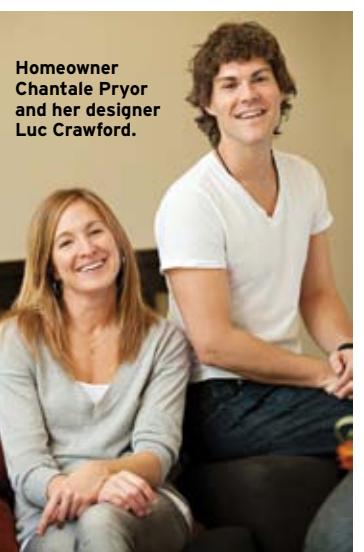


HIGH STYLE *country life*

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Homeowner
Chantale Pryor
and her designer
Luc Crawford.

Craig and Chantale Pryor love their new bungalow, set among mature trees in the quiet woods of Navan.

The Pryors wanted to blend the warmth of traditional design with the clean feel of contemporary design. "We really wanted to bring the outside in," says Chantale, "we knew we wanted an open concept space."

The Pryors turned to builder Mark Patterson of **Patterson Homes** and to architect André Godin of **André Godin Design Inc.** to help bring their

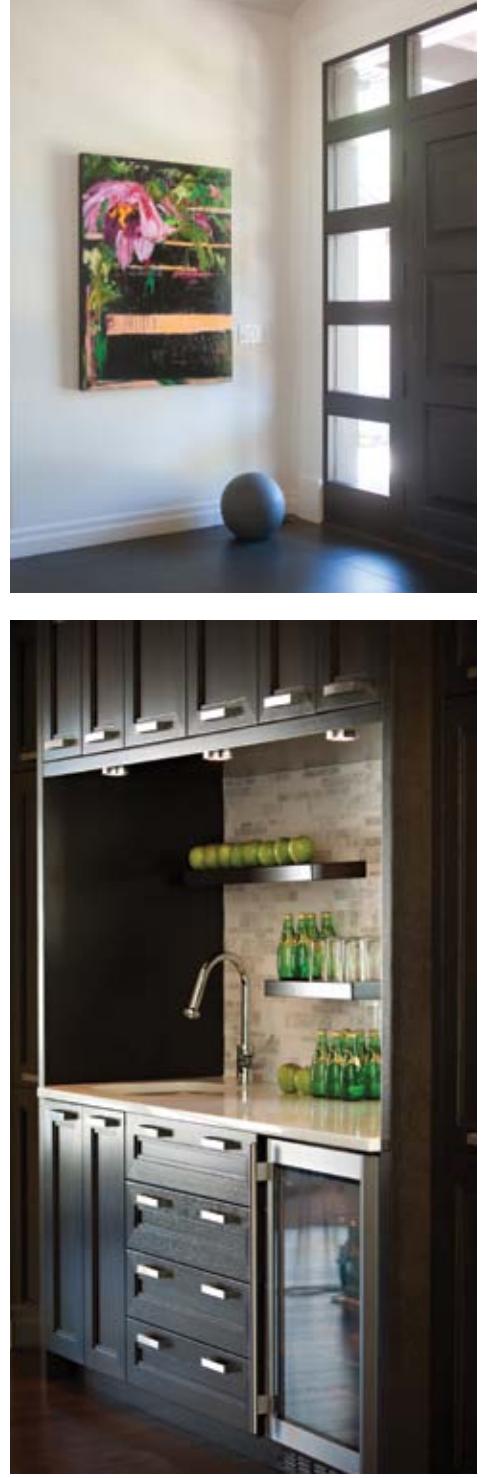
vision to fruition. The result, a 7,000 sq. ft. contemporary build featuring airy, high ceilings and large, bright windows that frame views of the picturesque outdoors.

The couple left the hustle and bustle of city life for a more peaceful retreat where they could raise their young family. "We wanted [the kids] to have a place where they could run and play and at the same time have privacy," says Chantale.

Upon entering the home, guests are greeted in the magnificent entranceway, which is adorned with large, smoky-grey tiles, a modern fixture suspended from the vaulted ceiling and colourful artwork. A large mirror reflects cascading sunlight from the beautiful entrance. *Continued on page 32*



Sunlight cascades into the dining room where a contemporary glass pendant chandelier hangs delicately above a massive walnut-veneer table.



Dark hickory flooring extends throughout the main floor, including the large open concept living area; a bright, open, elegant space that showcases sleek and modern furnishings and accessories. To the left is a large fireplace by **Merkley Supply Ltd.**, encased in stone from floor-to-ceiling. **Designs by 2** took care of the interior styling of the home. They added a large L-shaped sectional and a cosy chair to the living area, a circular patterned area rug and hints of bold accents to give the room flair and warmth.

Adjacent to the living area is one of Chantale's favourite rooms – a large gourmet kitchen. Featuring a custom-built island with granite countertop, it is the ideal place for the children to eat lunch. Rich, espresso coloured kitchen cabinets by **Louis L'artisan Inc.**, and stainless steel appliances further complete the sophisticated look. "I like the kitchen because of the space flow... it's ideal for entertaining," says Chantale.

The kitchen opens on to a sun-washed dining area, which exemplifies the perfect combination of function and style. An extra-large, custom walnut veneer table designed by **Luc Crawford Design Planning Designs by 2** and constructed by FNK Kitchens easily accommodates extra seating while entertaining family and friends. Hanging gracefully above the massive table from the extra high dining area ceiling is a contemporary glass pendant chandelier, which provides ample lighting for the room.

Further down the hall are two beautifully decorated children's rooms and the stunning master suite. The immaculate space is adorned with a simplistic modern décor with minimalist furnishings and accessories in soft silver grey and aubergine. Floor-to-ceiling windows by **Grandor Group** boast breathtaking, panoramic views of the secluded woods and an impressive multi-faceted chandelier gives the illusion of a bright, starry night. *Continued on page 34*



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LEFT: A large fireplace encased in stone from floor to ceiling is the living room's showpiece.

TOP RIGHT: Light streams through windows surrounding an impressive door in the front entranceway, showcasing colourful artwork.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The kitchen features a prep area with extra sink, ample storage and a wine fridge.

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Beyond the main area of the master bedroom is the couple's his-and-hers walk-in closets and an expansive master en suite bath. White porcelain rectangular-shaped sinks sit atop a slab of grey slate. A solid dark wood vanity has open shelving for towel storage and large drawers for containing smaller toiletries. A large white roman tub and a glass-enclosed stand-in shower by **Mirror Works** complete the contemporary look and feel of the en suite.

The house also includes a home gym and an indoor lap pool, built to accommodate the couple's busy, active lifestyle.

"We are from the city and we like to work out so that became a critical part of the design," says Craig.

The Pryors are very pleased with their builder Mark Patterson of Patterson Homes.

The couple say Patterson showed a clear understanding of what they wanted during their first meeting, which is why they decided to put their trust in him to build their home. *Continued on page 36*

Mom and son share some laughs in the large master suite, decorated in soft hues of silver-grey and aubergine. An impressive multi-faceted chandelier gives the illusion of a bright starry night.

RIGHT: Chantale takes some time to read to her son in his cheerfully decorated bedroom.



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A large inviting chair is the perfect place to sit and enjoy the panoramic views the floor-to-ceiling windows have to offer.

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"From the first time we met him, he was very organized; he had a list of everything," says Chantale. "The team that works with him has been working with him for a long time. That resonated with us because he's a small builder who doesn't build a lot of homes. (The fact that) he's had the same guys working with him means they trust him, therefore it was easy for us to trust him with this process," she adds.

Patterson, who has been in the construction industry since 1988, says he believes trust is key to achieving success.

"It's critical to have a good working relationship," says Patterson. "We worked well together. The [Pryors] are nice people to deal with and the communication process was very simple and easy. Everything was always positive and moving forward."

Patterson says many of his clients have become his friends. "Because I've spent so much time with them, I've become very close to them," he says.

As a result of the close relationship he has developed with the Pryors, Patterson is currently working on several different projects for the family.

"That's what a close relationship will give you... trust," says Patterson. **OH**

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