

FRESH & FABULOUS

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THE PLACE: Everything at **Paperwhite Flowers** is set against a soft white backdrop, making every hint of colour pop with allure. This new flower and home décor shop on the main street in Thornbury is fresh in every sense. When the owner of the previous flower shop decided to retire last year, Wendy Bannerman-Clark couldn't resist the opportunity to run her own store. "I'd always fantasized about having a flower shop," she says, "even during my Wall Street days... especially during my Wall Street days!" With a strong background in costume design, event planning, food and wine, music and flower arranging from her years working with opera companies in New York City, Wendy saw a future in wedding planning. "And now, being owner of Paperwhite and co-owner of The Cheese Gallery, that's becoming a reality," she says.



Paperwhite's Chief Floral Designer Melanie Macleod-Vallins



THE STYLE: A bold and elegant style has been achieved with the help of Melanie Macleod-Vallins, Chief Floral Designer. New products and colour schemes are always on display. Seasonal table décor, including a selection of napkin rings, placemats, candleholders and vases are creatively showcased on a table in the centre of the shop. Scents of spring fill the air and lure you toward the flower-filled refrigerator at the back, where gorgeous arrangements of every size beg to be taken home.

SERVICES: Paperwhite is a full service flower shop. It offers wedding and special event arrangements, delivery to all surrounding areas, call-outs and custom orders. It also provides wedding planning services, holiday home decorating and "tablescaping" – setting beautiful tables for clients' parties.

WHAT'S HOT: Stylish linens and high-quality paper goods for the table, Paddywax diffusers and candles with all-natural scents and cushions designed by Sarah Smile of Wasaga Beach are all hot sellers. "The die-cut felt placemats have been great sellers," says Wendy. "But I think our favourite things are the Paddywax products. They smell so good!"

SEASONAL: Tulips and gerbera daisies are always popular in the spring, but Melanie's favourite is the iris. Wendy favours lily of the valley. When it comes to colours, Wendy lists tangerine, sodalite blue, coral and fuchsia as this season's top picks.

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