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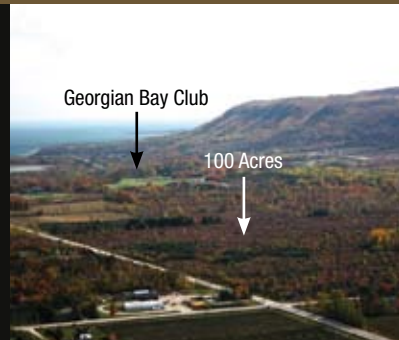
HOUSE, BARN, PLUS 62 ACRES BESIDE LORA BAY



SMALL SCALE COMMERCIAL, RECREATIONAL ON 62 ACRES

Zoning permits wholesale of outdoor wooden furniture, B&B, Vet Clinic, Nursery, Daycare in Home, Equestrian Facility, Farm produce outlet, Nursery, return barn to agricultural, build another 8000 sq ft building. Includes approx 1400 sq ft house. NEW PRICE \$525k

100 ACRE GOLF COURSE



Zoned for 18 Hole Executive Golf Course. Land square in design. Approvals for Clubhouse & Owner/Mgr Residence, Grey Rd 40, \$1.2 million

MOUNTAIN VIEWS



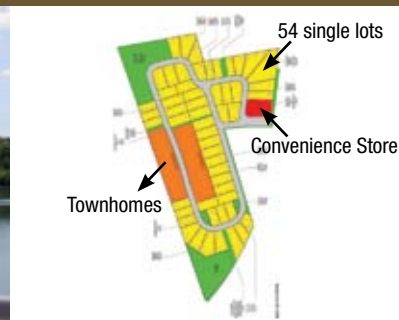
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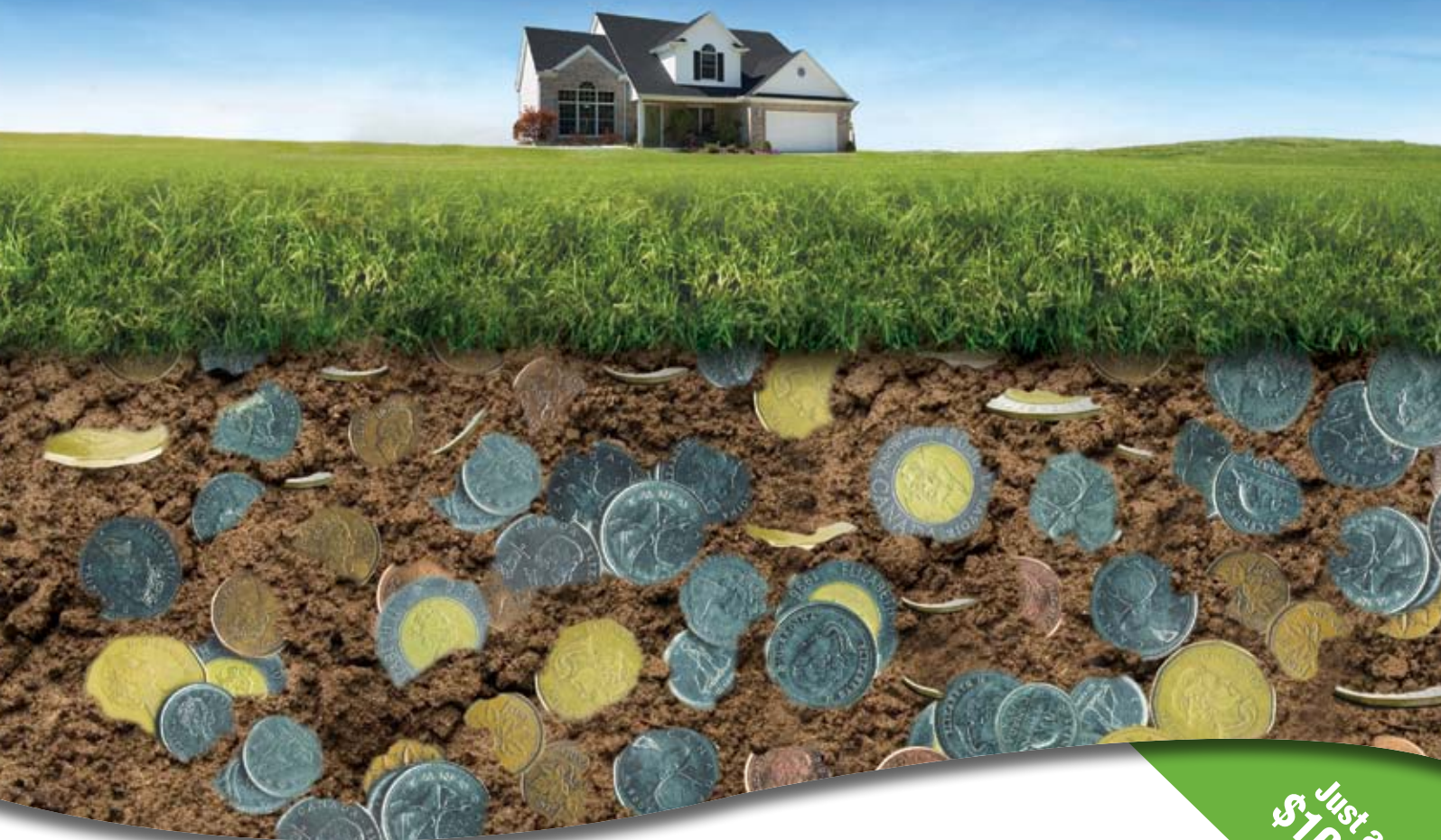
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NEAR OSLER AND BLUE MTN

\$1,495.00 Custom bungalow with 3+3 bdrms 3 1/2 bths, cherry floors, gourmet kitchen, on 3/4 ac bordering conservation lands and min to Collingwood shops. A rare opportunity for location design & quality. Sue Mallett* 705.444.7181



PRINCETON SHORES

\$1,459,000 Lovely 3 bdrm hme w/character, on waterfront. 4th bdrm & sauna in the Bunkie. Waterfront channel offers boat docking, swim. Electricity, hydro patio, fire pit at water's edge. John M. Kacmar/Diana Lea Berdini** 705.444.4968



DUNTROON COUNTRY ESTATE

\$1,395,000 Over 4500 sq ft home w/country elegance proudly sits on 45 acres, lrg pool, Indscpd areas, trails, woods, ravine, 40 ft x 60ft barn. It's paradise for the whole family! John M.Kacmar/Diana Lea Berdini** 705.444.4968



CALIFORNIA* BEACH HOUSE

\$1,375,000 Overlooking Lora Bay on Sunset Blvd w/ magnificent 134 ft beach cove for water play, this 3600 sq ft open concept home offers glass walls,extreme privacy, 4+1 bdrms,4baths, indoor hot tub & nanny suite. Sue Mallett* 705.444.7181



CREEMORE HILLS RETREAT

\$1,290,000 Global TV's Let's Build The Ultimate Retreat. Majestic Timber Frame, built as a showcase – upgrades throughout. 24 wooded acres, 5 bdrms, 5 baths, 5 fireplaces. Detached triple garage with loft. Cheryl MacLaurin* 705.446.8005



A LORA BAY GEM

\$1,150,000 Overlooking Raven Golf Course 18th hole with spectacular views of The Bay, 6 bedrooms + den / 5 baths, 4,300 sq.ft. premium finishing thruout. 2 car garage. Anthea White**705.446.8520
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\$950,000 Custom Kit. on 48+acres. Built w/150 yr old BC cedar timbers, 3200 sq.ft., 5 bdrms, 3.5 bths, lrg Kit., in ground saline pool, geothermal heating/ac system, ponds, trails, mature trees. Barb Picot* 705.444.3452/Paige Young* 705.241.2433



25 NEWTON WAY AT OSLER

\$840,000 Extreme privacy, 4608 sqft.4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, main level master suite, attached 2 car garage, 3 family rooms + great room, ski shuttle to the hill. Sue Mallett* 705.444. 7181
Laurie Westlake *446.7747



STUNNING POST AND BEAM

\$798,000 Stylish 3 bdrm home/chalet at Lora Bay offers a full list of upgrades! Main floor master with luxurious ensuite, gourmet kitchen. Full basement, Diana Lea Berdini**/ John M Kacmar** 705.444.4968



SPECTACULAR 100 ACRES

\$795,000 Custom built 5300 sq.ft. multi-family home: 2 side by side dwellings. 7 bedrooms, 4 baths. Large spring fed pond, 35 acres of forest, limestone caves. Minutes to Intrawest at Blue Mountain. Shelly Paul **705.888.0225



"TRAILWOODS"

\$774,000 ADJACENT TO LORA BAY. Custom true timber frame, open concept 6 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath bungalow with optional Lora Bay privileges. Enjoy designer upgrades in a premium location at an amazing price. Sue Mallett * 705.444.7181



CHIC WATERFRONT CONDO

\$699,000 Panoramic views. Tasteful interior finishes,1725 sq ft of luxury. Oversized deck. 30 ft Mooring Slip, Marina Club House & Lighthouse Point Rec Centre. John M. Kacmar**/Diana Lea Berdini** 705.444.4968 www.johnanddi.com



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\$689,900 Exceptional property on 6.92 acres with perennial gardens. Renovated master features spa-like bath, large dressing rm. 920 sq.ft. barn with 3 stalls, drive-shed and even a chicken coop! Close to skiing, hiking, biking and golf www.lauriewestlake.com



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BE IN FOR SKI SEASON

\$679,000. LOG HOME at base of Blue Mountain. Over 3200 sq.ft. of liv. space, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, open concept living, dining, custom kitchen. Main floor master. Multiple decks and views of ski hills. Barbara Picot* 705.444.3452



THE ORCHARD AT CRAIGLEITH

\$669,000 Fabulous 4 bdrm. 4 bath, 2 storey, 3000 sq ft., chalet at foot of Craigleith Ski Club. Bright, open space & convenient location. 2 car garage, full, unfinished basement. John M. Kacmar**/Diana Lea Berdini** 705.444.4968



STRIKING VIEWS- GEORGIAN BAY

\$595,000 2 bdrm, 2 bath – one floor living at Lighthouse Point – luxury condo w/ upgrades, 9 ft ceilings, Swedish hardwood flrs., extra lrg. garage w/ guest parking. Steps to trails at waters edge, indoor/outdoor pools, tennis. Sue Mallett * 705.444.7181



PANORAMIC VIEWS-GEORGIAN BAY

\$475,000 - 6.59 acres 10 minutes to Collingwood. 3200 sq. ft. ranch bungalow, 3+1 bdrms, 2 full baths, covered sun porch, landscaped, treed, detached heated garage/workshop, studio, 5 minutes to Devil's Glen Ski Club. Barb Picot* 705.444.3452



ADMIRALS GATE

\$449,600 Luxury waterfront condo. Open concept garden unit, hardwood floors, granite counters, stainless steel appliances, main floor master, detached garage. Laurie Westlake* 705.446.7747
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IDEAL FAMILY/VACATION HOME

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OLD ONTARIO SCHOOLHOUSE

\$455,000 Feversham. Fully renovated. 14 ft ceilings, open concept living, dining & kitchen 2 master suites, fam. rm, rec rm. Lush English gardens on 1.38 ac. lot-relaxing & private retreat by pool. Barb Picot* 705-444-3452
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IMMACULATE!

\$389,900 3 bdrm, 3 full baths (2 ensuites) at West Bay. Lg. modern kitchen with breakfast island, family room w. fireplace and walkout to deck. Great location, lovely gardens. Close to downtown. Ilse Ayers** ilseayers@chestnutpark.com

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WEST BAY GEM

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BREATHTAKING GARDENS

\$374,900 This pretty home has amazing views for miles to the west, lovely pond, 2+ acres. 2247 sq.ft., lge living rm, dining & kitchen, full finished basement, detached workshop. Close to skiing, hiking, biking, golf, snowmobiling. Laurie Westlake* 705.446.7747



CHALET WITH BEACH

\$369,900 3 bedrooms/3 baths, cathedral ceilings in master bed & living room. Minutes to Thornbury & Georgian Peaks. This comfortable home has a full basement with separate entrance. Shelly Paul **705-888-0225
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GORGEOUS CONDO BUNGALOW

\$359,900 Open concept with /cathedral ceiling. Main floor master, 3 bedrooms, double garage. Sun deck with views over pond with fountains, and the 8th fairway of Cranberry. Saltwater pool /Georgian Trail. Shelly Paul** 705.888.0225



WARDS ROAD

\$349,900 Base of the Georgian Peaks, Craigleith & Alpine ski clubs. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathroom, open concept. Large deck, floor to ceiling brick fireplace. Sauna. Furniture available. Judy Crompton** 705.444.9312



NEAR DEVIL'S GLEN SKI CLUB

\$342,900 3 bdrm, 3 bathroom home with wonderful kitchen, large back deck backing onto privateyard. Large family room with stone fireplace, attached garage w/ inside entry PLUS large 2nd garage / workshop. Judy Crompton** 705.444.9312



LIVE & PLAY MOUNTAINSIDE:

\$340,000 Enjoy Skiing, biking. Premium location - base of Craigleith Ski Club & high speed chair. Rustic 4 season - 2 bedroom, 1 bath cabin. Build your dream home here. Barbara Picot*705.444.3452/
Paige Young*705.241.2433



LOVELY VIEWS

\$335,000 Wonderful 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in Historic Snowbridge w/ lovely views to Blue Mountain/ Monterra Golf. Close to hiking, biking, golf, skiing and swimming. Laurie Westlake* 705.446.7747
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THE WOODS" APPLEJACK

\$329,000 Thornbury bungalow townhome like new/2300 sq ft finished. Ground level master suite,wood floors, garagew/ inside entry to mudroom. Ravine location, privacy from deck off great rm & patio off family rm. Sue Mallett* 444.7181



CENTRAL COLLINGWOOD GEM

\$307,900 Bright & spacious 4 bedroom, mature landscaped lot. Updated & refinished formal lvg rm & sep fam rm w/ high efficiency wood burning fireplace. Eat-in kit. Featuring oak cabinets, perfect for entertaining. Paige Young* 705.241.2433



FANTASTIC LOCATION

\$282,000 Backing onto 1st tee of Monterra Golf and across from Village at Blue. 3 bedroom, 2 baths, newly decorated and ready to move. 1700 sq.ft., plenty of storage and walkout patio overlooking golf course. Simon Williams* 705.888.3126



CREEKSIDE COLLINGWOOD

\$279,900 Beautiful home featuring open concept living/dining/kitchen. Hardwood floors, gas fireplace, 3 bdrms, 2 baths, 9' ceilings throughout main level, upgraded cabinetry. Backs onto wooded area with trails. Laurie Westlake* 705.446.7747



PANORAMIC VIEWS

\$229,000 47.28 acre building site with views to Georgian Bay, Escarpment and the countryside. Peaceful setting yet close to Meaford and the area's amenities. 30 ft x 50 ft. barn on the property. John M. Kacmar** /Diana Lea Berdini** 705.444.4968



SKI SEASON AWAITS

\$224,900 Hillside, 2 bdrm, 2 bath-Cachet Crossing, overlooking the ski hills at Blue Mountain. Steps to The Village at Blue. Fully furnished, ready to enjoy or an excellent invest. opportunity. John M. Kacmar/Diana Lea Berdini** 705.444.4968



CHARMING CENTURY HOME

\$220,000 Steps to Devils Glen Ski Club. 1.5 storey 3 bdrms., vaulted ceilings, open concept kitchen, dining, main floor laundry gas fireplace, wrap-around porch, mature trees, perennial & rock gardens. Shelly Paul** 705.888.0225 www.shellypaul.com



FOX RIDGE PROPERTIES

\$210,000 Nestled in the heart of The Beaver Valley, in the quaint town of Kimberley. Overlooking Niagara Escarpment landmark "Old Baldy". Lots terraced to offer superb views & privacy. Municipal water& sewer. John M. Kacmar**/Diana Lea Berdini** 705.444.4968



THE LINKS-CRANBERRY

\$209,900 Private end unit filled with sunlight. 3 bdrms, 3 bath, treed rear area w/ walk-outs to patio from living room & deck from master + master has an ensuite & vaulted ceilings. 5 appliances, central air & central vac. Ilse Ayers** ilseayers@chestnutpark.com



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LOVELY HOME – GEORGIAN VIEW ESTATES 3 bdrm 3 bath bungalow – open concept. Great space – finished lower level. Minutes to all amenities. **\$499,900.** Marilyn Douglas/Susan Boadway 519-599-3300



WOW FACTOR! LORA BAY Contemporary, classy new home ready for immediate occupancy. 3 bdrms 2-1/2 baths. Fabulous waterfront community w/golf course, clubhouse, beach. **\$779,000.** Marilyn Douglas/Susan Boadway 519-599-3300



NOT A DRIVE BY! In the heart of Thornbury – large private landscaped lot. 4 bedrooms 2-1/2 bath raised bungalow, full walkout lower level. **\$509,000.** Marilyn Douglas/Susan Boadway 519-599-3300



THE ORCHARD AT CRAIGLEITH 2777' chalet home has it all! 4 bdrm 3-1/2 baths, granite kitchen, hdwd flrs. Close to all mountain amenities. **\$539,900.** Marilyn Douglas/Susan Boadway 519-599-3300



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CRANBERRY VILLAGE Inviting 3 bdrm unit features 2 full baths, gas fireplace, private patio and deck. Storage area w/100's of room for skis and bikes. **View online www.100fairwaycrescent.com, Betty Hancey 705-444-4139**



NEW LISTING Minutes to ski hills and shopping. 3 bdrm home with extensive interior reno's. Double+ garage/workshop on 160 x 300' lot. **View online www.450mountainroad.com, Betty Hancey 705-444-4139**



HISTORIC SNOWBRIDGE Open concept living, 2-story vaulted great room, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, private deck. Views of the mountain, Georgian Bay and golf course. **\$399,000.** Visit: www.216-184Snowbridge-Way.com Rob Dubien 705-888-0092



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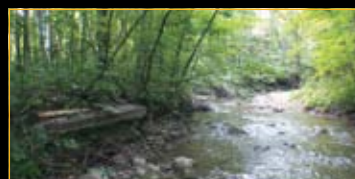
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UNDER POWER OF SALE Zoning HR4-10. Permitted uses semi-detached, small single family detached, townhouse dwelling. Water & sewer at lot line. **Offered at \$1,670,000. MLS#20094330.** Call Wayne Cornfield 705-444-7669



PIECE OF NATURE The Silver Creek runs through this small acreage. A building site with views to the ski clubs is set far back from the road assuring privacy. **\$324,900.** Call Doug Linton 705-444-9643



IMMACULATE HOME Beautiful family bungalow with room to grow has had many tasteful upgrades including new bathrooms and granite kitchen countertops, all on a huge lot in Collingwoodlands. **\$395,000.** Call Doug Linton 705-444-9643



SCENIC VIEWS from every window! 2.24 acres, Black Ash Creek, fabulous hot tub solarium, supersize decks, mins to Blue Mtn and Collingwood. **\$449,900.** Visit www.896sixthstreet.com Josephine Chivers 705-441-4893



CRAIGLETH GEM Steps to sandy beach. Almost new 4 bed 4 bath, mins to recreational amenities. B & B designation, double garage inside entry. **\$374,900.** Visit www.116frasercrest.com Josephine Chivers 705-441-4893



BEAUTIFUL RECONSTRUCTED log home, views of ski hills. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, wood floors, spacious great room w/FP Available to Osler Bluff Ski Club members. **Asking \$475,000.** Pat MacLeod 705-444-7471



SPACIOUS OPEN CONCEPT raised bungalow, 1.6 acres w/deeded access to Brewster Lake. Family kitchen, wood floors, two walkouts from lower level; oversize 3 car garage. **Asking \$322,900.** Pat MacLeod 705-444-7471



REDWING 200 feet on Mill Creek. Renovated 3-bedroom home just a 10-minute drive to Thornbury and Beaver Valley Ski Club. **MLS#20092933 \$249,500.** Emily Black 705-441-2473



MOUNTAIN WALK CONDO Spacious 3-bedroom, 2 bathroom condo right across from the Intrawest Village and Blue Mountain ski hills. **MLS#20091224 \$249,900.** Emily Black 705-441-2473



WORK & LIVE ALL IN ONE! Garden centre on 4 acres between Thornbury and Meaford. Loyal customer base. 3 bdrm, 1-1/2 bath bungalow included. **\$1,290,000.** Jim Chapman 519-599-3300



HOBBY FARM – RIVERFRONT ON BEAVER RIVER 4.82 acres gently sloped to river. 3 bdrm Victorian brick home. Storage building and additional hydro on property. **\$474,900.** Jim Chapman 519-599-3300



WATERFRONT ON WILDER LAKE 3.2 acres with 596 ft shoreline. 2 level 3 bdrm, 2 bath home, new carpets/ceramics, unfinished lower level with walkout to lake. **\$398,000.** Anthony Bauer 519-599-3300



SPECTACULAR VIEWS OVER GEORGIAN BAY And Thornbury from the top of Camperdown. Rare opportunity to build your luxury chalet/home on 5 wooded private acres. **\$695,000.** Anthony Bauer 519-599-3300



CHRISTIE BEACH Contemporary beach house w/160' frontage & stunning views of Georgian Bay. Gourmet kitchen w/marble counters, cathedral ceilings, slate & hardwood floors, boathouse. Private location near Thornbury! **\$995,000.** Melissa Dolezel 705-606-7881



GEORGIAN PEAKS BUILDING LOT Large ski-in/ski-out property in unique location, less than 100 yards from Minute Mile chair with unparalleled views of The Peaks. Ski hills at back door! **\$389,900.** Melissa Dolezel 705-606-7881



POST & BEAM BUNGALOW Fabulous 20 FT HIGH Great Rm, 4 bdrm + 4-1/2 baths, 2 stone fireplaces Mn Fl Master 5000 sf includes w/o lower level. 200 steps Orchard Lift Osler Bluff. **\$1,100,000.** Connie/Bill Thompson 705-888-0808



AWESOME RETREAT Open concept kitchen to family rm with vaulted clg & stone firepl. Big dining area. Mn flr den, ensuite, 4 bdrms. Wrap around deck view to Osler Bluff. Shuttle to hill. **\$469,900.** Connie/Bill Thompson 705-888-0808



FAMILY HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS! Truly a one of a kind offering in Collingwood. Large, private lot and home with space for the whole family. **\$650,000.** Martha Whitton 705-443-9022



COME HOME TO COMFORT Great value in this 4 bdrm, 4 bath home + home office + full fin. rec room. Gleaming oak hardwood floors. Large deck. **\$347,000.** Martha Whitton 705-443-9022



BEAUTIFUL WOODED GROUNDS Private and lush with scenic views from every window of this custom built stone bungalow. 2 mins. south of Collingwood. **\$449,900.** Martha Whitton 705-443-9022

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We hope this issue helps you discover something special to give.

Original art is an affordable luxury we all deserve to enjoy. I encourage all OUR HOMES readers to take advantage of the many galleries, studios and stores that support the art scene here in Southern Georgian Bay. Give the gift of art. Adding an original piece of art to a home breathes life into any room. Our art tour, on page 70, introduces you to passionate people who create and promote unique artistry in your very own neighbourhood.

Who doesn't love a party? Be it a dinner party, a cocktail party or a family gathering, the holidays bring out the best in all of us. We get to dress up in our party clothes and enjoy the lights, sparkle and decorating accents that grace our homes at this time of year. If you're heading to someone's home for some festive fun, don't go empty-handed. Show your appreciation with one of the fabulous hostess gifts Style Editor Stephanie Redmond recommends on page 24.

And speaking of decking the halls, Suzanne Richter-Andersen does just that in our fabulous Feature Home on page 42. Andersen owns Parrots 'N Parsnips, a home décor destination in Thornbury. She opens her home to all of us. You'll want to bring some of her beautiful decorating ideas into your home for the holidays.

Our Home and Builder feature is truly magnificent. Natural Prestige Log Homes has crafted a magical home on 25 acres in the Kolapore Forest (page 92). What a place to spend the holidays!

Upcycling is all the rage these days. It means taking something destined for the landfill and making it new again. Deborah Masters shows us what she did with an old chair. It makes a feel-good finishing touch (page 112) and a thoughtful gift.

OUR HOMES wishes you joy this holiday season. We'll be back in early 2010 with our Ski Issue.

Sincerely,

Georgette

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Correction: In our last issue, we neglected to tell our readers that the incredible landscaping on the "Rural Revival" home on page 66 was designed by Stefan Bolliger Associates Inc., Landscape Architects, of Barrie. Our apologies.

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Art is important like that. You have to love your pieces; you have to want to stare at them a lot. After all, they dominate the walls and nooks of your dwelling. It's essential that they make you feel good.

Our region's construction boom means that there are many, many walls to fill in Southern Georgian Bay. And those filling them are making educated choices about art.

Our region is a nucleus for artists and galleries. There is so much talent here. In this issue we profile some of the area's gallery owners, their artists and administrators (guaranteed there are far more than you'd have guessed!) to help you guide your decisions as you fill your homes with art. This feature takes place in our "People" department, which has become extremely popular. It's a place where, each and every issue, we profile people in our community who offer products and services, locally, that vastly improve our home life.

We always check, and double check, to ensure no business is missed in these features, but it does happen from time to time. We're thankful to our readers for immediately pointing it out when we do, and we're sorry to those we've missed. We missed some landscapers in our last issue and so we're planning a Part Two for 2010. We're certain it will be as highly sought-out as the first one.

In the meantime, enjoy this issue, enjoy your holidays, and enjoy (we hope) filling the walls of your home with art you love.

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P.S. Had to give you some family news. That's me and my family's latest addition: son Maverick. And the other photo is proud older sister Brooklyn with Maverick hours after he was born.



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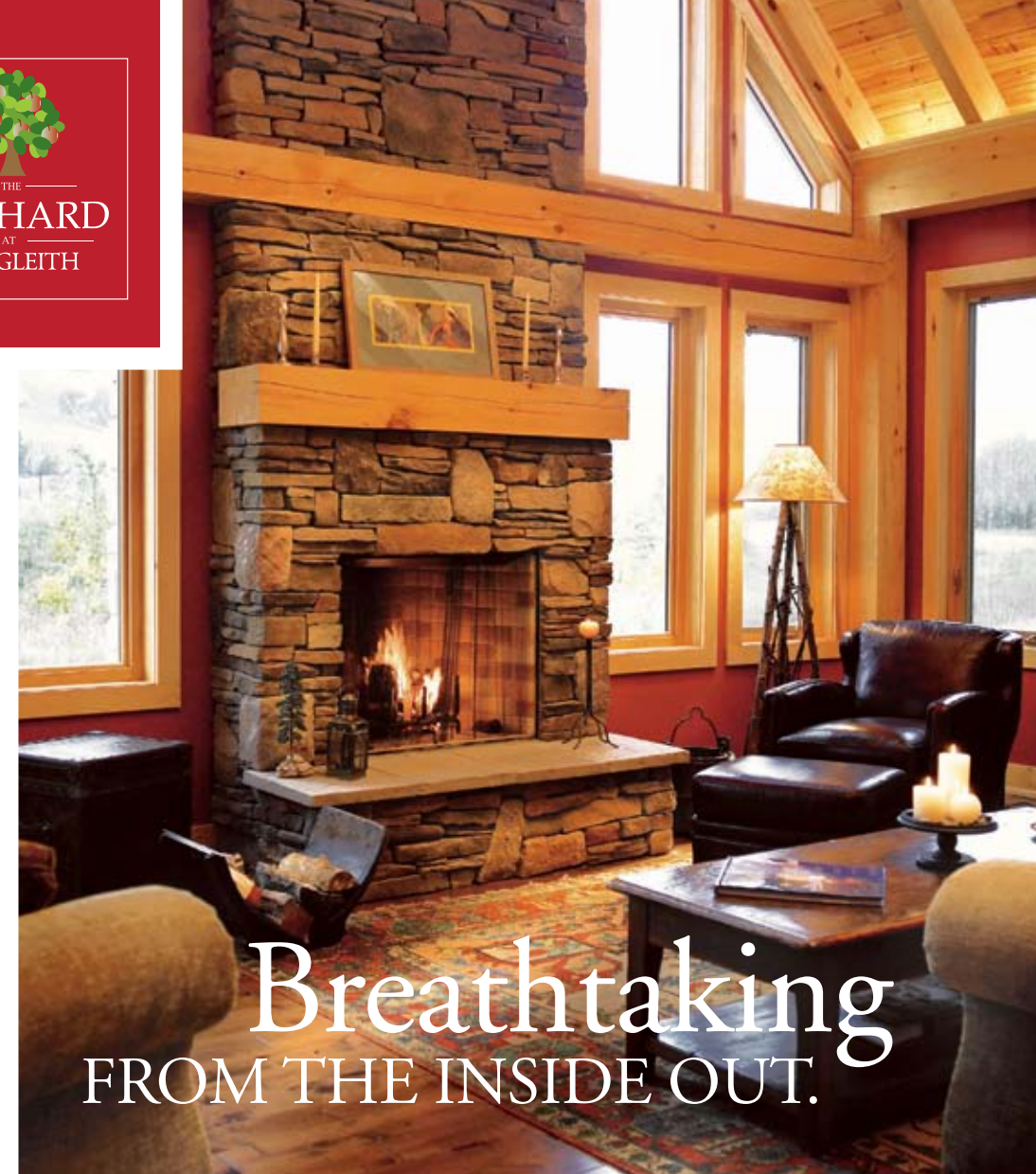
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Dear Stephanie,

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Stephanie Redmond replies:

Patience! People who tend to find deals scout out shops and wait until the end of a season (when sales begin) to make their purchases. There are certain items worth waiting for (the expensive ones!), but you run the risk of an item selling out. A lot of new lines launch in spring or fall, but don't be shy about asking when a sale might start. Explain your budget and ask if it's realistic. You're not asking for a discount, you're doing your research.

On another note, be realistic about your budget and allow a bit of leeway. Remember that long-term purchases are worth saving for and make sure to avoid impulse shopping!

Dear Stephanie,

The holiday season is fast approaching. We go to a lot of parties and I always bring a hostess gift, usually a nice bottle of wine. I want to change it up. Can you give me some ideas on what I can bring that will be useful in the home? – *Janine L.*

Stephanie Redmond replies:

A general rule to follow for a hostess gift is giving something that can be consumed. Avoid knick-knacks and dust collectors that your hostess will feel obliged to politely keep on display. Keep in mind what your friends are interested in and go from there. Perhaps a cooking magazine (*Donna Hay* or *Anna* are really nice), white tapered candles, chocolate truffles or a book, movie or CD you've enjoyed. Having said that, if you ever come over to my place, I like an oakly chardonnay.



Dear Stephanie,

What's hot in decorating for 2010? My house is ready for a change and I want to know "what's hot" and "what's not" so I can start planning my projects. I don't want to make any mistakes. Can you help? – *Carolyn S.*

Stephanie Redmond replies:

My bet is more sustainable style to come for 2010 – think eco-chic in all shapes and forms – Low VOC paints, furniture in recycled materials, organic cottons and linens.

As far as colour trends go, use earth tones or, in direct contrast, shockingly bright colours and metallics. Primary tones are everywhere from kitchen utensils to appliances in red, yellow and blue. Going "green" could take on a whole new meaning next year. And the good news about paint is, if you make a mistake, you can always get out the paintbrush and apply another coat.

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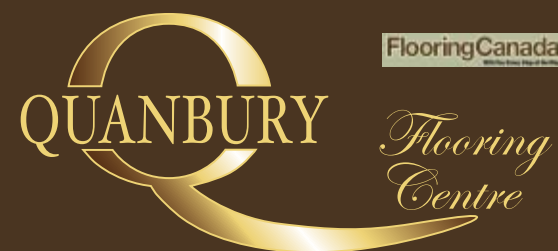
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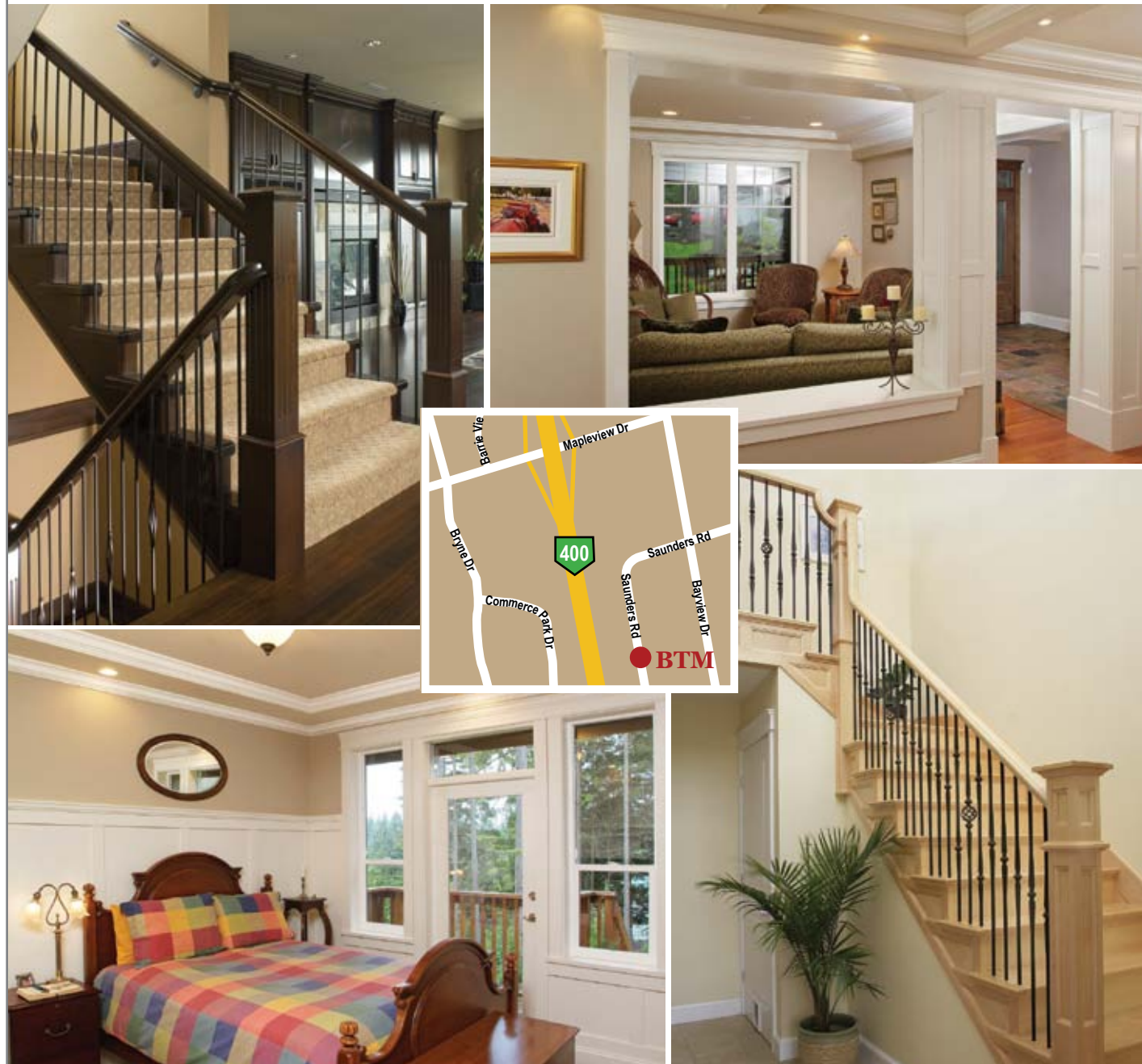
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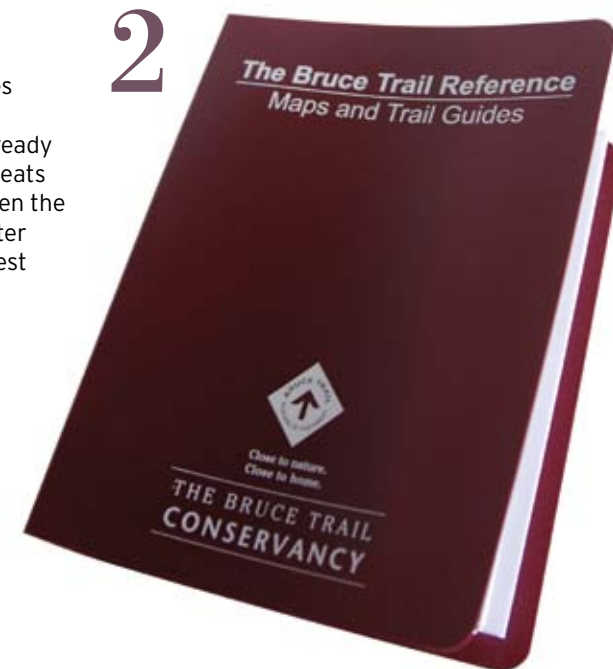
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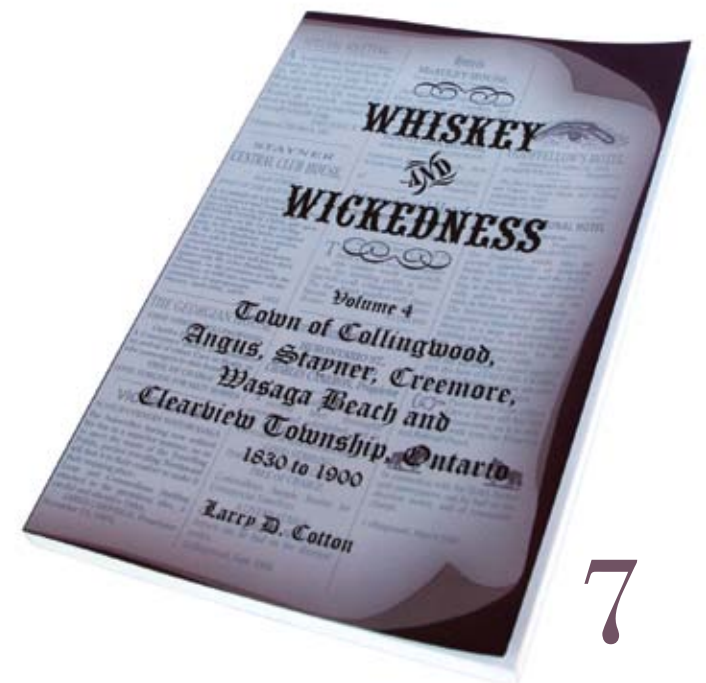
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Bill Bartram and Janet
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LIVING "OFF THE GRID": *A Tale of Two Houses* BY PAUL WILSON

One chilly October in the late 1980s, I spent a weekend deep in the New Hampshire woods with an acquaintance who had built himself a small, airtight cabin far beyond the reach of any electrical service. It was a classic "off-the-grid" setup, with an array of solar panels that pumped and heated his water, and allowed him to run a few small appliances. But as the darkness closed in and the Coleman lamps kept sucking oxygen out of the air, the place, with its tiny windows, began to feel more like a Hobbit's house than a human dwelling, and my host's enthusiastic banter about the joys of self-sufficiency began to sound hollow. Nor did it help that his wife remained sullen and silent most of the time, as though she had heard it all before and wasn't buying it. When Monday came, I couldn't wait to get back to my unenlightened life of parasitic dependency on the grid.

And that was pretty much where my thinking remained for the next couple of decades: "Off the grid?" Nice idea, but I didn't want to live there. Then I met the Bartram-Thomas.

Bill Bartram and Janet Bartram-Thomas are retired school teachers who have a beautiful, modern home in a rugged forest area on the Niagara Escarpment, about a quarter of a kilometre from the nearest side road. They designed it themselves and it would fit right into any upscale urban neighbourhood. The ground floor is a bright, airy, open space that combines kitchen, dining and sitting room, with large windows on three sides affording a panoramic view of the surrounding forest. In winter, when I first went to visit, the place was cosy, warmed by radiant floor heating and an airtight wood stove. To the naked eye, it was just exactly what it appeared to be – a well thought out, comfortable dwelling made for contemporary living.

Yet a few dozen yards from the Bartram-Thomas home, across a small clearing, there is an insulated shed with an array of photovoltaic solar panels on one wall, slanted upward to catch the sun. Inside the shed, batteries collect and store the electricity the panels generate and an

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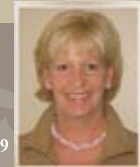
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The south-facing roof of the house holds a second array of panels – solar thermal panels this time – that heat up a glycol solution that powers the in-floor heating system and warms water for household use. The airtight stove has a water-jacket that feeds additional hot water into the heating system. The electronics and mechanisms that control these systems are discreetly hidden away in service areas and for extra cold spells there's propane backup to keep the house at 50 degrees Fahrenheit even when no one's home. "We were pioneers," Janet said, "but we also wanted our creature comforts."

Bill and Janet built their off-the-grid house six years ago and, despite advances in solar technology, I realized that the real difference between their lovely home and that cramped, uncomfortable cabin in New Hampshire lay in the priorities. My American friend had built his dwelling to accommodate the technology; design, for him, was secondary and he accepted the notion that a certain amount of roughing it went with the territory. The Bartram-Thomases, no strangers themselves to roughing it, had designed the technology to accommodate their notion of creature comfort. Two different approaches – two different outcomes. There was no question in my mind which I preferred.

Of course, Bill and Janet freely admit to making some mistakes along the way. The builder and the solar technicians were often at loggerheads. "It was as if they were speaking two different languages," Janet said. "Now I'll bet you can get a contractor who has people trained to work with alternate energy."

"And it wouldn't have cost too much more to have a basement put in," Bill added. "That would be a much better place for the batteries and the inverter, because they are temperature sensitive. And we'd put a monitor right inside the house that would tell us how much power is being generated and what load we're putting on the system."

But their biggest druther surprised me. "In hindsight," Bill said, "we wouldn't go completely off the grid. We'd still have put in solar, but we'd also have brought power in, because then we'd be in a position to sell back."

Bill was referring to a revolutionary approach to power generation and distribution that is lurching into life in Ontario, a system that some analysts say is one of the most forward-thinking in the world. With a series of new acts of parliament, most recently the "Green Energy Act" passed this May, Ontario, among other things, is poised to activate a program called "net metering" (go to www.hydroonenetworks.com to download their Net Metering brochure) in which people who generate their own domestic power will be able to send any excess back into the grid in exchange for credits on their electricity bill, thus precluding the need for expensive batteries and generator backup. But you can only take advantage of it if you're connected to the grid.

Building or retrofitting a home with solar or wind power can be expensive and is not to be lightly undertaken. Even the best designed system requires some changes in one's lifestyle; a badly designed system can put serious strains on a relationship. Janet and Bill were both equally committed to the project, but they told me of a couple with a poorly installed system that almost destroyed their marriage.

"Still, if we can do it, anybody can do it," Janet said. "We're English teachers. We're not immersed in the science or technology of it. We just took a flying leap and trusted that, somehow, it would work. And it did." **OH**

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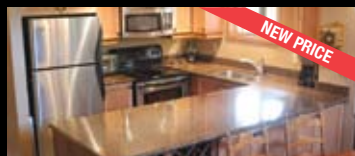
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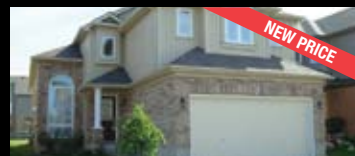
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BY IRENE TURNBULL

It's not unusual for us who live a distance from friends and family to have visits that start out as day tripping and expand to include stargazing on the deck or a game of euchre by a crackling fire. The promise of a glorious sunrise and festive brunch in the morning can easily overtake visitors' thoughts of long car rides home at the end of a glorious day. Whether plans for a sleepover are made in advance or in the moment, it can be very satisfying to know that, in any case, you are prepared to extend your hospitality.

Over the years, I have helped lots of people do just that. From the smallest studio apartment to luxury spacious homes with private guest quarters, I've learned that interpretations vary with circumstances and that familiarity and the level of intimacy among friends and family do make a difference. However, given that our overall intent is to ensure that our guests are comfortable, here are some ideas you can implement in anticipation of pleasant visits when planning your own version of "great guest accommodation."

1. Age does matter when it comes to sleeping arrangements. It is much easier to bump youth onto blow-up beds or bunk beds than it is mature adults. Where you hide the bed is less important than how comfortable it is to get in and out of and to sleep in. Whether you have a Murphy bed hidden in the wall, a convertible sofa bed or an actual piece of furniture, the bed should have an excellent quality mattress and be easily accessed, preferably somewhere between 20 and 24 inches off the floor. Try for a queen size where possible.

2. Privacy means the ability to "close a door" and create a private area for your guests. I have created dining rooms that convert to guestrooms with a slight rearrangement of furniture and the use of a Murphy bed hidden in a cabinet. The room should have a privacy door and be in close proximity to a bathroom. While it might be ideal to have a separate bathroom for each guest

room, this is not always possible, and so, when considering just which room to make into a guest room, either full-time or provisional, think about easy access for your guests. Add night lights in hallways even if they are simply receptacle plug-ins.

3. Good artificial lighting with handy bedside controls helps guests avoid stumbling in the dark. Providing privacy and natural light controls for all windows in the guest room is important to add to feelings of comfort and safety.

4. A bedside table or shelf for guests' personal convenience might include a box of tissues, a container of hand cream, an alarm clock, a flashlight and perhaps a specially wrapped treat or two.

5. Quality bedding says you care – crisp, fresh cottons in summer; warm, cosy "flannies" in winter. Good bed linens and properly weighted and constructed duvets and blankets shout your words of welcome all night long. Non-allergenic pillows, well protected with inner liners and/or double cased, help reinforce the message. And, speaking of linens, invest in a couple sets of great towels that you save for guests only. Consider large bath sheets bundled with smaller hand towels and face cloths in lighter colours to resist fading. Light or white keep their newness longer than darker towels.

6. Storage space when closets aren't an option for visitors' clothing can be as simple as a portable, hotel-style folding rack to elevate suitcases off the floor and hooks on the backs of doors. Some hooks simply clip over the top of the door and can be removed when not required. Even a dining room chair can double as a jacket rack and suitcase bench. A cosy bathrobe and extra pajamas can be easily stored with linens for the occasion.

7. Little things mean a lot! Don't forget to stockpile extra toothbrushes and throw-away razors. Make sure the extra rolls of toilet paper are easy to find in your bathroom, along with shampoos and soaps. With the basics in reserve, you are free to share extended guest visits whenever the urge arises. The rest is all "icing on the cake." **OH**

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However, jumping from viewing art to purchasing original artwork for your home can be daunting for the beginner. There are some basic guidelines that will help you overcome your fear and increase your confidence and enjoyment of the visual arts.

1. Develop a base knowledge and explore what you like. The first task is to determine what you like. An introductory knowledge of fine arts through the ages would provide a useful framework for this exercise. Visit the galleries and museums in your area and see as much as you can. Explore the Internet, and visit your local library, special exhibitions and art events – all good ways to get an overview of the art scene. Acquaint yourself with different art forms, genres and styles.

2. Visit art galleries. Visiting galleries during their open house events is a great way to learn: visiting artists or gallery staff may give presentations about featured work. These events also give you a chance to meet other people who have similar interests to yours. Join their mailing list to stay informed on happenings in the art community, new shows and events and openings. You'll gain more exposure to the art world. The more you know, the easier it will be for you to find the right piece.

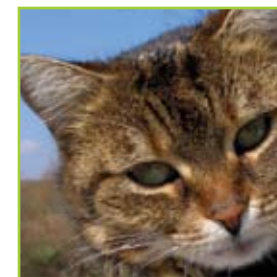
3. Find a mentor. On your research journey, if possible, find a knowledgeable individual to guide you.

4. Should you buy a work of art just because a certain artist painted it? Never buy a work of art just for the artist's name. Bear in mind that most artists produce quite an uneven body of work. Not every work will be a masterpiece. Buy on strength of the work, not because the artist is popular. Prices will vary not only by style or period, but also by size. As a rule of thumb, the earlier works from a particular period, those featuring the artist's signature (most popular) subject matter, are often the most expensive. Like everything else, however, there are exceptions to this rule. Similarly, when it comes to genre, (Impressionism, Expressionism, Realism, etc.), theme (landscapes, seascapes, still-lives, portraits, abstracts) or media (oil, acrylic, mixed media, charcoal, lithography), let it boil down to personal choice, not the current trend.

5. Take into account where you want to hang it. Do you plan on displaying art throughout the house or in specific rooms? What kind of space do you have – large or small? Choose art according to area size. Large canvasses or sculptures need to be appreciated where the viewer can stand back to see it in its entirety. Make sure there is room to do that. Smaller pieces work in a myriad of places and can also be grouped together.

6. Only buy what you love! Buying a work of art and hoping to make a profit is foolish even for the seasoned collector, never mind the beginner art enthusiast. But more than that, collecting artwork is an investment in the understanding of the human soul – it's what distinguishes us from other forms of life in our ability to create and appreciate art. Buying art that is loved is buying art that will always have a place in your life. It will be forever rewarding. Most importantly, don't let the opinions of others sway you. Art is a personal experience and every work will have a different impact on each viewer. You are the one who is buying, and going to live with the art, not your friends – so buy what you like. **OH**

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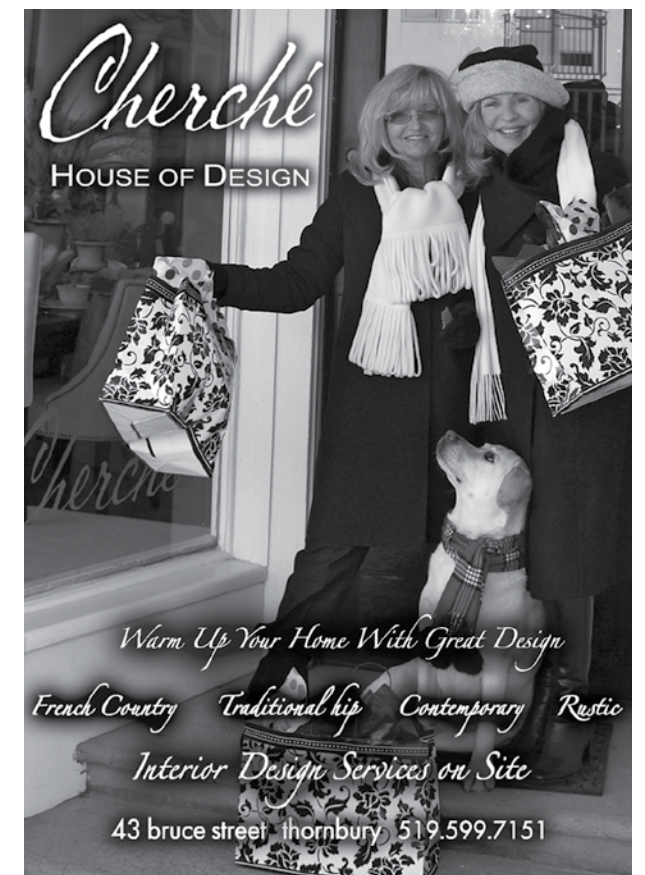
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A warm, natural welcome greets guests for the holidays at the Richter-Andersens' Thornbury home.

OPPOSITE PAGE:

LEFT: Suzanne Richter-Andersen, owner of Parrots 'N Parsnips, opens the door to her beautifully decorated, comfortable home.

RIGHT: A tree in the living room is covered in blue, silver and gold ornaments, to match the serene décor, which includes a Rowe slipcovered sofa and ottoman. Lots of throw pillows and a delightful area rug add to the sophisticated look.

A Tradition OF COMFORT

BY SHELBY RACHEL // PHOTOGRAPHY BY SANDY MACKAY

Suzanne Richter-Andersen has tied tradition and comfort into every aspect of her life. Her impeccable style is evident in her home and her store. *Continued on page 45*





LEFT: Suzanne loves to display her treasures and her home is filled with antiques and pine furniture, passed down from her husband's parents. She loves to mix old with new for an upcountry, casual feel.

BELOW: The table is dressed for the holidays in just some of the tabletop decor available at Parrots 'N Parsnips. The dining area has a wonderful view of the large yard.

RIGHT: Suzanne lights the many candles that grace her festive table.

More than three years ago, Suzanne took over ownership of the landmark home décor and furnishings store Parrots 'N Parsnips in Thornbury. "I loved the store for so many years," explains Suzanne. "The idea of being a part of a store like Parrots 'N Parsnips was very exciting."

The style of Parrots 'N Parsnips can't be lumped into a single category. "It's every style," says Suzanne. "The people who shop at my store want function and comfort, but they want it to look good."

With more than 4,200 sq. ft. of showroom space, Suzanne displays various vignettes – showcasing rooms to help her customers visualize their own living spaces. She says she hasn't made any dramatic changes to the store since assuming ownership, but it has evolved into her own with time.

The warm, comfortable atmosphere of her store is definitely a reflection of Suzanne's home and personality. Like her clientele, she likes everything in her home to be stylish with a purpose, but not at the expense of comfort. She does tone it down a bit though, to keep her personal and professional lives separate. "My work is highly creative and visually stimulating, when it comes to my home I like to keep it simple," she says.

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Suzanne and her husband Mark moved to Thornbury full-time 15 years ago from Toronto to raise a family. This is their second home in this area. The windows and skylights at the back of the red brick farmhouse, facing the garden, were a big selling feature.

Wonderful antique pine pieces, passed down from her husband's parents, are prominent throughout the home. "I love using old with new, it's one of my favourite things," she says pointing to an old linen cabinet in her living room. It complements the pale blue décor and green upholstery

from Parrots 'N Parsnips, and sits beautifully against Benjamin Moore's Bar Harbour Beige painted walls and a modern rug on the floor.

This is a theme she works into nearly every room, incorporating contemporary furniture and colours with antiques and sentimental items. "I just want my home to be comfortable and relaxed and I don't want to worry that the furniture will be scratched," she says. "I have active sons and if they leave marks, it just adds character. It doesn't take away from the pieces." *Continued on page 48*

The family foom is a step down from the open kitchen and dining room. Suzanne combines comfort with beautiful accents. The coffee table displays cut branches under glass. This tree is covered in gold and copper and blends beautifully with the natural elements in the room.

TOP RIGHT: The dry sink just off the kitchen is an ideal place for serving Christmas drinks.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Sons Cooper and Cole are ready to unwrap the goodies under the tree.





LEFT: Holiday decorations enhance the foyer, where Suzanne has displayed beautiful antiques.

ABOVE: Suzanne's holiday decorating style is simple and elegant.

TOP RIGHT: An old postmaster's desk houses Suzanne's magazines. This nook off the kitchen provides a quiet place to read and relax.

BOTTOM: Every space in this beautiful home has a purpose. The upstairs landing serves as a computer nook and a gift wrapping station during the holidays. The clocks on the wall capture three time zones.



Her two favourite rooms are her great room and her bedroom, which features a big comfortable bed draped in a luxurious print from Parrots 'N Parsnips. White accents promote peace and calm. As a business owner and mom of two sons Cooper, 12, and Cole, 9, Suzanne leads a busy life, but couldn't be happier. She looks to her husband Mark as a business mentor and says he is her biggest supporter.

Although she doesn't have as much time to entertain as she once did, the holidays are always a time to celebrate in the Richter-Andersen household. "I have always loved Christmas!" says Suzanne excitedly, which is easy to see from the three decorated trees on the main floor alone. Each one is dressed to suit its surroundings. The family room tree boasts blue

and white with little penguins on skis, while a smaller tree off the kitchen wears reds in the form of mini Santas, stockings and skis. The great room tree is splashed with copper and gold.

This space also houses two of Suzanne's other favourite pine pieces: an old postmaster's desk used to store her many design magazines and a dry sink – a great spot for mulled wine while entertaining.

This area, along with the kitchen, is completely open to both the dining room and great room. Suzanne loves this concept because she can cook and spend time with her family all at once, and the walls, bathed in Monroe Bisque by Benjamin Moore, tie the space together perfectly.

The harvest dining table is made of old farmhouse pine and decorated

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feature

RIGHT: Cole plays the guitar in his upstairs bedroom.

BELOW: The master bedroom, one of Suzanne's favourite rooms.

BOTTOM: Cooper's room is a sports fan's dream.



with holiday table-top decor, which Parrots 'N Parsnips has become well recognized for. The table sits on a handmade rug from Afghanistan called a Kilim – hand-loomed, flat weave wool rugs that Suzanne's store has carried for over a decade. "I have splashes of Kilims everywhere," she says. "I'm passionate about these, they're absolutely amazing!" She rightfully describes herself as "eclectic" as other themes seen throughout her home include trees, clocks and Buddha statues.

When asked what holiday decorating advice she has for us, she says to keep it simple and to incorporate elements of nature like clementines, berries and pinecones into holiday decor. She also advises to change a holiday theme by taking something that you have already and update it. "If you have a colour that you use on your tree every year, still use that colour, but introduce a complementary new colour. Instead of using red and green try red and blue or red and silver."

For Suzanne, a home should be an infusion of traditions, comfort and style – not just a living space. She says, "True comfort for me in a home is a place that not only looks good but makes you feel good." **OH**



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THE STYLE: Helen captures the store's accessible appeal. "We offer something for everyone – from entry-level to custom, from traditional to modern. We have it all. We have something for new home builders and homeowners planning small renovations." *Continued on page 56*

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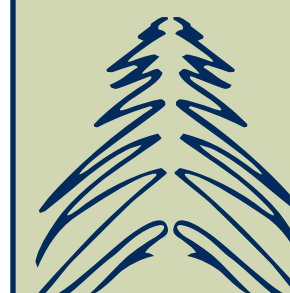



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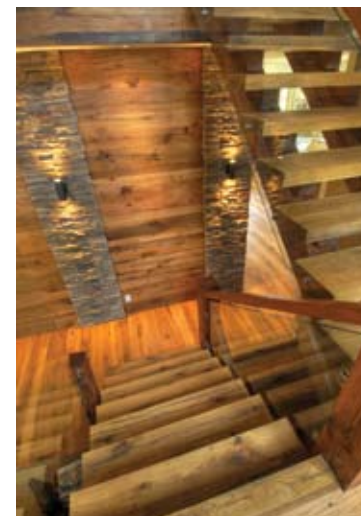
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The Shipyards construction is well underway on the main site. Homeowners have started to move into the first group of town homes, called the Montclair Collection. There are only a few left in this group, starting at \$312,900.

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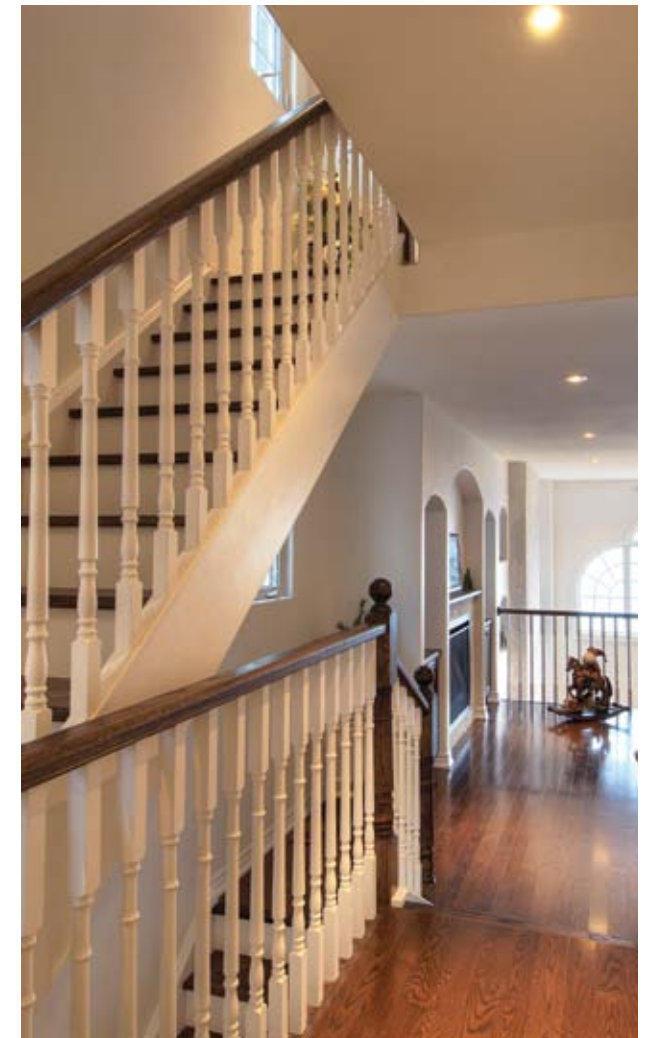
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Collingwood

▼ Jennifer Macnaughton

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▼ Jim Stacey and Sue Miller

Upstairs Gallery

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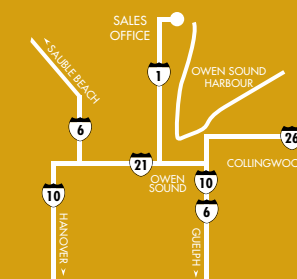
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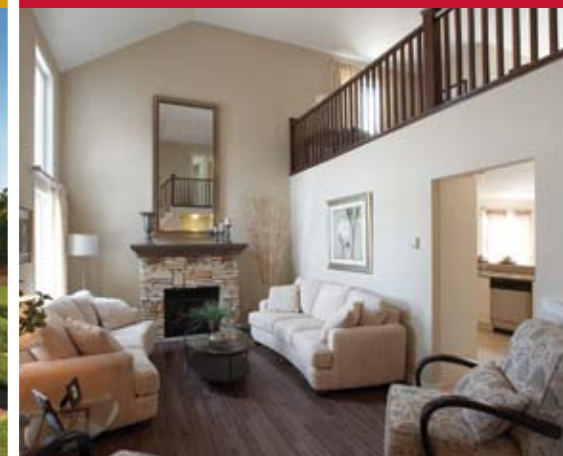
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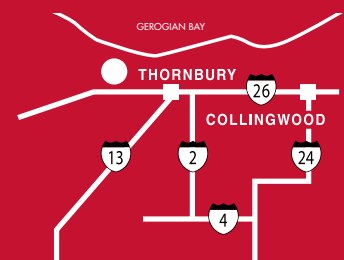


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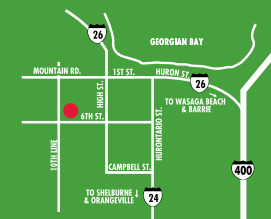
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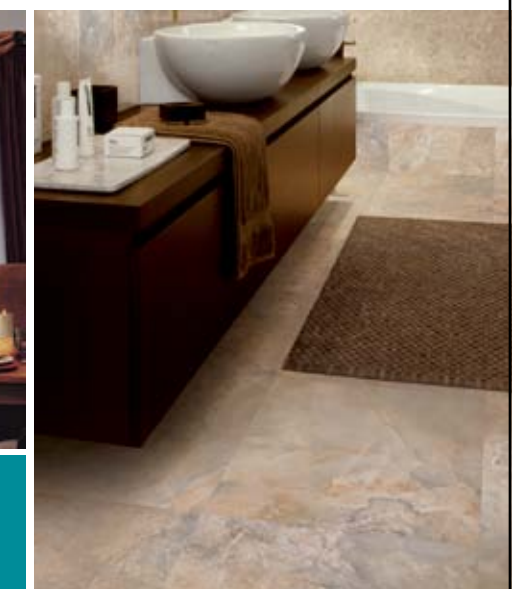
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► Marilyn Leischnig

Phoenix Gallery

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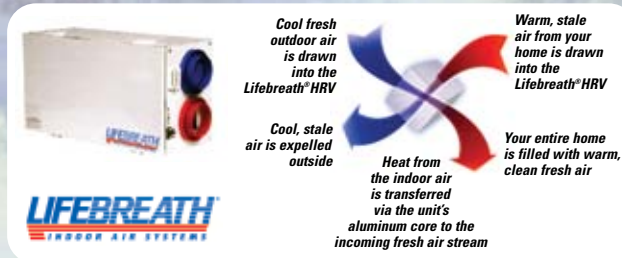
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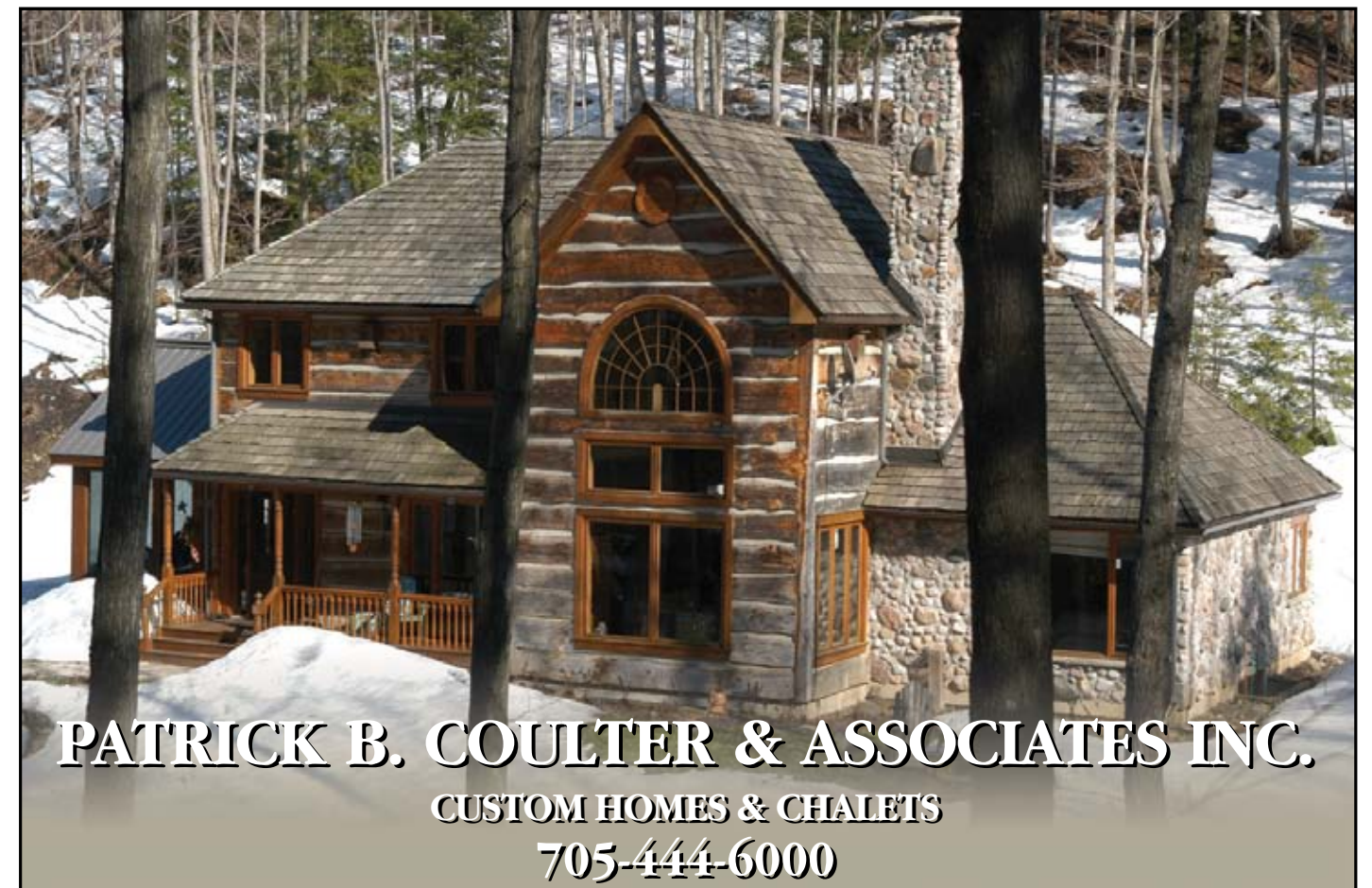
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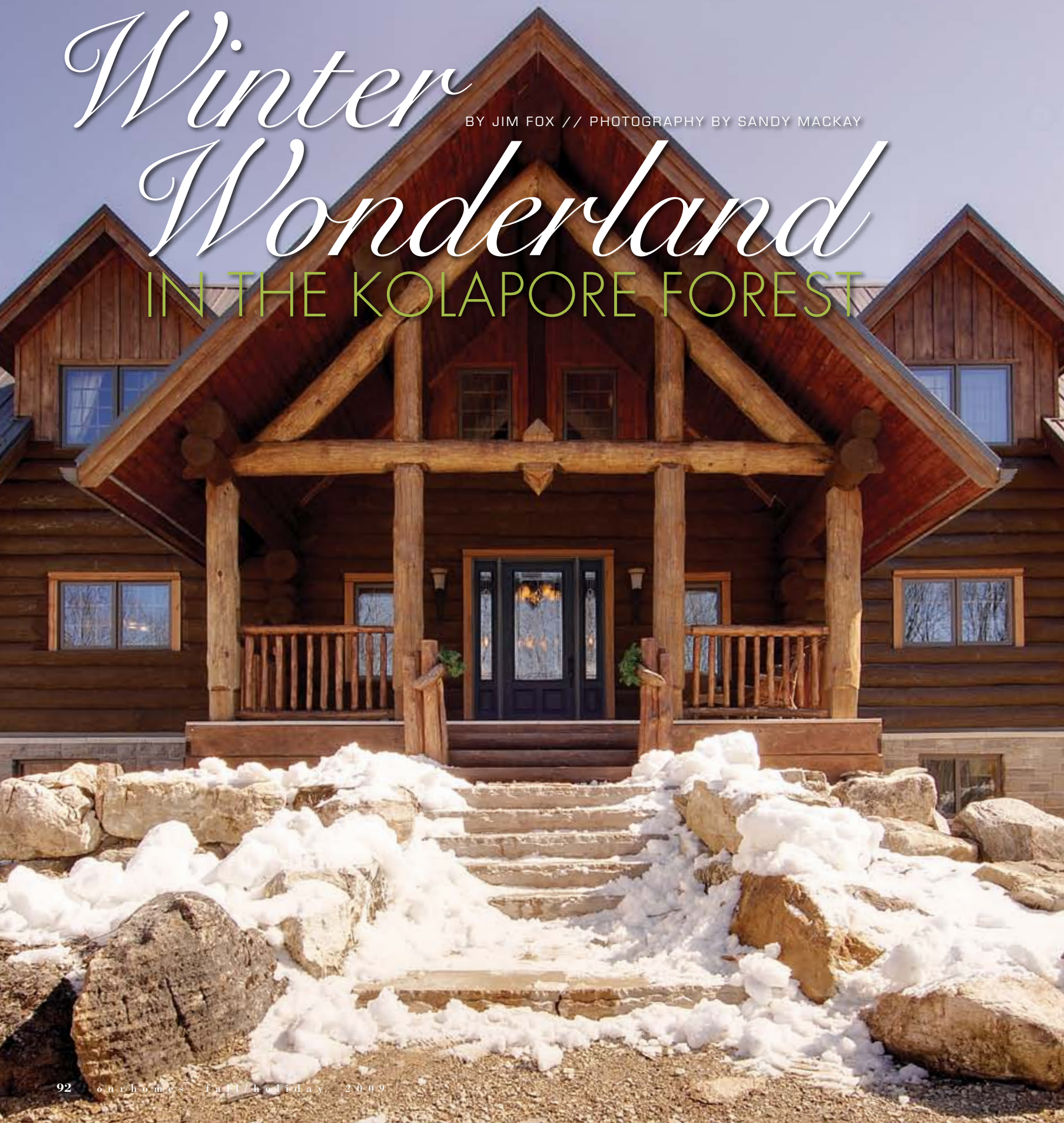
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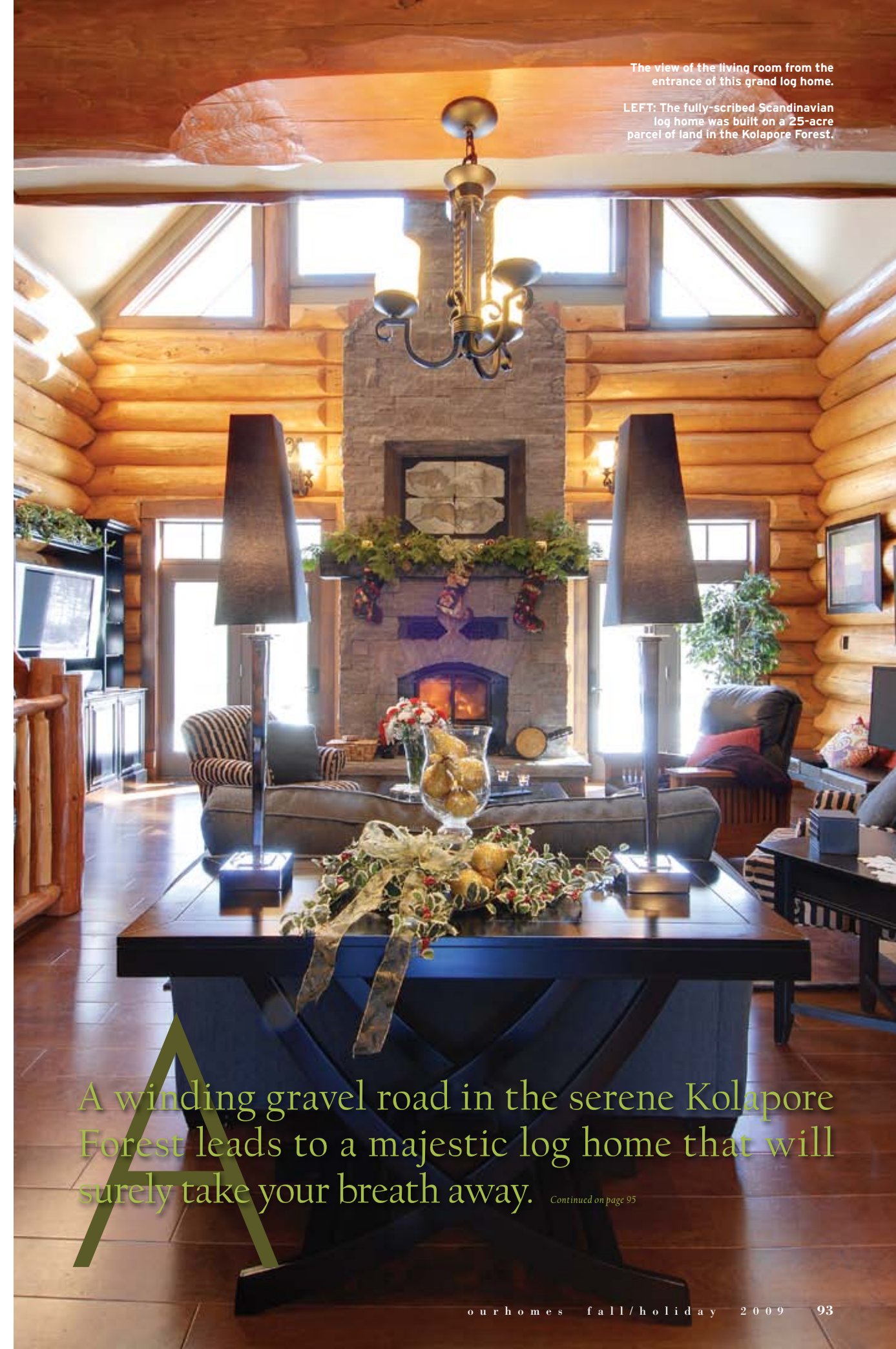
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The view of the living room from the entrance of this grand log home.

LEFT: The fully-scribed Scandinavian log home was built on a 25-acre parcel of land in the Kolapore Forest.



A winding gravel road in the serene Kolapore Forest leads to a majestic log home that will surely take your breath away. *Continued on page 95*

The focal point in the living room is the natural wood fireplace made of grey, dry-stacked Georgian Bay ledge rock. The furniture is a mix of rustic and contemporary.

TOP RIGHT: The intricate log staircase was built and designed by Natural Prestige Log Homes and adds a touch of whimsy to this fabulous home.

RIGHT: The flagstone floor in the foyer captures instant attention, each piece cut and placed in a pleasing design. A soapstone carving of a dancing bear greets all those who enter.



The scene is reminiscent of the western Rockies. But this magnificent home, by **Natural Prestige Log Homes**, is situated on the Niagara Escarpment, south of Ravenna, in a location fit for a true outdoorsman. Meet Brock Martin, the owner of this Scandinavian, fully-scribed log home on a 25-acre, treed parcel of land backing onto the Grey County Managed Forest. Martin selected the site for its easy access to miles of cross-country ski and mountain bike trails.

Entering the home, you are struck by the massive scale of the logs that frame the grand front entrance. The sense of natural solidity continues as the spacious entranceway opens on to a large great room with its cluster of comfortable furniture surrounding a natural wood fireplace constructed of grey, dry-stacked Georgian Bay ledge rock by **John Davidson Masonry**.

The hearth's chimney soars toward a cathedral ceiling highlighted by large log trusses accented by custom carvings. The effect is exhilarating – an exciting marriage of land and sky and forest. Engineered hardwood plank flooring by Collingwood's **Georgian Design Centre** allows

the central gathering space to flow into the dining/kitchen area with its cherry cabinetry. The food preparation space maintains the home's natural look while incorporating state-of-the-art, modern conveniences such as stainless steel appliances, a unique antique range and a functional granite-topped island that doubles as a breakfast bar. Here, over a cup of morning coffee, my conversation with Anthony Johnston, Project Manager of Natural Prestige Log Homes, begins.

Johnston radiates enthusiasm when he talks of the specialized construction techniques necessary to log fabrication. "I was attracted to log homes because of my background in the ski industry in British Columbia and Alberta," Johnston says. "I love the look and the lifestyle they convey. Nothing looks better than a log home in winter. As far as construction goes, you can do pretty creative things with wood...I learned the techniques for Scandinavian full-scribe, round log homes out west and in Norway. The logs we use are eastern white pine from northern Ontario." Johnston adds that the Georgian Bay area has the largest concentration of log homes in Canada. *Continued on page 98*

The kitchen and dining area are warm and inviting, but furnished with ease, a contemporary feel and the right mix of modern and timeless appliances.

"I love the look and the lifestyle they convey. Nothing looks better than a log home in winter."





He stresses that, along with finished log homes, his company is eager to fashion log and timber accents for homes constructed in the timber frame or post-and-beam style or those with stucco or wood siding. "You'd be surprised how log beams or faux beams can enhance the interior and exterior of any country home," Johnston says.

When asked about the process a prospective client would go through in building a log dwelling, Johnston outlines the steps. "First of all, I'd talk with the client about the kind of home they wanted. Then, I'd want to see how the land the structure sits on could be maximized so that the home can take full advantage of the views the property offers. Next comes the generation of plans by a designer with log-home construction experience. This is critical because log construction is a highly specialized field. Finally, after budget and contract details are mutually determined, I would act as project manager from start to finish to ensure that things are done right."

Looking around, you are instantly struck by the fine detail and custom craftsmanship involved in log-home construction. Creating such a distinctive interior simply requires more time and work. Such care is evident in the intricate, handcrafted cedar handrail that leads to Martin's sleek modern office in the loft above the great room. *Continued on page 100*

TOP LEFT: A special Christmas place setting.

BOTTOM LEFT: Brock, Anthony, family and friends celebrate the season.

RIGHT: The view from the loft above the great room. Light pours in from the windows that climb both sides of the fireplace.



The master bedroom has its own enclosed porch, backing onto the forest.



The same attention to detail is found in the finished basement with its rustic log bar, accented by a unique light fixture acknowledging the homeowner's passion for piloting planes. Beyond the bar is a full home movie theatre with plush seating. The indoor theatre sports a complete surround-sound system by **Georgian Audio Video**, the same firm that installed the home's ambient sound system allowing music from satellite radio to personal iPods to be directed to specific areas throughout the house.

Another custom detail in the basement is the bear paw and fish carvings etched into the slate floor tiles that lead to a locker room and ski storage. This area gets heavy use when Martin's two sons visit.

Johnston talks of the practical fundamentals that lie beneath the home's singular charm. "The original techniques were imported from Scandinavia," he says. "The oldest log homes date back a thousand years. Today their construction is a hallmark of Canada. To make irregular-

shaped logs fit together we use a tool called a scribe that allows us to shape the logs to make a perfect seal. Also, logs shrink over time when water in the wood evaporates as the wood dries. To allow for this process of settling, we install screw jacks below vertical posts. The jacks are lowered every six months in the early life of the home to allow for this settling effect. Likewise, windows, doors, cabinetry and plumbing must be fabricated to accommodate for settling. After all, wood, like stone, is a natural material with an organic cell structure."

The Canadian art pieces that grace this beautiful home complement the earthy appeal of its log construction. Western artist Wanda Whaley's cave drawings on slate are displayed on the mantel. Aboriginal carver Enook Manomie's soap stone sculpture of a dancing bear symbolizes the joy found in nature – a perfect accent for a home in the forest.

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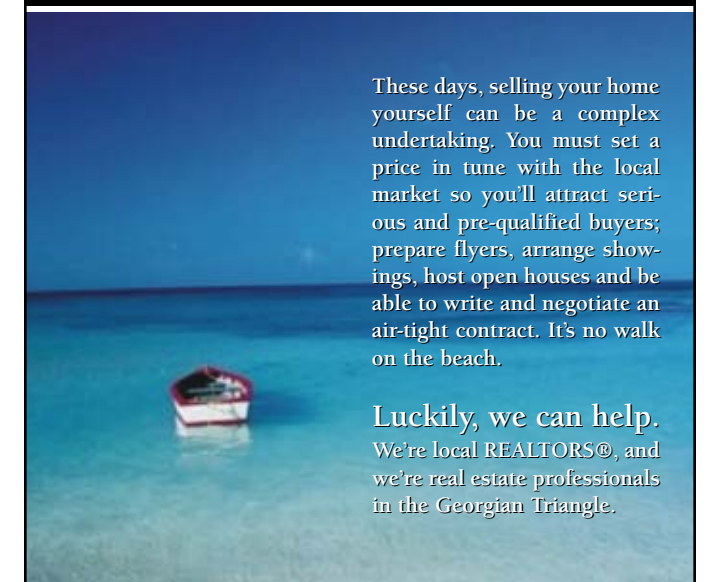
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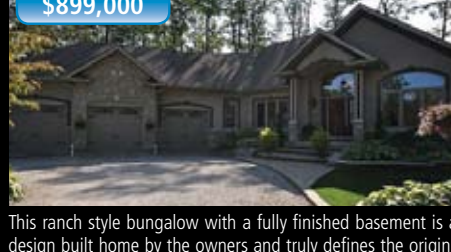
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ROASTED GARLIC SHRIMP COCKTAIL

with 3 Dipping Sauces

Shrimp Cocktail is a classic holiday entertaining hors d'oeuvre and a favourite for many. This year, instead of opting for the frozen ring variety from the local grocery store, try your hand at making your own from start to finish. Rather than water-logged shrimp and pale-tasting sauce, wow your guests with plump, sweet garlicky roasted shrimp and a choice of three cocktail sauces, each bursting with unique flavour. Serve the shrimp warm or chilled with your choice of sauce – or all three sauces and let guests decide for themselves.

For small parties, shot glasses with a spoonful of sauce and a shrimp each make an interesting and novel presentation. For larger groups, a platter and bowls for the sauce will do just as well. Be sure to set out an empty bowl for people to place their shrimp tails, better there than in your planters! Increase the recipe amounts as needed to suit the crowd. Happy Holidays!

TO PREPARE THE SHRIMP:

Toss 2 lb large deveined shrimp, with tails left on, with 2 tbsp olive oil, 2 cloves minced garlic, 1/2 tsp salt and 1/4 tsp pepper. Spread shrimp in single layer on a foil-lined baking sheet. Roast in 450°F oven for three minutes. Turn each shrimp over and roast for an additional two-to-three minutes, until shrimp are opaque and firm. Transfer to serving platter. Refrigerate until thoroughly chilled, if desired.



BASIC COCKTAIL SAUCE:

Stir Together:

1/2 cup ketchup

2 tbsp horseradish

2 tbsp lemon juice

2 tsp Worcestershire sauce

Pinch of salt

Serve with shrimp. Makes about 1 cup.

CHILI LIME COCKTAIL SAUCE:

Stir Together:

1/4 cup ketchup

1/4 cup chili sauce

2 tbsp lime juice

1 tbsp horseradish

1/2 to 1 seeded and minced jalapeno pepper

1 tbsp finely diced red onion

1 tsp ground coriander and a pinch of salt

Serve with shrimp. Makes about 1 cup.

OLIVE PAPRIKA COCKTAIL SAUCE:

Stir together:

1/2 cup ketchup

2 tbsp finely chopped green olives

1 tsp grated lemon zest

2 tbsp lemon juice

1 tbsp mayonnaise

1 tbsp chopped parsley

1 tsp smoked paprika

1 tsp Worcestershire sauce and a pinch of salt

Serve with shrimp. Makes about 1 cup. ON

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Masters decided to “Upcycle” the chair.

Upcycling is a reinvestment in the environment. It involves taking something destined for the landfill and giving it new life by transforming the item into something of greater use and value.

HERE'S HOW MASTERS CREATED A DAZZLING NEW CHAIR:

- She tightened a few screws and used some glue to make the chair sturdy again.
- The dated fabric was removed.
- The arms were sanded, primed, painted and then silver-leafed.
- Masters then selected a contemporary orange fabric with white and black accents. “I wanted the fabric to make a real statement,” she says. “A one off – a piece of art!”
- She took the fabric and chair to Eryn Carter of Bouj Custom Sewn Goods and Upholstery, who re-enforced the chair, covered it with the beautiful fabric and added rivets.
- Once the chair was back in Masters’ hands, she sanded the arms back to the wood and then dry-brushed black paint into the exposed areas.
- Finally, the chair was varnished.

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So give it a go. Take something old and make it new. Tap into your creativity and make something destined for the trash heap totally cool and beautiful... again. **OH**

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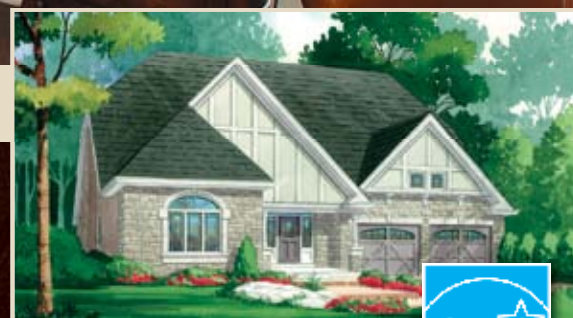
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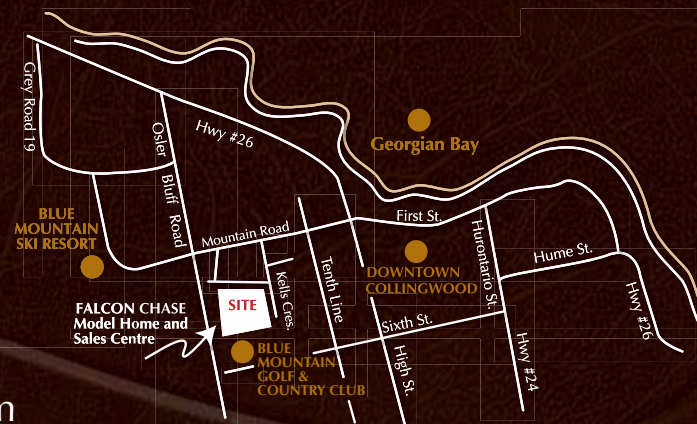
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