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WONDERFUL
WINTERBERRY LANE

THE PLACE: What began as a seasonal antique shop in Muskoka has evolved into a spacious, furniture and décor store that operates year round in the city. Located just north of the lakeshore in Oakville, **Winterberry Lane** is home to new and reclaimed furniture, vintage and antique pieces, lighting and decorative items. The store is owned and operated by Judy Cistrone, a self-taught designer who buys for the store, and Dominic Cistrone, an engineer with a talent for woodworking and furniture restoration. The couple has made Winterberry Lane a family affair, working closely with daughter, Sarah Lindsay, the store's creative director, and son, Bradley Cistrone, who assists with operations management.

THE STYLE: Winterberry Lane blends new, high-end pieces with one-of-a-kind vintage and antique items, many of which have been lovingly restored and updated by Dominic. The store offers an eclectic mix of classic, rustic, contemporary and transitional furniture and décor. Neutrals far exceed the subtle pops of colour. Elegance is key. In addition to U.S. and Canadian-made pieces, they source much of their collection from England and France. "If you see it and love it, take it!" Sarah encourages, noting that restored pieces often move quickly. "They won't exist anywhere else exactly as we have them."

WHAT'S HOT? While trends lean toward botanical and geometric patterned textiles, Winterberry Lane stays true to Judy's timeless vision. Stunning light fixtures and oversize, architectural mirrors will catch your eye in store, and it's hard to pass by the large selection of restored vintage and antique pieces. Beautifully framed art takes inspiration from vintage maps and blueprints, and many decorative accents feature glass or metallic finishes.

FAVOURITES: A recent shop favourite is a 125-year-old French antique sideboard brought to Winterberry Lane in hurting condition, Sarah says. The piece was restored, painted and lightly distressed and topped with classic white and grey marble. "Like many older pieces, the structural bones are solid and sound. It is now completely functional, flexible, and is a beautiful one-of-a-kind piece of history."

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