



OUTDOOR LIVING

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THE PLACE: South of the village of Maxwell on Grey County Rd. 2, Maxwell Garden Center is the place to find all the landscape services you need, conveniently at one location. Owners, Ezra and Esther Martin, whose home is on site, tend the three hot houses and nurture plants from seed. Along with a variety of shrubs such as spruce, maple and juniper, Martin provides a tree-planting service, including set-up and staking. A unique feature of the business is the vast display of custom-built outdoor buildings and furniture.

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90 ft. waterfront, 2 separate quarters.
\$2,395,000




BEAVER VALLEY LOG HOME
3+3 bdrm., 5 bath, 4938 sq. ft. total
41 acres with 2 ponds.
\$874,749



VIEWS OF GEORGIAN BAY
2 bdrm., 2 bath, 1060 sq. ft.
Condo with tennis and pool.
\$194,811



VIEWS TO BIG HEAD RIVER VALLEY
156 acres, barn, workshop & farmhouse. Great spot to build.
\$949,000



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\$595,000



LIGHTHOUSE "CLIPPER"
3 bdrm., 2 bath, 1160 sq. ft.
Corner unit, 30 ft. boat slip.
\$335,000



74 FT. WATERFRONT
5 bdrm., 2.5 bath, 2759 sq. ft.
Sauna, screened porch, great views.
\$650,000



CRANBERRY
4 bdrm., 2 bath, 1550 sq. ft.
2 parking, corner unit, new kitchen.
\$199,000



WATERFRONT
2+2 bdrm., 3 bath, 2503 sq. ft. total
Renovated and close to town.
\$674,825



RIVER RUN
3 bdrm, 2.5 bath, 2223 sq. ft. total
Cul-de-sac, fin. basement, hardwood.
\$288,546



DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL
3.1 acres w/ views to Blue in Craigleith & 2 adjacent building lots.
\$749,900 & \$250,000



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LORA BAY
3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1978 sq. ft. total
Stunning chalet, beach steps away.
\$448,369



WATERFRONT LUXURY
2+2 bdrm., 2.5 bath, 2700 sq. ft. total
Upgrades galore, garage, basement.
\$499,000



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MODEL HOME
4 bdrm., 3.5 bath, 3583 sq. ft.
HST incl. 100' x 300' lot.
\$850,000



THE STYLE: Asked to define the style of his outdoor offerings, Martin says, “aside from our plants, which a lot of customers say they can’t find healthier ones at a comparable price, we provide outdoor cottage-style furniture, custom-made by friends. All items are solidly-made by local craftsmen and are uniquely durable.”

WHAT’S HOT: Martin is especially proud of the popular full-log and half-log chair and table sets. Other customer favourites include a rustic garden shed, a children’s play set, a fun Tiki Bar hut in various sizes, an attractive gazebo and a cedar barrel sauna, which utilizes either a wood-burning stove or electricity for heat. All are constructed with long-lasting local white cedar.

SEASONAL: Summer is the perfect time to consider Ezra Martin’s many outdoor furnishings as well as the variety of annuals and perennials he has on hand. The Center’s vegetable plants have

become very popular. Martin modestly states: “Our tomato plants are kind of famous. We give them a good start here and people pick them up, and presto, they have an instant garden on their patio!”

FAVOURITES: Martin, who constantly updates his inventory to meet patron demands, elaborates on a recent customer favourite. “Hanging plants are very popular. We can’t grow enough. Often people can’t find the colour combination they want, so we offer a customized service where people bring us their container, choose their colour and style of plants and pick them up when they’re ready to display them.” Along with this unique service, Martin offers another: rental of exterior greenery and furniture for trendy outdoor weddings.

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