-storey home into a space that is bright and fresh year-round.

The view from the front door draws your attention through large windows at the back of the home (**Premier Windows & Doors Ltd.**) that reveal the small inland lake, one in a series of small lakes in the area.

Natural light envelops the room, bouncing off walls painted Silent Smoke by PPG, art by **Susan Seitz** and accessories that help create a relaxing retreat.

Detzler created a clean, fresh space, both coastal and contemporary in design with complements of blue throughout the home.



An eye-catching wallcovering in blue hangs in the front foyer on the way to the well-appointed kitchen.

Detzler isn't the only one in her family with an eye for design. Her nephew, **Mike Smith** of **Beachwood Cabinetry**, installed her kitchen in vivid white to complement the gorgeous quartz counters with veins of whites and subtle grey.

Not a fan of stainless steel appliances, Detzler opted for her appliances (**Eurohome Kitchens & Appliances**) to be hidden behind the cabinetry. Her marble-tile backsplash adds more elegance to the space. Candles, vases and pottery add a special touch. A wet bar adjacent to the kitchen reflects the same cabinetry, counters and marble backsplash and is home to her lakeside essentials – an espresso maker, built-in wine rack and concealed bar fridge.

A large skylight over the kitchen illuminates the space, while a charming built-in bench beneath a bay window in the dining area offers not only a place to sit but added storage. Cellular blinds that have the top-down/bottom-up feature adorn the windows, maximizing sunlight and providing privacy.

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TOP LEFT: Whether watching TV (HDTV and Electronics), enjoying conversation or taking in the view of the lake, swivel chairs are a great multi-purpose solution to open-concept living. **LEFT:** Whether coffee or cocktails, the beverage centre enhances the functionality of the space when entertaining. **ABOVE:** A chaise extension on the sofa adds another layer of comfort to the space.



Additional pops of blue can be found in other textiles throughout the space, including graphic custom curtains (House Rules Design Shop) and matching pillows in the sitting area, as well as in bar stools wrapping the kitchen island.

Detzler’s bedroom, another large bedroom, a guest bath and laundry room share the main level with the kitchen and great room. Sliding doors access a balcony, which shares the same view as her bedroom.

Although the house underwent a complete renovation (interior by **Jim Niesen**, exterior by **McClement & Shewfelt Construction Ltd.**), Detzler says there wasn’t much that needed to change from the original layout of the home other than swapping out the former living room and guest room for her principal bedroom and en suite. “This room offers a panoramic view,” she says.

TOP LEFT: The main level balcony, accessible off the living space, is a great spot to enjoy coffee in the morning. **TOP RIGHT:** A completely custom bed set is created by elevating a timeless white duvet cover with decorative pillows and matching bed scarf. **RIGHT:** Whether lying in bed or working at the desk, the room offers a fantastic view of the water. Blue cellular shades echo the painted blue accent wall directly opposite.



Detzler incorporated the existing gas fireplace by painting out its brick in warm white, added a built-in desk and accentuated the home’s theme by opting for a blue accent wall behind her bed.

The en suite design spares no detail. Beautiful white and grey ceramic tile has been arranged in a chevron pattern as an accent behind the free-standing soaker tub, while large stone tiles in warm greys make up the backdrop in the glass walk-in shower. Detzler also incorporated a dressing area into the space where large, custom built-in cabinets and shelves house her clothing and shoes.

Her white quartz-topped vanity is illuminated by unique Brizo sconces (House Rules Design Shop) on the mirror.

“I love these sconces,” Detzler says. “They have nightlights in the bottom cascading the light onto the countertops.”

Another added bonus is the toilet room, with a bidet that washes and dries, and a lid that raises automatically. It is the utmost in lavatory luxury. *Continued on page 38*



ABOVE: The single basin vanity design provides ample storage while the expanse of mirror with integrated lighting is a great way to make the space feel larger. **FAR LEFT:** The geometric chevron pattern in porcelain tile provides a bold focal behind the tub in the en suite. **LEFT:** Instead of taking up valuable space in the lakeview principal bedroom, Detzler’s closet is conveniently located at the back of the en suite.



In order to create the large principal bath, the guest bath on the main floor was scaled back in size, but has luxe herringbone tile work on the walls and modern finishes.

The guest room, with the same Fuzion engineered hardwood (House Rules Design Shop) found throughout most of the home, has a beautifully crafted four poster bed (**West Bros Furniture**) and is decorated with coral colours, contrary to the rest of the home's palette, but much the same as a second guest room's desirable décor downstairs.

Detzler bought all new furnishings for her new space, sourcing favourites at House Rules Design Shop, **Smitty's Fine Furniture**, **Schreiter's Home Furnishings**, **Schuett Furniture & Appliances** and West Bros Furniture). She kept a few sentimental pieces, including the refinished bench in the foyer.

Stairs off the foyer (**Queen's Bush Stairworks**) lead to Detzler's walkout basement.

Unlike most lower levels of a home, the basement is a breath of fresh air with fabulous views out over the dock and impressive landscaping (**Ground Effects Landscapes**).

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ABOVE: The main-floor guest room offers a pop of coral as the accent colour, a contrast to the bold blue throughout the rest of the home. **RIGHT:** The main floor laundry has a large wash up sink and pull down faucet. **FAR RIGHT:** With lots of natural light, you'd never know this guest room was located on the lower level.



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Downstairs, warm, neutral carpet (House Rules Design Shop, installed by **Ron Stephen**) can be found in the sitting area, while the rest of the flooring has been done in luxury vinyl plank wood-look flooring. Its cork backing keeps not only the floor warm but the space too. The basement is also equipped with a small kitchenette, which allowed for Detzler to live down there while work was being done on the main floor.

“It’s great for guests, and it keeps it private for them,” she says.

A gas fireplace (**JSW Heating, Cooling and Refrigeration**), large scale sofas and walkout doors complete the space.

Whether catching the morning sun from the Muskoka chairs outside (**Topnotch Furniture**) or gazing at the night sky with an uninterrupted view from the hot tub (**Water & Wellness**) it’s no wonder company doesn’t want to leave.

“A lot of people don’t know it’s here, and it’s only a mile out of Hanover,” Detzler says. “It’s only one place to maintain. This is my house and cottage in one.” **OH**



TOP LEFT: An additional dining area can be found on the lower level, easily accessible to the barbeque and patio area when entertaining. **TOP RIGHT:** A large sectional in the lower level boasts throw pillows that tie together the blue and coral schemes found throughout. **FAR LEFT:** Conny Detzler with her granddaughters Avery and Tia at the water’s edge. **LEFT:** A stone pathway connects the large terrace and outdoor living space with the home.

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LOOK FOR: Wool in a tight weave.

TIP: Bend the rug on a diagonal to make sure there isn’t excess empty space between the rows of fibres for soil to gather.



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Individual pendant lights may not be worth moving from home to home, but a grand chandelier is forever. Plus, it can be enjoyed from all angles and makes a natural focal point, so it’s worth investing a bit to get something that stands up to all the extra attention. For the best long-term investment, choose a handcrafted one-of-a-kind piece, or look for a style that has lasted for at least 15 years (such as a French mid-century period crystal chandelier), to avoid passing fads.

LOOK FOR: Honest finishes like smoked glass or bronze, rather than faux finishes like gold-plate.

TIP: Choose one with an adjustable cord or chain, so it can be rehung in a taller or lower space later.

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LOOK FOR: Timeless natural shades like tan or soft grey.

TIP: Choose a simple and understated style that's truly comfortable, and then customize with beautiful one-of-a-kind vintage pillows. Think Hermès scarves turned into pillows.



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LOOK FOR: Clear, flawless glass.

TIP: A traditional mirrored frame with bevels and facets will be the most timeless.



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A PAIR OF CHAIRS

Whether you host massive family gatherings or intimate dinners, every home probably needs at least two great one-of-a-kind vintage chairs. While mixing and contrasting your furniture gives great creative results, having at least one matching pair gives lots of options: they can be part of a living room set, serve as end chairs anchoring a dining table, or be broken up to give differing rooms a sense of continuity.

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THROUGH THE LENS

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



HISTORY: A native to Wales, Carol Norris, owner of **Light House Photo Gallery**, felt an instant connection to the beauty of Southampton on the shores of Lake Huron when she was 16 years old, while visiting from England on a family holiday. Many years later, she packed up and moved to the quaint summer town, a place she has called home for the past 20 years. Norris always felt an urge to follow her creative instinct, but had difficulty knowing what to pursue – until she immersed herself in photography after receiving a camera as a gift. Within two years, she entered her work in competitions, won several international awards and opened her first gallery in Southampton – and she has had a gallery in the town ever since.

PASSION: With a passion for capturing wildlife, Norris will sit in farm fields for days to get the perfect shot. She has ventured to the arctic tundra to photograph seals and polar bears in temperatures of -40 C. She will get up and head out at all hours of the day to capture a shot.

THE JOURNEY: Travelling the world is part of her job and her trips are entirely focused on work. She spends months planning and timing her travels so she can capture the almond blossoms in California, the lavender in Provence, the tulips in the Netherlands. Each year she releases a new collection of images. A master purist, her photos are exactly as she sees it through the viewfinder and receive no digital retouching or alteration.

WHAT'S HOT: A new offering to the studio is printing images on white metal, which is glare free and waterproof so you can now hang art on decks and patios. Her gallery is only a small snippet of the photos she has available. Norris also carries a diverse collection of one-of-a-kind items and giftware from other Canadian artists.



SERVICES: Norris will visit your home, office or cottage to help with size, scale and colour options for art that will complement your specific space. Custom framing is a new offering at the gallery, performed by Norris's partner Ruben Romero.

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PEACH MIXTURE

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- 1 tsp cinnamon

Dice peaches and add to saucepan with honey and cinnamon. Heat until soft, then set aside to cool.

COCONUT CARAMEL

- 1 can (14 oz) full fat coconut milk
- ½ cup coconut sugar
- ¼ cup honey
- 1 Tbsp coconut oil
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Sea salt

Combine coconut milk, coconut sugar and honey in a saucepan and heat over medium.

Cook for 10-15 minutes or until thickened.

Remove from heat and add coconut oil, vanilla and a pinch of sea salt.

Set aside to cool.

COCONUT MILK MIXTURE

- 1 can (14 oz) coconut milk
- 1 Tbsp honey

Mix together coconut milk and 1 tablespoon of honey, set aside.

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Using popsicle moulds, spoon in peach mixture then coconut caramel until each mould is half full.

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Down by the BAY

STORY **AMANDA MOORE**
PHOTOGRAPHY **DARREN BOSCH**

Those who choose to make roots in Grey and Bruce do so for its natural beauty. **Mark** and **Ken Hutten**, owners of **Hutten & Co. Land and Shore**, share that passion for the area's innate wonder. They work with the rugged landscape to create subtle, yet magnificent, outdoor spaces for their clients that blend naturally with the land and shores of beautiful Georgian Bay. We tour three of their distinctive projects.

A MODERN VIEW

Extensive planning and site work combined with professional experience and skill enabled the team at **Hutten & Co. Land and Shore** to make this cottage getaway on the Bruce Peninsula appear as though it fits right into its natural surroundings. This was achieved despite the significant challenges of minimal existing soil on the property, an extreme fall in elevation, combined with difficult lakeside access, which required the use of a crane to boom materials up and over the dwelling.

✔ To eliminate the roadside exposure and create the privacy a weekend getaway desires, towering mature trees were brought in and planted in large berms of soil with automated irrigation to ensure establishment. The entrance pathway was created with large slabs of natural stone that meander casually through the trees, creating a soft and inviting juxtaposition against the striking modern architecture of the cottage.



« A large, elevated lakeside flagstone terrace, which is retained by layers of strategically placed armour stone, spans the breadth of the cottage and offers a stunning view of the bay, which is unobstructed by the installation of frameless glass railings. The entire patio is heated with geothermal in a concrete sub-base to extend the outdoor season, whether dining, gathering around the seamlessly integrated wood fire pit, or grilling at the custom barbecue.

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Due to the dramatic differentiation in elevation, the shore bunkie is a prominent feature from the upper tier terrace of the main dwelling. Hutten & Co. provided a dramatic visual improvement to the structure with the creation of a low maintenance, permeable LiveRoof system, which now blends into the natural environment.

Additional elements of this project include low voltage accent lighting throughout the landscape to highlight special features; a large custom sculpture that replicates a corkscrew (a wedding gift from family); a private zen garden that is a prime location at sunrise, and a Super Duty marine grade aluminum dock installed by Hutten & Co. and designed to withstand years in the rough waters. *Continued on page 64*

Large stones hug the grade and meander down to the bunkie and towards the shoreline for a more intimate view of the bay.



SOURCE GUIDE

Landscape: Hutten & Co. Land and Shore (stone patios and firepit, oversized natural stone slab pathways, extensive gardens, mature tree installation, LiveRoof green roof, low voltage lighting, sculpture installation, super duty dock)
Landscape Design: Hutten & Co. / Brydges Landscape Architecture Inc.
Home Builder: Hepburn Masonry & Contracting
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SOUND HAVEN

The owners of this Craftsman-style cottage on the marvelous shores of Georgian Bay near Owen Sound wanted an oasis with plenty of space for entertaining, lounging, swimming and hitting the courts. Hutten & Co. Land and Shore took a multi-phase approach to their clients' request and created a park-like atmosphere, which weaves around the property, blending modern features into the natural background. A significant challenge for the crew was re-naturalizing the site after extensive excavation and deconstruction of the property during the home build.

» An important element of this project was to integrate the regulation-size tennis court into the landscape to create appeal, while ensuring it was not the primary focus. The solution was to border the court with natural stone pathways, native plant life and trees, which will allow the court to further blend in with the surrounding woodlot as the trees mature.



» Lakeside landscape challenges included working within the setbacks regulated by the local conservation authority. Mass plantings buffer the multi-tier deck lounge from the driveway, while the various levels flow with the grading of the site and provide areas for recreation, dining and unwinding. A view to the lake is highlighted through the glass railings from the mid-tier deck, where a space-saving swim spa was installed with built-in speakers, a relaxing hot tub lounge and an automatic cover, installed flush with the composite decking. A step down and the owners can relax around the custom copper gas-burning fire bowl and gaze at the rocky shores of Georgian Bay.



» Subtle, automated low voltage lighting enables the homeowners to enjoy the outdoors late into the evening without distracting from the natural beauty of their surroundings. Steps take them from the deck to a stone walkway, which leads to the water's edge. *Continued on page 66*



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» Masonry walls designed to tie into the architecture of the house and custom timber frame arbours and fencing are features that create a welcoming invitation to explore.

» The homeowners can weave the paths that take them from one end of their waterfront property to the other and revel in the haven that Hutten & Co. have created with naturalized meadows and garden beds – all highlighted by the beauty of the bay.

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SOURCE GUIDE

- Landscape:** Hutten & Co. Land and Shore (stone paths/patios, driveway, deck, low voltage lighting, planting, stone retention, wood screens)
- Landscape Design:** Hutten & Co. Land and Shore / Brydges Landscape Architecture
- Home Builder:** Berner Contracting
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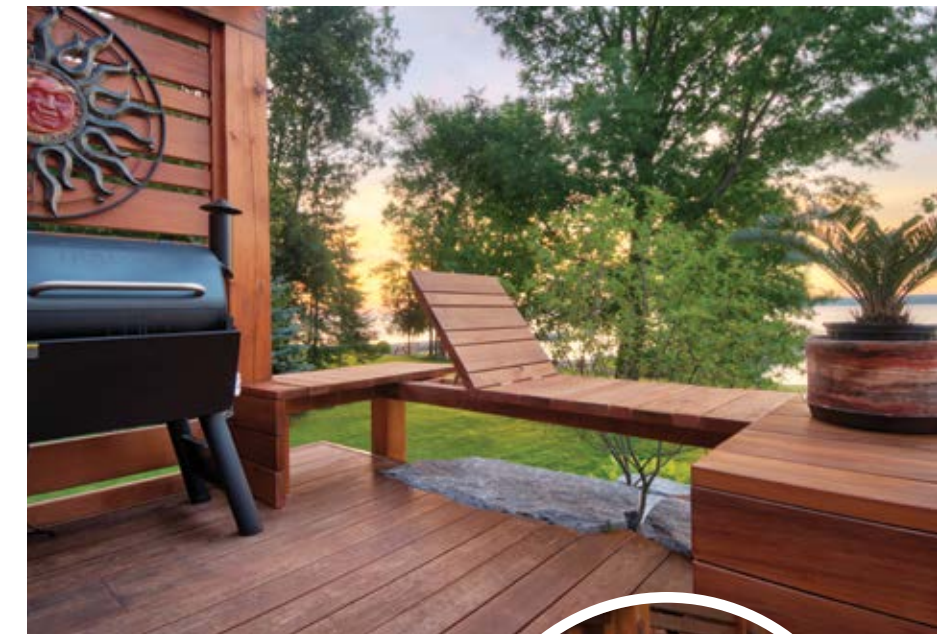
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» The deck area also features a built-in bench, which can recline or lay flat, and built-in kayak storage.

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BAYSIDE ESCAPE

This outdoor retreat just outside of Owen Sound offers plenty of entertaining space just steps from the water's edge. Hutten & Co. Land and Shore were tasked with creating water view entertaining space on the property's steep Georgian Bay shoreline. A lot of work went into crafting the perfect lakeside lounge area which takes advantage of the property's extensive views of the bay. To achieve this, Hutten & Co. created a deck and patio area that come together seamlessly, allowing the owners to enjoy every inch of their waterfront paradise.

» The lakeside deck features a custom kitchen and bar area with plenty of space to entertain while enjoying the natural surroundings. Hutten & Co. Land and Shore chose clear cedar planks for the cabinetry and oversize timbers to construct a pergola over the entertaining area, which features privacy shades. A food-preparation area features stainless steel countertops, a smoker, bar fridge and wall-mounted television, which can be viewed from the custom bar. The two-tiered, cedar bar is accented with natural-edge stone counters.



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« The wood deck sits flush with a surrounding stone patio, and creates a spot that offers the best views of the rugged Georgian Bay landscape. A casual hangout area is created with Muskoka chairs and a large, rustic fire bowl.

» To achieve this flush aesthetic, Hutten & Co. built tiered, armour stone retaining walls which they softened with a variety of plant species. A blend of low-lying native and ornamental plants, and a few select ornamental trees add visual interest without disturbing the natural beauty of the water. **OH**

SOURCE GUIDE

Landscape: Hutten & Co. Land and Shore (pergola and bar, stone patio, fire feature, steps and retaining, deck, low voltage lighting, gardens and planting)
Landscape Design: Hutten & Co. Land and Shore



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THE NEXT GENERATION OF TRADES

PHOTOGRAPHY SARAH TACOMA

As the demand for skilled tradespeople continues to rise, an apprenticeship can lead to a fulfilling career with a bright future. Kudos to local companies that sponsor, train and mentor this new generation.

JOSH PAYLOR
RED SEAL CARPENTER
Candue Homes

What drew you towards a career as a general carpenter?
From a young age, I was involved in the “construction world” as I grew up in a family that was heavily involved in the trade. I enjoyed rolling up my sleeves and getting my hands dirty, building or tinkering with any type of project. From that point, I knew I wanted to partake in the trade, mainly the carpentry aspect as a career.

What do you enjoy most about your job experience so far?
My job experience so far has allowed me to advance my carpentry skills because of the challenges I face daily. I enjoy coming to work every day tasked with a new opportunity and fulfilling it. It is very rewarding to view a tangible accomplishment knowing that I helped make a homeowner’s dream come true.

Any advice for other people interested in pursuing a trade?
My advice for those who are interested in pursuing a trade is to never give up even if the going gets tough because at the end of the day we are building a world for others.



MELISSA BURGER
INDUSTRIAL MILLWRIGHT APPRENTICE
Bruce Power

What interested you in an apprenticeship as an industrial millwright? I’ve always enjoyed working with my hands and problem solving. Growing up on a farm, I often spent time out in the shop with my dad (who is also a millwright) watching and helping him fix various pieces of equipment. I initially took the Welding Techniques program at Georgian College, and although I enjoyed being employed as a welder, I was always looking to expand my knowledge and skill set. An opportunity arose for an Industrial Millwright apprenticeship with Bruce Power and I was fortunate to be chosen for the position.

What do you enjoy most about your work experience so far? I enjoy the hands on learning. I am very privileged to be working with and learning from extremely knowledgeable and highly skilled journeypersons here at Bruce Power. There’s always new challenges.

Any advice for other people looking to pursue a trade? Choosing a career in the trades will be one of the most rewarding choices a person can make. There will always be a need for tradespeople and the possibilities could be endless in where that career can take you, if you’re willing to put in the effort.

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MATT HOOPER
PLUMBING APPRENTICE
*Sandy Hamilton Plumbing
& Heating Inc.*

What drew you towards an apprenticeship in plumbing? I just started with Sandy Hamilton this year. I had originally started in the trades working for a HVAC company that was geared towards hydronic heating, which started the transition into plumbing. I recently relocated and was excited to become a part of Sandy's team and work towards completing my apprenticeship.

What do you enjoy most about your job experience so far? One aspect of the job that I enjoy is helping people who are having plumbing issues. The appreciation they show when we fix the problem is rewarding. I also really enjoy getting to see some of the beautiful homes our area has to offer.

Any advice for other people interested in pursuing a trade? It's never too late to get started. I didn't get a job in the trade until I was 23. With the high demand for skilled labourers on the rise, there are many job opportunities available.

TRAVIS MARSHALL
RESIDENTIAL SHEET METAL
APPRENTICE
*Sandy Hamilton Plumbing
& Heating Inc.*

What drew you towards an apprenticeship? I have always had an interest in learning a trade and Sandy Hamilton gave me the opportunity to pursue the heating/HVAC trade and I haven't looked back since.

What do you enjoy most about your work experience so far? The most enjoyable aspect of my job would have to be all the knowledge you learn on a daily basis.

Any advice for others interested in pursuing a trade? It would be to just go for it! Trades are in high demand and there is always work in the industry.

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What drew you towards a career in carpentry? I worked for a carpenter while in high school and I discovered that I really liked to build things. When I found a job that became available, I took it and was able to work full time while earning my carpentry licence.

What do you enjoy most about your job experience so far? I really enjoy working outdoors, even though not all of our projects are outside. It is also great to see the progress of your work every day. It's great to see projects come together and having a part in that completion.

Any advice for other people interested in pursuing a trade? Do it! When you participate in an apprenticeship, you get an education while you are getting paid. And you don't come out of it with any debt. It's a win/win for anyone interested in a skilled trade.

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STEPHEN WARDS

PLUMBING APPRENTICE
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What drew you towards an apprenticeship in plumbing? During high school I soon discovered that my hands-on learning skills outweighed my university level academics in class. Unsure of which avenue in the trades to try, my dad suggested plumbing. I completed a co-op in high school through the OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program) with a local plumber and I realised that there is a demand in the area for plumbers in both new construction and service calls.

What do you enjoy most about your job experience so far? So far I enjoy the different varieties of work that plumbing and heating offer. Between the new construction projects, renovations, service calls, hydronic heating and water treatment, there is never a dull moment in the trade.

Any advice for other people interested in pursuing a trade? I'd advise them to do their research and gain insight into what is fully involved in the trade. I highly recommend the high school OYAP program because as a student it really helped guide me into a career without a commitment to costly post-secondary education.

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What drew you towards an apprenticeship? It provides me the opportunity to further my knowledge in the horticulture industry, increase my personal growth and leadership skills while getting the hands-on training and the experience I need to advance in my career.

What do you enjoy most about your work experience so far? Working on diverse projects from start to finish and learning along the way. I enjoy that amazing feeling after completing a project and seeing the happiness it brings to the clients when their landscape is complete. All the support and resources I have received from all the great people at Hutten & Co. is spectacular!

What advice do you have for others interested in pursuing a trade? Don't hesitate to ask questions about training opportunities. You will gain information that will expand your mind on what's out there. Opportunities and meeting new peers and lifelong industry connections will open new doors in your career in the most positive way. It benefits yourself and the sponsors who have supported you.

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What drew you towards an apprenticeship as a refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic? I wanted to get out in the workforce and earn an income as soon as I could. Since I like to work with my hands I decided an apprenticeship would be right up my alley. The added bonus is that you get paid while completing a certification.

What do you enjoy most about your job experience so far? Here at South-Port Mechanical/Geothermal Inc., I get to work on new products, meet new people and learn on a daily basis. I'm not the sort of person to sit behind a desk, I like to keep busy so this career path has been great for me.

Any advice for other people interested in pursuing a trade? Trades are in very high demand in Ontario, and if you're analytical and good at problem solving, a trade will be right up your alley. Math skills are also important and so are communication skills, as you're often dealing with clients and suppliers to complete a job. Tradespeople are always going to be needed, no matter what sector you may choose. **OH**

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LAKE SIDE *getaway*

When spring turns to summer the Macdonald family gathers regularly at their idyllic waterfront cottage on Lake Eugenia. It's a slice of paradise purchased more than 30 years ago by **Phil Macdonald**'s father and mother Charlie and Peggy. It has become a peaceful paradise enjoyed annually by three generations of Macdonalds.

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STORY **AMANDA MOORE**
PHOTOGRAPHY **SANDY MACKAY**

A primarily neutral design palette is brought to life with a lovely mix of materials, finishes and textures.

feature

Located just a short drive from their hometown of Meaford, the summer retreat is also close to the family business – **Leon’s**, with locations in Collingwood, Owen Sound and Orillia.

The first small cottage, built in the 1960s, served the family well, but it had seen better days. In November 2016, Phil and Marcia Macdonald began the process of building a new cottage.

The original plan was for a modest replacement of the well-loved summer retreat. However, Architectural Technologist **Jane Cameron** of **Life Home Design** designed bigger plans to suit the growing needs of the family. **Rick Eidenmueller** of **Richwood Builders** led the build team. The end result is a space that is serene, beautiful, functional and low-maintenance.

The Macdonalds called in independent stylist **Ellen Oelbaum** to furnish and accessorize the entire cottage. Everything Oelbaum used to style the home came from Leon’s. All furnishings, accessories, appliances and electronics are from Leon’s.

Oelbaum is an experienced interior and exterior stylist who believes in the power of beautiful spaces to transform daily lives. She takes inspiration from fashion and social media and focuses on texture, mixing old and new, all while creating flow. Oelbaum loves to provide a fun and friendly styling experience.

“It really is something,” says Phil, seated at



Independent Stylist Ellen Oelbaum transformed the Macdonalds’ cottage. She works with both residential and commercial clients. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The sunroom provides lots of seating and is a pleasant space to be regardless of the weather. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A wet bar is the perfect complement to lakeside living, complete with beverage cellar and commercial grade ice maker.



FAR LEFT: Benjamin Moore’s Ballerina White adorns the walls and allows the dark finish of the bedroom set and cheery yellow accents to really pop. **LEFT:** White, black and hits of greenery create a serene feeling in the powder room. **BELOW:** A vaulted front foyer with white painted tongue and groove ceiling, a large industrial-inspired Edison bulb fixture, and rough-sawn timber details all set the atmosphere for the cottage.

a trestle-style dining table for 12 while waves gently roll on the lake behind him. “This is grander than we ever expected and we love it.”

The Macdonalds wanted a retreat that would not only suit their requirements, but also those of their children and grandchildren.

“There can either be zero people here or there can be 20,” says Marcia. “We wanted a year-round, multigenerational space with a layout that allowed for three generations to live together while also having quiet areas.”

Cameron achieved that by designing the space to include both common and private zones. For example, on the 2,200 sq. ft. main floor, the sunroom (**Centre Grey Building Supplies**) is positioned adjacent to the primary entertaining space, and it can easily function as a private, quiet area by simply closing the doors. The Macdonalds chose simple furnishings for the brightly-lit sunroom space. A taupe fabric sofa is paired with Muskoka-style chairs outfitted with modern, mocha cushions. The coffee table and television stand add a rustic touch with their distressed finishes. The neutral tones don’t distract from the panoramic views of the lake, which can be taken in through the large windows from **Van Dolder’s Custom Exteriors**.

The main-floor principal suite and a guest bedroom are thoughtfully positioned off the open area to maximize privacy.

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TOP LEFT: Easily accessible hooks and a bench to perch on create a functional and coastal-inspired mudroom. **TOP MIDDLE:** Life on the lake doesn't come without laundry – at least this steam washer and steam dryer save time ironing! **LEFT:** The large charcoal island has lots to offer, including low maintenance and durable quartz counters, a prep sink, plenty of uninterrupted work space and a view to the lake. **ABOVE:** The iron finish in the pair of light fixtures above the island is repeated in the counter-height stools as well as the clock.

The large main area looks out onto the sparkling shores of the lake and includes the rustically-furnished great room, kitchen and dining area. **Mark Higginson** of **Natural Stonescapes** completed the landscaping.

For flooring, they selected a wood grain, luxury vinyl plank flooring for the main floor of the house from **Georgian Design Centre**.

"It's indestructible," says Phil. "Tough as nails and it doesn't fade in the sun. The kids can come in from the lake, tracking in water and sand and we can just wipe it up."

With the great selection of furniture and appliances available at Leon's, the Macdonalds opted for durable leather for the great room, which adds to the rustic charm of the cottage. A cognac sofa and

loveseat are paired with contemporary black club chairs around a natural wood coffee table. A state-of-the-art curved smart Samsung TV is mounted on the natural stone fireplace surround (**Dave's Heating & Cooling** and **Shouldice Designer Stone**), which stretches from the floor to the peak of the cathedral ceilings. Marcia chose Ballerina White paint from **Benjamin Moore** for the large, open area.

The Macdonalds chose top-of-the-line, commercial grade, fingerprint-resistant stainless steel KitchenAid appliances. A built-in oven features a warming drawer while an induction cooktop makes cooking a breeze. Additional features such as the commercial ice maker, wine fridge and a second refrigerator offer convenience for the frequent house guests. *Continued on page 90*

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The Macdonalds worked with **John Carscadden of Exquisite Wood Designs Inc.** to create a serene look in the kitchen with white cabinets and Caesarstone quartz countertops. Charcoal cabinets on the island add a dramatic flare to the space and industrial-style tractor seat stools create more seating for a large crowd.

“It was designed for more than one person to work in the kitchen,” says Marcia. “Guests can take a seat on one of the stools at the island while we prepare food.”

The lower level, which features polished concrete floors, adds an additional 2,200 square feet of living space. There are four bedrooms, three furnished with king-size beds. The grandkids’ room features double bunk beds. All offer guests the comforts of home while enjoying their stay at the lake. The bathroom is divided into several areas to allow multiple people to use the space at once. A rec room, made cosy with a large sectional sofa, provides another option for guests to unwind. *Continued on page 94*

TOP LEFT: A unique white-washed chest, striped bedding and accents of blue speak to the lakeside theme. **TOP RIGHT:** This set of bunkbeds is the picture-perfect night-time getaway for grandchildren. **LEFT:** White and navy bedding flanked with a pair of matching nightstands and table lamps create a refined retreat for guests.



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The couple's favourite feature of the home is the large, covered deck, which allows them to enjoy all 75 feet of waterfront.

"I love it," says Marcia. "I love sitting on the covered deck with the fireplace going and just enjoying the lake."

Phil loves the modern technology that went into the build. From the barrier-free glass railing on the deck to the sound system from **Huronia Alarms** to the motionless lighting installed by **Blake Hewgill**.

"It's really slick," Phil says of the glass railing, noting it is CSA approved. "There are no sight-line obstructions. You just get the view of the lake."

While part of Marcia misses the old shanty with the outdoor shower, she cannot wait to spend the six months from May to Thanksgiving at their new cottage.

"It's the location that we love," says Marcia, whose two brothers also have cottages on the lake. "In one year, we've already made so many memories here and I can't wait to make more." **OH**

TOP: With ample space for entertaining – whether dining, conversing or relaxing – the covered deck and its view of the lake is a favoured spot. **RIGHT:** Phil and Marcia Macdonald on the deck of their cottage.



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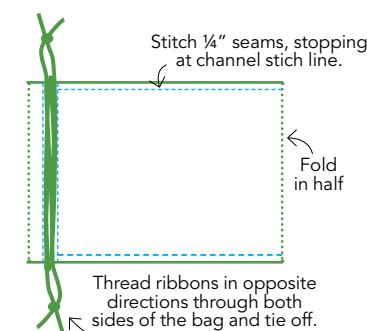
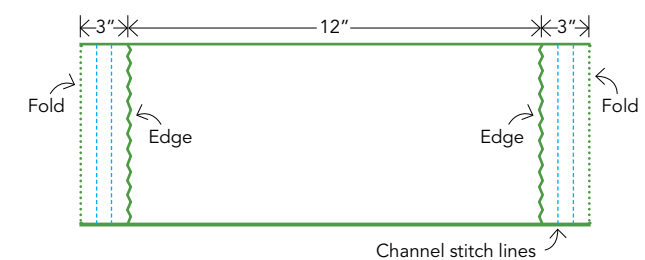
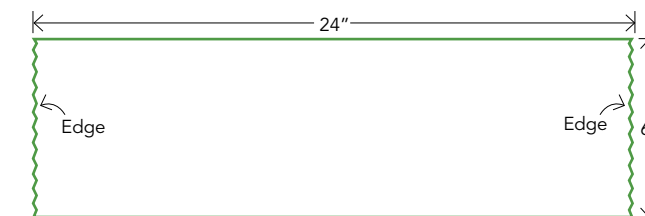
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Define your goals

Are you aiming to build community and inclusivity, or make memories for the neighbourhood kids? A clear vision helps guide planning decisions and also adds a sense of purpose to your event. Katharine Harrison, who launched a hugely successful event on her street 20 years ago, says she sought to build a safe and caring community after her son, now 21, was born with a disability. Over the years, she says, "The street became so social and so safe."

A few streets over, Rob Torr, Steph Graham and Theresa Bailie dreamed of an alternative car-free Halloween celebration. Now in its 10th year, their spooky-safe street event draws 300-plus kids.

Do lots of consultation and communication

Will we have a small potluck or line cooks? Activities? Do we block off the street or gather in a backyard? What's the best date? When starting up, Harrison recommends consulting neighbours on key aspects: "If you want the most people and participation, that's what you need to do."

Then, keep everyone in the loop with a Save the Date. The week before, send specifics about food, parking, kids' activities, etc.



Arrange permits

If you want to block off traffic, check in early with your municipality about permit fees, barricades or other requirements. For her street's October event, Bailie says, "I begin permit applications in January or February so that there is a placeholder date for Transportation Services each year... I also need to reach out to other city divisions for approval with the waste collection plan, safety plan, fire plan, sound amplification (if applicable). We also need to provide general liability insurance as part of the road closure permit application process."

With these extras, Torr warns, "It is not a cheap endeavour."

Cover costs

After designing your event, Harrison suggests agreeing on a per-household donation to cover agreed-upon items. And don't forget to check with your municipality – some have funding available. Burlington for example, waives street closure fees and offers funding up to \$300 for block events like hockey and movie nights.

Share the workload

Having a fearless leader is great, Harrison says, "But you also need people to recognize that not everything can be done by one person." She suggests a steering committee and planning meetings. Then, for the actual party, delegate. With her day-long extravaganza, Harrison says, "Every family had to participate" with tasks ranging from running kids' activities to clean-up crew.

Pass on knowledge

Harrison says she's now backed away from a leadership role. "My kid is 21. I might be there on the evening to eat but chances are I'm doing something else later," she says. But not before she wrote up a project plan. Ultimately, while events may ebb and flow, passing on your knowledge makes it much more likely that the event you started might just live on for decades. **OH**



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½ cup
granulated sugar

½ cup water

1 750ml bottle
of rosé wine

½ cup vodka

Fresh mint

DIRECTIONS

Core and cube a large watermelon. Place cubes on a baking sheet and freeze.

Meanwhile, combine sugar and water in a saucepan. Simmer until sugar is dissolved, creating a simple syrup.

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