

PRACTICAL WHIMSICAL BEAUTIFUL

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THE PLACE: My Favourite Things is more a destination than a place. When Joy and Jerry Mous discovered a stately 1942 home in idyllic Bobcaygeon, they left their urban corporate careers and relaunched their lives in 2007. Their initial 1,000 sq. ft. unique home décor and gift gallery quickly grew to fill the 2,000 sq. ft. of the seven-room ground floor of the building. Distinguished, specialty items – from furniture to hostess gifts – are featured in a relaxing, attractive and personal atmosphere. It is a showcase renowned for customer service par excellence.

THE STYLE: My Favourite Things has become a year-round, go-to spot for homeowners, tourists, cottagers and connoisseurs of home décor for everyday life. “We believe in visual display. It’s inspirational,” Joy says. “We continuously challenge ourselves to maintain a store that is exciting, sparkling and well-merchandised,” Jerry says. The displays reflect the Mouses’ talent for garnering international items as well as drawing from a talented pool of local artists.

WHAT’S HOT: Metal wall décor is “really, really exciting,” Joy notes. “These items can be easily changed.” Trending colours are also reflected in the merchandise. When buying, the couple emphasizes good price points.

SEASONAL: The summertime garden room is a delightful collection of the practical, whimsical and beautiful. Each season has featured items, which are ever-changing, to ensure each visit offers fresh ideas along with perennial favourites. The store closes for a day in November to transform entirely into a Christmas wonderland. My Favourite Things is open seven days a week, 362 days a year (closed Christmas Day and Good Friday).

FAVOURITES: There is no charge for the creative gift-wrapping – value-added for gift givers. The wedding and gift registry services are also popular. “We offer a free second opinion” for decorating ideas, Jerry says.

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