

SUMMER 2017

STYLE ■ COMFORT ■ IDEAS ■ REAL ESTATE

# ourhomes

L O N D O N   A N D   M I D D L E S E X   C O U N T Y



## OLD NORTH *gem*

DOWN AT  
“PORT”



SPICE UP  
YOUR  
MARGARITAS

BLAH ROOM  
RESCUES

LOCAL ADVICE ON  
WAYS TO SAVE

DESIGN IN THE MAKING

the wood studio

Custom kitchens designed and built

Makers of fine furniture

[thewoodstudio.ca](http://thewoodstudio.ca)

519.872.1350  
[custom@thewoodstudio.ca](mailto:custom@thewoodstudio.ca)

**VISIT OUR DESIGN CENTRE**

Open weekdays and Saturdays by appointment.



365-371 Horton Street East | London, ON | N6B 1L6

We build high-quality custom kitchens, fine furniture, and wine cellars at **The Wood Studio**.  
We also build strong relationships, and we do so by working closely with our clients  
to guarantee a personalized, boutique experience at approachable prices.



WESTLAND GALLERY



## EXHIBITIONS

June 20<sup>th</sup> - July 8<sup>th</sup>  
CANADIAN LANDSCAPES

Group Exhibition

July 12<sup>th</sup> - Aug 11<sup>th</sup>  
SQUARE FOOT SHOW 2017

Greatest Group  
Exhibition, 2017!

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

Carol Finkbeiner  
Thomas  
Jamie Jardine

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> - Sept 30<sup>th</sup>

Derek McLarty  
Kathy McNerly

Westland Gallery  
156 Wortley Rd. London, ON  
519-601-4420  
www.westlandgallery.ca



**REGIONAL PUBLISHERS** Jamie Jefferson  
Georgette McCulloch  
**REGIONAL MANAGING EDITOR** Mary Hatt  
**REGIONAL PRODUCTION MANAGER** Julia Dempsey  
**MARKETING & ADVERTISING** Sylvie Roth, 519.851.1041  
sylvie.roth@ourhomes.ca  
Jess Gollish, 519.671.6643  
jess.gollish@ourhomes.com

REACH US EASILY: [firstname.lastname@ourhomes.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@ourhomes.ca)

OUR HOMES is a registered trademark of OUR HOMES MEDIA GROUP INC.  
OUR HOMES London and Middlesex County is published four times a year.  
OUR HOMES is distributed to residents of London and Middlesex County via direct mail.  
Copies of OUR HOMES are available for free pick up at high traffic locations throughout the region. OUR HOMES is distributed to select business leaders via direct mail.  
Please send all letters and/or feedback to OUR HOMES Magazine,  
25 Elgin St., Collingwood, ON Canada L9Y 3L6. Or email us at [editor@ourhomes.ca](mailto:editor@ourhomes.ca).  
All letters received are subject to editing for grammar and length.

### OUR HOMES MEDIA GROUP INC:

**EDITORIAL**  
**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF** Georgette McCulloch  
**ASSOCIATE & WEB EDITOR** Laurel Fortin  
**SUMMER INTERN** Taigan Dance  
**MANAGING EDITORS**  
Nancy Belgue, Adrienne Brown,  
Laurel Fortin, Walter Franczyk,  
Mary Hatt, Gina Makkar,  
Tiffany Mayer, Georgette McCulloch,  
Tamarisk McNalty Stephens, Melissa North,  
Merrilyn Patterson, Diane Sawchuk  
**ART**  
**ART DIRECTOR** Tara Chattell  
**ASSOCIATE ART DIRECTORS**  
Sheila Britton, Robynne Sangiuliano  
**DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY** Jason Hartog  
**PRODUCTION**  
**PRODUCTION DIRECTOR** Lynn Derrick

**PRODUCTION MANAGERS**  
Julia Dempsey, Kelly Donaldson,  
Marilyn Reid, Abby Reynolds,  
Tracy Shuttleworth

**OPERATIONS**  
**MANAGING DIRECTOR, SALES & MARKETING**  
Jamie Jefferson  
**MANAGING DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS**  
Georgette McCulloch

**DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**  
Christine Puma  
[christine.puma@ourhomes.ca](mailto:christine.puma@ourhomes.ca)

**ACCOUNTING**  
Donna Duggan

**ADMINISTRATOR**  
Lisa Merrell

**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**  
Roberta Markauskaite

### CONTRIBUTORS

Brandon Barre, Sheila Britton, Pat Crocker, Jason Hartog, Mary Hatt, Shelby Hilson,  
Kelly Horkoff, Nicole Laidler, Sara Martin, Jenelle McCulloch, Jackie Noble,  
Dolores Pian, Melanie Rekola, Yanic Simard, Valerie Wilcox

Advertisements and the content, including photos, of advertisements published within OUR HOMES magazine are supplied solely by the advertiser and neither the publisher nor OUR HOMES Media Group Inc. accept responsibility for opinions expressed in advertisements or for copyright issues with regards to photos, advertising copy and advertisements, nor shall they be held liable thereby. By act of reading this publication, all advertisers and readers agree to indemnify and hold harmless both OUR HOMES Media Group Inc., and the publisher thereby. Copyright ©2017 OUR HOMES Media Group Inc. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is prohibited.

### OUR HOMES CAN BE FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING MARKETS:

- Barrie/Ontario/Midland • Grey Bruce • Hamilton • London • Muskoka
- Niagara • Oakville/Burlington/Mississauga • Ottawa • Peterborough
- Southern Georgian Bay • The City of Toronto • Region of Waterloo
- Wellington County/Orangeville/Caledon • Windsor • York Region



Confidence in Motion

## ALL NEW 2017 IMPREZA



# Shhh... WE THINK THE REST OF YOUR HOUSE MIGHT BE JEALOUS.

The all-new 2017 Subaru Impreza may just make your garage the most stylish and comfortable room in your home.

The 2017 Impreza has entered a new era of refinement. It has boldly leapt forward with a silent cabin that's rich in smooth, seamless surfaces, comfortable seating and thoughtful use of space, and keeps design sense apparent everywhere you look. It's also equipped with a completely redesigned next-generation infotainment system with the audiovisual quality you expect.

With a unique blend of style, versatility, capability and technology, you'll be spending more time driving your Impreza than living in your home. No wonder it's jealous. To learn more, visit [subaru.ca/impreza](http://subaru.ca/impreza).



(WITH OPTIONAL EYESIGHT® AND STEERING RESPONSIVE HEADLIGHTS)



Vehicle shown solely for purposes of illustration, and may not be equipped exactly as shown. See your local Subaru dealer for complete program details. See Owner's Manual for complete details on system operation and limitations. Impreza and Subaru are registered trademarks. †ALG is the industry benchmark for residual values and depreciation data. www.alg.com. \*To determine crashworthiness, IIHS rates vehicles good, acceptable, marginal or poor, based on performance in five tests. To qualify for 2017 Top Safety Pick+, a vehicle must earn good ratings in the small overlap front, moderate overlap front, side, roof strength and head restraints tests. Vehicles must offer, as optional equipment, an autonomous emergency braking system (Subaru EyeSight®) and earn an advanced or superior rating for front crash prevention. Vehicle must also offer specific headlights that earn an acceptable or good headlight rating. For more details, visit [www.iihs.org](http://www.iihs.org). \*\*The Insurance Institute of Highway Safety (IIHS) rates models with optional or standard front crash prevention systems as superior, advanced or basic based on the availability of autonomous braking (autobrake) and its effectiveness in 12 mph (19 km/h) and 25 mph (40 km/h) tests.



**HOW BIG DOES A HOUSE NEED TO BE?** I've been thinking about this a lot over the past two years, ever since we sold the family home and downsized to a bungalow. As it turns out, we have almost as many rooms in the smaller house! They're just not as big as the rooms we left, from which I've learned that the size of a place in terms of square footage is not nearly as important as how well that square footage is planned.

Slowly but surely over the last 60 years, the average size home went from just under 1,000 square feet to more than double that. Many, of course, were built much bigger. But now builders are starting to scale back, and vast foyers and bathrooms, for instance, are getting pared down. I was struck by what one online blogger had to say about bathrooms. She asked herself, "Do I really want to stand at a big, double-sink vanity next to my husband when he is gargling and spitting?"

Well, ditto that.

No doubt about it, smaller spaces require careful planning and organizing to avoid seeming cramped and cluttered. This issue's feature homes, both renovations of much older dwellings with original rooms that were small by today's standards, manage to pull it off. While their principal rooms have been made spacious, their bathrooms and bedrooms are more noteworthy for styling and detail than size.

The way I see it, time and effort are also well spent on planning ample closet and storage space where stuff can be accessed easily. The homes you will read about have done just that. A Port Stanley cottage utilizes space under the stairway for shoe storage, and creates a slick, hard-working pantry by slashing the size of one bathroom. An Old North home removes a small bedroom to gain a remarkable walk-in closet.

I hope you will think about creating serenity and joy in your living space this summer, and that OUR HOMES London and Middlesex County can help you achieve this.

Cheers,

Mary Hatt, *Managing Editor*  
mary.hatt@ourhomes.ca

P.S. A very happy 150th birthday to our wonderful country of Canada. So very proud to be Canadian!

Follow us nationally @OurHomesMag

**online** Get more at ourhomes.ca

# Stain that Enhances and Protects



## Paint Like No Other®

Enduring beauty. ARBORCOAT® preserves decking, fencing, and siding in a range of opacities and colours.

**Benjamin Moore®**  
Paint like no other.™

**Stop by or call.  
We're here to help!**

**Clancy's Rainbow** 1030 Adelaide St N 519.434.3201  
Coming Soon: 595 Fanshawe Park Road (No Frills Plaza)  
clancysrainbow.com

# CONTENTS

## SUMMER 2017



14



36



22

### ON THE COVER

The idea of a cottage in the city inspired one special London reno. Story, page 22. Photography by Jason Hartog.



32



12

### LOCAL FEATURES

- 12 **Style Picks** There are lots of ways to welcome hazy, lazy days.
- 22 **Feature Home** Extensive work to an Old North classic keeps the home's original character intact while adding space and grace.
- 32 **Spotlight** Elmira Stove Works brings on summer with the latest in outdoor cooking.
- 36 **Home & Renovator** How one local couple infused a Port Stanley original with old-fashioned charm and modern style
- 48 **People** Want to avoid unexpected and costly surprises? Listen to these experts.

### DEPARTMENTS

- 6 **Editor's Note**
- 10 **Advice** Ways To Stay Cool
- 14 **Good Taste** Margaritas With Kick
- 16 **Gardening** Create A Dog-Friendly Yard
- 18 **Decorating** Perk Up Your Room
- 20 **Double Take** Achieve a Luxe Look Outside
- 30 **Design Ideas** Unique Backsplashes
- 34 **Real Estate** How Much Space Do You Need?
- 46 **Gardening** The Canadian Shield Rose
- 56 **Focus** Nursery Fun
- 60 **Cooking At Home** Flavourful Arugula Salad
- 61 **Home Resource Directory**
- 62 **Finishing Touch** Aquatic Inspiration

*Enjoy... Indulge... Relax.*



BLANCO



### VISIT OUR COMPLETE SHOWROOM

Ace Awards Best Showroom Design Centre  
& Ace Awards Best Sub Trade Of The Year



833 Central Ave. London 519.672.1631 brouwerplumbing.com

With London's real estate market red hot...



...why pay high commissions to sell?

Receiving top dollar for your property is merely half the equation. Paying only what is necessary in fees and real estate commissions is the other. System Select Realty can help.\*

519.649.5000 SystemSelect.ca



\*Conditions apply, contact System Select for details. Taxes extra. All real estate companies are free to offer their services at any rate they independently choose.

Step up to Quality



LONDON STAIR & RAILING

639 Sovereign Rd., Unit 3A, London (519) 455-0704 • www.londonstair.com Open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

advice



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.

Stone is virtually indestructible, which makes it ideal for high-traffic areas in your home, requiring little or no refinishing, replacement or maintenance.

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.

PSYCHOLOGICALLY SPEAKING

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**

1. CASABLANCA FAN COMPANY: Piston Ceiling Fan in Matte Black 2. CRÉATION BAUMANN: Lerida IV Drapery Fabric in Colorit 0411 3. SURYA: Birds By The Waters Edge II Wall Decor 4. MONTAUK SOFA: ABC Slipcover Sofa in Linen 5. SURYA: Easton Table Lamp 6. SURYA: Ogee Pillow in Sky Blue & Parsons Pillow in Aqua

AFFORDABLE ELEGANCE



VANICO MARONYX

aqualuxe BATH SHOWROOM

1350 Fanshawe Park Rd. W., Unit 2, London t: 519.641.7555 • f: 519.641.7551 • www.aqualuxelondon.com

Family Owned & Operated

proudly Canadian!



MADE IN CANADA

Your choice of fabrics & finishes

THE London's Most Unique Furniture Location TABLE & CHAIR CO. Inc

Quality furniture at comfortable prices for your home & office

44 Meg Drive (off Exeter Road), London 519-668-1200 • 1-800-265-1208 • www.tableandchair.ca

Win a \$250 Gift Certificate See our website for details



1



2



PHOTOGRAPHY JACKIE NOBLE

# STYLE UP SUMMER

Sun 'n fun ideas for your home.



3



4



5



6

## 1 LONDON AWNINGS

**Custom Awnings**  
Take cover from the sun with a retractable awning system. Awnings will keep your house cooler inside, and protect your furniture from sun damage. Sturdy frames come in several colour choices. As for fabric, the sky is the limit with a huge selection of European and North American fabrics resistant to dirt, mildew and water.

2425 Oxford St. W.  
519.473.1723 | londonawnings.com

## 2 WESTLAND GALLERY

**Original Art**  
Top: London painter and textile artist Meghan Dauphinee interprets one of the city's most iconic streetscapes in her acrylic on canvas, *Dundas St.* She describes each of her works as a "voyage of discovery." Bottom: Cheryl Langford's work, *Mine*, is also an acrylic on canvas. The retired psychologist describes her works as "portraits of emotion and relationships."

156 Wortley Rd.  
519.601.4420 | westlandgallery.ca

## 3 FRAMING & ART CENTRE

**Beer Bottle Glasses**  
Toast Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday this summer with beverages served in handcrafted Re-beer glasses or True North tumblers. The big ones hold a full beer. Artech Glassblowing Studios transforms common beer bottles into ultra-cool glasses using fire and, in their words, "skills that one learns in the mountains."

188 Kent St.  
519.438.2534 | framingandart.ca

## 4 MADMATTERS

**Patio Mats**  
Colourful MadMat patio mats are just the thing! Created by traditional Thai weavers, whose work is traded fairly for the talent involved, these mats are made from recycled water bottles. They are also stain-proof and easy to care for with a quick shake or hose down. Available online, or at Home County Folk Festival and Pawloozia.

caroline@madmatters.ca  
519.282.2634 | madmatters.ca

## 5 THE ENSUITE BATH & KITCHEN SHOWROOM

**Shower Head**  
Designed to fit a standard shower arm, Delta's HydroRain Two-in-One Shower Head installs in minutes and provides you with a spa-like shower experience. Try the rain-can shower on its own or in combination with the regular shower head, which can also be used independently.

944 Leathorne St.  
519.457.3626 | ensuiteontario.com

## 6 COPP'S BUILDALL

**Conversation Set**  
As stylish as it is comfy, the Crawley six-piece outdoor lounge set offers thick cushion seating plus a tempered glass-top coffee table for drinks. The versatile ottoman is ideal for extra seating. Bold lines and a sturdy resin rattan construction with aluminum frame and base make it a patio must-have.

45 York St. | 519.679.9000  
2090 Dundas St. | 519.659.9989  
4333 Colonel Talbot Rd. | 519.652.3575  
1640 Fanshawe Park Rd. W. | 519.472.3648  
coppbuildall.com OH

good taste

# spicy MARGARITAS

RECIPE AND PHOTOGRAPHY  
JENELLE MCCULLOCH



Here's a fun twist on a summer party classic – fruity margaritas with a kick. We use bright, classic summer flavours and a hint of spice.

## WATERMELON JALAPENO MARGARITA

### 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**

online

Get more recipes at [ourhomes.ca/mag/cook](http://ourhomes.ca/mag/cook)

## Advertise With Us



Give your business the benefit of premium exposure and connect, like never before, to our extensive targeted readership!



**Sylvie Roth** Senior Account Manager

T: 519.851.1041

E: [sylvie.roth@ourhomes.ca](mailto:sylvie.roth@ourhomes.ca)

**Jess Gollish** Account Manager

T: 519.671.6643

E: [jess.gollish@ourhomes.ca](mailto:jess.gollish@ourhomes.ca)

# PLANNING A POOCH-FRIENDLY paradise

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHY  
MELANIE REKOLA

Just because you want a safe play sanctuary for man's best friend to frolic in doesn't mean you have to sacrifice your backyard dreams. A mutually fulfilling retreat lies in wait! Follow these tips and you'll be on your way to creating an outdoor haven that keeps both you and your hound comfortable and content.



## 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 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 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 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 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**

## 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.





Indoor trees, such as the impressive fiddle leaf fig, add exotic essence.

# EXOTIC ELEMENTS

STORY **YANIC SIMARD** | PHOTOGRAPHY **VALERIE WILCOX**



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.

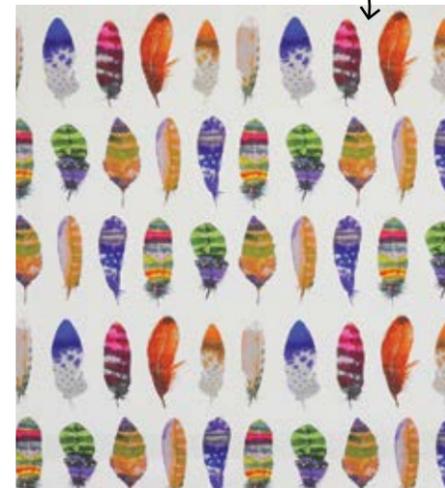
## HERE ARE 7 OF MY FAVOURITE WAYS TO BRING AN ELEMENT OF THE EXOTIC INTO ANY DESIGN:

**1 PILLOWS & THROWS**  
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.

**2 ARTISTIC ACCENTS**  
A curated home avoids clutter, but don't be scared of adding a few sculptural objets, even on your minimalist surfaces. Cultivate items with true beauty and meaning: fewer items of a higher quality will amount to a worldly collection over time, so bring one great piece back when you travel, rather than several tourist-trap knickknacks.

**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**



double take

Recreate this look for your own home.

# OUTDOOR *Luxury*

PHOTO: KELLY HORKOFF



- 1. **KICHLER:** Renew Patio Ceiling Fan in Satin Black
- 2. **NAPOLEON:** Built-In Prestige PRO 500 Grill with Infrared Rear Burner
- 3. **ARD OUTDOOR:** Nobu Outdoor Sofa in Black
- 4. **CRATE & BARREL:** Lunea Melamine White Dinnerware
- 5. **HOME HARDWARE:** Black Square Resin Wicker Planter
- 6. **ANNIE SELKE:** Trimaran Stripe, Mingled Apple & Links Chartreuse Sprout/Ivory Indoor Outdoor Pillows
- 7. **RATANA:** Lynn Valley Lounger
- 8. **THE OUTDOOR GREATROOM COMPANY:** Grandstone Fire Pit Table in Black **OH**



# LONDON MAJOR APPLIANCES

www.londonmajorappliances.com

*Since 1959*



Since 1959, we have been selling and servicing most major appliance brands. Let our team of experts assist you in selecting the right product to suit your style, taste and budget. With free prompt delivery, in-house service technicians, and a price match guarantee, why shop anywhere else? *Experience the difference...you'll be glad you did!*

45,000 SQ. FT. WAREHOUSE!

COME VISIT OUR  
12,000 SQ. FT. SHOWROOM!

185 Hamilton Rd., London  
519.432.1862

M-F: 8:30 to 9:00

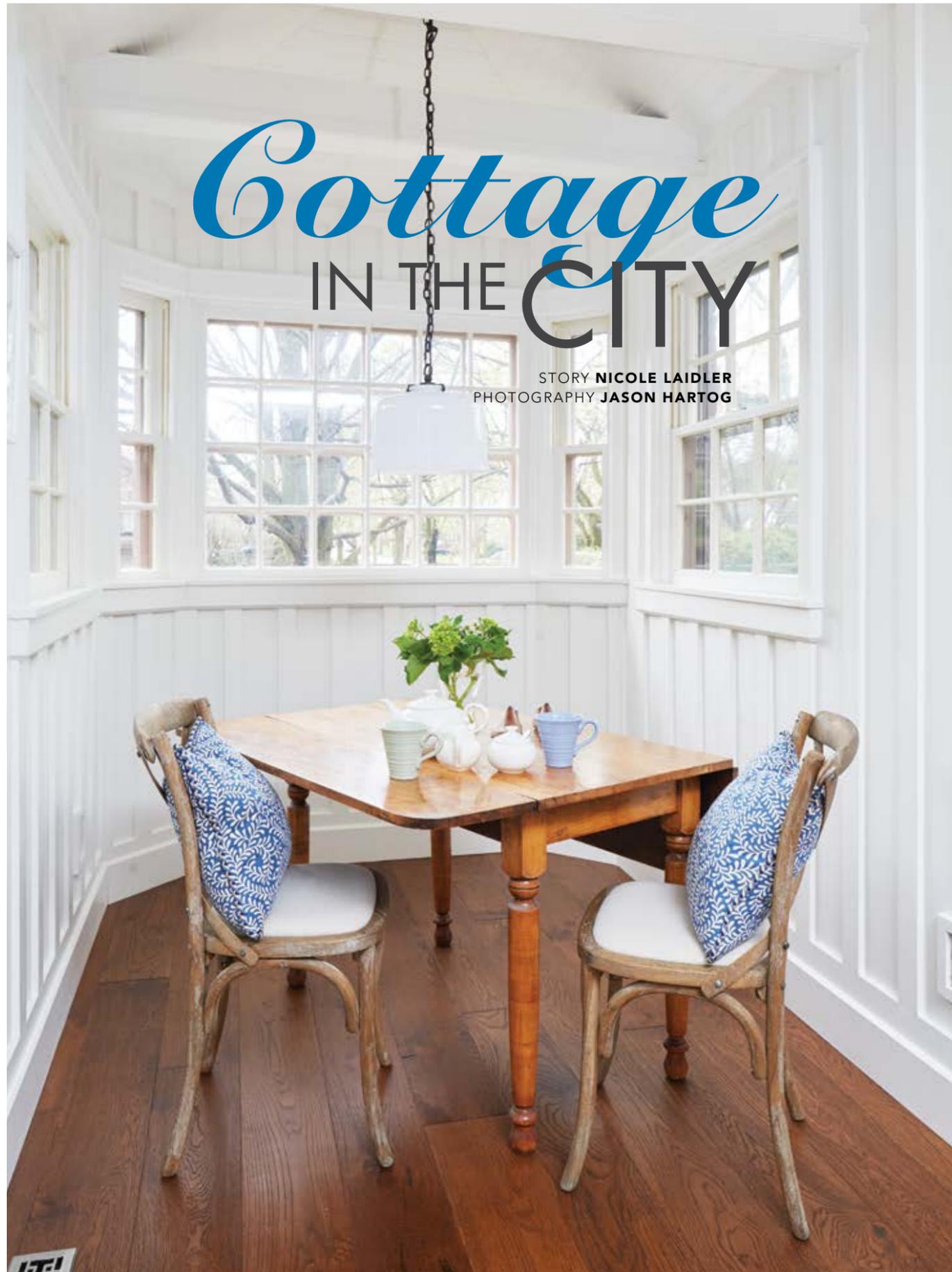
SAT: 9:00 to 6:00

SUN: 11:00 to 5:00



LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED

SALES, SERVICE, PARTS • FREE LOCAL DELIVERY • PRICE MATCH GUARANTEE



# Cottage IN THE CITY

STORY NICOLE LAIDLER  
PHOTOGRAPHY JASON HARTOG



The owner indulged her fondness for blue in kitchen accessories, adding punch to classic white. **OPPOSITE:** The ceiling in the adjoining breakfast nook, original to the house, was removed to open up the space vertically. Beams and board-and-batten walls were added for a cottage vibe.

**T**hey say love strikes when you least expect it. That was the case for one London couple who had no thoughts of moving until they dropped into an open house on a whim.

*Continued on page 24*



With its charming eyebrow window, unique stone exterior and secluded corner lot, the home exuded plenty of curb appeal. Built in the 1940s and still retaining its colourful Formica-tiled bathrooms and a vintage dance room in the basement, the interior could have best been described as a throwback to the era of saddle shoes and poodle skirts.

But the couple could see beyond the maze of rooms and outdated décor.

“The windows were amazing,” the homeowner says, “There was light everywhere. It had enough space, and I could see where walls could come down.”

The private backyard with its screened-in porch and double garage, a rare find in London’s Old North neighbourhood, were equally appealing.

The couple made an offer and brought in **Laurie Battersby** of **Decor Resource** to realize their vision.

The six-month renovation project required more than just cosmetic upgrades. The home’s interior footprint was dramatically altered, with **Bruce Waigh** of **Right Waigh Renovations Inc.** removing walls and bringing others back to their studs on both the main and upper levels.

Right Waigh also organized the replacement of the home’s electrical and plumbing, with **Guildwood Lighting & Fireside** and Decor Resource providing new light fixtures throughout. *Continued on page 26*



A formerly enclosed dining room became a spacious extension of the new kitchen. The harvest table is ideal for sit-down dinners or as a hub during larger gatherings. Neutral white walls provide a backdrop for the owners’ substantial art collection. **ABOVE:** Designer Laurie Battersby of Decor Resource.



**TOP:** The large kitchen island gets a daily workout as a food prep area, serving surface and gathering space. **ABOVE, LEFT:** A sink and vanity tuck neatly into a whimsical penny-tiled nook with wall-mounted faucet in the upstairs guest bathroom. **MIDDLE:** The owners were determined to keep the home’s original arched front door. **RIGHT:** Careful attention to detail when planning the kitchen resulted in stylish yet practical display spaces for dishes, serving pieces and decorative items.



**LEFT & BELOW:** The owners were drawn to the beautiful windows of the home. Fortunately, their draperies and furnishings from a previous home fit perfectly, creating a cosy ambience for conversation or reading.

New plumbing fixtures were supplied by **The Ensuite Bath & Kitchen Showroom**, **London Bath Centre** and **Aqualuxe Bath Showroom**. **Builders Choice Air Systems Ltd.** provided the new HVAC system.

“We tried to respect the bones of the house and maintain that 1940s craftsmanship while creating a light, airy and cottagey feel,” Laurie says.

With one exception, all the home’s original windows and the charming front door remain untouched. Once over the threshold, visitors are welcomed into a surprisingly large living space.

A bay window floods the front living room with natural light. Since the owners had already invested in good quality furniture sourced through Decor Resource for their previous home, a few custom-made throw cushions in green and blue were all that was needed to create a cohesive look, Laurie explains.



A former light-filled office just inside the front door has become an art studio and office for one of the owners. **BELOW:** The main floor powder room is classically elegant, with white wainscoting and pale blue walls.



Across the hall, a second sun-filled room provides the perfect location for a home art studio.

Neutral paint colours from **Benjamin Moore** are used throughout the home, allowing the owners’ private art collection to take centre stage, while white wainscoting and white oak engineered hardwood floors from **Karl Moore Flooring** create the relaxed, cottage-like atmosphere the owners envisioned.

At the heart of the home is a fully-equipped kitchen and dining area, designed by Laurie with **Greg Christie** of **GCW Custom Kitchens & Cabinetry Inc.**, and custom built by GCW.

The original kitchen was tiny, Laurie notes, but thanks to the removal of a few walls it now offers plenty of space for daily life and entertaining.

The addition of a centre island with granite countertops from **Bernardo Group**

**Ltd.** provides ample workspace and a place to gather for a casual meal, while the nearby farmhouse kitchen table and chairs, from the owner’s previous home, are perfect for larger gatherings.

The kitchen also features a small breakfast nook, retained from the original layout. “We thought it was a really cute element,” says Laurie, who had the ceiling opened up to give the tiny alcove a more spacious feel.

The owner’s home office, a walk-in pantry and powder room are found at the rear of the house. This high traffic area features slate floor tile in Montauk Blue (Bernardo Group Ltd.) and opens up to the owner’s beloved screened-in porch, now accessible through french doors.

Upstairs, the transformation is equally dramatic.

The original layout offered three small bedrooms, one bathroom and low ceilings. “The second floor was gutted,” says Laurie, who worked with **BlueLine** to revamp the



Continued on page 28

feature



**ABOVE:** A vintage dressmaker's Judy adds funky fun to the upstairs guest room. **TOP RIGHT:** The luxurious master bathroom is all about marble, and features a heated marble floor laid in herringbone style that's in keeping with the era of the home. **RIGHT:** The master bedroom, with soft blue accessories, is adjoined by a walk-in dressing room, as well as the master bathroom.

Benjamin Moore  
Smoky Green  
CC-700

floor plan and create vaulted ceilings in the master bedroom by stealing space from the attic. "It was a huge challenge."

Today, the owners can relax in their elegant master bedroom, painted a soft shade of Smokey Green from Benjamin Moore. The vaulted ceiling and windows draped in natural linens give the room a spacious allure, while a glamorous walk-in closet, created by removing one bedroom entirely, features built-in cabinetry from GCW and a centre island with Caesarstone quartz countertop from Bernardo Group.

In the en suite, the home's signature eyebrow window was revealed from behind a layer of formica tile. However, since the original had just one pane of glass in the centre, **Synergy Windows and Doors** was commissioned to craft a new custom window to replace the original. The herringbone pattern in the heated marble floor (Bernardo) pays homage to the house's architectural roots, while clever design work allowed for the inclusion of both a soaker tub and walk-in shower.

Laurie borrowed space from a second bedroom to create a guest bathroom. "A guest room doesn't have to be large," she notes, "But the owners did want a full bathroom for visitors." White subway tile in the bathtub/shower and a ceramic floor from **Centura London** offer function, style, and convenience.

"This home is much bigger on the inside than it looks," the owner notes. "But it's still cosy. We call it our cottage in the city." **OH**



519.852.7762

Interior/Exterior  
Painting Service  
Staining  
Refinishing  
Wallpaper  
Free in home estimates

**THE FRESH CHOICE**  
[www.mintpainting.ca](http://www.mintpainting.ca)





*Stainless-steel tiles define the cooking zone, while white subway tiles form the remainder of the backsplash.*

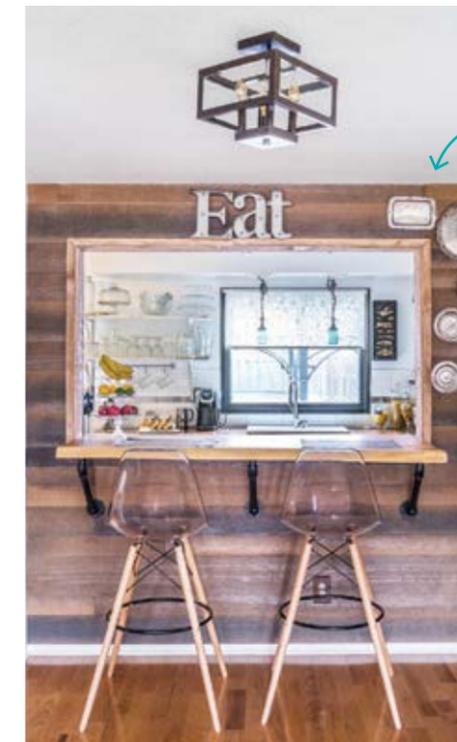
# MAKE A SPLASH IN YOUR KITCHEN

The backing behind your sink, stove or counters doesn't just protect your walls from splashes. **STORY SARA MARTIN**

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.



**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.*



**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.

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

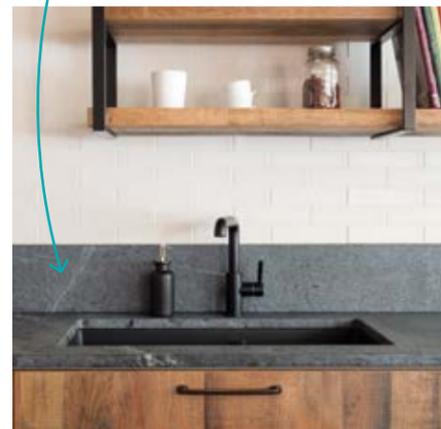


PHOTO: COURTESY OF POLYCOR

**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.



**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.



**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.

*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.

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



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**

## spotlight

Joe Orendorff shows off a Traeger wood cooker.



PHOTO: JACKIE NOBLE



# Fire Up THE GRILL!

STORY **MARY HATT**

**THE STORY:** Joe Orendorff has been running London's **Elmira Stove Works** for 23 years. That's a lot of expert experience. As soon as Joe and his wife, Jackie, took over the business in 1994, they moved the Stove Works to its present location on Oxford Street East near the London airport. In their new, larger home they expanded inventory, eventually adding unique barbecues and wood-fired grills to the wide selection of stoves and fireplaces. Today, award-winning Elmira is as busy in summer as winter.

**PRODUCTS:** "We carry higher-end lines, not the commodity lines you would find in big box stores," Joe says of their outdoor

fireplaces and cooking systems. Patio fire pits by Iron Embers come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Joe often recommends Saber barbecues for those who want to cook with gas fuel. They are constructed of high-quality stainless steel and feature an infrared grill. Many, however, venture into Elmira for wood-burning cook systems such as the Traeger collection, Joe says. The wood pellets are food-grade hardwood and available in flavours including cherry, maple, mesquite and hickory. Traeger cookers are easy to operate, with one-button ignition and precision temperature control. "The flavour is great," Joe says, "and the meat doesn't dry out."



**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** "We compete on service and a wide range of inventory," Joe says. Elmira stocks an ample supply of pellets and parts, and services its products. Joe adds that some luxury lines may be found in big box stores but they will be cheaper versions of those that Elmira sells.

**FUN FACT:** "We get a lot of guys coming through the door who are competing with each other," Joe says with a chuckle. "One buddy gets something, then his friend has to have it, too. I've got some regulars who own four barbecues!" One recent customer had cooked on a Traeger all winter in Florida. He loved it so much he just had to have one as soon as he returned to London.

**GET THERE:** 2100 Oxford St. E., #41, London 519.451.2124 | [elmirastoveworks.ca](http://elmirastoveworks.ca) OH

# SIZE MATTERS



STORY SHELBY HILSON  
ILLUSTRATION SHEILA BRITTON

Not too big, not too small... just right! Simple enough, but when it comes to what size of home to buy, how do you know what's just right for you? It's easy to be influenced by the "norm," but the norm may not be your Goldilocks home. There are several factors to consider, not the least of which is history.

The size of the average Canadian home was recently plotted at close to 2,000 sq. ft. According to a PricewaterhouseCoopers study, only Australia and the United States boast bigger average sizes.

In Canada, we are also building bigger homes for fewer people. According to Statistics Canada, in 1851, the average number of persons per household was 6.2, decreasing to 4.3 persons in 1941 and falling further to 2.5 persons in 2011.

And while the PwC report forecasts that homes will start getting smaller on average, they will remain generously proportioned compared to most of the rest of the world. In the U.K., for instance, the average size is 818 sq. ft.

None of this is to say that a big house isn't for you, just that the norm is not necessarily reflective of needs and that one size does not fit all.

Think about your current home. How do you use it? Perhaps you're like me and spend an enormous amount of time in the kitchen, meaning a big, functional kitchen would be a huge asset for you. Or, maybe you're like many moms who spend too much time in the laundry room, so a big, bright space on the main floor would be a major upgrade from the dank basement.

If you think about how you use each room in your home, calculate the square footage of what you actually use and estimate the amount you'd like more of in certain rooms, you'll come up with a pretty good idea of what square footage will work best for you and your family.

If you're not exactly sure of how you will use and grow into your home, here are the general pros and cons of buying big and small with some personal considerations to follow.

	PROS	CONS
BUYING BIG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More space for a growing family, storage, entertaining and accommodating guests</li> <li>• Extra space for hobby rooms, such as craft rooms, workshops, home theatres, gyms, wine cellars, etc.</li> <li>• Possibly more land</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More costly mortgage, maintenance, utilities, taxes, insurance</li> <li>• Higher environmental impact</li> <li>• More rooms to furnish and clean</li> <li>• Less time and money to spend doing things outside the home</li> <li>• May be too much house once you retire</li> </ul>
BUYING SMALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smaller mortgage payments, utility bills, insurance premiums, property taxes</li> <li>• Less time and money spent on maintenance and cleaning</li> <li>• May have more money to spend on higher-quality furnishings and finishes</li> <li>• More time and money to spend on activities outside the home</li> <li>• May not ever need to downsize</li> <li>• Fewer rooms to furnish</li> <li>• More environmentally friendly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less space to entertain and accommodate guests</li> <li>• Less personal space – may feel cramped</li> <li>• May need to move or build an addition to accommodate a growing family</li> <li>• Lack of storage space</li> <li>• Less or no room for hobby space, including a home office</li> <li>• Possibly less land</li> </ul>

#### PERSONAL FACTORS TO CONSIDER:

**Family Size:** How many bedrooms do you need? Can your kids share a room?

**Career:** Do you work from home and need a separate room for an office?

**Finances:** What percentage of your income do you want to spend on your home monthly? Will you be able to save, put away for emergencies and still have the lifestyle you want? If your budget is tight, would you rather spend money on quality or quantity in terms of finishes and furnishings?

**Lifestyle:** How often and how many people do you entertain? Is it important to you to have a guest room? Could it double as an office, den or living space? Do you travel a lot or want to? Do you have the time to put into maintaining and cleaning a big home? Do you have a hobby that requires its own space?

**Layout:** The right layout can make a smaller space seem much bigger. Is it more important to you to have an open space than a large space, or four small bedrooms rather than three big ones?

**Skills:** Are you handy and able to perform many maintenance tasks on your own? Are you an organizational wizard who can make a small space very functional?

By taking these questions into consideration, you should have a much better idea of what home size is right for you; not for your next-door neighbour or your friends overseas. Size does matter and can make all the difference when it comes to enjoying your home and your life. **OH**



**Triple H**  
Paving Stone Inc.  
452-1000  
1859 CRUMLIN RD. (ACROSS FROM THE AIRPORT)

Your  
Landscape Supply  
& Installation Centre



Visit our website at [www.triplehpavingstone.com](http://www.triplehpavingstone.com)

**RETAIL SALES**

- Paving Stone
- Retaining Walls
- Planters
- Steps
- Mulches
- Topsoil
- Gravel/Sand

**INSTALLATIONS**

- Driveways
- Walkways
- Patios
- Retaining Walls
- Paving Stone Repairs
- Custom Steps
- Commercial & Residential



# SYLVIE'S

## interior design

# 519 851 1041

[info@sylviesinteriordesign.com](mailto:info@sylviesinteriordesign.com)

the art of transforming your home into a sanctuary

TRANSFORMING • DESIGNING • DECORATION • STAGING • DECLUTTERING

# CENTURY CHARM AT “Port”

STORY **MARY HATT** | PHOTOGRAPHY **JASON HARTOG**

It wasn't long before simple plans to create a spare room for guests turned into a full-scale cottage renovation.

And since Joanna and Dan Dale frequently entertain friends and family at Port Stanley, it made perfect sense to go well beyond adding that guest room. So they totally reconfigured the existing layout and put on a two-storey addition to the back of the cottage. The couple started planning their renovation in 2014, four years after purchasing their property. Work got underway in April 2015 and was completed a year later.

Almost a century old, the cottage had certainly seen “Port” in its heyday when a Coney Island-style amusement park, casino and, of course, the famous Stork Club were big attractions. These early landmarks are long gone but many cottages from that era remain along the top of what was then Picnic Hill, now known as Invererie Heights.

Dan and Joanna were determined to retain their cottage's period charm while expanding it from 1,100 to 2,000 square feet to accommodate a modern family's needs. Outside, they replaced the old wood exterior with maintenance-free siding in yellow board-and-batten and clapboard that is reminiscent of the original building. And knowing they'd rather spend weekends on their boat than in their garden, the Dales replaced street-side perennial flower beds with easy-to-manage rockery and grasses by [Maton's Lawn & Garden Care Inc.](#) *Continued on page 39*



The Dales loved the old cottage's bead-board walls and ceiling, so they took great pains to reinstall them after they'd been removed for rewiring. The sturdy brick fireplace with original wood beam mantel was also a keeper, updated with white washing and shiplap over the mantel. Alycia Visser of Alycia Visser Designs helped Joanna select the look for her fireplace. Sylvie Roth of Sylvie's Interior Design sourced the bar stools. Walkways on either side of the fireplace generate easy movement to other parts of the main floor.



Andy Roth of Roth Design Inc. cleverly added wheels to the harvest table he built for Joanna and Dan so they can move it around easily. While researching her renovation, Joanna was inspired by a picture of a stunning stained wood range hood. She had hers built to match, complementing the floors, table and wood bulkhead beam running the length of the kitchen.

**RIGHT:** Sunny windows trump closet space in this part of the cottage. However, an open wire basket displays pretty scarves and offers hooks for bags, while a simple coat tree makes it easy to grab your jacket. One of Sylvie Roth's belt benches makes a logical place to park shoes. **BELOW:** Original cottage reno plans called for a huge main floor bathroom. Instead, Joanna and Dan opted for a smaller bathroom, creating space for a practical butler-style pantry with a large, walk-in storage room.



Inside, a poky sunroom entranceway was knocked out. This made way for natural light to flood through a series of south-facing windows and brighten up more of the interior. **Geerlinks Home Hardware Building Centre & Furniture**, St. Thomas, installed new windows and shutters here and throughout the cottage.

Now a spacious kitchen and dining room, this welcoming space with decorative detailing by **Sylvie Roth** of **Sylvie's Interior Design** perfectly accommodates both large and small groups. It is fresh and modern, combining white cabinetry (Geerlinks), a white farmhouse sink and faucet supplied by **The Ensuite Bath & Kitchen Showroom**, chef-style appliances and beachy white walls (**Benjamin Moore's** Balboa Mist). On-trend detailing includes a wood clad range hood as well as a concrete countertop. Joanna recalls the challenge of finding someone to pour the concrete on site thus avoiding having it produced in pieces elsewhere then installed with visible seams. Eventually, she found **Jared Smits (Smits Concrete Inc.)** to

The bead-board wall with its mirror and summer hats hanging on vintage hooks adds a dash of functional art to the cottage.

Continued on page 40

produce a sleek, seamless stretch of counter with sloped drainage to the sink. The fireplace and natural wood-beam mantel were original to the house, yet complement the new space. Wide-plank walnut flooring by Revival Flooring and an uber-size wood harvest table by **Andy Roth** of **Roth Design Inc.** anchor the room.

“Our focus is entertaining,” Joanna says, explaining why the kitchen needed to be the biggest room in the house. “The rest of the reno just evolved from here.”

Entryways to the rest of the main floor flank the fireplace. On one side, a tiny former kitchen and office were turned into a walk-in pantry cupboard and wet bar. Opposite the bar, a window bench cleverly houses filing cabinets.

Leading from the other side of the fireplace are a hallway to the new family room addition and a stairway to the upper level.

*Continued on page 42*



**LEFT:** Once again, white shiplap makes a classic cottage statement, this time in the main level bathroom. **BELOW:** The back of the cottage is part of the new addition and gives the family a comfy seating area to watch TV or chat by the fireplace, which is also conveniently open to the outside rear deck. Alycia Visser helped Joanna choose Benjamin Moore’s Balboa Mist, providing a serene backdrop for colourful elements here and throughout the cottage. **OPPOSITE:** A hammock plumped up with soft cushions promises a lazy afternoon.



*Joanna, Dan and their pooch, Aria, enjoy the sunny balcony off their master bedroom, a go-to spot for rest and relaxation.*





The wood and stone vanity created by Andy Roth is the master en suite's standout feature.

"We wanted to keep the original nooks and crannies," Joanna says of the stairway's side alcove, now a rest and feeding station for her dog, Aria. Taking advantage of another nook, she had shoe drawers and a cupboard built under the back of the stairway (GCW). A handy storage closet and powder room are also

located off this hallway.

The family room spans the entire back side of the cottage, overlooking the outdoor living space and pretty woodland beyond that. The addition of this room has also created a pleasing circular flow throughout the entire main floor.

Upstairs, the original master bedroom was made slightly smaller, becoming the much-needed guest room. The leftover space was given to the room next door to create the new master bedroom. Both rooms open to a balcony where, Joanna says, they love to relax and take in Lake Erie's ever changing views.

*Continued on page 44*

**DELTA**  
see what Delta can do™

See Beautiful Design  
Do Beautiful Work

deltafaucet.ca

**THE ENSUITE**  
Bath & Kitchen Showroom

944 Leathorne Street  
London, Ontario  
N5Z 3M5

Monday to Friday: 10 am - 5 pm  
Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm  
Appointments Recommended  
**(519) 457-3626**

The first choice distributor for trade professionals and the clients they serve.

**STEEL GRILL**  
CATERING

**BEST**  
WINEY  
2016  
PRIMER 2016

Catering to London's finest venues & private parties...with personality.

**519.453.8222**  
steelgrill.com

**CORPORATE « COCKTAIL RECEPTIONS » WEDDINGS**

*Decor Resource*  
**DECOR RESOURCE**  
Where dreams come home to live

**FULL SERVICE INTERIOR DESIGN & DECORATING**

*Decor Resource*

Laurie Battersby • 519-857-4764  
www.decorresource.ca

**focus + rejuvenate**

**CARL HANSEN COLLECTION** by Coalesse

**POI**  
BUSINESS INTERIORS

Mark your calendar for the **MODERN DANISH DESIGN CEU** – July 13  
For more info contact:  
londonext@poi.ca • www.poi.ca



The new master bathroom, formerly a tiny third bedroom, features a stand-out vanity and cabinet by Andy Roth. **Great Floors** supplied the tile floors. The second storey addition gave the family a new laundry room, guest bathroom with fixtures by the **London Bath Centre** and two additional bedrooms for the Dale daughters.

This being the Dales' first renovation, Joanna says she gained an appreciation for using space wisely. The pantry area, for instance, was originally to be part of the main-floor bathroom, which would have

made it far bigger than necessary. And upstairs, though the bedrooms are on the small side, there are four of them, which means plenty of privacy for friends and family.

Practically speaking, Joanna asks, "How big do bedrooms and bathrooms need to be?" Considering the amply proportioned new gathering areas elsewhere in the cottage, Dan and Joanna planned their spaces very well indeed. **OH**



**TOP LEFT:** The master en suite also features a large walk-in shower with sliding glass enclosure and faucets provided by The Ensuite Bath & Kitchen Showroom. **TOP RIGHT:** The master bedroom nestles into one of the cottage dormers and conveniently opens to the balcony. **LEFT:** The new addition gave the Dales two extra bedrooms upstairs, including this pretty teen's room for one of their daughters.

## Moulding Dreams Into Reality



**CCR**  
BUILDING & REMODELING

2416 Sunningdale Road West  
London, Ontario  
519-472-7461  
[www.ccrbuilding.com](http://www.ccrbuilding.com)

## AFFORDABLE METAL ROOFING

LONDON  
**ECO-METAL**  
MANUFACTURING INC.



**SHOWROOM:**

**1682 Dundas St. E.**  
**London, Ontario N5W 3C7**  
Monday to Friday 9AM - 5PM  
Saturday 9AM - 4PM

HomeStars **Best of 2016**  
WINNER 3 TIMES



[www.londonecometal.com](http://www.londonecometal.com)

**PROTECT YOUR HOUSE WITH THE BEST**

**\*Financing Available O.A.C.**

Limited time offer. Promotion expiry Oct 31, 2017. Savings cannot be combined with any other offer. Some restrictions may apply, please contact us for details.

**CALL TODAY**

FOR A FREE QUOTE

**519.451.7663**

OR TOLL FREE

**1.855.838.9393**



# A TRUE NORTH ROSE

STORY **PAT CROCKER**  
PHOTOGRAPHY **VINELAND RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CENTRE**

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 [49throshes.com/node/10](http://49throshes.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**





REFINED RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPES



 @edengardenworks

 [www.edengardenworks.com](http://www.edengardenworks.com)

 [info@edengardenworks.com](mailto:info@edengardenworks.com)



- Full Line Dealer Since 1986
- Fully Equipped Service Vehicles
- 24 Hour No Heat Service



**FURNACES, A/C, OR FIREPLACES**  
NO MONEY DOWN AS LOW AS \$34 MONTHLY! O.A.C.

**PLUS UP TO \$1150 BACK WITH A UNION GAS REBATE**

**UP TO \$650 IN OPA REBATES!**

**CARVER SHEET METAL BUY A FURNACE AND GET \$300 OFF CENTRAL AIR**  
EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

**NEW LOCATION**

**176 Rectory Street, London**

**519-686-1545**

[www.carversheetmetal.net](http://www.carversheetmetal.net)












# Smart Ways TO AVOID COSTLY MISTAKES



PHOTOGRAPHY  
JACKIE NOBLE

A home improvement journey often raises unwelcome surprises decorated in dollar signs. Our local experts have great ideas to help you avoid spending more than you've budgeted for.

## DAVID CHRISTOPHER *Lighthouse Landscape*

**Tell us about Lighthouse Landscape:** We are a full-service landscape design, build and maintenance company with a full-time designer on staff. Our install and maintenance crews are experienced and educated landscape professionals.

**How does the design process work?** Most homeowners have a budget and an idea of what they want. Our designer helps guide the client through the design process and offers creative suggestions that may not have been considered. Of course, these suggestions are made with budgetary constraints in mind.

**To avoid costly mistakes, what is your best advice for homeowners?** Work with a professional landscaper who offers computerized 2- or 3-D designs and who employs an experienced designer and highly-skilled construction crews. A landscape design is no different than a home construction design. It serves as a better decision-making tool, documents a vision for better end results and is a blueprint for success for all.



## ARNE & PEDER MADSEN *CCR Building & Remodelling*

**Tell us a bit about CCR:** With a solid reputation in trim and cabinetmaking, Arne started the business almost 30 years ago. Peder eventually joined his father. We have expanded CCR, building on its tradition of great design and the kind of customer service that keeps clients involved in the progress of their projects and delighted with the finished product.

**What are dos and don'ts to consider before building or renovating?** Do keep an open mind, and be open to compromise

if that is necessary for staying within your budget. Do rely on your contractor's experience, and listen carefully to pros and cons when they're explained to you. Don't push for unrealistic scheduling or budgeting.

**What is your best advice for avoiding costly mistakes?** Plan ahead! We offer a detailed design process with our industry partners that can help you stay organized and eliminate much of the stress that can come with renovating. *Continued on page 50*



### RANDY SNOW

*The Table and Chair Co.*

**Tell us a bit about your experience in the world of tables and chairs:** We have been making and selling tables and chairs since 1983. We are family owned and operated. We offer Canadian and American-made products with a wide variety of fabrics, wood and metal finishes.

**What are some dos and don'ts for furniture shoppers?** It's best to buy North American-made products both for inside and

outside furnishings. You have more selection in colour and style, and the construction is far superior.

**What is your best advice for avoiding costly mistakes?** Search for the style that appeals to you and consider the material you'd like to use such as wood, metal or wicker. Also, know your room size and design around that for a proper fit.

### JASON & BARB HANSFORD

*Triple H Paving Stone Inc.*

**Tell us about Triple H:** We're family owned and have been in business over 25 years. We operate a retail yard offering a wide variety of materials such as paving stone, patio slabs, retaining walls, steps, aggregates, mulches, ground covers and more. We also provide professional paving stone and retaining-wall installations by Garry Hansford and his crew.

**What should people know about integrating hardscaping with a property's natural features?** Patios, driveways and walkways always enhance a home's natural setting. If someone is going to take on such a project themselves, time and patience are required. Everyone should work to a plan.

**What is your best advice for avoiding costly mistakes?** Prepare the surface well. This is the most important part of any project. No matter what type of design you choose, a good base is required before installation.

*Continued on page 52*





**MATTHEW BAYLEY**  
System Select Realty Inc.

**Tell us a bit about System Select:** We bring buyers and sellers together in a cost-effective manner. Negotiating the “best price” for your property is just part of our service equation; offering low, extremely competitive commissions is the other.

**What are the perils of a hot market?** It leaves hopeful buyers susceptible to getting “caught up in the action.” With multiple-offer scenarios occurring regularly, buyers feel pressure and budgets are often stretched in the face of emotionally-charged language like

“bidding wars” and “bully offers.”

**To avoid costly mistakes, what is your best advice?** Have a well-laid plan before you start. Start by choosing a realtor to represent your interests. Your mortgage provider, home inspector and lawyer should also be in your corner before home hunting begins. When an exciting buying opportunity presents itself, you will be more relaxed and empowered to make sound decisions that won't come back to haunt you financially. **OH**

online

EVERY DAY ON **ourhomes.ca**



**OUR** inspiration becomes **YOUR** reality.

Home Tours, Style Ideas, Recipes & DIYs

OUR HOMES helps you find the right company in **your area** for all your homes-related needs.

*celebrating life at home*

**ourhomes.ca**



## DECOR RESOURCE

Your dreams will be in the careful hands and creative minds of the **Decor Resource** team, led by **Laurie Battersby**. Laurie's nearly 30 years of design and lifestyle experience ensures your vision becomes a reality. She is experienced enough to create timeless and classic design, while contemporary enough to recommend the very best approaches that work for you and your family.

All design projects are inherently messy before they are beautiful. A project manager will guide you through all of this who knows first-hand what you will experience; both the complexity of the work and the joy of seeing dreams come alive. We simplify the details and bring order to the chaos.

We select the finest craftspeople to complete your vision. We only work with people who care about your dreams as if they were their own.

We offer a full range of residential renovation and design services including space planning, furniture, flooring and lighting selections, window treatments, custom cabinetry, colour consultations, painting and wallpaper.

**decorresource.ca**  
519.857.4764  
laurie@decorresource.ca  
*(Please see ad on pg 43)*



## A BEAUTY CABINET... TO MAXIMIZE THE FUNCTIONALITY OF YOUR WASHBASIN CABINET!

Vanico-Maronyx has been designing and manufacturing bathrooms in Quebec for more than 35 years.

This ultra-compact beauty cabinet is designed to fit above the vanity. Thanks to its enhanced features, the routine of styling and makeup becomes a real pleasure even in a small bathroom:

- Efficient LED lighting switches on when the doors are opened;
- Tilting surface area 10 inches deep that increases utility surface;
- Two adjustable glass shelves and two fixed shelves;
- Interior mirrors which allow viewing from all angles;
- Folding wall mount magnifying mirror;
- Stainless steel hair dryer and flat iron holder;
- Integrated tissue dispenser;
- Head lighting outside the cabinet.

The DUO beauty cabinet is available in several materials and colours.

Stop by our showroom to see our wide variety of Vanico-Maronyx products.

**Aqualuxe Bath Showroom**  
1350 Fanshawe Park Rd W,  
Unit 2, London  
519.641.7555  
aqualuxelondon.com  
*(Please see ad on pg 11)*



## POI BUSINESS INTERIORS

POI was founded by Maxwell Scholl in 1953 on the quality philosophy "Exceed customer expectations." POI's singular focus is to help the customer enhance business performance by providing the best workplace products, services and solutions possible.

This philosophy has served us well as POI leads the industry as Canada's largest contract furniture and service provider – representing Steelcase and over 200 furnishings solutions manufacturers. Demonstrated in POI's commitment to excellence and to providing a best-in-class customer experience, POI has been recognized by Steelcase as one of only two Canadian winners of their prestigious Platinum Partners Award.

Since first opening our doors in August 2002, POI London has grown to become a leading contract furniture and service provider in London and surrounding area.

Our showroom at 201 Queens Avenue, London, encompasses 5,000 square feet and demonstrates a variety of furnishings for corporate and home offices, healthcare and education environments.

Our premises include a large library of manufacturers' literature and samples, informal and formal meeting areas that support client presentations and lunch and learn sessions. We frequently sponsor CEUs (Continuing Education seminars) for the local A&D community.

**MODERN DANISH DESIGN CEU**, co-sponsored by Coalesse, is scheduled for **July 13th, 2017**.  
519.455.0056  
londonext@poi.ca | poi.ca  
*(Please see ad on pg 43)*



## TRIPLE H PAVING STONE HAS ARTIFICIAL GRASSES AND RUBBER MULCH!!!

Looking to freshen up your backyard? Create vibrant green space without the hassle of weeding, watering and mowing. Our synthetic grass is the perfect solution. You could also have your own putting green! Come check out our displays of the different grades available.

### BENEFITS OF ARTIFICIAL GRASSES:

- Doesn't require mowing or watering
- Prevents weeds
- Eliminates need for chemicals, fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides
- Excellent for pets
- Safe for children
- Ideal for shaded areas
- Comes with 8-year warranty

After your yard is looking colourful with the green grass, top your gardens up with our Rubber Mulch. This mulch is a loose fill recycled rubber. Unlike wood mulch, it will not rapidly decompose or splinter and it resists blowing and washing away. Save up to 57% over five years by reducing annual mulching costs. Available in 5 colours – red, brown, black, green and blue – and backed by a 12-year colour warranty.

**See our full display inside and out at 1859 Crumlin Road, London (across from the airport).**  
**Triple H Paving Stone Inc.**  
519.452.1000  
triplehpavingstone.com  
*(Please see ad on pg 35)*



## MINT PAINTING: THE FRESH CHOICE

A fresh, updated, and professional paint job will bring warmth and contemporary style for your family to enjoy for years to come.

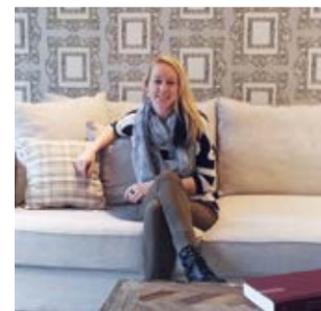
At **Mint Painting**, we are committed to top quality results. Our small team is experienced, professional, and respectful of your home. We strive for 100% customer satisfaction and take pride in every job. We really do care about our customers!

We offer complete interior and exterior painting services, deck staining and refinishing, staircase staining and refinishing, cabinet painting and wallpaper installation.

The colours that you choose for your home are an extension of your personal style. Let us help you bring your vision to life! Looking for an artistic accent? Our creative team specializes in murals, wallpapered accent walls, and hand painted stencil patterns.

Whether you need an estimate on a custom new build home, or your front door painted, we will take the time to complete the job properly. We have a passion for painting! It has been a pleasure completing projects for our wonderful customers in London and surrounding areas. We look forward to hearing from you!

Please contact us today for your free in-home estimate.  
519.852.7762  
mintpainting.ca  
*(Please see ad on pg 29)*



## PERIDOT DESIGNS

**Peridot Designs** is an interior design company based in London, Ontario. From concept and renovation to furniture placement and accessorizing, Peridot provides the full design package. We work with any room in the house, as well as exteriors, and also enjoy commercial design projects.

We bring design knowledge and experience to every new job and offer fresh perspectives on everyday spaces. Some clients know exactly what they want and we are here to help them achieve it. Others are less certain and we are able to guide them through the design process. For all clients, we are here to help, being flexible and responsive to any budget.

Kirsten Mould, owner and operator of Peridot Designs, graduated from Fanshawe's interior design program. She received The London Home Builders Student Renovation Competition and Award in 2010 with specific attention to retrofitting and green design. Kirsten then worked with a top London designer for three years, gaining exceptional knowledge in kitchen design and custom millwork.

Kirsten is passionate about design and loves the reward of making a client's house a home and space of their dreams.  
519.933.5010  
peridotinteriordesign.com



## LIVE LIFE OUTDOORS!

At **Lighthouse Landscape** we create better outdoor living environments so that clients can enjoy their property. Outdoor living incorporates patios, kitchens, planting, fire and water features, seating areas and pools. Through our consultation process our full-time landscape designer creates landscapes that are not only beautiful but are within our client's budget.

CREATE AMBIENCE: Landscape lighting is one of the best ways to create mood. Continue to enjoy your landscape investment after the sun goes down. We have noticed a spike in the number of clients adding LED lighting systems to their landscapes to provide security, safety and enhancement.

PLAN AHEAD: Landscaping new homes is a big part of our business. If you're building a custom home it's best to develop landscape plans early.

THE PROFESSIONAL TOUCH: A company is only as good as the people who work in it. Our staff is comprised of experienced landscape professionals who are educated in design and construction and make this industry their career.

To learn more visit us at **lighthouselandscape.ca** or call **519.951.5484** today to book your consultation. Turn your dream project into reality and extend the enjoyment of your property outdoors.  
138 Clarke Rd, London  
519.951.5484  
lighthouselandscape.ca  
*(Please see ad on pg 57)*



## DELTA FAUCET CANADA INTRODUCES ZURA™ BATH COLLECTION

Answering consumer desires for modern, urban bath design, the new Zura™ bath collection from Delta Faucet is constructed to deliver a precise marriage of rounded, rectangular and triangular elements. The geometric shapes effortlessly blend together, creating a collection that is every bit as contemporary and sophisticated as it is innovative.

The Delta® Zura bath collection features deck mount lavatory faucets in a split Matte Black and Chrome finish, adding to an extensive line of finish options offered by Delta Faucet. The collection also features a luxurious pendant raincan showerhead with H2Okinetic® Technology. For added convenience, single-handle and vessel faucets are equipped with optional Touch2O.xt® Technology.

The Zura bath collection offers a variety of faucet configurations, including: Single-handle and vessel faucets with optional Touch2O.xt® Technology, two-handle widespread faucets, and single- and two-handle wall mount faucets.

The bath suite includes tub and shower faucets, showerheads, handshowers, body sprays, a unique floor-mount tub filler, a bidet and coordinating accessories. In addition to the split Matte Black and Chrome finish, the collection is available in Chrome, Polished Nickel and Brilliance® Stainless finishes. Shower products, including the pendant raincan showerhead, are available in full Matte Black. For more information, visit **deltafaucet.ca**.  
**The Ensuite Bath & Kitchen Showroom:**  
Please call 519.457.3626 to book your consultation  
*(Please see ad on pg 43)*

focus



# the NURSERY

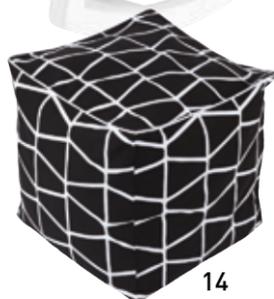
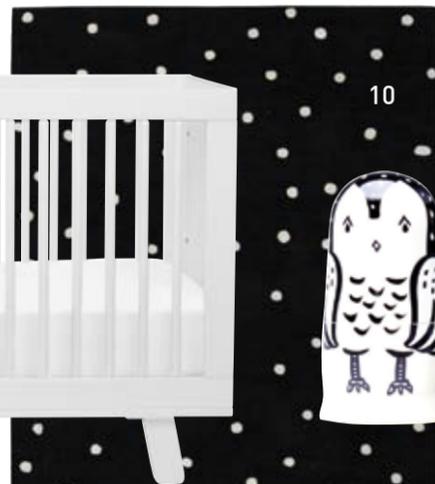
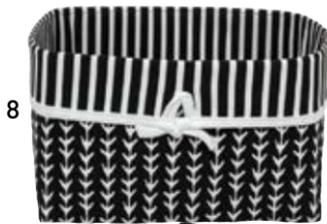
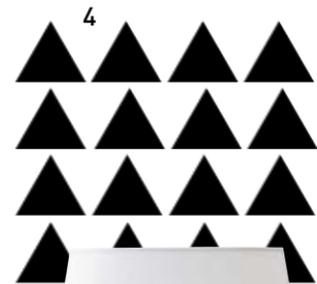
Few rooms in the home are more fun to decorate than a baby's room. We've gathered items in three different styles to inspire when decorating for that little bundle of joy.

## GRAPHIC

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.

- 1. DAVID TRUBRIDGE: Snowflake Hanging Light Fixture in Black
- 2. FLENSTED MOBILES: Elephant Party in Black and White
- 3. THE ANIMAL PRINT SHOP: Baby Zebra Little Darling Photographic Art Print
- 4. ROCKY MOUNTAIN DECALS: Mini Mountains Wall Decals in Black
- 5. WEE GALLERY: Woodland Canvas Growth Chart
- 6. THE LAND OF NOD: Deer Table Lamp
- 7. UBBI: Diaper Pail in Black with White Triangles
- 8. SWEET KYLA: Midnight Soft Nursery Basket in Vine With Stripe
- 9. OLLU + LIME: Weave Blanket in Grey & Deer Crib Sheet
- 10. JAIPUR LIVING: Gramercy Scatter Dot Rug in Black
- 11. MONTE DESIGN: Joya Rocker in Black Bonded Leather with White Base
- 12. BABYLETTO: Hudson Crib
- 13. WEE GALLERY: Woodland Creatures Nesting Dolls
- 14. SURYA: Somerset Pouf in Black

Continued on page 58



11

14



**ELMIRA**  
STOVE WORKS



**Valor**  
THE ORIGINAL  
RADIANT GAS FIREPLACE

**Modern Technology, Timeless Beauty**

**519-451-2124**  
2100 Oxford Street East, Unit 41, London, ON N5V 4A4  
[www.elmirastoveworks.ca](http://www.elmirastoveworks.ca)

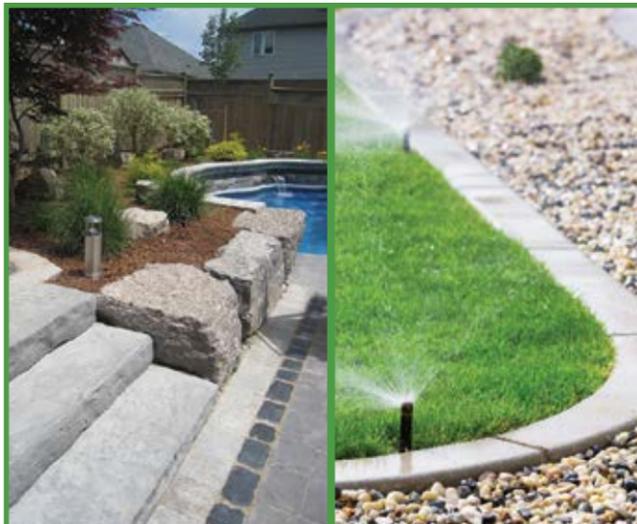


**LONDON AWNINGS**

LEADER IN RETRACTABLE AWNING AND SOLAR SCREEN SYSTEMS

**519-473-1723**  
2425 Oxford St. W., London  
Mon.-Fri. 9:00 - 5:00 & Sat. 9:00 - 3:00  
[www.londonawnings.com](http://www.londonawnings.com)

**Over 35 Years of Excellence**



*Beautiful Landscapes*  
**BEGIN WITH OUR TEAM**

DESIGN AND BUILD OF LANDSCAPES AND IRRIGATION,  
LIGHTING AND LAWN & GARDEN CARE

**LIGHTHOUSE LANDSCAPE** **RAINFOREST**  
SPRINKLERS+LIGHTING  
trustthefrog.ca

519.951.5483 LEARN MORE AT:  
[www.lighthouselandscape.ca](http://www.lighthouselandscape.ca) • [www.trustthefrog.ca](http://www.trustthefrog.ca)

*Think Copp's*

**Big Green Egg**  
The Ultimate Cooking Experience



Available at

**COPPS** **BUILDALL**

45 York Street - 519.679.9000  
[coppbuildall.com](http://coppbuildall.com)



# ARUGULA ORZO SALAD

RECIPE AND PHOTOGRAPHY JENELLE MCCULLOCH

This is a perfect make-ahead summer salad with fresh arugula, artichokes and orzo. Simple, yet full of flavour and seasonal produce.



**online** Get more recipes at [ourhomes.ca/mag/cook](http://ourhomes.ca/mag/cook)

## INGREDIENTS (Serves 4)

### SALAD

- 1 cup orzo, uncooked

---

- 5-6 artichoke hearts, packed in water

---

- 5-6 sundried tomatoes, drained and thinly sliced

---

- 1 cup canned white beans, drained and washed

---

- arugula

---

- ¼ cup parmesan cheese, shaved

### LEMON DRESSING

- ¼ cup lemon juice

---

- ¼ cup olive oil

---

- 1 tsp Dijon mustard

---

- ½ tsp pepper

---

- ½ tsp salt

---

- pinch of dried oregano

### DIRECTIONS

- Bring large pot of water to a boil and cook the orzo for 5 to 7 minutes, as per package directions. Strain and rinse thoroughly.
- Combine and whisk ingredients for dressing in a large mixing bowl. Set aside.
- Drain artichokes and slice in half. In large bowl, add orzo, artichokes, sundried tomatoes and white beans. Mix together. Right before serving add dressing, and mix. Toss with a few handfuls of arugula and top with parmesan cheese. **OH**

OUR HOMES attracts the area's finest businesses to advertise in our pages, and utilize our unparalleled distribution and coffee-table appeal to market their products and services. We're making it easier for you, our readers, to become educated as you plan your home- and real estate-related purchasing decisions. View these business ads online at [ourhomes.ca/london](http://ourhomes.ca/london). The listings below are organized alphabetically by industry.

## APPLIANCES

London Major Appliances, 21

## GARDEN DÉCOR

Lighthouse Landscape, 55, 57

Lighthouse Landscape, 55, 57  
Triple H Paving Stone Inc., 35, 54

## ARTISTS/ART GALLERIES

Westland Gallery, 4

## HEATING & COOLING

Carver Sheet Metal Inc., 47

## LIGHTING

Elmira Stove Works, 57

## AUTO

Subaru Canada, 5

## HOME ACCENTS/COLLECTIBLES/ DÉCOR/FURNITURE

ReDecor Consignment, 63  
Tepperman's, 59  
The Table & Chair Co., 11  
The Wood Studio, 2&3

## MILLWORK/TRIM/MOULDINGS

Copp's Buildall, 57

## AWNINGS

London Awnings, 57

## NEW HOME COMMUNITIES

Sifton Properties Ltd., 64

## BUILDERS/CUSTOM HOMES

CCR Building & Remodeling, 45  
Sifton Properties Ltd., 64

## HOME IMPROVEMENTS/ RENOVATIONS

CCR Building & Remodeling, 45

## PAINTING & DECORATING

Benjamin Moore, 7  
Clancy's Rainbow, 7  
Mint Painting, 29, 55

## INTERIOR DESIGN

Decor Resource, 43, 54  
Peridot Designs, 55  
Sylvie's Interior Design, 35

## REAL ESTATE

System Select Realty Inc., 10

## BUILDING SUPPLIES

Copp's Buildall, 57

## BUSINESS INTERIORS/FURNITURE

POI Business Interiors Inc., 43, 54

## KITCHEN & BATH

Aqualuxe Bath, 11, 54  
Brouwer Plumbing, 9  
CCR Building & Remodeling, 45  
Copp's Buildall, 57  
The Ensuite Bath & Kitchen Showroom (a Division of Emco), 43, 55  
The Wood Studio, 2&3

## ROOFING

London Eco-Metal Manufacturing Inc., 45

## CUSTOM CABINETRY

The Wood Studio, 2&3

## STAIRS/RAILINGS

London Stair & Railing Co. Ltd., 10

## FIREPLACES & STOVES

Elmira Stove Works, 57

## LANDSCAPING/LAWN & GARDEN

Eden Gardenworks, 47

## WINDOWS & DOORS

Copp's Buildall, 57

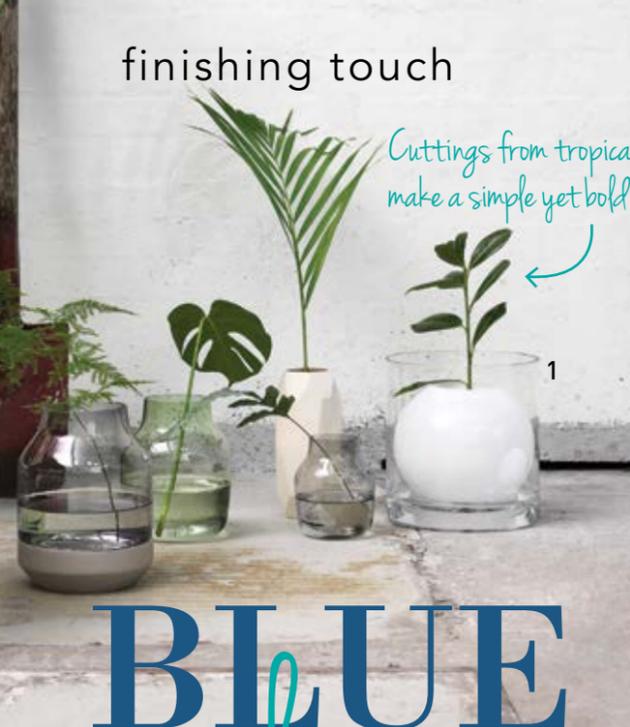
## FOOD/DRINK/CATERING

Steel Grill Catering, 43

OUR HOMES is committed to ensuring the businesses above appear under the correct headings. To make a correction, or to have your business listed under more than one heading, please email [sylvie.roth@ourhomes.ca](mailto:sylvie.roth@ourhomes.ca). To have your business listed in our Home Resource Directory, call us to advertise at 519.851.1041.

finishing touch

Cuttings from tropical plants make a simple yet bold statement



# BLUE lagoon

Aquatic-themed spaces are a design trend we're loving this year. Dive in and submerge your kitchen or dining area in colour palettes and elements inspired by oceans, lakes, lagoons and the creatures and plant life that inhabit them.

**1. MUUTO:** Elevated, Silent, Shade & Four Vases **2. TECH LIGHTING:** Quinton Pendant in Surf Green **3. COLE & SON:** Palm Jungle 95/1003 Wallpaper **4. MOSAÏQUE SURFACE:** Nadja Tile in Calacatta Oro & Brass **5. KITCHENAID:** Artisan Stand Mixer in Blue Willow **6. DELTA:** Trinsic Single Handle Pull-Down Kitchen Faucet in Champagne Bronze **7. AMEROCK:** Sea Grass CTC Cup Pull in Golden Champagne **8. ABBOTT:** Mojave Succulents in Globe **9. LE CREUSET:** Covered Sauté Pan in Caribbean **10. ABBOTT:** Graphic Pumpkin Knob in Turquoise & Gold **11. NOVICA:** Azure Chalice Handblown Recycled Glass Pitcher Set for 2 **12. ABBOTT:** Large Classic Pillar Candle in Navy Blue **13. BANQUET ATELIER & WORK SHOP:** Wild Birds in Navy Blue 100% Linen Tea Towel **14. JAIPUR LIVING:** Barcelona I-O Drizzle Rug in Papyrus & Green Bay **15. BABA SOUK:** Natural Seagrass Medium Belly Basket in Black **16. TON CANADA:** Chair Split in Gradient Blue **17. MOE'S:** Belem Rectangular Dining Table **18. ABBOTT:** Rustic Rim Porcelain Dinnerware in Ocean **OH**



# ReDECOR CONSIGNMENT

FINE FURNISHINGS & HOME ACCENTS

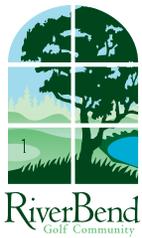
ReDISCOVER Fabulous Finds Today, Tomorrow ...



ReDECOR's showroom features 3000 square feet of gently used, upscale furniture and home accessories at a fraction of the original price. Contemporary, antique, vintage, traditional or modern decor have been carefully selected for your consideration. ReDECOR offers the rare combination of elegance with value. Unique, one of a kind finds are here today, sold tomorrow.

1055 Sarnia Road, London ON N6H 5J9 | 226.884.4144

[WWW.REDECORCONSIGN.COM](http://WWW.REDECORCONSIGN.COM)



# Spend more time Living

Sifton

## Venture into your backyard's backyard.

Glance up as the morning sun weaves through the trees casting soft shadows on your path. Take a peaceful morning stroll, squeeze in a little yoga, and do it all again tomorrow. Welcome to the RiverBend life.

### Homes Starting from the mid \$300s.

- Private Gated Community
- 18 hole Championship Golf Course
- Active Clubhouse

Purchase one of the first 20 inside lots and **ENJOY \$5,000 in FREE upgrades plus ONE YEAR FREE land lease!**

519.657.4333

[RiverBendGolf.com](http://RiverBendGolf.com)



Experience. The Difference.™