

# SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY'S WATER WAYS

PHOTOGRAPHY **BONNIE FOX**

These 10 local businesses can help you manage one of the most precious natural resources in your home – H<sub>2</sub>O – whether you drink it, swim in it, wash with it or simply enjoy your time with it.



## water way #1

Excavate for septics, ponds or trenching

**IAN & JOHN FERRIS**  
*Ferris Trucking & Excavating Ltd.*

**Tell us about residential excavation:** Whether you're planning for a pond or septic system, or need trenching or shoreline dredging, we have the equipment and expertise to help. Ian and John are licensed designers and installers of septic systems and maintain active membership in the Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association (OOWA), helping us to stay current on evolving industry information and improvements in technologies and processes.

**Tell us about Ferris Trucking & Excavating Ltd.:** We're a family-owned business with extensive experience in residential, commercial and municipal settings and we have worked in highly sensitive areas, including escarpment and shoreline. We understand local soil types and geological conditions and we are well versed in environmental policies and guidelines. We ensure that your job will be managed to your specifications with efficiency.

## water way #2

Design a swimming feature with a spa grotto

**DANIEL, JOSHUA, LINDA & MARTIN ZENG**  
*Zeng Landscaping*

**Tell us about this pool:** Daniel designed this pool for a modest town lot. It has it all: a wading area with infinity edge, four-foot deep splash area with built-in natural-stone seats and a swim-up bar, seven-foot deep swimming area, waterfalls concealing a swim-in five seater grotto with therapy jets and a gas fireplace. Atop the grotto at the source of the waterfall you will find a pair of built-in stone lounge chairs. Wiarton limestone was used throughout. Attention to detail is revealed with the on-site precision cutting, fitting and polishing of the stone product. Surrounding landscaping with plantings and finishing touches will complete this backyard oasis this summer.

**Tell us about Zeng Landscaping:** (Martin): I've been landscaping for more than three decades and have always implemented the latest products and methods, but it has been exciting to see the imaginations and fresh input of Joshua and Daniel pushing creativity to new levels. As one of the longest established landscape companies in the area, we continue to create exciting landscapes for outdoor lifestyles that endure. *Continued on page 78*





## water way #3

Dive into the pool

### SHARON OWEN & BROOKE SATCHELLE

Thornbury Clear Choice Pools & Spas

**Tell us about this pool:** This pool curves around the back deck of a home and has two sculpted stone waterfalls. It's surrounded by natural boulders and stamped-concrete decking. We're using a Pool Buoy, which can hold up to four drinks and balances an umbrella; it's a smart addition to bring portable shade right into the pool with you.

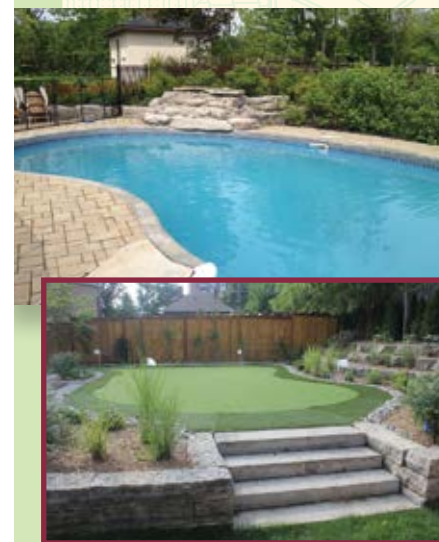
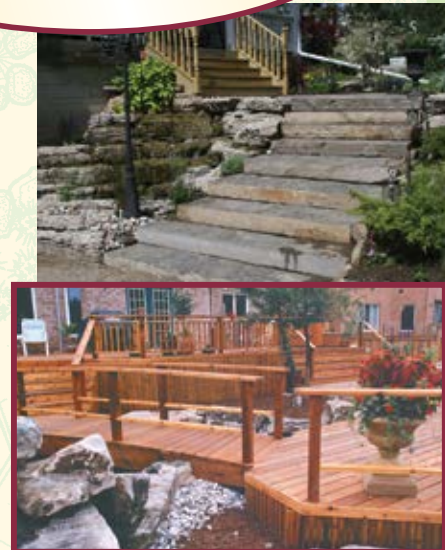
**Tell us about Thornbury Clear Choice Pools & Spas:** We specialize in the sales, service and installation of swimming pools, spas and accessories in Thornbury and the Georgian Triangle. We offer at-home analysis of your hot tub and swimming pool. Our team will keep your pool, spa water and related equipment in the best operating condition with a service program that meets your needs.

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## water way #4

Relax with a waterfall

**DARLENE & KEVIN HACKSON**  
Hackstone Landscapes

### Tell us about this water feature:

We built a private escape for the Reynolds family in Thornbury: a landscaped berm integrated with a multi-stage waterfall feature. Plantings of grasses, coniferous trees and dwarf shrubs ensure there is greenery year-round, while limestone, riverstone and beach pebble give it a natural look.

### Tell us about Hackstone

**Landscapes:** We believe that the best things in life are not things. They are family and friends, living life and making memories. We create the setting for you, through our craftsmanship and character, to enhance your life and your style.

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## water way #5

Get wi-fi on your waterfront

### DOUG JOHNSTON, CARTER NICOLL & CARLA NICOLSON

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**Tell us about this wi-fi:** Our client had a waterfront home in Thornbury and wanted to have the option of staying wirelessly connected around their property and at the beach. We installed cabling to support strategic, weatherproof, wireless-access points so they can connect with their whole-home system to play music, check email and have full access to the Internet.

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water way #6

Update your faucet & kitchen

**JUSTINE BURNS**  
*Kitchen & Bath Design,  
Collingwood Home Hardware  
Building Centre*

**Tell us about this kitchen:** The matte black STo faucet from Moen is a favourite for many new kitchen renovations; not only does it look great, it masks fingerprints and water spots. It sits with a stainless, double-undermount sink that's fitted into a Caesarstone counter in Frosty Carina. We've coordinated this kitchen with high-gloss dolomite cabinets and for a further modern look, used top hinges on the upper cabinets.

**Tell us about the Collingwood Home Hardware Kitchen & Bath Design Centre:** Our extra-large Kitchen and Bath displays allow you to fully visualize your design and renovation choices. Justine or her fellow designer Sarah Cyr will sit with you and discuss your project in detail. We offer free home visits to ensure that every measurement and detail of your renovation is perfect. From the DIY'er to the contractor dealing with large projects, we have the expertise to help you get your projects completed, no matter the size.

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water way #7  
Service your septic

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Ardiel Septic Services

**Tell us about this septic system:** This septic tank uses a riser kit that elevates the lid to sit flush to the ground. The lid is green to blend with your lawn and is durable enough to allow a lawnmower to easily pass over it, making for easy access and yard maintenance. This tank has an effluent filter to help protect a tile field. The filter is cleaned annually and the tank is pumped out every three years to maintain the health of the tile field and prevent problems in the home.

**Tell us about Ardiel Septic Services:** Ardiel Septic Services has been family owned and operated since 1975. We are proud to be a part of this community, providing local septic service and maintenance to help you protect your land and your water. Eliminate any worries you have about your septic system with an individual septic-system maintenance schedule. We can help with concerns, including cleaning your sewer pipes, odour elimination, system assessments for building permits, system location with sewer camera and tile field rejuvenation. We also provide fast, comprehensive septic-system real estate inspections at the time of a home purchase.

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**PETE ZWART**  
*Zwart's Topsoil & Landscape Supplies Ltd.*

**Tell us about this water feature:**  
This 92-foot stream has a river-stone bed and two flagstone bridges. It was built into a natural swale beside this home in an area that had proven awkward to maintain as lawn. We enhanced the natural flow of water runoff on the property and dug a five-foot pit to store the 2,200 gallons of water that flow through the system. The sounds of the water can be heard around the property from the home's entertaining spaces.

**Tell us about Zwart's:** We are a family-owned business and our famous retail yard in Thornbury is home to a large selection of natural stone, soil, topsoil, mulch, flagstones, limestone, granite, patio stones, interlock, boulders, wood chips, sand, aggregates, landscape and garden supplies. Our business has grown to include landscaping services, indoor flooring, fireplaces and stone walls. We are proud members of Landscape Ontario and the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association. *Continued on page 90*

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**Tell us about Knights:** Knights is a family-run business in Meaford. We not only offer support for plumbing and electrical supplies, we carry lumber, paint, hand and power tools and all manner of building materials. Our installations program makes it easy to get your projects finished.

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water way #10

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