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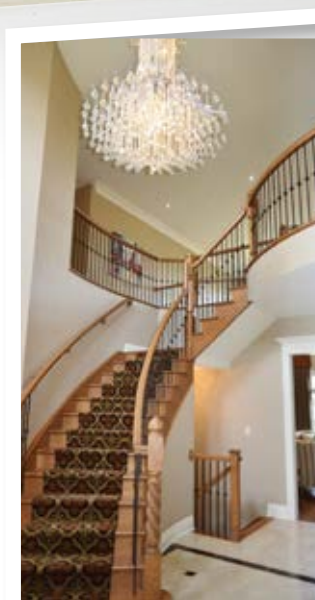
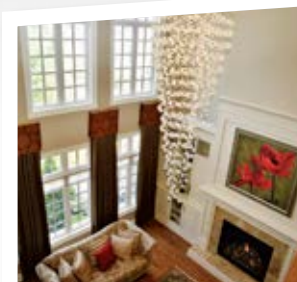
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As she snoozed, I daydreamed about the houses we passed. What would it be like to live in one of the oldest homes in Niagara? How great would it be to relax on one of those courtyard patios with an iced tea and a novel? But mostly, I wondered, “who lives in these homes? What’s their story?”

I’ve since found out I’m not the only one with such questions. I discovered the answers to some of them while on assignment for this issue of OUR HOMES The Niagara Region.

We give you a glimpse into one of those daydream-inspiring Old Town homes, which, interestingly, is a lot newer than you might think. While assisting with the photo shoot, I learned the homeowner used to visit Niagara-on-the-Lake and admire the houses while asking herself the same questions I had. That wonder is what ultimately drew her to retire there with her husband, and build their dream home.

Now people are asking the same questions about her house, I’m sure. It’s certainly one that would have piqued my curiosity on one of those strolls with my daughter.

The other home we feature would have had the same effect were I to take more time exploring Niagara’s south coast. This 90-year-old home on the shores of Lake Erie is nothing short of awesome, and reminded me how much I adore the shallowest of the Great Lakes as much as a home with a good story.

Of course, as summer comes to a close and we spend more time indoors, we start to think about the stories and wonder what we can create in our own homes with a few touch-ups and renos. This issue is packed with plenty of inspiration for fall projects.

Otherwise, maybe I’ll run into you on a walk through a Niagara neighbourhood, admiring and daydreaming about where others live.

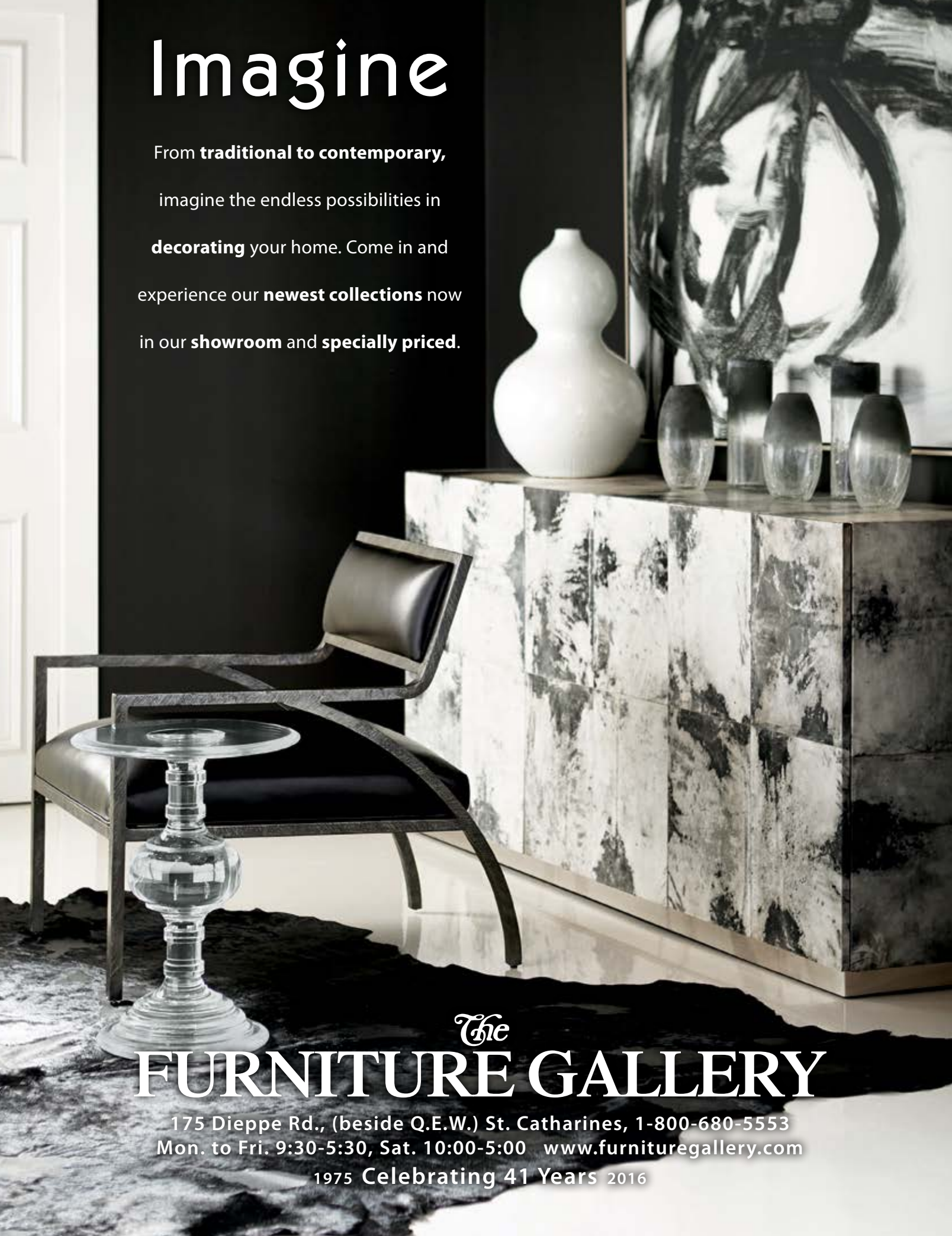
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FALL IS THE TIME OF YEAR FOR SHARING, and my goodness, we have two beautiful homes to share with you once again. One was built in the 1920s on the shores of Lake Erie and has since been updated with a tremendous addition and renovations. The craftsmanship is superb and stays true to the time in which the home was originally built. All the changes fit seamlessly with what was already there. It's amazing to see.

The other is in Niagara-on-the-Lake. I thought I was walking into a heritage home only to discover it was brand new but designed to fit into the Old Town. Both are great stories.

We have several others in the works, too, for upcoming issues, including a jaw-dropping home designed by Sarah Richardson. I also recently bumped into novelist Dee Willson at Stoney Creek Furniture. She was shopping for pieces for her new home in Port Dalhousie. It's a fantastic new build by Pym and Cooper that we can't wait to tell you about.

More sharing here! I received an email this summer that started with "Laurie, Is that you? It's me, Rosemary!" Rosemary is my old high school chum, and the next thing I knew, I was sitting with five old friends from high school. I don't even want to count the years since I've seen them. One of them was my dear friend Pat. We all have had a Pat in our lives. You know, the person with whom you shared just about everything. We were both in each other's lives until our children came along. Then we got busy with work and family. It's been great to reconnect. We've been busy sharing again and catching up, and building new relationships.

Now, share your Thanksgiving dinner with family, and look up an old friend or two. And don't forget to share this copy of OUR HOMES The Niagara Region. Enjoy the fall season.

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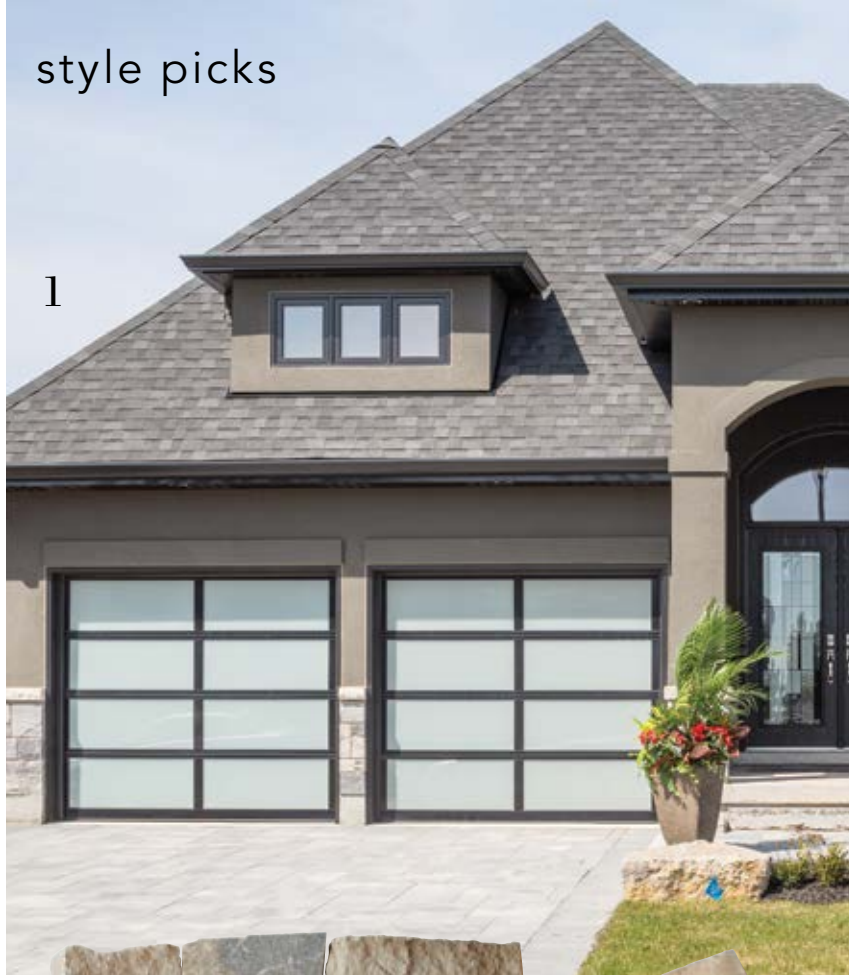


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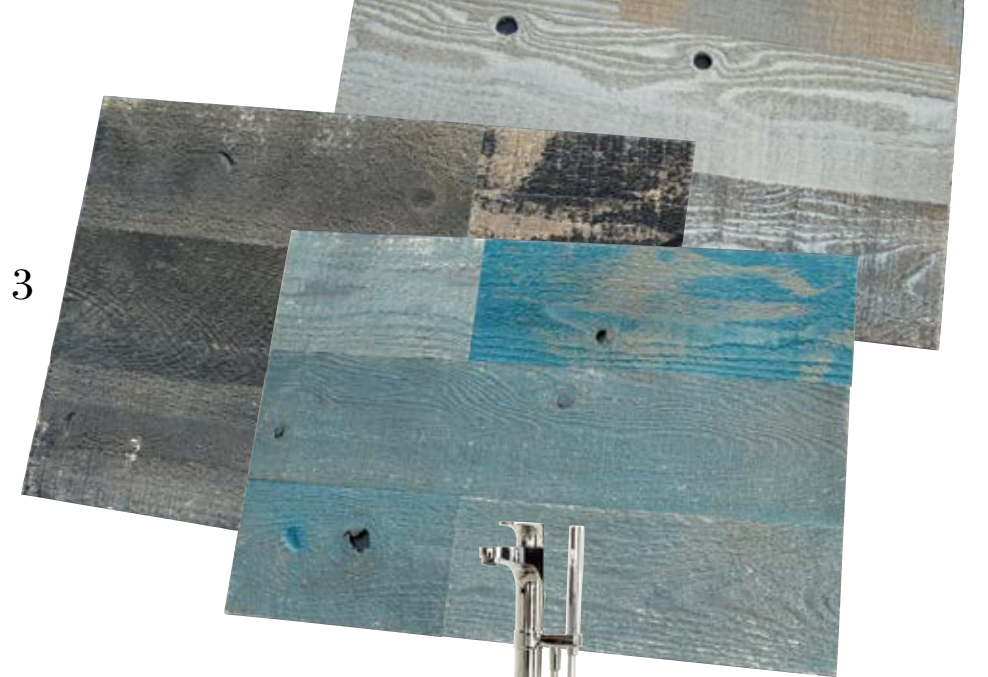
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Leanne and Dave Steiner had rather specific ideas about how and where they wanted to spend their retirement years.

The former operating room nurse and oil executive had their hearts set on the historic charm of Niagara-on-the-Lake, a place that also offered all the modern conveniences they were used to after 10 years living and working near Houston, Texas.

“We wanted a small town feel, but with reasonable access to some of the amenities and activities you might find in a larger community, and Niagara-on-the-Lake seemed to fit that bill perfectly,” Leanne says.

After purchasing a lot in Old Town, and with a floor plan in mind, Leanne worked extensively with builder **Ken Martens** of **Brook-Lite Homes Ltd.** to create a space that was both visually stunning and convivial. “I gave him my floor plan,” she said, “and we sort of evolved from the floor up.”

But Niagara-on-the-Lake, known for its picture-postcard heritage, has specific criteria for new builds. The couple had to ensure the house fit into the traditional look of the historic district while incorporating Leanne’s vision. The home, which looks like it’s always been there, is actually a two-year old bungalow, but from the street it looks like a two-storey – as per the town’s requirements – thanks to a window cleverly placed under the peaked roofline.

As for the inside, it’s entirely the Steiners’ idea of a dream retirement home.

The whole main floor has a monochromatic off-white colour scheme that incorporates texture and creative ornamentation to add character and warmth. The baseboards, mouldings and trim look like they belong in a century home, but thanks to the exquisite work of **Lee Bambridge** of **Bambridge Woodworks Ltd.**, they’re wider in places, and have intricate designs that flawlessly marry the traditional with the modern.

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TOP LEFT: Leanne and Dave Steiner in the entranceway of their Niagara-on-the-Lake home.

TOP RIGHT: This new build was made to look like it has always been a part of its Old Town neighbourhood.

BOTTOM LEFT: A collection of porcelain vases provide a pop of colour in the office.

MIDDLE: A sitting area in the office allows for plenty of play among the work. This room also doubles as a guest room with a Murphy bed.

RIGHT: A mirror backslash in the guest bathroom adds dimension.



NOD TO THE PAST

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LEFT: The kitchen basks in the glow of natural light thanks to a large skylight. Built-in China cabinets and appliances provide functionality and add to the aesthetic appeal. **BELOW:** A pantry off the kitchen provides additional storage for dry goods, dishes and a wine fridge. **BOTTOM:** The laundry room provides plenty of space to tackle chores. **OPPOSITE, TOP:** The monochromatic off-white colour scheme is bright and airy. Large windows and doors in the living and dining rooms add to that feeling with a view to a pristine courtyard garden. **BOTTOM:** The courtyard garden boasts multiple entertaining areas to kick back and enjoy a sunny day.



Leanne loves to cook and spends much of her time in the open-concept kitchen with cabinetry designed by **Artcraft Kitchens** to conceal some of the appliances. The door of the Sub-Zero refrigerator looks like a generous kitchen cupboard, while a pullout Fisher & Paykel freezer is contained in a neighbouring drawer. The striking Cambria quartz centre island contains two drawer dishwashers, small and large also by Fisher & Paykel, that are seamlessly concealed and ergonomically designed to minimize bending. Like the other kitchen appliances, the stainless Dacor gas range is from **Nickerson Home Appliances** but it's the only one not hidden away. Along with an under-the-counter Miele combination and individual convection/microwave oven, there's a multitude of cooking options.

Flooring was another opportunity to combine old and new. "I wanted hardwood but I didn't want lots of visible wood grain," Leanne explained. The dark walnut finish by **Aristocrat Floors of the World** delivers the subtle look desired and flows through much of the home. It's the perfect foil to the off-white custom shelving in the living room and library that holds a diverse array of books and objets d'art. Both rooms also feature a gas fireplace from **Stella's Regional Fireplace Specialists**, equipped with crystals

in the firebox that twinkle in the light of the flames, and become focal points when ignited. The library also doubles as a guest room with a tucked-away Murphy bed, and an adjacent powder room provides privacy to visitors who find it hard to leave.

Leanne's desire to achieve a space that looks and feels expansive, particularly in the common areas, is accomplished by skillfully placed mirrors from **Low's Glass Mirror & Windows**.

Wall-to-wall windows by **Regional Doors & Hardware** in the living room and master bedroom provide panoramic views of the manicured courtyard patio with its European-inspired landscaping by **DeKorte's Landscaping Ltd.** "We've travelled a lot, all through Europe and Asia, and I kind of had an idea that I wanted a Parisian courtyard-style yard with lots of greenery that allowed for privacy," Leanne says.

Jack DeKorte worked directly with Leanne to design a charming space that boasts privacy and solitude from the nearby tourist district. Even the clip-clopping of horse-drawn carriages and car traffic are muted by the trees and other foliage in the yard. The gardens are kept fresh and green with a built-in sprinkler system by **All Green Irrigation**. *Continued on page 22*



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In the master bedroom, Hunter Douglas Powerview shades from **Lincoln Interiors & Furniture Gallery** open and close with the push of a button. It's a feature Leanne says she wanted to prevent wear and tear from adjusting them manually. The large walk-in closet was designed by California Closets to fit Leanne's specifications of having his-and-her space and hidden laundry baskets.

The off-white theme throughout the rest of the main floor is broken up only by the grey tones of Carrara marble from Aristocrat in the en suite. A separate tub and shower from **The Ensuite** provide both relaxation and function, while a secluded toilet and bidet are shrouded in utmost privacy.

Like the rest of the home, even the staircase leading to the lower level bucks being cookie-cutter. Instead of a straight staircase, Leanne split it into two sections with a landing between. Made extra wide, they lead to a part of the home dubbed "the man cave." It has a masculine feel with warm tones of grey and brown. The open-concept lower level provides office space for Dave, a second living room with a large-screen television, a small wet bar, and a round table that's ideal for a night of poker with the guys. Two guest bedrooms share a well-appointed bathroom and round out the living space.

Every feature of the Steiners' Old Town home unites style with function, traditional with contemporary, and is an example of how a homeowner with imagination and a builder with vision can work together to create living space that pleases the eye and soothes the soul.

"I wanted a modern take on tradition," Leanne says. "It was a process that took more than 18 months, planning and choosing, going back and forth with the builder and tradespeople."

Given how much the couple is enjoying retirement, it was well worth it. **OH**

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TOP: The master bedroom maintains the look and feel of the rest of the house with off-white walls and large windows and doors overlooking the courtyard patio. **ABOVE LEFT:** Carrara marble lines the counters of the master en suite. **ABOVE RIGHT:** A shower and tub provide both functionality and relaxation to a very private master en suite.

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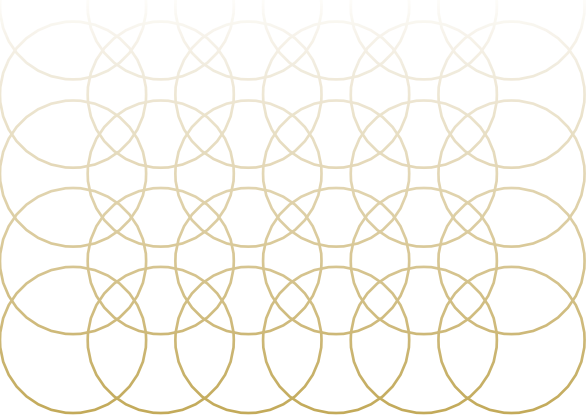
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Both artificial and natural light from light fixtures and windows brighten every room. Reflective metals, glass and mirror accents will enhance these light sources and bounce reflected light around the room, adding life and personality.

For me, I love to maximize and capture light in a room with reflective gilded decorative elements that feature either decadent polished or demure matte finishes. Whether you fancy gold leaf or polished brass for a touch of glam or prefer champagne gold, rose gold or aged brass for a more classic look, they'll all elevate your décor with the Midas touch.

« Pairing golden tones with dark wood and dark neutral colours like royal blue or the rich purple velvet chairs (as shown here in my client's living room) makes a regal statement in an otherwise traditional room. Set against walls and draperies in whispery golden tones, gilded accents like the lamps, cocktail tables and mirrors truly make the room sparkle and draw the eye toward the light and around the room. *Continued on page 28*

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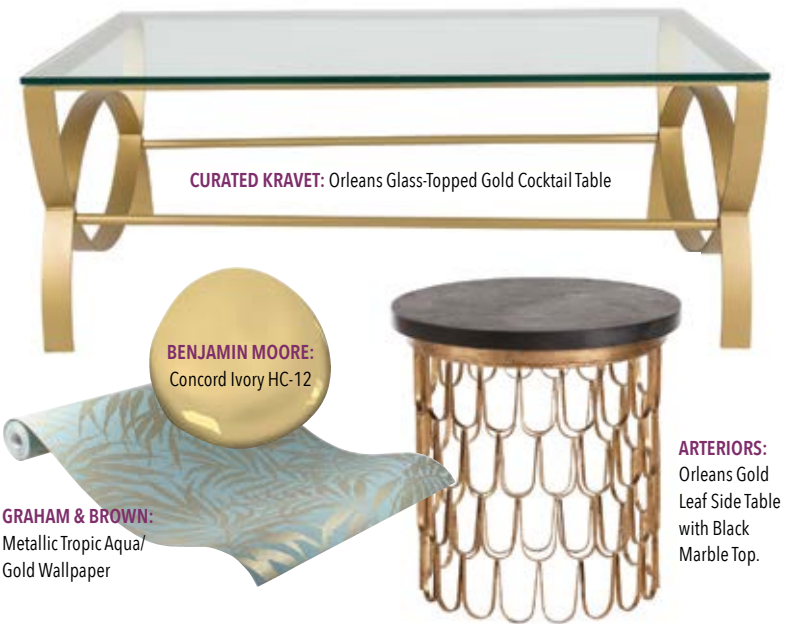
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ELTE: Mason Ceiling Light

⤴ In the lovely dining room, adjacent to the living room, an elegant chandelier with matching wall sconces adds light to the space in more ways than one. The room sparkles even when the lights are turned off with the lighting’s soft champagne-gold finish. Notice how the art captures the golden tones of the light fixtures while capturing the colour palette of the living/dining room to complete the space.



CURATED KRAVET: Orleans Glass-Topped Gold Cocktail Table

BENJAMIN MOORE: Concord Ivory HC-12

GRAHAM & BROWN: Metallic Tropic Aqua/ Gold Wallpaper

ARTERIORS: Orleans Gold Leaf Side Table with Black Marble Top.

⤴ Use golden accents in small doses so they don’t compete but rather complete the space. Even the smallest touches of shine, whether matte or polished in golden, brassy or rosy tones, will add a golden glint you can’t ignore.



CURATED KRAVET: La Jolla Ottoman in Kravet’s Join The Club Platinum Fabric



CRATE & BARREL: Harper Rose Gold Flatware



KEVIN O'BRIEN STUDIO: Metallic Arches Velvet Gold Pillow

CRATE & BARREL: Starburst Bowl



⤴ If you want to make a truly stunning statement in a room, introduce large objects like a glass-top table with a gold base or a large work of art or sculpture in an entrance hall or living room. Chandeliers, floor lamps, walls and draperies in warm golden hues will set off any neutral palette and satisfy our need for brilliant beams of sunlight to warm our souls, brighten our days and lift our spirits until the return of summer’s sunbeams. **OH**

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Porch Rules

Larry and Cathy Boggio couldn't imagine anything better than sitting on the summer porch of their Wainfleet home.

Lake Erie is the most prominent view from the breezy, screened veranda of the couple's house that was once the summer cottage of a prominent Buffalo business family. Since moving in 11 years ago, the Boggios have made it a year-round home, and in the process, created several other places to sit and soak in the view: the winter porch, the stone patio and the roof of an old stone boathouse where four red Muskoka chairs now beckon.



"We sit in our Muskoka chairs in the evening and drink wine," Cathy says. "It's super relaxing. I really love it. It changes every day."

The original home was built in 1924. The couple, owners of the **Boggio Family of Pharmacies** in Niagara, bought the home in 2005 and completed extensive renovations.

The colour is the first standout of the house. The exterior is cottage red with white and blue trim around the windows, from **Herman's Building Centres**. It was a bold move that Cathy, a designer, gambled on and won.

"I always say when people are trying to find our house 'It's the red house with the stone front,'" she says.

The white trim, Larry adds, "crisps it up a bit."

The original and only other owners – the Scheelers – founders of Buffalo Wire Works Co., used the house as a cottage and fishing camp. Cathy says beams in the basement still bear a handwritten tally of fish caught in certain years.

For 18 years, the Boggios lived about two kilometres down the road, and would drive by and fantasize about owning it. Cathy says she only saw the Scheelers there about once a year.

When the house finally went up for sale, the Boggios put in a bid. They were just about to renovate the kitchen in their current home, but Larry decided to wait until the following week to sign the contract for the renovations. A few days later, they were owners of their new house.

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ABOVE: The red, white and blue exterior colour scheme gives this lakeside home an East Coast feel. **LEFT:** An old boathouse is the perfect patio with Muskoka chairs for relaxing and taking in the view. **OPPOSITE, TOP:** The screened-in summer porch is breezy on a hot day and still inviting on rainy days. **BOTTOM:** Homeowner and designer Cathy Boggio and her loyal companion, Allie.



They knew that they'd renovate it. The home sat on a beautiful double waterfront lot, but the place needed updating.

"There was no insulation," Larry says. "There was no real heat. The electrical was old wiring. The plumbing needed updating. We replaced everything – plumbing, electrical, windows."

The goal all along, Larry says, was "to make the new look old." Much of their energy in the renovations, which took about a year-and-a-half, was spent making the place look authentic.

An example? The main staircase, installed by **Amber Stairs & Railing Inc.**, was made of fir to match woodwork in the rest of the home. Workers were concerned it wasn't the ideal wood, but the Boggios persisted.

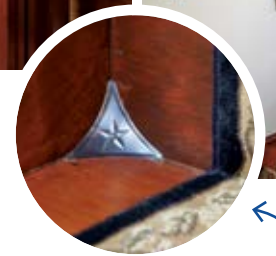
"They suggested going with a harder wood," Cathy remembers. "But after they did it, they thought it was amazing."

The couple doubled the size of the existing house, adding about 1,900 square feet to the 1,800 sq. ft. house, with help from Cathy's brother, contractor **Ron Kieffer (Ron Kieffer Construction)**, who specializes in custom renovations. They added a new kitchen, dining room, master bedroom with en suite and a new main stairwell leading to both, plus a double garage.

The large eat-in kitchen, with plentiful storage provided by **Elmwood Fine Custom Cabinetry** is a focal point of the house, spreading out to the right after the front foyer. More than being simply grand, it's spacious enough to entertain family over the holidays. The Boggios have been known to host 30 people at Christmas dinner. A pantry off the cooking area provides additional space for storage and food prep. Built-in appliances from **Doug Swartz Appliance Sales and Service** help the couple stay true to making the old look new.

The kitchen's cream-coloured tile by **Alfieri Floor Experts** pairs well with the new hardwood floors installed by **Wilson Floor Design**. Both suit the style of the home, feeling as though they were part of the original cottage.

The original kitchen was converted to a laundry room. Some of the old glass-door cabinets were retained and now showcase Larry's ever-growing collection of old medicine bottles. Additional cabinets were custom-built by **Mike Feagan Woodworkers** to resemble what was already there. *Continued on page 34*



ABOVE: The foyer, filled with warm wood and dark tile, is a welcoming main entrance to the home. **RIGHT:** Old family photos lining the walls of the original staircase help maintain the heritage feel of the home. **BELOW:** Lots of windows make it easy to take in the great outdoors in many ways. **OPPOSITE, TOP LEFT:** Larry Boggio's collection of old medicine and pharmacy bottles. **TOP RIGHT:** A pantry off the kitchen provides plenty of storage and additional prep space for cooking. **BOTTOM:** The kitchen and dining area flow seamlessly into each other and can fit upwards of 30 people for holiday dinners.

Unique touches, like metal plates in the corners of each stair to prevent dust build-up, show the attention to detail when this home was built in 1926.





The rest of the original main floor was transformed into a lounge area, with a pool table inviting games under an antique-looking chandelier from Turn of the Century Lighting. It adds to the relaxed feel one would expect of a cottage-turned-family home.

The meticulous transformation didn't stop with the renovations. The Boggios searched across southern Ontario and western New York for furniture and fixtures to suit the 1920s look of the house and complement the many pieces the Scheelers left behind. They also lucked out with accent pieces, including an area rug from **Ten Thousand Villages**.

"I didn't want to change what was here," Cathy says. "I wanted to keep the old and introduce new pieces that fit the style and era of the home."

But it's those porches, spanning the back of the house looking out onto the water, that are the heart of the home. The summer porch boasts custom-built windows and screens from **Kingswood Millwork & Design**. When the temperatures are less inviting, the view is enjoyed from the winter porch with its heated floor. No matter where they choose to sit, there's ample room to take in the view, and to share it with their friends and family year-round.

"This is our dream home, both inside and outside," Cathy says. "We've already made so many beautiful memories with our children and grandchildren, and we look forward to the many more we'll have in this home."

"We found our own paradise here," Larry adds with a smile. "It's our retreat from our busy lifestyle." **OH**

TOP LEFT: The fireplace in the master bedroom helps fend off chilly nights. **LEFT:** The en suite bathroom provides complete privacy and relaxation.

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THE SPECIALTY: The store carries stylish lines from enduring brands, including Kichler, Quoizel and Uttermost Lamps. McKean travels to shows in the U.S. to find the next best sellers for every taste. It's an approach that also gives Don's the edge. "I'm still from the old school of wanting to see what a product looks like," McKean explains. "I want to check the sockets and see how the glass goes on. We're trying to minimize any potential problems for the customer."

THE TREND: People are switching to retro and industrial looks. Think fixtures shaped like mason jars, or lots of wire caging around Edison light bulbs. There's always a place for something more traditional, however. Crystal casts soothing light over bathtubs or any place intended to be a retreat, McKean says. "People are buying the bling for themselves. Why not indulge yourself with something calming and relaxing."

THE NEWS: McKean has big plans to update the store inside and out. Renovations will add a Bright Ideas centre to make it even easier for customers to find the perfect fixtures. "By becoming a little more techno-friendly, we are looking to bring the knowledge and assistance of our staff combined with the speed and selection of online shopping together in the showroom," says McKean. "The goal is to continue to bring quality lighting and service to our customers."

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Why is the Niagara market so hot right now? Niagara continues to represent great value for both local residents and now, even more, residents new to the area. With an inventory of 30 per cent less than the historical trend and a predominantly seller's market, homes are simply selling faster.

What's your favourite part of selling homes here? Being a relatively smaller community, there's a tremendous amount of trust and word of mouth to demonstrate our reputation for great service. The people in Niagara are simply fantastic to deal with.

Pumpkin pie or apple? Tough question. We always buy both and also throw a chocolate cream pie in for good measure. Actually, John does that quite well! *Continued on page 42*

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