ourhomes

WELLINGTON COUNTY ORANGEVILLE CALEDON











Rockwood, ON 519.856.0256 info@jacobswoodworking.cawww.jacobswoodworking.ca







www.royalcity.com

Home is...

choosing how many marshmallows to add to your hot chocolate

Unlock your future at royalcity.com









Personalized to Perfection Exclusively at Di Pietra Design



705.727.0096 | 672 Welham Rd - Barrie | www.dpd360.com















DISCOVER A SYMPHONY OF STYLE

WITH CIOT TILE AT CERAMIC DECOR











Artisanal tile is a drastically underused decorative element. Start your next project with tile and be inspired by colour, texture, size, shape and material. Discover how they all combine to make a harmonious living space.





CERAMIC DECOR IS THE LARGEST TILE RETAILER WEST OF THE GTA AND THE EXCLUSIVE RETAILER OF CIOT BOUTIQUE'S DESIGNER LINE, HABITAT

Mon.-Fri. 8:00-5:30pm, Thurs. 8:00-8:00pm, Sat. 9:00-4:00pm
987 York Road. Guelph, Ontario | DESIGNER APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE 519.836.7060

ceramicdecor.com



SUTCLIFFE KITCHENS AND RENOVATIONS

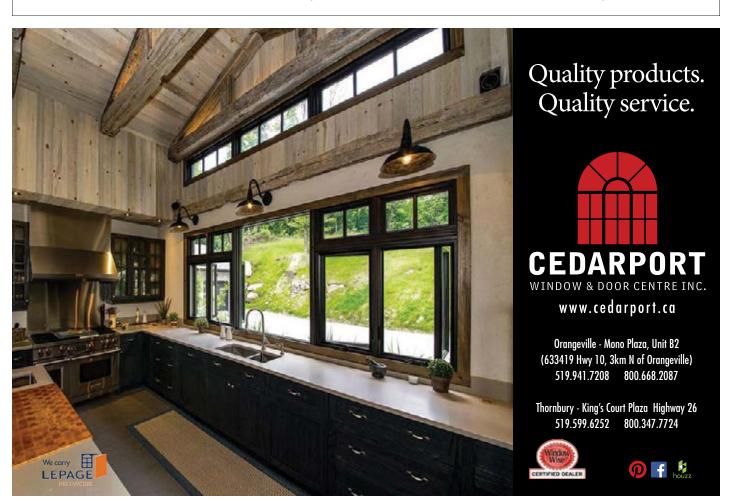
Experience the personal service & attention to detail that are the hallmarks of a Sutcliffe Kitchen.



Building Memories Not Just Furniture Family Furniture -Ind.-

Locally Handcrafted Solid Wood Furniture & Custom Cabinetry

519.595.7105 • www.MillbankFamilyFurniture.ca • info@MillbankFamilyFurniture.ca







For those seeking a tranquil yet active lifestyle, Collingwood is the perfect choice. Its location on the shores of Nottawasaga Bay gives residents easy access to a huge array of sports and recreational pursuits. Along with excellent dining and shopping establishments and a vibrant business climate, there is truly something for everyone here.





Every Grandview home comes complete with quality features and finishes, such as 9' Ceilings, Garden Doors, Landscaping Package, California Textured Ceilings, Gas Fireplaces, Deluxe Oak Staircases and Stainless Steel Hood Fans.

Don't miss your chance to live in a Grandview Homes community.

BONUS PACKAGE - Hardwood In Great Room + Central Air Conditioning*



For more information, call 1-866-775-0333 or email: mountaincroftcollingwood@gmail.com
Visit our Model Home at the corner of Poplar Sideroad and Clark, just east of High St. in Collingwood.

www.GRANDVIEWHOMESNORTH.com

*Bonus Package available for a limited time only. Speak to a Sales Representative for details. Specifications subject to change without notice. E.&O.E.





Live in the Centre of it All! Starting From the Low 300s

Introducing South Hill in Guelph, built by Thomasfield Homes. This 8 storey, 88 unit building features beautiful floorplans, an expansive outdoor terrace overlooking the city with an outdoor BBQ and kitchen, fitness centre and indoor party room/lounge.

Best of all, live in the centre of it all. Walking distance to over 27 restaurants and cafes, 6 grocery & food stores, a movie theatre, and many other amenities!

Plans start at 619 sq. ft. to over 1,367 sq. ft with 1 bed and 2 bed (and + den options).

WWW.THOMASFIELD.COM

OLANG WAS THE FIRST BRAND TO OFFER THE CANADIAN MARKET FASHION BOOTS MADE IN EUROPE AND EQUIPPED WITH THE OC SYSTEM'S BUILT-IN SWIVELLING AND FOLDING ICE CLEATS, A PROPRIETARY SYSTEM DEVELOPED IN ITALY BY THE OC SYSTEM CO. SINCE 1991 - Women's & Men's Styles Available at Shoevilla, Elora





(519) 846-SHOE (7463) www.shoevillaelora.com

1-54 Wellington Rd #7, Elora, ON (located 'uptown' Elora, beside the Subway Plaza)





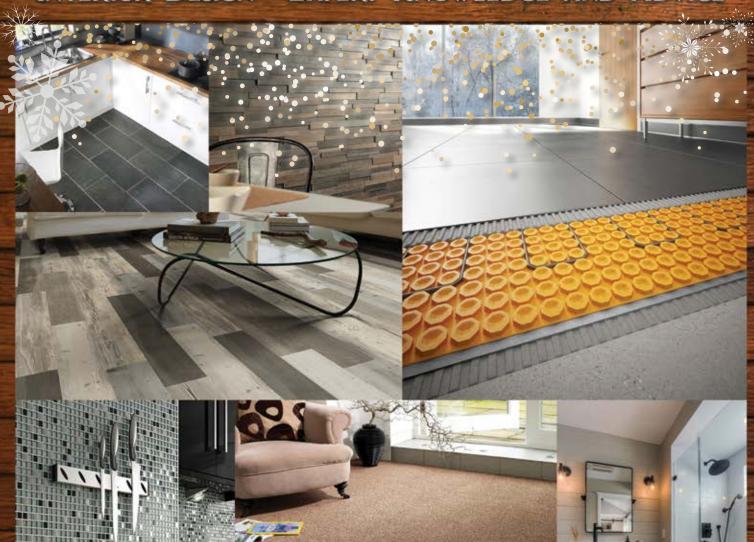
find us on Facebook & Instagram



MAPLETON

FLOORING AND WINDOWS

In-Home Consultations - Professional Installation Interior Design - Expert Knowledge and Advice







CUSTOM HOMES | RENOVATIONS | INTERIOR DESIGN





- Custom Homes
- Renovations
- Design/Build
- Project Management
- Property Management

- Interior Design
- Professional Staging
- Decor
- Colour Consultations
- Window Treatments

DESIGN - CREATE - LIVE

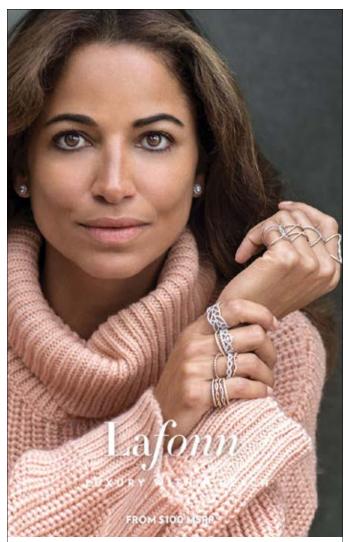




83 Wellington St. South - Drayton - (519) 638-5112

MAPLETONFW.COM

P.O. Box 370, Orangeville ON L9W 2Z7 t. 519.943.0500 w. montgomeryhomes.ca







RON WILKIN JEWELLERS 109 ST, ANDREW STREET W. FERGUS, ON NIM 1N6 (519) 843-1225 · RONWILKINJEWELLERS.COM



REGIONAL PUBLISHERS Jamie Jefferson

Georgette McCulloch

REGIONAL MANAGING EDITOR Merrilyn Patterson

REGIONAL PRODUCTION MANAGER Tracy Shuttleworth

MARKETING & ADVERTISING Avis McFarlane, 519.787.0133

Glenda Wiedeman, 705.446.4997 alenda.wiedeman@ourhomes.ca

Pam Gummerson, 519,217,8717

pam.gummerson@ourhomes.ca

Merrilyn Patterson, 519.994.4499 merrilyn.patterson@ourhomes.ca

REACH US EASILY: firstname.lastname@ourhomes.ca

OUR HOMES is a registered trademark of OUR HOMES MEDIA GROUP INC. OUR HOMES Wellington County Orangeville Caledon is published four times a year.

OUR HOMES is distributed to residents of Wellington County, Orangeville and Caledon via direct mail. Copies of OUR HOMES are available for free pick up at high traffic locations throughout the region. OUR HOMES is distributed throughout select B&Bs and hotels, and to select business leaders via direct mail.

Please send all letters and/or feedback to OUR HOMES Magazine, 25 Elgin St., Collingwood, ON Canada L9Y 3L6. Or email us at editor@ourhomes.ca. All letters received are subject to editing for grammar and length.

OUR HOMES MEDIA GROUP INC:

EDITORIAL

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Georgette McCulloch

ASSOCIATE & WEB EDITOR Laurel Fortin

Nancy Belgue, Adrienne Brown, Walter Franczyk, Mary Hatt, Gina Makkar, Sara Martin, Tiffany Mayer, Georgette McCulloch. Tamarisk McNalty Stephens. Melissa North, Merrilyn Patterson Heather Wright

ACTING ART DIRECTOR Robynne Sangiuliano

ASSOCIATE ART DIRECTORS

Sheila Britton, Michelle Losier DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY Jason Hartog

PRODUCTION

PRODUCTION DIRECTOR Lynn Derrick

PRODUCTION MANAGERS

Julia Dempsey, Kelly Donaldson, Marilyn Reid, Tracy Shuttleworth

OPERATIONS

MANAGING DIRECTOR, SALES & MARKETING

Jamie Jefferson jamie.jefferson@ourhomes.ca

MANAGING DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS Georgette McCulloch

ACCOUNTING Tyler Annette

CLIENT RETENTION & DISTRIBUTION Lisa Merrell

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE Cindie Tonor

CONTRIBUTORS

Neso Basara, Sheila Britton, Lisa Canning, Tara Chattell, Walter Franczyk, Jason Hartog, Dawn McConnell, Jenelle McCulloch, Merrilyn Patterson, Dolores Pian, Melanie Rekola, Dann Tardiff

ments and the content, including photos, of advertisements published within OUR HOMES magazine are supplied solely by the advertiser and neither the publisher nor OUR HOMES Media Group Inc. accept responsibility for opinions expressed in advertisements or for copyright issues with regards to photos, advertising copy and advertisements, nor shall they be held liable thereby. By act of reading this publication, all advertisers and readers agree to indemnify and hold harmless both OUR HOMES Media Group Inc., and the publisher thereby. Copyright ©2018 OUR HOMES Media Group Inc. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is prohibited.

OUR HOMES CAN BE FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING MARKETS:

- Barrie/Orillia/Midland Grev Bruce Hamilton London Muskoka
- Niagara Oakville/Burlington/Mississauga Ottawa Peterborough • Southern Georgian Bay • Toronto & York Region • Region of Waterloo
- - Wellington County/Orangeville/Caledon Windsor













Get a quote from Ontario's trusted manufacturer of lifetime sunrooms.





Chatelaine Lighting

Serving Guelph and Area Since 1969



519.824.0401

54 Victoria Rd. S.

www.chatelainelighting.ca

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm • Sat 10am-4pm • Sun closed

editor's note





Welcome to our winter issue!

When I think of winter and the holidays, I think of the chilly air and the most family-oriented season of the year. At this time of year, it's all about coming home.

To me, winter brings frosty walks, my favourite comfort food, conversation around the fireplace and opportunities to warm up my living space with cosy throws, and yep, more pillows! My son calls my home, "Mom's land of pillows." When he visits from Toronto, he never fails to comment on the new colour theme, or just the sheer number of them! Without the pillows though, it wouldn't be home. More than any other season, we have the opportunity to express our unique personalities and sense of style, in the way that says "welcome home."

The three homes in this issue have done just that! A stunning addition that blends perfectly with an original log home in Caledon Hills oozes personality and reflects the tranquility of days gone by. Home has never been more comfortable and relaxing for busy Fergus homeowners, than at their historical riverside retreat. And a professional couple with young kids in Guelph show us how home can be efficiently cosy in their elegant, modern oasis.

Let us help you find your favourite way to say welcome home. If comfort food is your way, make our chocolate hazelnut fudge and gift it to friends and family. It's sure to be a hit. The local business experts in our People feature will keep you on track with your winter projects, whether you're warming up your décor for the season, or creating a

We hope these sensational homes and our favourite winter finds will inspire you. Welcome home this winter and happy holidays from all of us at OUR HOMES.

Merrilyn Patterson

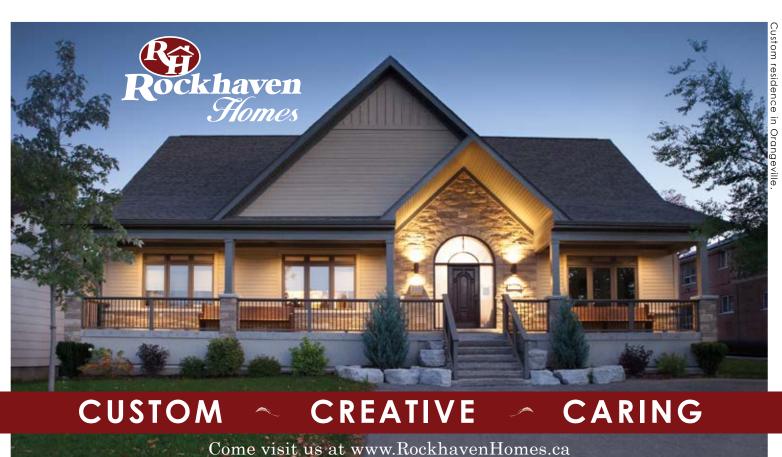
Merrilyn Patterson, Managing Editor merrilyn.patterson@ourhomes.ca



Follow us f Subscriptions subscribe@ourhomes.ca

Get more at ourhomes.ca

STONE | FIXTURES | FAUCETS | CABINETRY CALEDON Visit Our Newly Renovated SHOWROOM! 12 Fisherman Drive Units 6&7 **Brampton ON** 905.840.4433 1.800.265.6672 www.caledontile.com



✓ Georgetown: 905-873-1582

➤ Build@RockhavenHomes.ca

→ Orangeville: 519-453-6664

CONTENTS HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19





ON THE COVER

French Country style and a riverside view in Fergus. Story, page 50. Photography by Jason Hartog.



- 22 Style Picks Warm up winter at your house with our favourite seasonal choices.
- **32** Feature Home A busy Guelph family goes for a chic and modern, minimalist reno.
- **46** Spotlight Exotic handmade rugs and treasures await at Rug & Weave.
- **50** Feature Home A renovated Fergus home is transformed into a charming riverside retreat.
- **60** People Check out our Go-To list of expert local business owners.
- 76 Home & Builder A Caledon log home grows with a new master suite and great room.

DEPARTMENTS

- 16 Editor's Note
- 20 Advice Keeping It Clean
- **26** Good Taste Vegan Eggnog
- **28** Decorating Bedroom Double Duty
- **30 Crafty Ideas** Light Bulb Place Cards
- **42 Gardening** Suet For The Birds
- **48** Crafty Ideas Herbal Bathtime
- **74** Real Estate Seniors And Technology
- 86 Cooking At Home Chocolate Fudge
- **92** Home Resource Directory
- **94** Finishing Touch Kitchen Sinks And Faucets





We Create Homes.

Restoring & Creating Heritage





New Construction | Additions | Renovations 324 South River Rd RR2. Elora Email: hoegybldg@golden.net · 519-846-0163 www.hoegybuilding.ca

F 5 in



Custom Built Homes and Renovations

Full Design Build Services

NEW LOCATION

Design Centre: 110 Main Street, Erin

519.833.7499 dalerosecountry@bellnet.ca advice



KEEPING CLEAN

Interior Designer **Dolores Pian** shares her ideas.

Keeping clean has never been more luxurious and spectacular. The master bathroom, in particular, is the second-most-popular renovation after the kitchen. Visual appeal, functionality and unique design elements are what we are now looking for in our bathrooms. Tubs and showers are a great way to make your unique statement. Here are some tips that interior designers think you should know.

TUBS

The new attention grabber is the freestanding tub. A sculpture that bathes you in comfort, it appears to float, taking less space than a built-in and easier to clean.

Tips:

- Test your tub for body size when sitting. A taller person requires a longer tub. A small tub will result in knees to the chin and not comfortable at all.
- Statement lighting over the tub can add that wow factor. Make sure your fixtures are rated for damp or wet locations. Place on a separate switch.
- A soft white lighting colour temperature of 2,700 to 3,000 degrees Kelvin provides a warm, cosy atmosphere so you'll always look your best.
- Dimmers set the mood and can be pre-set to the timing of your choice. Place on a separate switch.

• Leave three inches or more around the tub for cleaning. The handle of a mop still needs to reach around the back.

SHOWERS

The shower is where you stimulate your senses. Glass shower enclosures have eliminated thick tiled walls, allowing for more space. Glass doors can now roll or hinge effortlessly.



- Curbs virtually disappear with curbless shower systems made possible by Schluter Kerdi-Line Systems. They have shower kits that provide the necessary waterproofing membrane and floor sloping for drains. Linear drains, which are long troughs twoinches deep, lie beneath the floor and need to run in the direction of joists or can be carved out of a concrete floor.
- Water can rain on your head or jet you from three sides.

 Be careful when selecting body sprays. Make sure they accommodate all members of the family and their various heights and weights. While they can be adjusted to suit your needs, jet sprays can be very powerful and you could end up with a mouthful of water or even injure sensitive body parts. You may need a grip rail.
- Large format tiles, quartz stone or Corian are now used for seamless shower walls, eliminating the need for those pesky, hard-to-clean grout lines. Ask your contractor if you have enough room to get them up the stairs or in an elevator prior to installation.
- Shower floors need small tiles for foot grip and safety so that you can avoid slipping. Make grout colour the darkest colour that coordinates with the tile.
- Install a waterproof light fixture overhead for safety. (Yes you can still install an overhead shower.) Place the fixture on a separate switch with no dimmer.
- Shower benches are useful for a quick sit down during a long shower and also to perch your foot while shaving your legs.

SPECIAL TOUCHES

- **Heated floors.** Made more affordable and doable with Ditra-Heat-E-Kit by Schluter. It has a quarter-inch profile that minimizes the thickness of the finished tile floor.
- Wall niches. Scavenge space from wall cavities with niches.
 Wall niches can come in stainless steel or tiled. A slight slope is needed to drain water. Not only are they a décor element, they make all items more accessible.

EDUCATE YOURSELF

Check out bathroom manufacturers' sites for your specific needs. Tubs and showers are just two of the elements to explore so that you can create your own unique fabulous bathroom. **OH**

PRODUITS NEPTUNE: Malaga Shower Tower 2. MIROLIN: Cruz Acrylic Freestanding Tub
 SCHLUTER: Kerdi-Line Floor Drains 4. PRODUITS NEPTUNE: Florence Freestanding Tub
 CASALGRANDE PADANA: Marmoker Olimpo Tile 6. CASALGRANDE PADANA: Marmoker Nero Creta Tile 7. SCHLUTER: Ditra-Heat-E-Kit



Call Phil at: 519.831.0539

Call or Email Us for a FREE Estimate: kitchenrevivalguelph@gmail.com









"We checked two references and after seeing their kitchens, were more than impressed with the superior quality of work by Kitchen Revival. We had no hesitancy asking them to do our kitchen and couldn't be happier with the results. It's like having a new kitchen! We wanted to paint rather than replace the kitchen doors but were concerned about the oak grain showing through white. We didn't need to worry, the effect is beautiful! We highly recommend Phil and Kitchen Revival!"

Eco-Friendly Kitchen Restoration Spray Finished Cabinets No Runs or Brush Strokes Pot Drawers

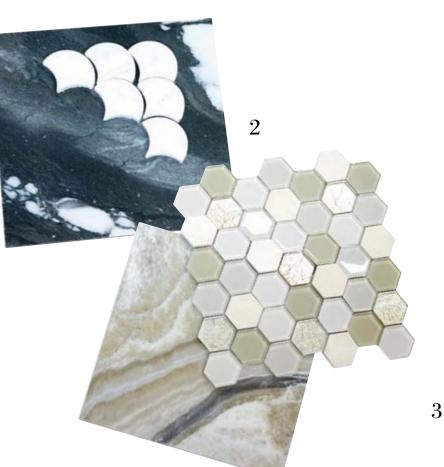
20 | ourhomes HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19



Welcome

Our favourite seasonal style choices for cosy, comfortable living.

PHOTOGRAPHY NESO BESARA





CHATELAINE LIGHTING

Chandelier

Light up frosty winter nights at your house with this Capri chandelier by Artcraft. The two-tone fixture features a dark brown exterior and a satin brass interior.

54 Victoria Rd. S., Guelph 519.824.0401 | chatelainelighting.ca

CERAMIC DECOR

Black and white is back for floors and walls this season. Also popular is Onyx polished porcelain. To add a touch of glitter to backsplashes, choose a neutral glass and stone mix, or a marble fan tile.

987 York Rd., Guelph 519.836.7060 ceramicdecor.com

BIGELOW FLOORING

Carpet

Guess what the best-dressed floors are wearing this winter? Stainmaster Active Family carpet! You can have kids, guests and nice things. Durable, stain resistant and softly beautiful.

450 Woodlawn Rd. W., Guelph 519.821.0256 | bigelowflooring.ca

CALEDON FIREPLACE

Gas Fireplace

Cosy up to the fire with a Regency City Series New York View linear gas fireplace. It features a seamless, clear view of the fire. Its clean lines look great in any décor style.

2999 King St., Inglewood 905.838.1114 | caledonfireplace.ca

KITRAS ART GLASS

Ornament

Celebrate the many joys and stories of life with the Kitras signature collection of hand-blown glass ornaments – Trees of Enchantment. Available in 48 colours with companion sentiments and in three different sizes.

530 Dickson Dr., Fergus 1.800.439.6393 | kitras.ca

THE ENSUITE

The beauty of the Zucchetti Savoir faucet is its versatile primary shape. Fits in a classic or contemporary setting and can be customized by finish, handle and cover to achieve very different looks.

65 Dawson Rd., Unit 1, Guelph 519.837.3387 | ensuiteontario.com

Continued on page 24

















519.338.3230 | achesonpharmacy.com

Make everything old new again, with Benjamin Moore's Advance paint. Its hard, durable finish makes it the perfect choice for painting cupboards, cabinets and furniture. Available in matte, pearl and semi-gloss finishes.

6458 Wellington Rd. 7, Elora 519.846.5393 | homehardware.ca

ARTHUR HOME HARDWARE **BUILDING CENTRE**

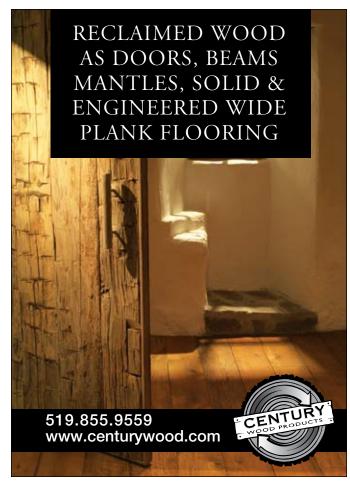
Bird Feeders

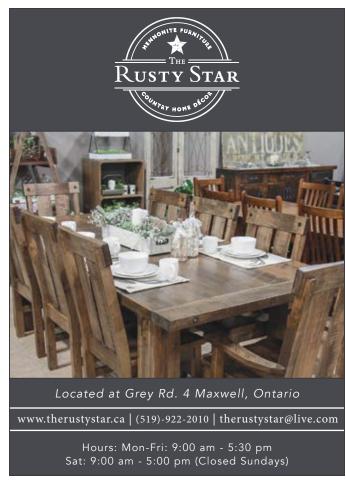
Treat the birds in your neighbourhood and brighten up your winter landscape with colourful feeders from Pinebush and Woodstream.

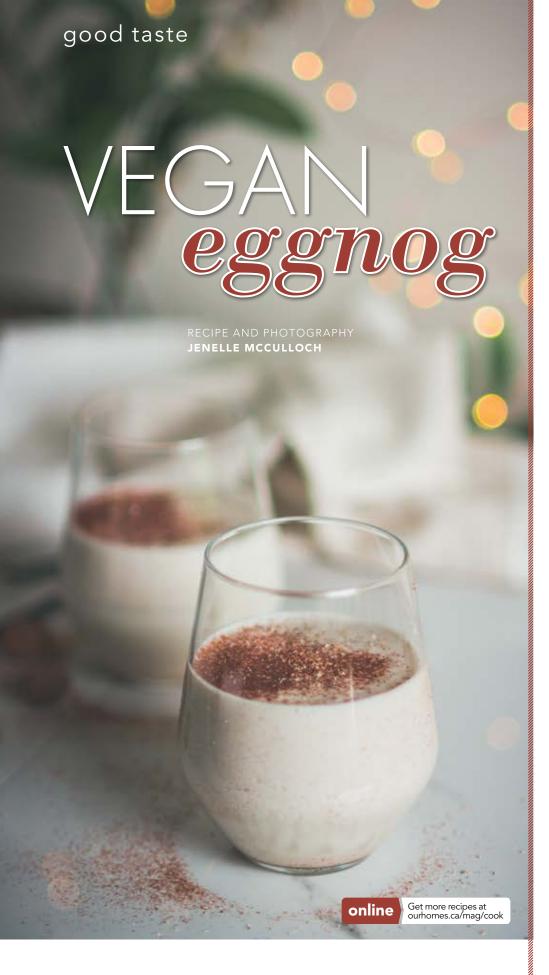
7580 First Line West Garafraxa, Arthur 519.848.2444 | homehardware.ca **0H**











An eggnog everyone can enjoy. This recipe is a play on the classic eggnog – vegan, dairy-free and made with natural sweeteners!

INGREDIENTS Serves 4

2 cups cashew milk, store bought or homemade

1 cup full fat coconut milk

3 pitted dates

1 Tbsp maple syrup

1 vanilla pod or ½ tsp vanilla extract

Nutmeg and cinnamon to garnish

DIRECTIONS

In a blender combine all ingredients. If using fresh vanilla, slice pod lengthwise and scrape out seeds. Blend on high. Strain through a fine mesh strainer. Chill for 1-2 hours before serving. Sprinkle with nutmeg and cinnamon to taste. **OH**



Natural stone surfaces with unmatched depth and clarity at CambriaCanada.com







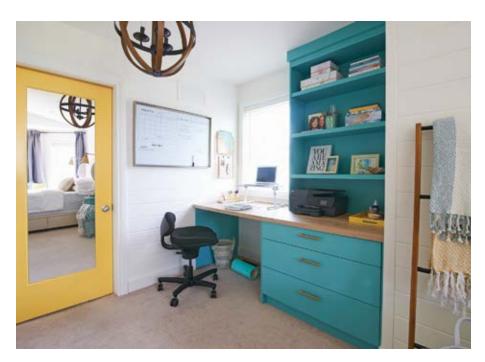


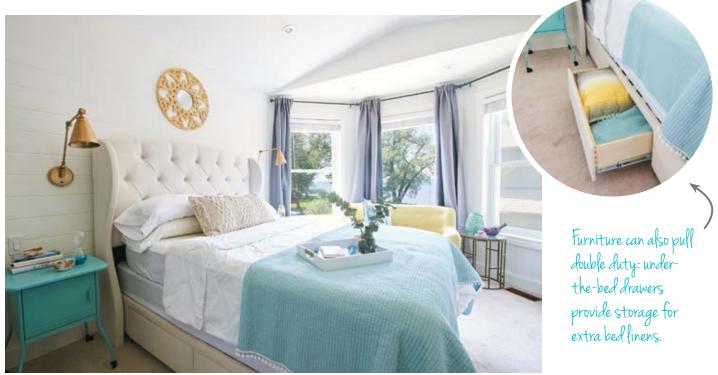


STORY LISA CANNING
PHOTOGRAPHY DANN TARDIFF

1 Designate a spot for the office

Once you've found the spot, plan your design. I opted for custom millwork to utilize every square inch of storage I could. Going custom allowed us to paint the desk this gorgeous turquoise colour, Benjamin Moore Waterfall. Take note of the brass, hand-cast cabinet pulls from Shayne Fox – they're like jewelry on this desk. The chair is from CoreChair.





2 Find the perfect bed

Everyone deserves a beautiful bed. After a hard day a beautiful bed is worth the investment. This bed with its tufted, wingback headboard is from Wayfair and it offers great value with storage. A beautiful bed needs a quality mattress. Here we used the award-winning Casper Mattress. I also chose Casper's sheet and duvet set in a crisp white.

3 Add your personality

This is important, regardless of the kind of space you are creating. It has to reflect you and your unique personality. Here I just had to add elements like the Metrie door painted Benjamin Moore Yellow Highlighter. To ensure this was the focal point, we kept the adjacent sliding closet doors in white to ensure some balance. Again, to ensure the space didn't feel too overwhelming with all the vibrant pops, I wrapped the room in Metrie's tongue and groove shiplap panelling and painted it Benjamin Moore Decorator's White. I love interior mouldings. They provide such a beautiful textural element to any space.

4 Get cosy

Every bedroom needs to feel cosy and comfortable, which is why I added ample blankets and pillows in a variety of textures, all within our colour palette to stay harmonious, and displayed them on the ladder. Lighting also makes a big impact in the room. I added a stunning modern chandelier that adds an architectural element. Lastly, add some fun accessories. The ladder, chandelier, tray and pen are all from Bouclair. **OH**



28 | ourhomes HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19

PROJECT DAWN MCCONNELL | PHOTOGRAPHY TARA CHATTELL

LIGHT BULB place cards





Delight your guests with personalized place cards created out of repurposed holiday string lights.

TOOLS & MATERIALS

Large holiday string light bulbs

Acrylic paint in your choice of colour

Paintbrush

Sealant (we used Mod Podge)

Marker in contrasting colour (we used silver, black and gold)

Waxed paper

Twine or ribbon

Glue

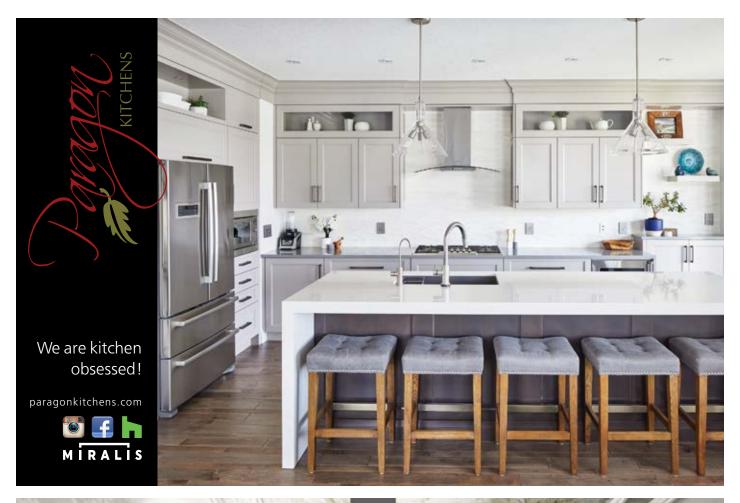
Tiny trinkets for decoration



Directions

Cover workspace with waxed paper. Apply two coats of paint to the glass of each light bulb, allowing to dry between coats. Coat painted area of bulb with sealant.

When dry, write or print names on bulb using marker. Wrap bulb stems with twine or ribbon and glue in place. Decorate with bows and/or trinkets. OH









Almost like magic, a home on the quiet culde-sac around the corner from Mike's parents went up for sale. The couple had dreamed of living on this mature, treed street. Aileen fell in love at first sight and after a bit of drama and lots of patience, the house was theirs. The wait was worth it. Aileen says it will be their "forever home."

The couple knew the house would need a total transformation from the inside out. It was built in the 1960s in a classic, red-brick colonial style. Sitting beside a stately red brick home, they wanted to be different while still in keeping with the street's overall feel. They chose a white plaster exterior, rendered using traditional European techniques, and paired it with black steel accents to match their modern vision.

In this young, active family, the kitchen is the hub of the home – so where to put it for maximum flow and efficient use of space? The original design was a centre hall plan that chopped the house up into four compartments with the kitchen at the back of the house. The staircase was moved to accommodate a generous open concept kitchen/dining area and to allow the kitchen to be the star of the show. Such a large endeavour meant a yearlong renovation.



TOP: Eye-catching, matte black cabinetry with flat-front construction is both beautiful and functional. All built-in cabinetry is sourced from the couple's family business, Paragon Kitchens. **ABOVE:** A white plaster exterior rendered by LPC Construction and Taylor Plastering, paired with black steel accents, evokes the Browns' modern vision. **RIGHT:** Floating black shelves provide display space for favourite pieces and accentuate the graceful pattern of the Cambria quartz backsplash.





LEFT: The dining room, open to the kitchen, is set for a festive and fun family dinner. **BELOW:** Accessible to both front and side entryways, this glam mudroom features built-in cabinetry, a window seat, and cubbies for stowing family footwear.



The large island features a four-foot Galley Workstation. Self-confessed foodies, this enlarged sink allows the couple (and an occasional mini helper) to chop, prepare and serve food altogether. Given their experience as kitchen designers, they focused their expertise on creating their own elegant, modern and ultraefficient kitchen.

Aileen describes their style as aspiring minimalism. However, she explains, "it's a family home. It's meant to be used and enjoyed. There's no place that's too precious or out of bounds." With this in mind, they chose engineered materials that can withstand the rigours of family life. The kitchen cabinet finish is made of Fenix, an Italian laminate featuring nanotechnology that gives it scratch, stain and heat resistant properties.

Most of the cabinetry is a matte black, which grounds the space, but as Aileen explains, "it is the ultimate neutral." Upper cabinets with a glossy wood finish add a shiny counterpoint to all the matte materials. Overall, there are minimal upper cabinets and loads of drawers. This works well for young ones reaching lower items and improves ergonomics and accessibility for everyone else.

Compact, German-made Gaggeneau appliances from **AMG Studios** were chosen for quality, efficiency and a streamlined look.

Aileen explains, "we turned to AMG to help educate us about useful technology for our family. Moving away from a microwave and investing in a steam oven was a real game-changer for us!" Mike adds "the European attitude is to cut out the frills to make it better and keep it longer." One of his favourite features in the kitchen is the visor

ontinued on page 36

34 | ourhomes HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19 | 35



ABOVE: Panoramic views from geometrically-shaped windows add light and warmth to the family room in all seasons. The modern, three-sided gas fireplace from Buckenham Fireplaces and Grills Inc. is clad in soft grey rift-cut oak panelling by Paragon. **RIGHT:** Form and function are prerequisites in each room. A home office is cleverly tucked into the corner of the family room.

rangehood that provides a compromise for different cooks. Mike is over six feet tall. When he cooks, the visor retracts. When Aileen cooks higher-smoke foods, she extends the visor for maximum extraction.

The floors throughout the house are wire-brushed, engineered, oiled white oak from **Bigelow Flooring**. Aileen says that it will change patina over the years, which adds a warm, lived-in feel.

The floating staircase was designed by the couple with a light, airy feel in mind. The treads and railings were installed by **Stair Rite**. **Endeman's Ironcraft Custom Fabrication** created the black ironwork, which gives an industrial vibe. When it came time to decide how the guardrails would be finished, Aileen and Mike decided to





LEFT: An airy floating staircase divides the kitchen and dining areas. The glass wall provides safety and helps flood the main floor with natural light. BELOW: The chic and compact powder room is virtually hidden inside a wall in the family room.



install a glass wall, which would provide safety, but also allow more natural light into the heart of the home and give the illusion of more space in the kitchen/dining area.

The doors throughout the home continue the industrial look. Exterior doors are black but the couple decided that repeating the colour on the interior doors was "too cold."

They opted to paint the interior doors a warm grey with grey trim. European-style, tilt-and-turn windows are a nod to functional design. To further soften the dark accents, elegant and durable Cambria quartz tops every counter and even lines shower walls as the couple wanted minimal cleaning associated with grouts and other porous surfaces.

Continued on page 38

Mike and Aileen enjoy the family room with daughters Riley and Kennedy.

ourhomes HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19 | 37

feature





LEFT: Instead of a master walk-in closet, an efficient laundry room was created in the master suite. ABOVE: The master bedroom is on the main floor, with a walkout to the forest-like backyard. BELOW LEFT: The elegant and modern spa-like master en suite is open concept. BELOW RIGHT: Cambria quartz graces the shower walls.



For storage, the couple eschewed traditional closets. "Walk-in closets take up too much space with door jambs and excessive walking space," says Mike. As cabinet people, we believe in efficiency. We can create more efficient storage in less square footage using cabinet materials." The mudroom is designed to hide family clutter with a drawer for each family member and open shoe cubbies. In the master bedroom, there are cabinets for hanging clothes and instead of a walk-in closet, there's an efficient laundry nook.

This modern home is full of smart features. Amazon's Alexa can be accessed from all corners of the house, controlling settings for window coverings, lighting, heat and air conditioning. Continued on page 40





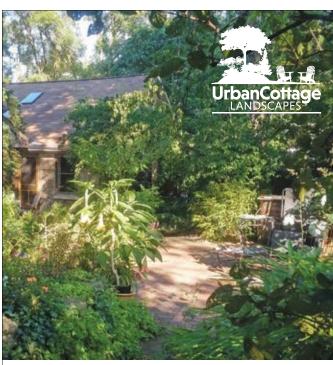


INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR RAILINGS • ARCHITECTURAL IRON

info@endemansironcraft.com www.endemansironcraft.com







NATURALIZED DESIGNS INSPIRED BY NATURE

519.760.9436 | 905.484.9436

info@urbancottagelandscapes.com • www.urbancottagelandscapes.com

WINDING CURVES INSTEAD OF STRAIGHT LINES NATURAL STONE PATHWAYS AND PATIOS PONDS AND TRICKLING WATERFALLS











NEW ADDITIONS - NEW BUILD - PAVE WALKWAYS & LANDSCAPING - TILING & PAINTING - DESIGN & BUILD **CUSTOM RENOVATION**

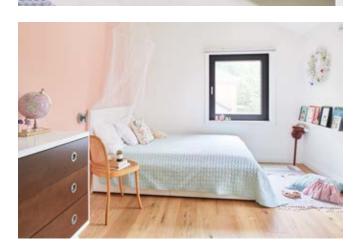
feature

While they chose to go with a smart home, they were wary of too many built-in wired systems. "Technology is moving too fast to invest in built-in hardware that can change in three years," says Mike. We chose instead to go with simple, wireless technology that can adapt to rapidly-changing software systems."

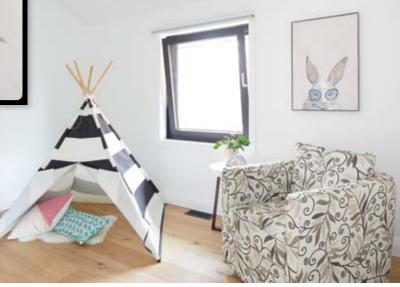
The second floor has been designed entirely for the girls. They have their own bedrooms with recessed space for clothing, and each has a vanity in the shared bathroom. As in the master suite, there's a water closet for privacy. The loft-like area by the stairs is a cool place to play right now and in the future will be great for teenagers to hang out.

The year-long renovation came to an end and the result is a family centric, minimalistic, warm, modern home that the Brown family will enjoy for years to come. ${\it oh}$













Quality flooring and service — every step of the way.

Our roots are from PEI and we work hard to bring small town care to our customers, every day.

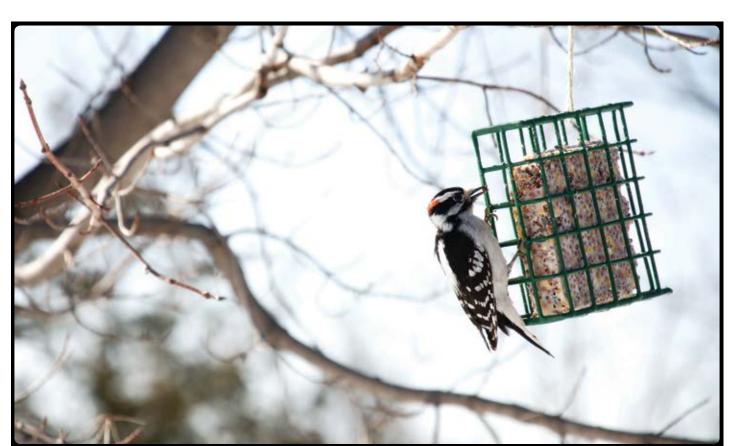
For the Birds - Suet



Suet can be moulded into all sorts of shapes, allowing for personal creativity.

Whether your feathered friends are fall migrants or year-round residents, augmenting their diets with high-quality calories found in suet will help them survive and thrive.

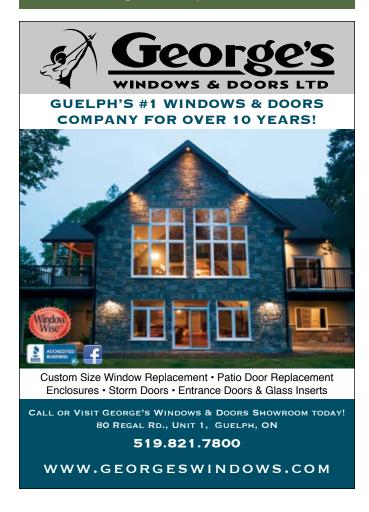
Making homemade suet is about as easy as making hummingbird nectar. It's also more rewarding, affordable and often healthier than purchasing commercially made cakes, bells or blocks. Plus, making suet at home allows you to customize the ingredients to appeal to the specific birds in your yard as well as those you wish to attract.





Efficient and professional, ArborRite Tree Care is Centre Wellington's source for all things tree. We specialize in tree removals, pruning, cabling, bracing, and tree planting. Contact us today for a free no obligation quote.

519.993.3340 ArborRiteTree@gmail.com | ArborRitetreecare.com







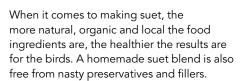
gardening

SIMPLE SUET **RECIPE**

1 cup rendered suet (tallow)

1 cup chunky organic nut or seed butter of choice

> 1/2 cup wheat or quinoa flour



Start by purchasing rendered plain suet cakes or chunks from a wild bird supply store, garden centre, butcher shop or pet store. These cakes can be used as-is or can be melted down and used in more specialized suet recipes. You can also save beef fat left over from cooking to make homemade tallow (rendered suet). Once you have saved enough to make the batch size of your choice, just add a bit of water and let it simmer on the stove for a few hours until it turns a golden brown. Then strain the liquid fat with cheesecloth to remove any contaminants and the resulting liquid will be beef tallow. Use it right away or store in the fridge or freezer.

Suet recipes need not be complicated in order to attract a range of hungry fowl.

- Melt the suet and nut butter together until they are smooth and liquid.
- Add the flour, mixing well. Allow the mixture to cool slightly to thicken, then pour it into moulds, containers, muffin liners, plastic wrap or foil as needed for desired shape.
- Refrigerate or freeze suet until it is firm and ready to use. Extra suet may be kept frozen until needed.



Make It More Tempting

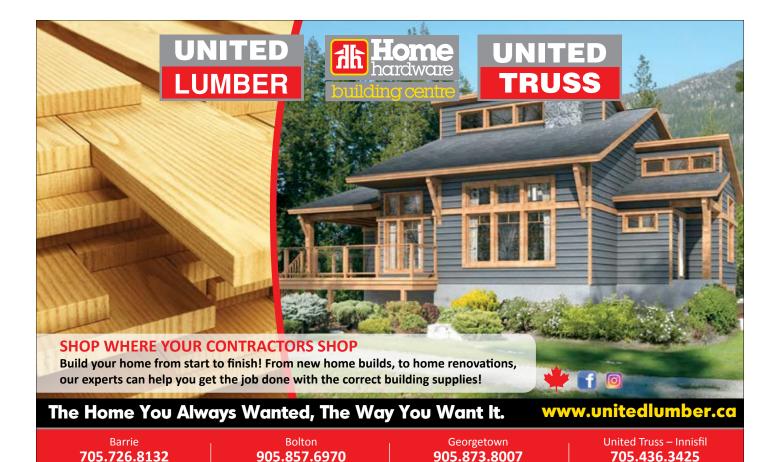
While a simple bird suet recipe is a great starting point, adding other ingredients to the mixture before it cools will make it more tempting to birds. Through experimentation you'll discover what your local birds find the most appetizing. These customizable ingredients include:

- Organic and unsalted/unseasoned/raw chopped nuts of choice
- Sunflower seed chips or other shelled seeds (many birds cannot extract the seeds encased with shells once fat is introduced).
- Organic dried fruit and berries
- Mealworms or crickets (my home bird populace goes crazy for these!)

Suet can be moulded into all sorts of interesting shapes leaving lots of room for personal creativity in your own bird buffet offerings. Given my personal affinity toward natural Christmas décor, my favourite way to display suet is by using a large pine cone that I run a stick through the middle of and attach with twine (the stick acts as a perch). I then smush the suet mixture on and into the pine cone and freeze it to set. I add a pretty double twine and ribbon combo to the top of the pine cone for hanging and voila, it's a gorgeous, natural and edible outdoor Christmas ornament. Bring on the birds! OH



TIP: To avoid attracting unwanted rodents, only put out enough suct for birds to consume in one day. This will also help the suet stay fresh.







THE PLACE: When you open the door at **Rug & Weave**, it's like being transported to an exotic marketplace. You'll be mesmerized by the vibrant colours, intricate patterns and baskets in all shapes and sizes. And then there are the rugs! The wall of rugs will tempt you to cover every floor in the house. Each one is one-of-a-kind, woven by hand in an exotic location, including Turkey, Morocco and Africa. Artfully displayed in show-stopping vignettes, they are available nowhere else.

HOW IT STARTED: Sara McBean and Svein Peine developed a passion for vintage and handmade products while teaching and travelling in Asia. When they returned home they realized there was a market for these beautiful products here. In 2015 they combined previous experience in marketing and sales with their passion for handmade home décor products and started an online business that flourished. Local customers were clamouring to see the handmade rugs and pillows prior to purchase, so Sarah and Svein opened a storefront in Guelph to showcase their exotic wares.











THE PRODUCTS: The product line has expanded from rugs

shapes and sizes. An on-site seamstress transforms the fabric

Sarah sources to craft stunning pillows you will treasure. Sarah

explains that she's mindful of design trends, but uses her own

and throws, funky floor poufs and unique giftware from global

sources round out the store's offerings.

choice of fabric from around the world. Plush and cosy blankets

WHAT'S NEW: Artisanal products for your kitchen and bath are

now available in store. Tea towels, utensils, ceramics and pottery

to pillows, exquisite pottery and hand woven baskets in all

add warmth to any kitchen. Colourful knobs and interesting hooks add charming accents for one-of-a-kind décor.

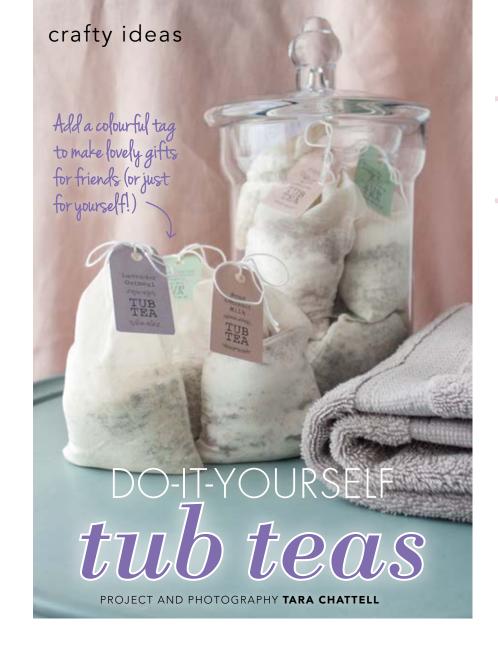
EVENTS: Sarah and Svein share their store as a community space where locals can come to relax, meditate, learn and of course, partake in some retail therapy. They offer free monthly "warehouse yoga" classes and conduct kombucha and soap making seminars. Their weaving workshop is super popular.

GET THERE: 460 York Rd., Guelph 519.546.8720 | rugandweave.com **on**

MAGIC CARPETS

STORY MERRILYN PATTERSON PHOTOGRAPHY NESO BESARA

ourhomes HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19 | 47



Make your bath luxurious with these do-it-yourself blends for your bathtub. Soak in the benefits of herbs and salts. Packaged beautifully in a no-mess pouch, simply drop in your bath, relax and enjoy. Try one of our recipes, or create your own with your favourite herbs. They make great gifts too!

TOOLS

Mixing bowl

Large spoon

Measuring cups and spoons

Large bags for tea (either reusable muslin or disposable paper tea bags will work, we've chosen 4-by-6-inch muslin bags) Tags (for gifts)

INGREDIENTS

Makes five bags each.

eucalyptus thyme peppermint tub tea

2 cups Epsom salt

1 cup coarse Dead Sea salt

½ cup baking soda

2 Tbsp dried eucalyptus leaf

2 Tbsp dried peppermint

1 Tbsp dried thyme

rose coconut milk tub tea

2 cups Epsom salt

1 cup Himalayan pink salt

1 cup coconut milk powder

1 cup dried rose petals and buds

lavender oatmeal tub tea

2 cups Epsom salt

1 cup coarse Dead Sea salt

1 cup powdered milk

1 cup oats (ground in a food processor or blender)

½ cup dried lavender

Directions

For each recipe, mix the ingredients in a large bowl and divide evenly to fill 5 tea bags.

Once filled, close each bag tightly, knot the strings and tie on a pretty tag. Store in a cool, dry place.

When it's time for a bath, toss in a tea bag while you fill the tub with water. Let tea steep for 10-15 minutes (or desired strength) before removing thebag. Happy soaking... oh

online

Visit ourhomes.ca/mag/tubteas to download printable tags in PDF format







When you're at Wits End, there's no place like home! That's the name of Chris and Jean's Fergus century riverside retreat. Living in the vicinity, on a multi-acre working farm, they have busy lives. They yearned for a special place where they could relax and rejuvenate.

Chris was raised in England, amidst the history of Oxford. Both Jean and Chris love old stone buildings and are inspired by the simplicity of the Provençal mas, a traditional farmhouse found in Provence, France. On their farm in Moffat, there's a pond and a pool, but Chris always missed the sound of running water. At their friend Jeff's suggestion, they viewed a century stone house for sale on the Grand River in Fergus and were immediately smitten. Continued on page 52





ABOVE: The bench seat is located inside the front door of this riverside retreat. LEFT: Chris uncovered the original stone in the entryway by poking through plaster with his screwdriver. **OPPOSITE:** The heavy front door was custom made to fit an antique French lock Jean and Chris bought at a brocante (flea market) in Provence. The key was crafted by a blacksmith to fit the door and lock.

00 ourhomes HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19 | 51

feature

According to Chris's research the property was originally built as the carriage house for the John Black estate. "The home to the west was the original homestead," he says, and continues his history lesson. "Built by Scottish stonemasons, the carriage house building was constructed of stone and then faced on the road side only with an additional stone veneer that added arched ornamentation to the windows and doors. These beautiful arches have been recovered in the front entrance and interior windows, but were never a feature of the back of the building (the river side). As automobiles replaced the use of horses for transportation, the carriage house became a farm building for animals including bulls, pigs and chickens."

Late last century, the Black family divided the carriage house building into two legal parcels with a lot-line down the centre. In this conversion, all the interior stone was covered up and only later discovered by Chris, who poked through the wall with a long screwdriver. The previous owners named the property *Wits End*, a name that Chris and Jean have cherished.











The renovation of 2014 was designed by Chris and his good friend Earl Martin, now retired from **Frey Building Contractors**. Earl led the building work. They recovered much of the stonework, leaving most as it was built originally, opened up the river view with extensive windows and moved around a number of interior walls to create more usable space. Riverside gardens were sacrificed for a simple and much less demanding patio. Chris and his son, Nick, owner of **Plans Revealed**, worked with Frey. Nick designed and built a privacy fence on the river patio.

The original kitchen was very small and divided from the living room by a wall. They removed it to create a spacious open concept kitchen/dining/living space. The entire rear wall, originally stone with only small portal windows, was replaced with a wall of windows by **Golden Windows**, offering stunning views of the river.

Continued on page 54

The open-concept dining room exudes casual elegance. The grey and cream tones of chair covers and cushions, and textured stone floors, echo the colour and warmth of the original stone walls.

52 | ourhomes HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19 | 53

feature A main floor guest room continues the French Country theme with a pink toile armchair. The embroidery in the wall hanging was crafted by Chris's Aunt. RIGHT: New pieces like this dresser, present as they might have in days gone by. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The main floor guest room is a pretty and serene hideaway for friends and family.





Jean loves to bake and she had **Cranberry** Hill Kitchens, who designed the space, include a baking station with a river view. A large island topped with quartz is the hub of the house. It provides extra seating with kitchen stools from Restoration Hardware. The freestanding cabinet is from My Back Shed. It showcases her mother's treasured china.

The décor is French Country. Jean and Chris love to visit Provence. Chris recalls a particular trip when they rented a mill property. "It's a very special memory," he says, "There were just the two of us - we needed a rest. There was a cosy living room with a fireplace and two sofas with a big coffee table in the middle. We read and slept and spent most of our time in that room. We felt restored when we left there." The living room at Wits End is patterned after that setting. Chris says, "we are so grateful for a place like this to simply be together, to rest by the river." The furniture in the dining room and living room is from **Accents for Living**. Benches flank the side of the metal-topped table creating a casual, country atmosphere. Continued on page 56



Universal Rental Services is Now Part of Sunbelt Rentals







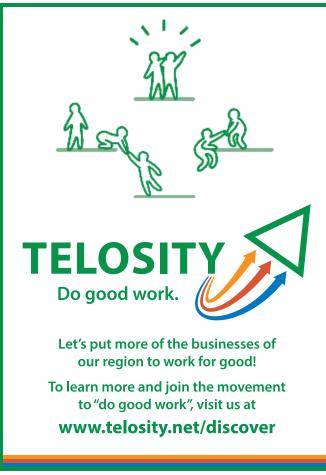
WE EQUIP SUCCESS.

At Sunbelt Rentals, we offer the industry's broadest range of tools and equipment to help contractors AND homeowners get the job done. Backed by 24/7 service, online account management and trained experts, Sunbelt Rentals is here to equip your project for success.

sunbeltrentals.ca | 1-800-667-9328











Stone floors by **Speers Flooring** with warm creamy and grey tones reflect the colour in the stone walls on the main floor. The wood surrounding the island is ash, milled from their farm. It was treated with a grey wash to reflect the stone.

A welcoming window seat in the mainfloor bedroom invites guests to relax and take in the woodland setting at the front of the house. The wall hanging is from Chris's Aunt in Scotland. Jean had it cleaned and set into its original frame.

The existing winding staircase was revived by Frey using antique flooring. A climb up the stairs reveals the exposed stone and the home's history. Jean proudly displays her grandmother's treadle sewing machine on the landing. The original bill of sale in a frame beside it shows the price as two dollars per month, with the option to lease or own.



TOP LEFT: The main-floor bath was enlarged to make room for a shower with textured tiled walls that mimic the stone floors. **ABOVE:** A large tub to soak away your aches and worries completes the main bathroom design. **LEFT:** Jean displays her panache for creating French Country vignettes with pretty French scripted hand towels, a creamy sculpted mirror and fine soaps and lotions nestled in a basket.







Two bedrooms on the upper floor are separated by the staircase. The master is calm and charming with another window seat, a comfy sitting area, and a Juliet balcony overlooking the river.

Also designed by Cranberry Hill Kitchens, the master en suite reveals a clever use of space. Although tiny, they created a walk-in shower behind the door, built-in storage, and hung a mirror that tilts for each of them.

The adjacent blue room is a departure from the colour scheme in the rest of the house. Although Jean isn't usually a fan of blue,

she loves this shade, Monet by Behr. The room is a Provençal bedroom, ready for her granddaughters.

Jean and Chris kept the name Wits End, because that is exactly how they use it, Chris says, "This is where we go when we're at our wits end - for a rest, to be restored, to watch the water go by, to sit in its history and give thanks." он

BOTTOM LEFT: A charming window seat provides light and a place to dream while taking in the country-like view. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A tiny gem, this cleverly designed en-suite includes a full shower, and cabinetry reflective of the main floor.









DISCOVER . EXPLORE . EXPERIENCE

ENSUITE - GUELPH

65 Dawson Road Guelph, ON N1H 1A8 (519) 837-3387

www.ensuiteontario.com







Making your home the Centre of attention

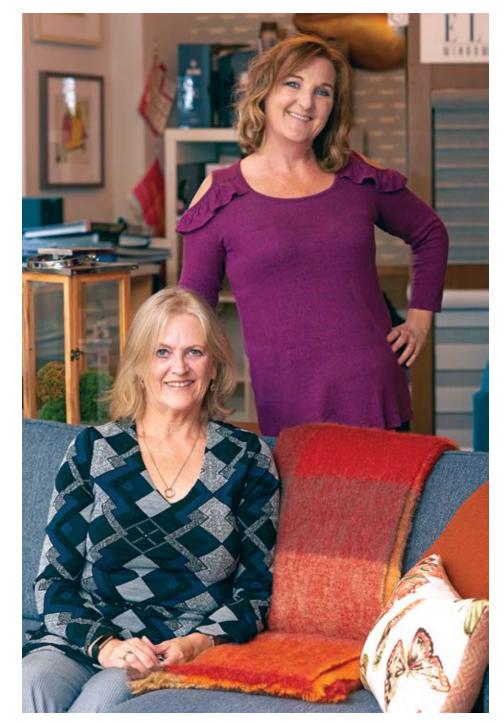
Award Winning and Certified Home Staging and Redesign Professionals 265 Hanlon Creek Blvd, Unit 7, Guelph, ON 519.591.2656 | jenny@centrestaged.com | www.centrestaged.com

Proud Sponsor & Decorator of The Hope House Christmas JOY Home Tour Since 2015. For more information on this magical local event check out: www.christmasjoy.ca



GET YOUR WINTER PROJECT ON WITH HELP FROM THESE LOCAL EXPERTS.

PHOTOGRAPHY NESO BESARA



ELLEN WILSON, OWNER & BEVERLEY CHABOT.

STORE MANAGER Cocoon Interiors, Fergus

What are your favourite new products in the store for winter? We are so excited for the winter season. We're expanding our showroom. We're bringing in new lines to better serve our clients and move forward with more Canadian manufacturers. Two of these new products are Durham Furniture and 3H. Durham Furniture has been manufacturing bedroom furniture since 1899, offering outstanding quality with a wide range of styles and finishes. 3H is a Canadian manufacturer of office furniture for commercial and residential use, and a member of the Healthier Hospitals program. We are looking forward to working with these wonderful Canadian companies.

Describe a recent design project you **are proud of:** The most rewarding aspects of helping clients with their redesign projects is watching their reaction when the final product is revealed. We recently worked with a client to transform their master bedroom. We recommended new bedding, again, Canadian-made. We helped to choose accessories, including new Irish linen drapery and reupholstered chairs. The finished product is serenely elegant - just what the client asked for!

ALBERT GRIN, **PRESIDENT** & JESSE GRIN, VICE PRESIDENT Rockhaven Homes, Georgetown



What is new at Rockhaven Homes? The

biggest change is that Jesse Grin has ownership in the company. This represents the progressive improvement in Rockhaven's business model, while still upholding the same mission statement their reputation is built on, namely "Custom, Creative, Caring." Being younger, Jesse has grown up with the new communication and building technology available and is more familiar and effective with the improved

systems. This allows for better communication on a daily basis - not just between client and builder, but also between site managers and suppliers/trades. Also, new building techniques and better materials allow for better-built homes. Secondly, Jesse lives in Orangeville, allowing for close proximity to work sites in Orangeville, Caledon and Wellington County. It's still all about the people, our clients and our team.

Continued on page 62

60 | ourhomes HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19 ourhomes HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19 | 61 ALBERT BAX, PRESIDENT KRISTIN BAX, VICE PRESIDENT & CASSY REID, DESIGNER

Montgomery Homes / Stylin' Homes, Shelburne



Tell us about your company and the homes you build: We are a custom home builder and believe that it is important to meet with clients to discuss their wants and needs and help design and build the home that suits them best.

What are the most important features of a Montgomery Home?

At Montgomery Homes we pride ourselves on quality and customer service. In fact, we were nominated for a Tarion award this year for outstanding customer service for 15-plus years. It is also important to us that your home tells a story – a home where you can create memories for years to come, and one that will grow with your family. Customer satisfaction is our priority.

What other services do you offer to your clients? We are a full-service, design/build company that also specializes in renovations, both residential and commercial. We also have an affiliate company, Stylin' Homes that offers design, décor and staging services. With an on-staff decorator and designer, we help to create homes that are functional and aesthetically pleasing. We worry about the details, so you don't have to!

MICHAEL CHRISTIE, SALES REPRESENTATIVE
MAGGIE HORNE, BROKER & SCOTT ROBINSON, BROKER Capstone Real Estate Professionals, Royal LePage Royal City Realty, Guelph

Describe the service that your team offers local buyers and sellers: Capstone Real Estate Professionals offer clients caring commitment whether buying or selling. Our combined experience and knowledge of the local market ensures accurate property assessment. We believe that a practical and proven approach focused on a complete look at your life and goals, will ensure a marketing plan that is targeted to your specific real estate needs for a successful sale or purchase. We are members of the Chairman's Club, in the national top one per cent of Royal LePage agents, and ranked number one in the Guelph area.

What's the most important piece of advice you'd give to sellers in this competitive market? To get top dollar and sell quickly you must present your house at its best. Experienced Capstone Realtors will guide you through the renovations and repairs necessary to achieve the highest rate of return. People don't buy houses, they buy homes! Making it easy for potential buyers to picture themselves living in your home is critical. Our team will help you sell in this competitive market.

Continued on page 64



ontinucu on puge o i

62 | ourhomes HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19 | 63



ANGELA BERRIMAN, SALES REPRESENTATIVE RE/Max Real Estate Centre Inc., Fergus

What sets you apart from other realtors in the area? For me it is all about the clients. Getting to know them, their needs and desires, then helping them find the home of their dreams or sell their current home, to take the next step in life's journey. My slogan is "Working for you!" and that is exactly what I do, whether it's viewing 50 homes to find the right one or getting "down and dirty" assisting with cleaning, painting, staging or decluttering.

What's the most important advice that you give clients when they are first-time homebuyers? Do your homework! Investigate home prices in your desired area. I can help by setting clients up in our Portal/Auto-email system. View many homes to understand the "value for dollars," know what your needs are and what style of home suits your family best. Arrange financing in advance so you know your budget. There is nothing more disappointing than discovering after making an offer, that the house is out of your price range.

MARIE PAXTON & KEVIN HEYWOOD OWNERS

Canopy Farms Landscaping Fergus

Marie, what makes your landscape company unique? We are a small business with equal experience in construction, horticultural landscaping and plant knowledge. I am very passionate about the outdoors. Much of my inspiration for garden design comes from hiking and spending time outdoors. As a horticulturist and trained landscape designer, I prefer natural design projects. This includes ponds, pondless waterfalls, conservation plantings, foundation plantings and natural stonework.

Kevin, what expertise do you bring to the company? I'm a licensed carpenter with a background in renovations, framing and landscape construction. These combined skills allow our customers to deal with one contractor for all their indoor and outdoor projects. We can take on big and small renovations, build your home, garage or shed. We also work on smaller projects such as gazebos, decks and fences – as well as interlocking brick and concrete projects.

Continued on page 66



ourhomes HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19 | 65

BILL VAN VEEN, PARTNER Century Wood Products Inc., Marsville

What's the history of Century Wood **Products Inc.?** The company has been operating since 1997 when Jim Stienstra seized an opportunity to source and process reclaimed timber for export to The Netherlands. Jim partnered with Pete Van Veen in hopes of finding success by providing this unique product for a more local market. Work began in a small building near Fergus outfitted with a small wood mizer saw. Local marketing began shortly after with the addition of a full-time sales person, Bill Van Veen.

How is the reclaimed barn board used now in the local residential market?

Although there is some use in century home restoration, the wood is more often used now in new custom home builds. It's a natural product and times are changing where people are interested in durable, natural products instead of manufactured finishes. It also adds a patina that is hard to duplicate in a man-made product.

Apart from flooring, what other uses are there for your product? We've recently seen the wood used for feature walls, cabinetry and staircases.

Continued on page 68









Guelph's Premier Furniture Store







259 Woodlawn Rd., West, Guelph www.originalhomefurniture.com

SUZANNE & ALLAN THOMPSON, OWNERS Hearth & Leisure, Clifford and Mono

What products are new in store for the winter season? We have a selection of stoves in our showroom from each of our main suppliers: Enviro, Pacific Energy and Jøtul. Customers are able to come in and see these units and talk to a salesperson to help them make a decision regarding size and colour.

What's your specialty and what areas do you service? Wood stove installations are our specialty and have been since we opened in 1976. Our installers are all WETT certified so that insurance companies can accept the installation as being certified. We carry chimneys for all types of installs whether it be wood, pellet or gas. We service the area between Caledon and Owen Sound.

Continued on page 70



ROYAL CITY REALTY ROYAL LEPAGE



Helping You Is What I Do

Buying or selling a home is a big decision - you need an experienced professional to guide you through the process. I have had the pleasure of helping many people in the Wellington area over the last 10 years. When you work with me, you can count on personal, attentive, patient service, excellent knowledge of the area, great negotiation skills and expert selling strategies. I call this area home with my family and I would love to help you do the same.

DONNA DOOUSS

PHONE: 519.843.1365 | MOBILE: 519.993.3662



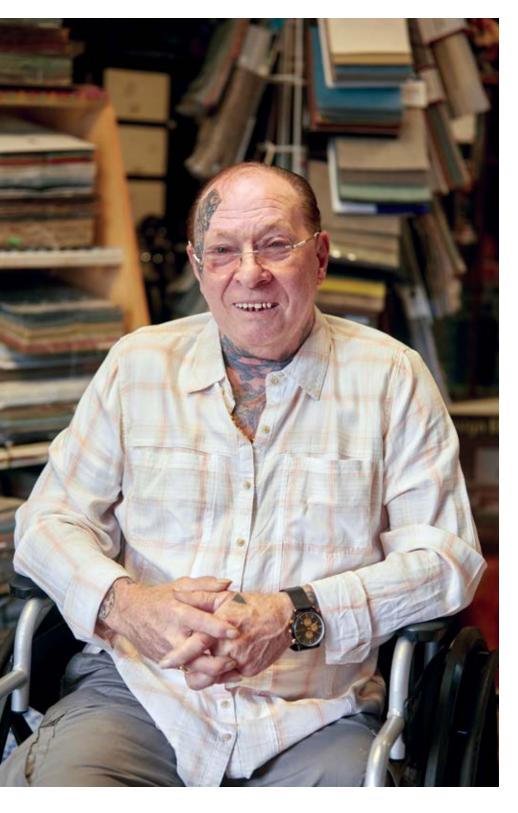


EMAIL: donnadoouss@royallepage.ca | www.DONNADOOUSS.com

Royal LePage Royal City Realty, Brokerage (Independently



7580 1st Line W. Garafraxa, Arthur ON 519.848.2444



KEITH LEWIS, **OWNER** Lewis Upholstery, Guelph

What type of projects do you work on?

On a regular basis we work on furniture that has been damaged by movers or pets. Small repairs can be completely recovered or restored in just one day. Sofas and chairs generally take a week to 10 days once new fabric has been selected. We have a wide array of fabric on site to choose from.

Do you guarantee your work? We provide a five-year written guarantee on all work. Our location is a non-smoking, wheelchair accessible environment and we offer a discount for seniors.

Continued on page 72











people



LARRY KURTZ, OWNER & KEVIN DESAULNIERS, SHOP MANAGER Kurtz Millworks, Orangeville

Describe a recent project where you've used exterior custom millwork: We recently completed installation of Victorian gingerbread trim on a reproduction Ontario farmhouse near Shelburne. There is fretwork in the gables, brackets on the porch and a nice wood screen door. This helps provide the finishing touches on a beautiful home and property.

What do you do inside homes? Inside the home, we make custom wood baseboard, casing and crown moulding - along with doors, fireplace mantels, cabinets and railings. **o**H







SENIORITY GOES HIGH-TECH

STORY WALTER FRANCZYK | ILLUSTRATION SHEILA BRITTON

Aging at home in the digital age can be a challenge as well as an interesting adventure that enhances and prolongs independent living. When it comes to adopting modern conveniences that help people live at home as long as possible, age-appropriate technology is essential.

Most seniors, already enjoying their retirement years, prefer low-tech, easy-touse solutions, says Heather Mahon, who owns Heather's Home Healthcare, a medical equipment and supplies store that promotes independent living.

Low-tech solutions could include something as simple as soft rubber covers that slip over kitchen and bathroom taps, making them easier to turn. A portable phone or a cell phone, taken into the bathroom during showers or baths, is a simple safety measure. "If you fall, you can call 911," says Heather.

An ever-expanding universe of digital technology promises benefits unheard of when today's seniors bought their first homes. Retirement is an excellent

opportunity to explore emerging technology and to learn about computers, the internet, digital devices and all they have to offer. Technology is used in every facet of life to make tasks easier and faster, according to Aging in Place, a resource hub for seniors and families. "It's important not to underestimate how technology can help you in your golden years," the organization advises.

When travelling to see family and friends gets too difficult due to inclement weather, distance or mobility issues, people can keep in touch through email, text messages or live video links such as FaceTime and Skype. Simple training in using computers, smartphones and tablets is available through local libraries, recreation departments or seniors organizations.

Medical alert services, often the first aging at home improvement, are also easy to use. They typically provide clients with a small help button that can be worn as a pendant around the neck or on the wrist. Someone in need of help can simply push the button to





reach a monitoring service. Some systems have the ability to detect falls. With the home phone turned into a speaker phone, the monitoring centre can call the customer. "If they don't respond, they're going to call an ambulance," says Heather. Monitoring is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "They don't care how often you press that button. They're there," she says.

With voice commands, mobile digital assistants such as Apple's Siri or Amazon Echo's Alexa can be used to find out the weather or traffic conditions, to send an email, make a phone call and more.

People with complex medical conditions that require multiple medications can take advantage of new technologies that help ensure they take their pills as prescribed. For example, a heart transplant recipient who takes more than two dozen pills every day uses an app called Medisafe to remind him what pill he should take, at what time and whether he should take it with food or water. The application for tablets or smartphones can be programmed to alert a designated relative or caregiver if someone has forgotten to take medication.

Spencer Heath Solutions has taken a step further and developed a medication dispenser. About the size of a toaster, it can be placed on a kitchen counter. It doles out pre-packaged doses of the right medication at the right time, as prescribed. It alerts users when its time to take medicine and can remind them when they've forgotten. The device can also alert caregivers and pharmacists when someone has missed taking medication.



THE SMART HOME

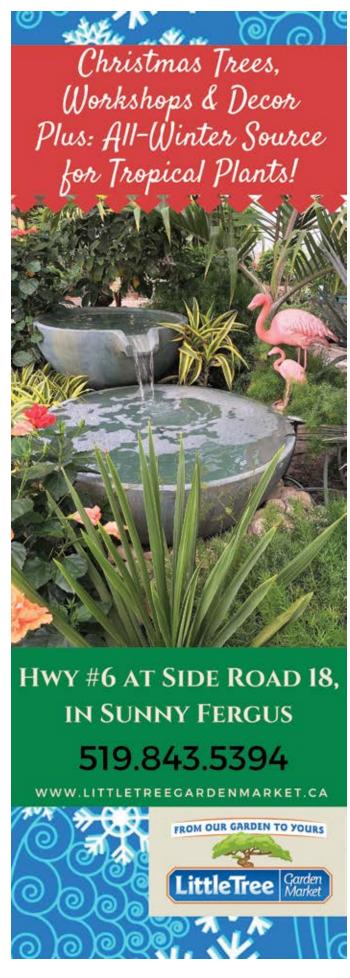
Sarah Love and her husband Stewart operate a Burlington company called PM WYRE that automates homes and cottages. Many of their customers are age 60 or older. "A lot of them are people who are building their retirement home and they're looking to stay at home forever," Sarah says. "So we work with the builder to provide a variety of solutions to make their home safer as they age."

A critical care nurse for 15 years, she worked closely with home care services in getting people home after they were discharged from hospital. "I think I bring a unique perspective," she says. The couple work with clients to design smart homes to be exactly what homeowners want. PM WYRE can install sound and television systems, security systems, panic alarms and sensors that detect whether their sump pump is working or if water is leaking into the basement. They can install a camera if homeowners want family to visually check on them via smartphone or computer. Doorbells can be equipped with a camera to show, on the home television, who's at the door. "The client will hit it and see if they want to get up and answer the door," Sarah says.

"We work with clients to develop light pathways. So, for example, if they frequently get up and use the bathroom, we can do a pathway of light that's set at 10 per cent or 20 per cent that's on at night from their bedroom to the bathroom. And when they get to the bathroom, we can put in an occupancy sensor in the bathroom so the light goes on. When they leave, it automatically goes off."

In bedrooms or other rooms, window shades can be automated to rise in the morning and descend in the evening, so homeowners aren't struggling to get behind furniture to open and close shades, she explains. Lighting can also be automated to turn on and off when homeowners want. The house can be programmed so when homeowners leave, they can press one button and the security system engages, shades descend and lights adjust to leave on only those that are necessary. When owners come home and punch in their key code on the door or their smartphone, the security system automatically disarms and lights come on at appropriate settings and locations. The door code can even turn on their favourite music

The systems are user-friendly and not difficult to learn, Sarah says. "Our objective is to make it as simple as possible for our clients." **OH**





STORY MERRILYN PATTERSON PHOTOGRAPHY JASON HARTOG

When James was transferred from B.C. to Ontario in 2014, he and his wife Pat decided to relocate in the Caledon Hills. They already knew what they were looking for. Previous owners of one timber frame and three log homes, Pat admits that "once you're bitten by the log bug, there's no turning back!"

Continued on page 78

ABOVE: This picture-perfect property and existing log house was the beginning of a symbiotic collaboration between homeowners, Pat and James, and Dalerose Country. **RIGHT:** Old meets new on the welcoming front porch – a favourite year round, storm-watching spot for Pat and James.



LEFT: The removal of a staircase created space for an open-concept kitchen and allowed natural light to flood the room. **BELOW:** A large island topped with a giant slab of granite anchors the kitchen, where all tend to gather. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Centre-staged, the island allows for easy conversation and workflow. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Placement of the upper window was critical to allow views from the catwalk and light into the foyer and great room.







ourhomes HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19 | 77

They searched the hills for a property that would suit their musthave list, which included lots of room for dogs and horses, spectacular country views and the prerequisite log house. In June, they found their piece of heaven. They knew it needed work and more space than the original structure afforded, but they saw the potential.

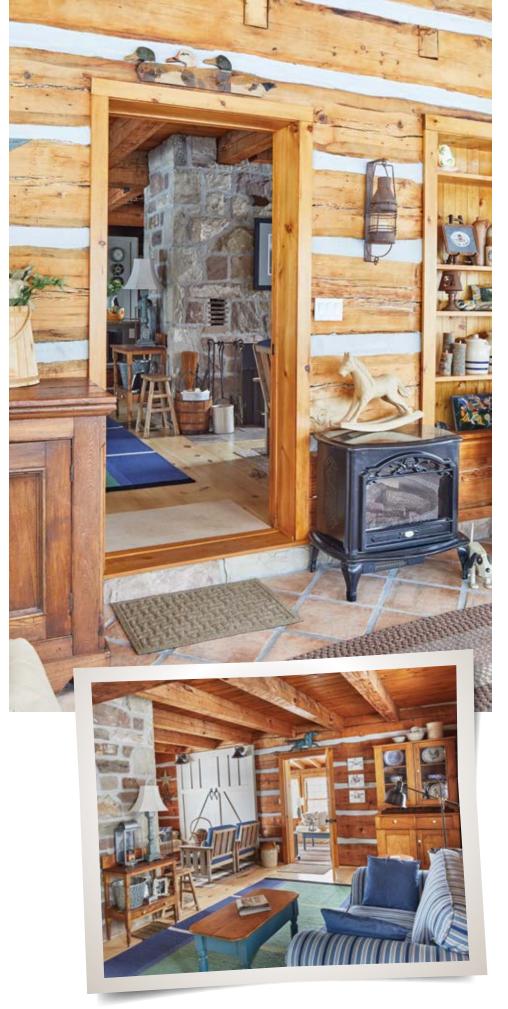
Pat and James moved into the house in October and spent the winter planning an addition and renovation that would triple the size of the original kitchen, and add a great room and mudroom/laundry room on the main floor. A master suite was planned for upstairs. "I think it's important to live in the existing structure for a while," Pat explains. "It gives you the opportunity to see where your best views of the landscape are, where the light falls and to know what you really need to change or add to suit your way of living."

There were two major obstacles to consider in the sizing and location for the addition - the existing well head and a beautiful maple tree. They juggled the floor plan like puzzle pieces until they got the flow they wished for without disturbing the tree or the well.

While they were developing their plans, Pat looked for a builder to complete the renovation. New to the area, she asked their home inspector for recommendations. Henry Jansen, the owner of Criterium-Jansen Engineers, suggested Dalerose Country.









A meeting was arranged with President Ted Bryk and Vice President and General Manager **Mary Lawson**, and Pat says the relationship was solid from that moment forward.

Mary explains that the first stage of the renovation process is to get acquainted with the homeowners. "It is crucial that you be comfortable being together and working together," she says. "You must be able to step into their shoes and have a firm understanding of their design-related ideas." Pat agrees and says, "after all, you spend a lot of time together - sometimes talking two or three times a day. In this case, Mary and I are like-minded people and decision making was symbiotic."

One major issue in the original structure became the focal point for many of the renovation decisions. Right in the centre of the existing front entryway, there was an awkward staircase that divided the house into small separate rooms. The kitchen was tiny, dysfunctional and dark. Continued on page 80

TOP LEFT: A peek into the hearth room reveals an original wood stove and a cosy conversation area off the kitchen. **ABOVE:** The two piece powder room is tucked inside the kitchen door. LEFT: Another comfy sitting area for reading.

78 | ourhomes HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19 ourhomes HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19 | 79

The staircase had to move, but where? One take away from their previous reno experience Pat says is that "it's good to wait and see," before making big decisions like this one." By waiting and seeing, they realized that by moving the staircase to the rear of the house, there would be far more light available in the entryway and in the centre of the existing home.

The new staircase by **Royal Oak Railing & Stair Ltd.** was stacked in a stairs-overstairs design, which maximizes space. In a country home with pets, a floor plan with good flow and easy outdoor access is key. The stairs in the new great room lead up to the master bedroom and catwalk down to the basement level. **Bryan's Fuel** installed a propane furnace, propane tank, duct work in the new addition as well as running ducts into the existing part of the home.

The new design opened up the main floor for a generous kitchen which boasts a five-and a-half by eight-foot island topped with a giant single slab of granite from **Stoneworx**.

An intimate and cosy space off the kitchen is referred to as the hearth room. The woodburning fireplace is original to the house and the barn door on the rear wall was a way of decorating the space, which Pat says can be challenging with log walls.

Continued on page 82

BELOW: This ever important mudroom is large enough to remove mucky boots, clean dirty paws, and shed wet coats. **BELOW RIGHT:** Pat's laundry room is outfitted with a galvanized table for folding and a farmhouse sink.











TOP: The blending of old and new roof structures takes centre stage in the new great room. **LEFT:** A classic pedestal wash basin is in sync with the country-home flavour. **ABOVE:** Placement of the new staircase was pivotal to all other design choices.



00 ourhomes HOLIDAY/WINTER 2018/19 81



RIGHT: This charming under eaves guest room is often used for sewing by the light of the new skylight. BELOW: The quilt is one of Pat's winter projects.



The new great room also allows for spectacular views of this country property. New windows from **Golden Windows** in the addition mimic the style of the original home.

A catwalk connects the addition to the original structure. On one side, it leads to the spacious master suite, which is graced by stunning

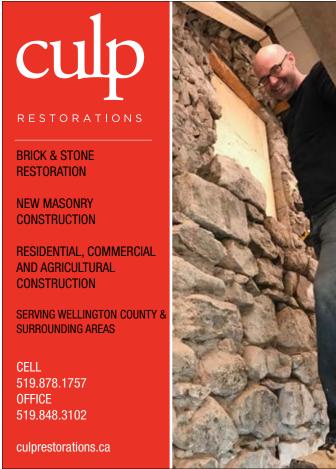
country views. The large en suite is light-filled from the windows overlooking the drive and the front yard. Bathroom vanities came sourced from **Homegrown Woodworks**.

In the original part of the house, one bedroom was sacrificed to create a hallway that connects the two guest rooms and guest baths.

Continued on hage 84









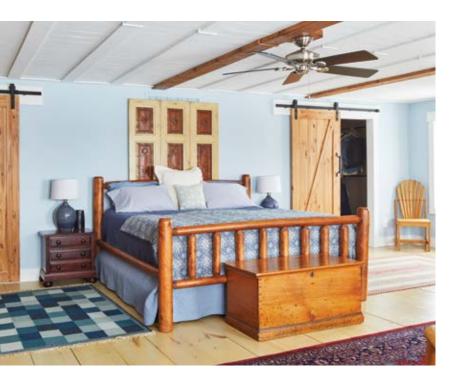




Two other must-haves were an attached garage and a real front porch. As you approach through the trees, the carriage-house feel of the garage and the structured beams of the porch surrounding the new front entry accomplishes both.

Pat is a lady of many talents. All of the quilts you see in the home are her works of art – crafted on long, wet and wintry nights in British Columbia. She has a keen eye for décor and has decorated the entire home with whimsical country flair, bringing the outside in with every opportunity. The wall of birdhouses in the great room is a charming example of her love of collecting.

The addition to this charming country log home has been expertly executed by Dalerose Country and feels like "the best home yet" to Pat and James. Pat remarks "this is my favourite home so far because almost all of it is our doing, and it best reflects the way we live. The relationship with Dalerose was key." OH



TOP: Tin ceilings and porcelain century plank-style flooring completes the sizable country master en suite. **ABOVE:** The barn doors lead to his-and-hers walk-in closets. **RIGHT:** This bonus space was created because the verandah below required a certain ceiling height.







IT'S NOT HOW MUCH SPACE YOU HAVE, IT'S HOW YOU USE IT.

INTERIOR DESIGI

Z

TALK TO A PROFESSIONAL

SUSAN TAYLOR
ARIDO IDC NCIDQ CERTIFIED
1 416 709 4725
SUSAN@SUSANTAYLORDESIGN.COM

N TAYLOR

 \forall

 \bigcap

 \sim

vintage
rugs & decor
for the
modern home.





460 York Rd., Guelph

www.rugandweave.com

chocolate HAZELNUT FUDGE

RECIPE AND PHOTOGRAPHY JENELLE MCCULLOCH

THIS EASY CHOCOLATE HAZELNUT FUDGE IS THE PERFECT GIFT TO IMPRESS YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. IT'S LOADED WITH TOASTED HAZELNUTS AND YOUR FAVOURITE HOLIDAY CHOCOLATE.





INGREDIENTS

3 cups dark chocolate chips 600 mL (2 cans) sweetened

1/4 cup chocolate hazelnut spread

DIRECTIONS

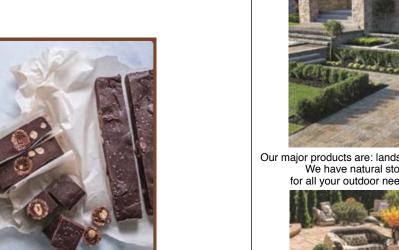
Line an 8-by-8-inch baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In a large saucepan over medium heat, combine dark chocolate chips, sweetened hazelnut spread. Heat until chocolate is melted and ingredients thoroughly and stir in toasted hazelnuts.

Rocher chocolates into the fudge until they are completely

set and slice into squares. OH







condensed milk

1/4 cup hazelnuts, toasted Ferrero Rocher chocolates

condensed milk and chocolate combined. Remove from heat

Pour into prepared baking sheet and spread evenly. Place Ferrero

Let fudge harden in fridge until



www.railmaster.ca

www.almostanythingwood.com







FROM DESIGN TO **DELIVERY...**

The Ensuite Bath and Kitchen **Showroom** offers affordable luxury for every lifestyle. Want to discuss your bath or kitchen project? Visit us at 65 Dawson Road in Guelph for a consultation with one of our showroom consultants. At the Ensuite, our primary goal is to provide extraordinary service and quality for our clients throughout the entire process. We cater to all budgets and all project sizes. Our professional showroom consultants are available to work with you and provide you with a personal

At the Ensuite, we carry a wide variety of products from Kohler, Brizo, Riobel, Graff, Zucchetti and more. There's sure to be the perfect product for your kitchen or bath project. Come in and browse our beautiful selection of products and meet one of our knowledge consultants to help make your dream a reality! The Ensuite...Discover... Explore...Experience. 65 Dawson Rd, Guelph 519.837.3387 ensuiteontario.com

(Please see ad on pg 59)

consultation in our Ensuite

Showroom.

centrix **homes**.ca

CENTRIX HOMES

At Centrix Homes, our specialty is you. Everyone has different priorities, so the construction of every home should be unique. Our goal is to ensure that your priorities become ours. Whether eco-friendly, budgetary, timeline specific, or design-centric, our company is built around doing your project your way. We offer high level knowledge and building practices which will ensure that your completed project leaves you thinking, "We wouldn't change a thing!"

Nails and hammers are the simple part – the speciality Centrix offers is our relationship with you. We want to understand what you value and offer advice on how we can accomplish it best together. Our process centres around your ability to evolve your plans as your home

Expecting customers to anticipate the hundreds of decisions they will be faced with at the onset of your project is a disservice. Instead, let's build a relationship so we build your home together. Let's be transparent EVERY step of the way and have clear and timely communication that helps us do something great!

Your home is a major investment of your time and your monies, so enjoying and trusting in the entire process should not just be a dream, it should be expected.

Come and enjoy your home! 519.822.3196 (Please see ad on pg 43)



BUY THE YARD INTERIORS... FROM INSPIRATION TO **COMPLETION**

Do you often wish you could enjoy the luxury of living in your dream home but struggle to bring the décor together successfully? Let the experienced decorators at Buy the Yard Interiors relieve your frustration and make creating your vision a joy. Our personal approach helps you design and select the colours, finishes and furnishings that will create the dream space you have always been searching for.

Buy the Yard Interiors provides you with a comprehensive array of interior decorating services and furnishings. We bring you 30 vears of experience specializing in custom window treatments and upholstery with a wide selection of every item needed to make a house a home. Select from a robust library of designer brand name fabrics, wallpaper, custom furniture and accessories including favourites like Robert Allen, Kravet and Sanderson. Or outfit your home with Hunter Douglas blinds or shutters. We're your best choice in quality furniture and carpets.

Working with any style or budget, from one room decorating makeovers to complete home redesign, we will help you to create a space to make you feel right at home. Our decorators can lead you through the full design process by producing plans and sketches and consulting on finishes with your contractor. Call for your complimentary in-home consultation today.

519.767.1970 208 Woolwich St, Guelph buytheyardinteriors@bellnet.ca (Please see ad on pg 91)



BLOOMS + FLORA

Blooms + Flora is a Guelph florist, botanical gift shop and creative gathering place offering creative and unique floral designs, bespoke wedding flowers, houseplants, creative workshops, and artisanal giftware.

If you're looking for a special or unique plant for your home or to give as a gift, our friendly and informative staff can help you choose the perfect fit. We also have a wide variety of tropical plant and succulent terrariums, air plants, and more.

Gift items include locallycrafted, fair-trade home décor pieces, unique and cheeky greeting cards, candles, ceramics, art, and gift baskets. In sourcing these artisanal items, great care is taken to choose products that are created with ethical ingredients, as close to home as possible.

Blooms + Flora is also a place to gather with your friends to learn terrarium making, floral design 101, wreath making, and so much more. Visit us online or in-store to get the Winter workshop line-up - spaces fill up fast!

Voted #1 Florist in the Guelph Mercury Tribune Reader's Choice Awards 2015, 2016, 2017 + 2018.

182 Woolwich Street, Guelph 519.265.3505 Bloomsandflora.com

(Please see ad on pg 39)



"A ROYAL FLUSH BEATS A FULL HOUSE"

Family-owned and operated and proudly servicing Erin, Acton, Alton, Arthur, Belfountain, Caledon, Caledon East, Cheltenham, Fergus, Georgetown, Grand Valley, Guelph, Halton Hills, Hillsburgh, Inglewood, Marsville, Mono Mills, Orangeville, Orton and Rockwood for over 30 years. Ed Peavoy Septic Service Inc. cleans, pumps and repairs septic tanks, holding tanks and aerobic tanks for both

residential and commercial customers. We offer year-round and emergency services, as well as power flushing, locating and digging services. We have been approved by the Ministry of the Environment, and we offer septic inspections.

EDUCATING OUR CUSTOMERS: Ed Peavoy Septic Service Inc. values the importance of education, and we make a conscientious effort to provide guidance for our newer rural customers who may not be as familiar with septic tank systems and how they function. We provide all the basic do's and don'ts, the when and why of septic tank systems, and maintenance procedures to ensure our customers get the most out of their systems with fewer preventable repairs along the way.

519.833.9180 1.877.232.0229 edpeavoy.ca (Please see ad on pg 71)



HOME AND PROPERTY REAL ESTATE - THERE'S A BETTER WAY TO BUY/SELL

YOUR HOME Times have changed. Real Estate information is now available to anyone at the simple point and click of a mouse. At Home and Property **Real Estate** our 'Better Way'TM to buy and sell property bridges the gap between personalized services, and efficiencies offered through the internet.

Instead of presenting a single option for service and commission – as if one size fits all – we offer an array of practical choices.

For example, our exclusive 'à la carte' value structure gives you the flexibility to choose a sales and marketing plan that best suits your needs – without compromising service, and at a fee that makes sense. Or take advantage of our 'We'll Buy It' program, giving you the certainty and flexibility to choose your closing date while also knowing how much money you'll take with you.

With an inside Sales force connecting people on the ground, our dynamic Home and Property team is pulling in the direction you expect to ensure your needs are addressed efficiently, effectively, and at the best price. And that's just the tip of our iceberg.

Call 1.800.258.2059 to learn about our 'Better Way'™ to Buy and Sell Real Estate. You'll be glad you did. homeandproperty.ca

(Please see ad on pg 91)



JOEL BARTLETT ARCHITECT

With over 20 years of experience, Joel Bartlett Architect Inc. is a specialized architectural design firm providing excellence in architectural services for residential clientele across Ontario.

Joel is a licensed architect and principal at JBAI, with offices in Guelph and Kincardine. The firm prides itself on building relationships with clients and leading a collaborative design philosophy, which is reflected in the success and quality of our projects.

As a LEED Accredited Professional (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), Heritage enthusiast, and Passive House expert. Joel works with clients who have a sustainable design approach to their projects, and those looking to achieve design standards such as LEED, Net Zero, or Passive House.

Joel is also a heritage enthusiast, who enjoys re-imagining and reinvigorating old structures, and the opportunities and challenges that go along with them. Joel has sat on municipal heritage committees and understands the processes required in meeting approvals for heritage structures undergoing restorations or upgrades.

Joel manages all aspects of projects, from conceptual design through to obtaining permits/ approvals, and construction/ contract administration, and assisting clientele in budgeting and contractor selection.

JBAI - ELEVATING ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN. joel@jbai.ca 519.831.6726 | jbai.ca (Please see ad on pg 25)



ENDEMAN'S IRONCRAFT

A business has moved to Orangeville, and the sparks are flying! Endeman's Ironcraft has found a new home base at 23 Commerce Rd, but while its location has changed, they still offer the same great services and client care.

Over 40 years ago, founder Harold John Endeman set up Endeman's with the goal of helping customers by building what they needed even if the job was laborious or complex. Now owned by his son and grandson, Albert and Wade Endeman are proud of the niche market they have developed that extends beyond the local community: gates and spiral stairs are just a small portion of the specialty items Endeman's has garnered a reputation for producing.

With many years making customer service a top priority, clients as far away as Huntsville, Peterborough, and Ottawa have sought out their services, knowing they will deliver what they need. To meet the needs and desired look of designers and clients, they have fabricated a variety of one-of-a-kind pieces, such as a raw iron-clad fireplace, a 14-foot-tall driveway gate, and even a 42-foot-tall spiral stair. For further information including a portfolio of some of their work, check them out at endemansironcraft.com 519.941.2876 3 Commerce Rd, Orangeville (Please see ad on pg 39)

Continued on page 90



XANADU FINE CABINETRY Proudly located in the village of

Elora, Xanadu Fine Cabinetry and Interiors is your local resource for everything in design, cabinetry, renovation and construction! Our newly expanded showroom offers the latest styles and trends in tile, faucets, light fixtures and more. Walk through the exciting roomscapes to immerse yourself in the experience of a perfectly designed space - one that we can recreate in your home to suit your individual taste and expectations.

Let the Xanadu team do it all! Our designers understand and appreciate the complexities of combining function and comfort and will work with you to find the perfect balance. Xanadu's custom-built cabinetry is produced at our fabrication facility by expert craftsmen whose pride shows in each unique piece they create. The installation team pay close attention to detail and truly bring your new space to life!

Are you a do-it-yourselfer? Xanadu has the latest and greatest pieces to inspire as you complete your own projects. Our Design Gallery has all the key components and individual fixtures to make the job as easy as possible for you. Our in-house team is here to support and enhance your experience as you choose that perfect element for your reno.

Let Xanadu make your space an idyllic place! 6488 Wellington Rd 7, Elora xanaduhomes.ca

(Please see ad on pg 49)



www.originalhomefurniture.com

ORIGINAL HOME FURNITURE

Original Home Furniture, letting you customize your purchase just the way you

With so many things coming from offshore these days, it's a breath of fresh air to deal with a company with so many quality Canadian brands. When people ask why they should shop at Original Home Furniture there are lots of easy answers: great brands, professional sales people, our own delivery team, a price guarantee, and the list goes on.

One of the best reasons is that most of our products can be customized. So that means you can create the perfect masterpiece for your home. With four large fabric walls to select from, you are sure to find the perfect fabrics to bring your room alive! Our solid wood bedroom and dining selections give you the same flexibility of colours, handles, legs, pedestals and more.

This is ultimately what sets us apart from the big box stores along with quality products, a service department to take care of you down the road, and the furniture – just the way you want it! If you haven't been in for a visit for a while, it's worth coming to see how we've changed and what's new!

259-B Woodlawn Rd W, Guelph | 519.822.1251 Originalhomefurniture.com

(Please see ad on pg 67)



LPC CONSTRUCTION LTD. Founded by Benjamin Scott, **LPC**

Construction Ltd. has established itself as one of the best and most prestigious construction companies, specializing in exterior and interior renovation services. LPC Construction Ltd. is a fullservice building and construction company headquartered in Guelph. Our services include custom home building, home additions and residential renovations. With over 22+ years of experience in the construction industry, we are known for our superior service, unsurpassed attention to detail, and the highest quality of work. These factors equate to quality construction that will stand the test of time.

When it comes to choosing a renovator to transform the interior of your home, quality and trust should never be compromised. Working with a professional is an absolute must. With many years of experience and a real focus on customer satisfaction, you can rely on us for your next renovation, driveway sett or home repair. Our installations are carried out by fully trained staff to the highest professional standards. Always on time and on budget. LPC Construction Ltd. has proven results for setting exceptional standards in cost control, planning, scheduling and project safety. We have experience that gives us a competitive advantage over others in our field. 31 Vancouver Dr, Guelph

289.839.0282 lpcconstruction.ca (Please see ad on pg 39)



REALTY - DONNA DOOUSS

Ten years of trusted experience still very special."

For Donna it's not just about the transaction. It's the preparation and transformation in both property and people that keep her interested in her career. Developing lasting relationships with amazing clients that refer her on to their family and friends, that's how she grows her business. Interview her for your next home sale or purchase and decide for yourself.

T: 519.843.1365 C: 519.993.3662 DonnaDoouss.com



ROYAL LEPAGE ROYAL CITY

selling homes in Wellington County and surrounding areas. Donna Doouss has a passion for people and Real Estate and has been a trusted advisor to her many repeat clients over the years. Coming from a building materials and construction background, Donna has gained valuable experiences that has benefited both buyers and sellers alike. As a full-service Relator, Donna recognizes the individual needs of her clients and will customize her services accordingly. "No two Sellers or Buyers are the same. They all have the same goal, but their needs in how we get there will all be different." It is really the best part of the job, she says. "I get to experience some of the biggest joys in someone's life, I also get to go through all the emotions with them throughout the process and that is very special. It is sometimes hard but

donnadoouss@royallepage.ca (Please see ad on pg 69)



Buy the Yard Interiors 208 Woolwich St Guelph, ON 519-767-1970



Offer valid September 1 – December 31, 2018. Mail-in rebate offer. Purchase a minimum of 3 Silhouette®, Pirouette®, Duette® or Sonnette® with PowerView® Motorization and a PowerView® Hub and receive a \$250 rebate. Valid at participating retailers only. For full details, visit hunterdouglas.ca





HunterDouglas 🛟











WR Designs The Flower Co.

519.843.7161

Proudly Serving Fergus, Elora & Centre Wellington Open Monday 9-4 Tuesday - Friday 9-5 Saturday 9-4 Closed Sunday And Yes, We Deliver!

228 St. Andrew Street West • Fergus ON N1M 1N7

OUR HOMES attracts the area's finest businesses to advertise in our pages, and utilize our unparalleled distribution and coffee-table appeal to market their products and services. We're making it easier for you, our readers, to become educated as you plan your home- and real estate-related purchasing decisions. View these business ads online at ourhomes.ca/wellingtondufferin. The listings below are organized alphabetically by industry.

OUR HOMES is committed to ensuring the businesses below appear under the correct headings. To make a correction, or to have your business listed under more than one heading, please email avis.mcfarlane@ourhomes.ca. To have your business listed in our Home Resource Directory, call us to advertise at 519.787.0133.

APPLIANCES

AMG Studios, 31

ARBORIST/TREE SERVICE

ArborRite Tree Care, 43

ARCHITECTS/ARCHITECTURAL **DESIGN/ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGISTS**

Joel Bartlett Architect Inc., 25, 89

ARTISANS/ARTS/SHOWS & ENTERTAINMENT

Kitras Art Glass Inc., 3

BUILDERS/DESIGN•BUILD/ RENOVATIONS/HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Centrix Building Group, 43, 88 Dalerose Country Homes, 20 HFH Inc. 73 LPC Construction Ltd., 39, 90

Montgomery Homes, 13

Rockhaven Homes, 17

Rudy Vandenberg Classic Renovations, 11 Scott Hoegy Building Ltd., 19

Shade Plus, 67

Thomasfield Homes Ltd., 10 United Lumber Home Hardware Building Centre, 45

BUILDING/LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES

Arthur Home Hardware, 69 Elora Home Hardware, 95 Orangeville Building Supplies Store, 87

CLOTHING/JEWELLERY/FOOTWEAR/ **LUGGAGE & LEATHER GOODS**

Ron Wilkin Jewellers, 14 Shoe Villa, 11

COUNTERTOPS/GRANITE & STONE

Di Pietra Design, 5 Elegant Solutions/Cambria, 27

ELECTRICAL

Backup Power Solutions, 71

EXCAVATING/SITE PREP/SEPTIC

Ed Peavoy Septic Service Inc., 71, 89

FARM SUPPLIES & MACHINERY

Stoltz Sales and Service, 93

FENCES/GATES/RAILINGS/STAIRS

Endeman's Ironcraft Custom Fabrication, 39, 89 Railmaster Stairways Ltd., 87 Stair Rite, 41

FINE WOODWORKING/CUSTOM **FURNITURE/CARPENTRY**

Almost Anything Wood, 87 Jacob's Woodworking, 2 Kurtz Millworks, 55 Millbank Family Furniture, 8

FIREPLACES & STOVES

Caledon Fireplace, 67 Hearth & Leisure, 85

FLOORING/TILE

Bigelow Flooring Inc., 41 Caledon Tile Bath & Kitchen Centre, 17 Century Wood Products, 25 Ceramic Decor, 6 Cover-Ups Carpet & Flooring, 57 Factory Flooring Carpet One Floor & Home, 71 Mapleton Flooring and Windows, 12 U-Save Wholesale Flooring, 71

FLORAL DESIGN/FLORISTS

Blooms + Flora, 39, 88 WR Designs The Flower Co., 91

HEATING & COOLING

Bryan's Fuel, 83

HOME ACCENTS/COLLECTIBLES/ DÉCOR/FURNITURE

Acheson Pharmasave, 73 Decor Solutions, 49 Grand Gourmet, 91 Karger Gallery, 25 Kitras Art Glass Inc., 3 Lewis Upholsterv, 91 Original Home Furniture, 67, 90 Rug & Weave, 85 The Chanticleer Shop, 85 The Plumber's Wife, 57 The Rusty Star, 25

INTERIOR DESIGN/DECORATING/ **STAGING**

Buy the Yard Interiors, 88, 91 Centre Staged Inc., 59 Cocoon Interiors, 96 Decor Solutions, 49 Karger Gallery, 25 Stylin' Homes, 13 Susan Taylor Interior Design, 85 Xanadu Fine Cabinetry and Interiors, 49, 90

KITCHEN & BATH

Almost Anything Wood, 87 Arthur Home Hardware, 69 Ceramic Decor, 6 Elegant Solutions/Cambria, 27 Elora Home Hardware, 95 Jacob's Woodworking, 2 Kitchen Revival, 21 Paragon Kitchens, 31 Sutcliffe Kitchens and Renovations, 7 The Ensuite Bath & Kitchen Showroom, 59, 88 The Plumber's Wife, 57 Xanadu Fine Cabinetry and Interiors, 49, 90

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE/DESIGN

Brydges Landscape Architecture, 45 Canopy Farms Landscaping, 91 Urban Cottage Landscapes, 39

LANDSCAPING/LAWN & GARDEN/ **EQUIPMENT/GARDEN CENTRES**

Canopy Farms Landscaping, 91 LittleTree Garden Market, 75 Sunbelt Rentals (formerly Universal Rental), 55

LIGHTING

Chatelaine Lighting, 16

MASONRY/STONEWORK

Culp Restorations, 83

METALWORK/IRON FABRICATION

Endeman's Ironcraft Custom Fabrication, 39, 89

MOVING & STORAGE

Mike The Mover, 91

NEW HOME COMMUNITIES

Mountaincroft – Grandview Homes, 9

PAINTING & DECORATING

Elora Home Hardware, 95

PAVING, CONCRETE & INTERLOCK

Road Readie Paving, 83

PEST CONTROL

Environmental Pest Control, 91

POOLS & SPAS

D&D Pools & Spas, 43

REAL ESTATE

Home and Property Real Estate – John Zwart, 89, 91 Re/Max Real Estate -Angela Berriman, 71 Royal Lepage Royal City Realty, 4 Royal Lepage Royal City Realty -

ROOFING

Lifestyle Home Products, 15

Donna Doouss, 69, 90

SERVICES

Telosity, 55

SUNROOMS

Lifestyle Home Products, 15

UPHOLSTERY

Lewis Upholstery, 91

WELDING

Stair Rite, 41

WINDOW FASHIONS

Buy the Yard Interiors, 88, 91

WINDOWS & DOORS

Cedarport Window & Door Centre Inc., 8 George's Windows and Doors Ltd, 43 Mapleton Flooring and Windows, 12



finishing touch



A low barrier divides

1. KOHLER: Purist Deck Mount Faucet in Vibrant Stainless

2. KOHLER: Whitehaven

Hayridge Apron-Front Double Bowl Kitchen Sink

the two compartments.

This sink won't scratch or stain.





Planning a kitchen renovation? Getting new counters? Kitchen sinks and faucets have come a long way and should be a focal point in the hardest working room in your home. We've gathered some inspiration for every home chef.

5. RIOBEL: Toscani Kitchen Faucet with Spray in Stainless Steel 6. KRAUS: 33-Inch Topmount 60/40 Double Bowl 18 Gauge Stainless Steel Kitchen Sink with Noisedefend Soundproofing













REPELS THE TOUGHEST STAINS.

Find expert service and every colour you can imagine at your locally owned Benjamin Moore® retailer.



Let Us Inspire You.

Elora Home Hardware • elorahomehardware.ca

Paint • Wallpaper • Kitchens • Bathrooms • Decor







YOUR HOME. YOUR LOOK. WE'RE MORE THAN JUST A STORE.

- DESIGN CONSULTATIONS
- BLINDS & SHUTTERS
- CUSTOM WINDOW TREATMENTS
- CUSTOM MILLWORK
- AND MUCH MORE!

SERVING FERGUS, ELORA, ARTHUR, GUELPH, KITCHENER/WATERLOO AND SURROUNDING AREAS