

SHOPPING SHOWPIECE

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THE PLACE: Style starts at Lairds, the award-winning Bobcaygeon custom design, sourcing and retail business opened in 2006 by Mark and Corinne Jenden-Selway. After vacationing in the Lakefield area for over five years, this English couple and their two children felt the call to relocate to Canada. "We decided to combine our talents," says Mark, who comes from the financial world. Corinne is a professional interior decorator. Excited by an antique barn on their new property, they stripped it, creating a two-storey retail showplace for custom-made furniture, soft furnishings, lighting, designer fabrics,

original artwork, custom-made blinds and drapes and interior decorating services.

THE STYLE: Service is friendly, relaxed and professional. Better yet, Lairds offers in-home consultations. From cottage-style to sophisticated, modern treatments and items, the Jenden-Selways delight in sourcing quality furniture, fabrics, home décor and unique designs for their year-round clientele, many with second homes in the area, retirees, or, like themselves, ardent relocators establishing new lifestyles. They do commercial makeovers, too – colours, lighting, furniture – including the Village Spa in

Bobcaygeon and the Travel Plus agency in Lindsay.

WHAT'S HOT: Quality, custom-made hand-crafted furniture is both beautiful and functional. Colourful accent cushions come in a vast variety of patterns and material. There is an exceptional range of fabrics, plus lighting and accessory options, including the Levelor, Robert Allen, Kravet, Joanne Fabrics and Romo brands. "If we don't stock it, we'll find it. If we can't find it, we'll get it made," Mark says.

SEASONAL: "We do mostly custom interior design work year-round with the store as a seasonal service from May through December when the store is open seven days a week," says

Corinne. "Of course, we are always available year-round for home visits and in-store consultations by appointment."

FAVOURITES: Hand-crafted wooden coffee tables feature three-dimensional maps of either Sturgeon or Pigeon Lakes. You can add the location of your home or cottage! The lake motif is also available on clocks, paddles or as a framed wallhanging. "We are capable of doing any lake in the same treatments," adds Mark.

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