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◀ Stan Dalley

COMPANY: Creative Painting

SPECIALTY: Interior and Exterior Custom Finishing

MY FAVOURITE WAY TO SPEND A WINTER WEEKEND...

is appreciating the simple pleasures in life. I'm in a wonderful location overlooking the Beaver River and the Feversham Gorge, so I have a great view of the beauty in nature. I love living in the Georgian Triangle because of the diverse and wonderful landscapes that surround me; not to mention the numerous opportunities to get involved with local events, concerts, festivals, trails and ski hills. If I'm not out hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, bird watching or enjoying the splendours of nature with family and friends, then you'll find me appreciating the winter from indoors - laughing, talking, enjoying homemade vegan delights and relaxing by the fireplace with my favourite gal!

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SANDI'S FAVOURITE WAY TO RELAX:

Our business revolves around two basic skills: upholstery and sewing. Both of these require attention to detail and are physically demanding. When the workday is over, I find relaxation is what I seek most. Reading a good murder mystery by the crackling fire works just fine for me.

DAVE'S FAVOURITE WINTER MEAL IS...

rolled pork tenderloin with bread and mushroom stuffing. It's my mother's favourite so she taught me how to cook it and the whole family loves it. *Continued on page 70*

Roland and Pepe Schiprack ▶

COMPANY: PR Antique Products

SPECIALTY: Along with several employees, we deconstruct century-old barns. We manufacture and install wide plank flooring and trim made from milled beams and siding taken from these barns. We are proud to provide a green source of wood, which has a unique look and rich patina that only aged wood can give.

FAVOURITE WINTER FAMILY

MEAL: Roast pork, roast potatoes and salad with Oma's dressing.



◀ Rob Hobson

COMPANY: Hobson Masonry Ltd.

SPECIALTY: Working with natural stone from whole stone houses to creating unique indoor and outdoor fireplaces, chimneys, kitchens and dry-stone walling

THE BEST WAY TO SPEND A COLD WINTER'S NIGHT IS...

cooking for my family and friends and relaxing in front of a roaring fire.

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Diane Scott (right) and ►
Jo-Ann Patterson (Left)

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FAVOURITE WINTER ACTIVITY:
Jo-Ann: Cross-country skiing, knitting by the fire and heading south
Diane: Skiing with my family, staying in, cooking and keeping warm



◀ Glen Michon

COMPANY: Huronia Alarms & Fire Security Inc.
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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?
Montreal smoked meat on rye
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Steven Sean-Seamus O'Farrell ►

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FAVOURITE WINTER MEAL: A spicy homemade chili and a cold Creemore



◄ Michael Curtis

COMPANY: River Craftsmen Co.

SPECIALTY: Designing and building custom interiors and heirloom quality cabinetry using fine concrete, wood and steel.

SKIER OR SNOWBOARDER:

After spending a lifetime growing up under the lights at Blue Mountain competing in FIS races, I ask myself: "Why would I snowboard and have to sit down before every run?"

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YOUR DREAM HOME AWAITS

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SPECIALTY: Custom

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FAVOURITE WINTER

ACTIVITY: Hanging

out with my wife and two

kids in Costa Rica, hiking and

checking out parts of the

country we haven't seen.



◀ Harvey Parkes

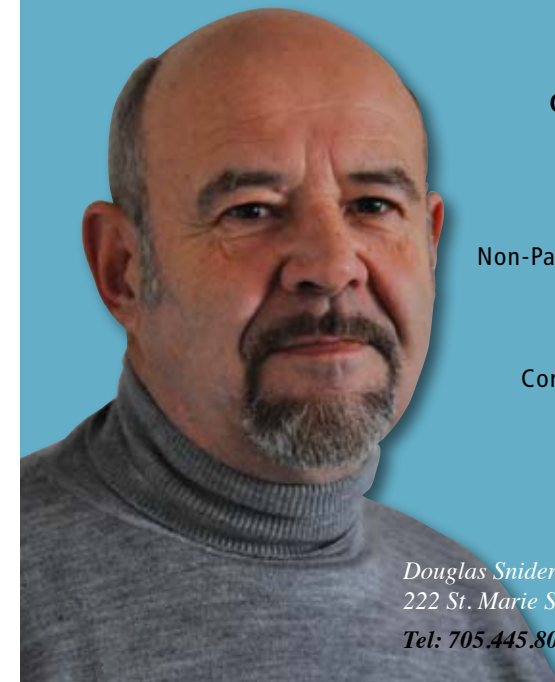
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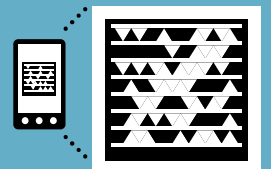
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David Cook ▶

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**BEST WAY TO SPEND A
WINTER WEEKEND IS...**

out on the ski slopes with
friends and family or on the
trails with my two dogs and
beautiful baby boy, Levi.

And who can forget
Hockey Night in Canada!



◀ Trevor Freeborn (right) and Evan Reid (left)

COMPANY: Valleyview Construction

SPECIALTY: Custom home building and renovations using
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Trevor is a site manager and Evan is a carpenter.

SKIING OR SNOWBOARDING:

Trevor: Skiing

Evan: Snowboarding **OH**

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