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THIS EDITION OF OUR HOMES took intrepid photographer Harold Clark and me to a spot in the Kawarthas new to us.

Chandos Lake, northeast of Apsley, is where Cindy and Jack Gibson renova<mark>ted</mark> an aging Viceroy cottage and transformed it into a modern new lake house. The lake view from the cottage is beautiful. Shaped like the business end of a fish hook, Chandos is a spring fed, natural trout lake. As one of the few Ontario lakes that supports the prized lake trout, Chandos is a designated fish sanctuary where ice fishing is not allowed. Its water contains sufficient calcium to guard against acid rain and to sustain crayfish, snails and other organisms, but not enough to allow an invasion of zebra mussels.

Jack and Cindy had been visiting long-time friends Krista and Rob Murray on the lake for many years when they found a real estate listing for what became their new, year-round vacation spot, just down the road from their friends. The cabin where they first visited the Murrays was one of the original four cottages on the lake when it was still called Loon Lake. There are now many hundreds of summer homes on Chandos.

Jack and Cindy's property was the site of Woods School from 1911 to 1946. During that time, enrolment peaked at 12 pupils, mainly from four local families. The school house is long gone and although the Gibsons haven't found any old ink wells or slate boards, Cindy suspects the periwinkle shrubs and lily of the valley that grow on their property were planted by some of its earliest inhabitants. Perhaps by some of the farming folk who, generations ago, used the lakeside cow path.

Cindy and Jack are both experts at construction and design. Over 30 years, they've worked together on many personal building projects. But Chandos has a special place in their hearts and cottage life has been a cherished part of their lives. It certainly shows. See the results of their renovations on page 24.

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WINE CELLARS AND WINE-TASTING ROOMS ARE COMING OF AGE.

Wine collecting requires a special space of its own and more homeowners are installing wine rooms in new and existing homes to ensure the right bottle is on hand. With today's technology, refrigeration and modern materials, wine can be stored in almost any location. However, this 6,100-year-old beverage still requires tender loving care.

WINE IS FUSSY

Wine breathes through the cork and ages in the process. Too much oxygen makes the wine bitter. The pace of this breathing is faster at higher temperatures and slower at lower temperatures. Fluctuations in temperature and humidity accelerate the aging process.

WINE STORAGE

Wine requires a cool, dark space with higher humidity than the average living space. Wine does not like noise or vibrations from any source.

It doesn't like any temperature extremes; 45°F to 65°F are the best temperatures for serving wine and 55°F is the ideal storing temperature for long-term storage, regardless of your wine style. Wine storage rooms come in two types: passive and active. **Passive Wine Cellars** such as caves, basements and closets are naturally cooler and only receive indirect sunlight. They minimize swings in temperature and damage to the wine.

Active (Cooled) Wine Cellars are fully climate-controlled and can be set to the perfect storage temperature and humidity level that ensures ideal conditions. They are more flexible and can fit into any large, small or odd space in your home.

MODERN DESIGN TRENDS

Glass enclosures allow you to show off your wine collection and can be built as tall or wide as you want. The choice of tempered glass used is extremely important. The insulation value should maximize the refrigeration, humidification benefits and UV protection that is required for wine rooms that are in direct contact with sunlight. Etched or frosted glass are decorative options.

Integrating wine cellar design into your space for that WOW factor. Placing wine storage in living areas, man caves or kitchens allows you and your guests to engage with the wine while you show off your collection.

A label-forward design draws attention to the label art. It creates an intimate, interactive experience between the user and the bottle of wine.

Metal and acrylic wine racking. These materials are gaining popularity in contemporary wine cellar design. They provide the same quality for storage as wood and can be much more cost effective.

Bridging old and new. Combining wood with metal or acrylic allows for more flexibility in a project design that is less stuffy and ornate and more contemporary and inviting.



MODERN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS

- Use LED lights and UV film for glass enclosures.
- No vibrating wall speakers and no noisy air conditioners. Insulate your mechanical air ducts or use a ductless air conditioner.
- Vent equipment heat outside.
- Storing multiple bottles of wine requires plywood backing for wall installation.
- Proper wall insulation, a vapour barrier and moisture-resistant green board walls are essential.
- Easy access to electricity.
- Moisture-resistant flooring is a must. Consider the insulation value of the floor and materials.

RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT (ROI)

A wine cellar is a high-end investment and, in some homes, it is a must-have upgrade. With an average bottle price of \$95, it pays to design your investment so it can add value to your home.

Galileo tells us: "Wine is sunlight, held together by water." Then sunlight and water hold together the truth in wine. Take good care of your truth. OH





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RECIPE AND PHOTOGRAPHY JENELLE MCCULLOCH

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INGREDIENTS

10-12 apples, cored and quartered 2 oranges, peeled and quartered Cinnamon stick 4 whole cloves 8-10 cups water

DIRECTIONS

Place apples, oranges and spices into a stock pot. Add water until the fruit is covered. Simmer over low heat for 2 hours. Mash fruit and simmer for another hour. Strain through a fine mesh strainer or cheesecloth.

Reheat to serve. **он**





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TREAT YOUR HENS

Painted drywall is the traditional interior wall finish in new home builds and renovations. However, there are countless alternative materials and finishes for walls that can create a significant visual impact while also defining your style. Here are seven wall treatments and the areas of your home you might want to splurge on for the best investment.



1. WALLPAPERS OR WALLCOVERINGS

Material: Rolls or sheets of grasscloth, paper, cellulose or vinyl. Whether foil, flocked, embossed, block printed or textured paper, there is an endless selection of patterns and colours.

Installation: It is generally recommended to hire a professional, but if you're up for a challenge, do-it-yourself types often hang their own paper. Ensure you do the proper prep work – plot out the install, level everything, smooth the surface, have all the tools required and know whether you have a pre-pasted wallpaper or if you require an adhesive. Always check the pattern repeat, as it will affect the coverage provided per roll.

Pros: Natural fibres breathe and add an element of Mother Nature to the space, while vinyl is highly durable, stain and moisture resistant, colourfast and scrubbable. You can completely change the overall look and feel of a space with a wallcovering.

Cons: Natural fibres are more delicate, less scrubbable and more susceptible to sun fading. Vinyl cannot breathe. If selling is in your immediate future, perhaps give wallpaper a pass as some potential buyers can be hesitant.

Application: An entire room or a simple accent wall. Powder rooms are a great place to try out a bold print.

2. TILE

Material: Porcelain, ceramic, slate, limestone, glass, mosaics, cement encaustic or marble.

Installation: Professional installation is generally recommended. Labour cost will vary depending upon size and style of tile and design of pattern and layout.

Pros: Easy to wipe up and clean, durable finish, waterproof when installed correctly.

Cons: Cleaning grout lines. Natural stones require a sealant to be applied a couple of times per year, or more frequently depending upon use and exposure.

Application: Great for bathrooms, powder rooms, kitchen backsplashes or fireplaces.

3. BARN BOARD

Material: Weathered boards, generally but not exclusively sourced from a barn.

Installation: Can be a DIY project with the proper tools.

Pros: Texture, visual interest, improved durability of walls in high-traffic areas. Provides a natural, rustic aesthetic. Commonly planks are installed horizontally but can be used to create various patterns such as herringbone.

Cons: Can collect dust.

Application: Great for accent walls, mudrooms or laundry rooms. Continued on page 22



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4. SHIPLAP

Material: Typically either long planks of MDF or a paint-grade poplar, installed horizontally. Traditional shiplap has a special rabbet or notch cut on the long edges of the boards to aid in spacing.

Installation: Can be a DIY project with the proper tools.

Pros: Texture, visual interest, improved durability of walls in high traffic areas. Typically white, but shiplap can be painted any colour you desire. Gives a farmhouse or coastal vibe.

Cons: Can collect dust.

Application: Great for accent walls, mudrooms or laundry rooms.





5. WAINSCOTTING OR APPLIED TRIM

Material: Tongue-and-groove wainscotting, bead board, board-andbatten and traditional applied-panel details are available in wood or MDF.

Installation: A trim carpenter is generally recommended however, depending upon the complexity of the installation, an avid DIYer can attempt with the proper tools.

Pros: Instant character and charm to a room, adds an element of elegance, great texture for visual interest and is more durable than drywall.

Cons: Can collect dust, can be costly depending upon species of wood selected and installation method for desired aesthetic.

Application: Dining rooms, dens, bedrooms or hallways.

Natural or manufactured stone can provide a good return on investment.

6. STONE OR BRICK VENEER

Material: Natural or manufactured stone and brick, generally sold in pieces by square foot or in sheets.

Installation: For masonry work, hiring a stonemason is recommended. Labour cost will vary depending upon the stone and method of installation. Sheet veneers can generally be managed by the average DIYer.

Pros: Strong visual impact. Can provide good return on investment. Non-combustible and available in a wide variety of styles and colours.

Cons: Can collect dust. Manufactured stone veneer products are formed and often a repeating pattern will emerge. With a natural material every piece comes from the earth and has its own uniqueness but requires cutting and fitting.

Application: Focal walls or fireplaces.





7. PLASTER

Material: Clay, lime, Venetian, gypsum or tadelakt plaster each has its own pros and cons.

Installation: Professional trowel installation recommended. Pre-planning is required to ensure proper backing is installed as some plasters require wire mesh or blue board, while clay plaster requires a primer with added sand for adhesion.

Pros: Beautiful, timeworn aesthetic adds a depth and luminosity to walls that is impossible to achieve with paint and drywall. Plasters are generally more durable than drywall. Generally sanding is not required and therefore dust is limited at time of install. All-natural materials and low VOCs.

Cons: Costly and time-consuming to install.

Application: A splurge for rooms you'd really like to highlight. For tadelakt, use it in areas that require waterproofing (showers or perhaps a kitchen or bath backsplash). **OH**

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Chandos SUNSETS



STORY WALTER FRANCZYK | PHOTOGRAPHY HAROLD CLARK

There were more squirrels than people living in their Chandos Lake cottage when Cindy and Jack Gibson caught their first glimpse of the place. "It appeared there hadn't been anything done to it in 30 years," Jack recalls.





But the couple had a vision for the Viceroy bungalow. "We could see beyond what we saw when we first walked in," Jack says. Cindy, a successful designer and owner of C.E. Gibson and Associates Ltd., was thrilled with the possibilities. "The cottage needed some serious love, but it had wonderful bones," she says. "The lot was spectacular with 310 feet of beautiful shoreline."

On a forested acre of waterfront, this lake

house is just a short walk from the year-round cottage of long-time friends Krista and Rob Murray. As teenage girls, Cindy and Krista first met as cottage neighbours on Little Bald Lake. They became lifelong friends. In the early 1990s, when Cindy and Jack, recently married, were invited for a weekend at the Murray cottage, it turned into an annual celebration of summer with boating, swimming, great laughs and amazing sunsets. The day the deal on their

Custom-made of wormy maple, Cindy and Jack Gibson's unique kitchen table was built with its live edges facing the centre. **OPPOSITE, TOP:** A bright, us foyer replaced the cottage's original ed entrance. BOTTOM: Cindy and Jack test

> cottage closed, Cindy and Jack walked down the road with a bottle of wine and surprised Krista, introducing themselves as her new neighbours. Everyone was thrilled.

At their newly acquired cottage, the Cambridge couple had plenty of work cut out for them. Some of the red pine flooring was sun-bleached, faded and different colours. Clear pine trim was mismatched, some was stained, some was not. The foyer was cramped. Continued on page 26





Bathrooms needed a major overhaul. "We could see through all that," says Jack, an industrial electrician by training and vicepresident of construction at one of Canada's leading industrial construction firms.

The Gibsons planned a modest renovation at first, with new paint and trim, but soon realized the cottage needed much more. They gutted it. Wearing face masks, safety glasses and hats, they tore down the tongueand-groove ceilings and removed the old insulation, triggering a shower of icky evidence that squirrels had made themselves at home in the attic. They still laugh about it.

During their first summer, Jack ripped off the rickety front deck and rebuilt it. They later replaced windows and doors, removed some walls and built others, installed hardwood, porcelain and laminate flooring, added several doors and windows and enlarged others where they could. "What we wanted to do was start fresh," says Jack. "The only thing left of the original cottage is the exterior siding and the roof shingles."

"The biggest thing was creating more efficiency and better sight lines so that you can really enjoy our windows and the view," says Cindy. "It's a western exposure so the sunsets are just spectacular."

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and design centre, and her own company, Cindy furnished and finished the five bedrooms and living areas in a fresh, calm and simple style that she describes as Canadian-Scandinavian. Cloud White walls and ceilings with Simply White trim (both from **Benjamin Moore**) mirror the northern climate, balanced by the colours of nature. "We, as Canadians, love our outdoors and bringing that in is quite an element of Canadiana," says Cindy, who worked in construction for more than 30 years, primarily in lighting, and as an electrical estimator before plunging full-time into design. Work with custom builders and private clients, everything from large country homes to downtown condos, keeps her very busy. "I've got 18 projects on the go right now." Some of her work is shown on Instagram @cindygibsondesigns.

Like the prow of a ship, angled walls of floor-to-ceiling windows in their cottage living room point toward the lake, enhancing the view. A sofa, love seat and wire-frame cushion chairs, ring the living room. "We did everything covered in cottons and linen," Cindy says. She and Jack installed a stone wall embedded with quartz that reflects the changing light in the living room. "Family and friends love the space."

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LEFT: Original kitchen cupboards were repurposed for the ground floor laundry. **BELOW:** Wooden antiques accent the ground floor living room where a walkout leads to the lakefront.



Greg Bolton, alongside his team of professionals from **Kawartha Country Builders**, was the go-to guy as Jack and Cindy navigated the renovation. He installed wire-brushed hickory flooring throughout the main floor. They removed an interior wall to create a spacious new kitchen, furnished with simple black maple cabinets below and white shaker-style uppers. Graniteworx supplied dappled granite countertops. The kitchen centrepiece, a long Mennonite table made of two slabs of live edge wormy maple, has room for a dozen or more diners.

Downstairs, renovators removed a wall, a raised floor and closet to make way for two new bedrooms and a bathroom. Light-hued laminate covers the floor. Ductwork for the new furnace was realigned, creating a modified coffered ceiling over the ground-floor living room. Original kitchen cabinets were repurposed for the laundry room. **Hayes Custom Woodworking** built the bathroom vanity. *Continued on page* 30



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ABOVE: Black, white and grey gingham curtains flank the lake view in this ground-floor bedroom. **RIGHT:** A vertical window was added and a closet removed to create this new bedroom. **BELOW:** Cindy and Jack installed the pebble floor in the shower of this main-floor bath.



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White-cushioned, woven resin sofas and chairs surround a tabletop fireplace on the exterior deck. Below the deck, Cindy and Jack used old oak wine barrels, supporting a custom-made cedar tabletop, to furnish a sheltered wine tasting area.

Greg Bolton replaced a dangerous staircase to the lake with a new wooden stairway, punctuated with glass-sided lookout spots. Jeff Ball of Kawartha Docks installed a catwalk and large new floating docks. Derek Bolton of North Kawartha Landscape groomed the property with perennial plants, granite stairs, armour stone and river rock. "It is great to work with such skilled and fabulous individuals. We feel so blessed and grateful," says Cindy. "The results are spectacular."

At this stage in their lives, Cindy says they're planning for long-term enjoyment. They've built a perfect spot for it.

The lake view is their favourite facet of the lake house. Sunset is their best-loved time of day. "No matter how busy you are, people take the time to admire the sunset," says Jack. High on a hill over the lake, they can watch for a long time as sundown paints the tree line with a ribbon of orange and red. "It's gorgeous," he says. "And each one is a little different." **OH**

TOP LEFT: A third downstairs bedroom provides plenty of comfort and a view of the lake for overnight guests. **TOP RIGHT:** A pedestal sink saves space in the ground-floor bathroom. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Enlarging the window overlooking Chandos Lake enhanced the view from the iron bed in the master bedroom.



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SUMMER'S longer days and irresistible pool decks can also bring the sting of pricey air conditioning. The experts at Sustainable Buildings Canada (SBC) have come up with 10 tips for avoiding a sunburned wallet this year.

SBC is a Canadian non-profit advancing "the environmental and energy performance of the built environment." Its executive director Michael Singleton and board director Larry Brydon suggest homeowners balance old-school wisdom and eco-friendly practices to optimize savings.

AVOID THE DEEP FREEZE

Set the thermostat a little higher than the standard 22°C. Michael suggests 26°-27°C instead. "You know how you go into a mall in the summer and it's freezing? There's no need for that."



"Turn off the air conditioner when you're not home." It may seem obvious, but Michael says many people forget. Programmable thermostats can automate the change for regular outings, like going to work.



CALL ON MOTHER NATURE Open the windows at night when

it's cooler outside, and close them by lunchtime when it's cooler inside. Taking advantage of crossventilation by opening two or more windows in a room or house can be particularly effective. "That's free cooling," adds Michael

CREATE A WIND CHILL

Overhead fans generate a cooling breeze and use the same amount of electricity as a 75-watt light bulb, according to Michael. "Put them on counter clockwise and get the air moving." Again, he reminds homeowners to turn all fans off when not at home.

LANDSCAPE STRATEGICALLY 5

"It's most effective to shade from the exterior," Larry says. On the west side of a house, where the sunshine is most intense, he advises planting a maple tree. Not only will it help in summer, but in winter it'll drop its leaves and let the sun shine through for additional heat.

BE AN INFORMED CONSUMER

Air conditioners are ranked based upon their Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) between 13 (the current minimum) and 21. "A 16 to 18 is fine," Larry advises. "Or purchase an Energy Star if you don't want to bother with SEER."

KEEP A SUMMER CHECKLIST

Larry's list starts with checking and replacing filters. An annual cleaning and inspection will extend an air conditioner's lifespan by ensuring all parts work and air flow is uncompromised.



Check gas fireplaces and turn off any standing pilot lights. This task also made Larry's checklist. Although these pilot lights were more common 10 years ago, many are still in operation and give off the equivalent heat of a big candle, he warns.

TURN DOWN THE HUMIDISTAT

Adding moisture to dry winter air can keep wooden floors from buckling and cabinets from warping, says Larry, but it's unnecessary in summer. If the humidifier continues to run all summer, cooling appliances have to work harder.

REPLACE INCANDESCENT

Cool compact fluorescent lamps or lights (CFLs) and light-emitting diode bulbs (LEDs) save money in two ways, Larry reminds. First, they draw less electricity than their incandescent cousins, which has an immediate impact. Second, they don't produce heat that air conditioners have to remove.

When it's lovely outside, that's a good place to be. Outdoor cooking and living can lower the heat generated inside and the need for expensive cooling options. A final option: when it gets too hot, you can always grab a jacket and head to the mall. **OH**



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THE PLACE: Specializing in high-quality furniture and fireplaces, **Southern Comfort Hearth & Home** offers countless modern design choices and home accents, as well as a fireplace gallery with dozens of working models.

WHAT'S NEW: Gorgeous bedding from Pine Cone Hill. "Their textures, colours and layered textiles create the most beautiful and inviting bedding possibilities," says owner Jennifer Roberts. "We love their high quality and especially the linen bedding." New rugs from Dash & Albert are a breath of fresh air. A huge selection of indoor and outdoor carpets, in many sizes, including runners, will enhance the patio or mudroom or add a splash of summer to the kitchen or front entrance.

FIREPLACES: "We have some really exciting new fireplace products coming for fall. In addition to the traditional we all love, there are some great options with a mid-century modern feel, contemporary clean lines and colour choices." Gas fireplaces offer unlimited options in size

and finishes, unique to you and your home, Jennifer says.





THE STYLE: They carry solid Canadian wood furniture for the dining room, bedroom and living room, as well as accents, including mudroom cabinets. Canadian upholstery offers a variety of styles for both home and cottage. In addition to new bedding and rug lines, Southern Comfort carries lighting, lamps and stools.



WHAT'S HOT: Contemporary outdoor rugs, portable wood-fired pizza ovens from Ooni and portable charcoal cube barbecues from Everdure are popular this summer. The pizza oven runs on wood pellets. Ready to cook in 10 minutes, it bakes pizza in just 60 seconds. "I use mine all the time," says Jennifer. "The kids love dressing up their own pizzas and it's a huge hit when people pop in."

FAVOURITES: New colour options are available in solid wood furniture. Pine Cone Hill bedding is also popular. "We love Valor fireplaces – always exceptional quality and strong radiant heat without the requirement of a blower," Jennifer says. **OH**

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WHEN DESIGNING AND STYLING THEIR NEW HOME, **BETH** AND **STEVE NICKERSON** SHARE THE SAME PAGE. "STEVE AND I HAVE THE SAME VISION WHEN IT COMES TO DECORATING AND DESIGN," SAYS BETH. "IT WORKS OUT WELL," STEVE AFFIRMS. "WE AGREE ON EVERYTHING TOGETHER." Continued on page 38

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A large fireplace, furnished by Comfort Zone Heating & Air Conditioning, warms the open concept living room in Beth and Steve Nickerson's new home.

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USING THEIR SHARED STRATEGY,

they modified a stock floor plan to create an elegant and spacious two-bedroom home, built by **Stalwood Homes**, overlooking the rolling hills of Baltimore.

They were both familiar with Stalwood and its excellent reputation. Beth is a co-owner of **Comfort Zone Heating &** Air Conditioning, a company that's been installing heating and air-conditioning for Stalwood homes since 2006. "We were able to see what kind of home they built and we are very happy with what we've seen. They build an amazing home, the kind of home we wanted," Beth says. Steve, an information technologist for nearly 30 years, switched careers to building inspection, so he knows quality construction when he sees it.

The couple were looking for a one-acre property for their new home. They approached Stalwood president Al Rose who told them about the company's **Deerfield Estates**





"We got to design the entire thing and they were really accommodating with any changes that we wanted. They made it work for us."

development in Baltimore. "He drove us up here. We saw the view and said yes," says Steve, who became Stalwood's customer service manager after their house was built.

The Nickersons collaborated with Stalwood in planning the 2,365 sq. ft. bungalow. "We got to design the entire thing and they were really accommodating with any changes that we wanted. They made it work for us," says Beth. They substituted a main-floor office for a planned bedroom spot. Crews extended walls at the front of the home to transform another bedroom space into a formal dining room, furnished with a dinner table and hutch, custom made of reclaimed barn wood by HD Threshing Floor Furniture. With a covered porch at the back, they created an ideal spot for watching sunsets and wildlife.

Stalwood kitchen designer **Jocelyn** Mason helped the couple define the large open-concept kitchen with stone countertops from **Delray Granite**, Bosch appliances and white cabinetry by **Decor Cabinets**. White California shutters from Vosburgh Home Decor shade windows and glass doors in the adjacent living room, where a vaulted ceiling soars over the space. Built-in white shelving and a mantel by **Central Ontario Trim Supply** surround the large fireplace, supplied and installed by Beth's company Comfort Zone. In the master bedroom, Beth and Steve installed sliding barn doors on his-and-hers walk-in closets.

Judy Ball at Floortrends expertly steered their choices for hardwood flooring and tiles for the kitchen backsplash and four bathrooms. "You can tell her what you're looking for and she will go to her supply and pick out exactly what you're looking for," says Steve. "It's like she can read your mind or share your vision with you." Continued on page 40

LEFT: A dinner table and matching hutch made of reclaimed barn board lend a rustic yet elegant touch to the formal dining room. BELOW: Homeowners Steve and Beth Nickerson married recently in Las Vegas.







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TOP LEFT: A well-equipped ground floor gym helps Steve and Beth stay fit. **TOP RIGHT:** The laundry room is conveniently located on the main floor. **ABOVE:** A cushioned window seat does double duty as storage space in the couple's shared office. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The pool table is just steps from the bar in the groundfloor games room.

For the exterior, the Nickersons saw a multi-shaded red brick and grey stone that they liked on a house in Port Hope. Stalwood researched the products, found a supplier and installed the desired finish. Inside the home, high-end touches - wide baseboards, coffered ceilings and crown mouldings - were pleasant surprises. "Things we didn't even ask for just happened," says Steve.

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Once the ground floor was finished, Beth and Steve, using Stalwood's experts, finished the basement to create a large games room

with a shuffleboard, pool table and well-stocked bar. They installed barn board on a feature wall with a large television. To make it open concept, they installed half-walls around the family space. "I'm really pleased with that," Beth says. "It looks exactly as we envisioned it to be. It's a great entertaining area for family when they come over." Gatherings feature games nights with darts, billiards and shuffleboard.

The couple also installed a well-equipped gym at one end of the games room. "We like to stay fit and work out," Beth says. Continued on page 42



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They continued enhancements outside in the backyard with a large wooden pavilion, built by **Timberkits**. "We were very pleased with them," says Steve. "They were very professional. They were in and out in a day, on time and on budget." Supported by heavy timbers, the pavilion shelters a stamped concrete patio furnished with cushioned, woven resin armchairs, a charcoal grill and a dining area. **Rock Ridges Landscape Supply Yard** bordered the patio with armour stone.

Just steps from the pavilion, the newest backyard addition, bound to be a popular summer spot, is an in-ground pool, supplied and installed by **Water World Pools**. "They were amazing," says Steve. "I would recommend them in a second." Beth and Steve built the black metal fence surrounding the blue-tiled pool and its stamped concrete deck. They also erected a new shed to house pool equipment. Comfort Zone installed the pool heater, as well as the home's heating and air-conditioning, in-floor basement heating, tankless hot water and garage heater.

Wentworth Landscapes groomed the property with ornamental grasses, Korean lilacs and day lilies. Beth surrounded a red maple with lavender and silver mounds in the front yard.

The Nickersons' neighbourhood is slowly growing with new custom homes, but it retains the character and convenience that first drew them to the spot. "It's quiet," says Steve. "It's nice that it's only five minutes from town, but it still feels like you have the country setting." **OH**





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TOOLS Jigsaw (if shaped corners are desired) Sandpaper Cloth Paint (colour of your choice) Paintbrush Screwdriver



DIRECTIONS

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- Fasten handle to the top edge of the board.
- 3 Place rings on jars loosely, mark placement of the rings on both sides of the board. Remove jars and attach rings to the board with screws.
- Slip jars into rings and tighten the rings to a snug fit. 4
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IO WAYS to add VINTAGE STYLE

Gargantuan mahogany dining sets. Towering armoires. Royal Doulton figurines, anyone? If items like this aren't your thing, you're not alone. As the New York Times recently reported, thanks to today's small homes and pared-down aesthetic, the market for traditional antiques has shifted sharply in the last two decades.

"As far as decorating, I think we're contemporary," confirms Marlene Cook, owner of the Sunday Antique Market in Toronto. So, why is thrifting all the rage? And why are markets like Marlene's still mobbed on any given weekend? Marlene says that while her urban hipster shoppers give certain items a pass - yup, those dark old furniture suites - they love to snap up quirky vintage and antique pieces from savvy sellers.

Yet the mindset has really changed. "Some people are thinking about upcycling and recycling," she says. "When you buy something from a market like mine or somewhere else, it doesn't go to landfill." Today's buyers also want quality craftsmanship, and investment potential. Above all, says Marlene, rather than rooms stuffed with antiques, buyers want single pieces to inject interest into modern interiors. "It could be a really great piece someone has seen in a magazine. Here they can buy the original. It doesn't have to be a reproduction."

Beyond the actual goods, Marlene says the market experience itself - communal, handson, revelatory - is another huge draw today. "People get to talk to our vendors, they can get to shop and touch it and feel it, and see the vibrancy of the colours," she explains. Vendors can also tell you about an object's history, she says, meaning buyers are likely to take home a story along with their fab finds.



Ready to dive into the happy chaos of your local antique market and find some deco treasures of your own? Looking for inspiration, we asked a couple of pros what's flying off the shelves these days.



BOTANICAL AND FLORAL PRINTS

Bring the outdoors in with framed antique prints. Marlene says, "We had a book dealer with beautiful botanical prints and prints of birds from the mid-1800s and they just sold like hotcakes!'



FULL-COLOUR VINTAGE MAPS. **GLOBES AND TÓYS**

Often featured in high-end design magazines, buyers love using these items to add interest to kids' rooms.

VINTAGE VINYL LPs

Whether for display or listening pleasure, at the St. Jacobs Antique Market, manager Patrick Gilkes says, "Records are still the number-one seller right now.



TEA CUPS & DISH SETS

Want to add superb quality and vintage wow factor to your table? Patrick says, "Entire dish sets are constantly selling, especially around holidays and Thanksgiving."

GLASSWARE Whether funky cocktail

glasses, colourful goblets or delicate stemware, Marlene says glassware sets are hot. "That's something anyone can buy for a party."



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While you can buy electroplated pieces for a song, pricier sterling silver cutlery elevates any table and is in high demand.

DISPLAY PIECES

From typewriters, to vases and sculptures, people are buying vintage objects that they can display.

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MID-CENTURY ANYTHING

Vases, coffee tables, credenzas – sellers say the demand for well-designed mid-century pieces remains strong.

EARLY ASIAN PIECES

Better-quality antiques, including pottery, are very popular.

VINTAGE HARDWARE

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AT HOME Neighbourhood: On Eels

Lake where the Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton Highlands meet. How Do You Relax: Joining family and friends around our campfire. Favourite Meal: My wife's lasagna. Holiday Place: Barbados.

AT HOME

Neighbourhood: Twenty-five acres of woodland near Buckhorn. How Do You Unwind: Go for a walk in the woods with the family and Bear, our black lab. Hobbies: Gardening and all outdoor activities. Favourite Space: The sunroom. Favourite Meal: Anything on the barbecue.

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ADAM AT HOME:

Neighbourhood: Balsam Lake. Home Style: Traditional, like the kind RWH builds. Favourite Room: The living room. It's a spot to relax and watch TV after work. Favourite Meal: Anything that swims. Projects: I'm always doing something outside, either down at the dock or at the house. How Do You Relax? As long as I'm by the water, I'm good. Sitting down at the docks watching the kids swim or play.

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RWH Construction

A home designer and builder in Fenelon Falls, RWH Construction has 60 employees who build 15-20 homes at a time. "We do a lot of the work ourselves so we excavate, do the concrete work, the framing and siding," says Ryan. "We completely finish the interiors with tile and flooring, kitchen, trim and doors." RWH has a complete design staff and a design centre. "We do the architectural drawings in-house. We do the interior design in-house and we take care of all the interior and exterior finishes at our design centre."

RYAN AT WORK

Advantages: We do a lot of the work ourselves, so we control the schedule and the cost a lot better. **Benefits:** In-house design work is really nice for the customers because they only have to come to our design centre, rather than going to many other places. **Current Projects:** We have a few contemporary builds – more modern looking places – and some traditional homes with cathedral ceilings and timber frame. **Favourite Lunch:** A hamburger on Friday afternoon. Otherwise, I don't really get to have lunch. **Winding Down:** I like to sit and have a glass of wine down by the dock. I spend a lot of time with my kids. I have four boys. We're a pretty busy family.

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AT HOME

Neighbourhood: South shore of Sturgeon Lake. Summer Fun: Sitting on the dock with a cool glass of wine. Projects: Refinishing the bathrooms in the house. New flooring and painting. Favourite Dish: A good old curry. I love making curries. Favourite Space: I love sitting on the dock.

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What Do You Enjoy? I like the fact that it's diverse. We weld other things besides propellers. What's New: The marine repair is new since we moved here in 2004. Repair Or Replace? In most cases, when looking to repair original equipment, I\ it's cheaper to repair. Special Talent: I'm a welder-fitter by trade and I learned my skills at Kawartha Propeller in Buckhorn. How Do You Unwind? I like to go fishing and hunting.

AT HOME

Neighbourhood: Curve Lake, on the water. **Projects:** We're in the midst of renovating. I've got a new dock to put in. **Summer Fun:** Fishing and walking. Favourite Thing: I do like to cook. Best Recipe: Anything related to wild game. I make a really good rabbit stew and a really good venison stew.

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This is a play on a famous food cart favourite in Vietnam. This sandwich is known for its combination of rich, fatty pâté, pickled vegetables and handfuls of cilantro. Ideal for a crowd or a picnic lunch.



PICKLED **VEGETABLES**

INGREDIENTS

1 cup rice wine or white vinegar

- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 large carrot, julienned
- 1 daikon radish, julienned

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, mix together vinegar, sugar and salt. Add carrot and radish, mix together. The vegetables should be submerged in the liquid. Let sit for about an hour. Drain before use.

PUILED PORK

INGREDIENTS

4-6 lb pork shoulder roast, bone-in or boneless Chinese five-spice blend

¹/₂ cup stock

Salt

DIRECTIONS

Preheat the oven to 250°F. Rub the pork shoulder with fivespice seasoning and salt until completely covered.

In an oven-safe pot or dutch oven, on the stovetop over medium-high heat, coat the bottom of the pan with oil and sear each side of the meat until brown.

Remove from heat. Turn roast so fat side is facing up, and pour in the stock until roast is slightly submerged. Cover with lid and cook in the oven for two hours per pound.

Once cooked the pork should be very tender and fall apart with very little effort. Let cool and remove pork from pot. Shred lightly by pulling with two forks.

SANDWICH

TO ASSEMBLE

Baguette
Pâté (we used Vietnamese)
Pulled pork
Pickled vegetables
Mayonnaise
Cucumber, sliced
Cilantro, chopped

Slice and toast the baquette. Layer sandwich with pâté, mayonnaise, warm pulled pork, pickled vegetables, cucumber and cilantro. OH

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2 Thread twine through paper roll and tie around board handle to desired length.

Attach craft sticks to the board with upholstery tacks, making sure to include small washers between stick and board to allow paper to slide smoothly.

Slide end of paper roll through both craft sticks.

Attach clips to left side with a tack, nail or screw. PROJECT DAWN MCCONNELL PHOTOGRAPHY TARA CHATTELL

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Cutting board

MATERIALS

Paper roll Clip clamps with holes Upholstery tack Cork board Pencil Pen Twine Craft sticks Glue 4 washers

Tap one tack into the top right side of board. Tie twine to pen and hang from tack.

Cut cork board to fit on right side between paper and edge of board. Glue cork board in place.

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