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A HOME DÉCOR BONANZA

THE PLACE: Knock On Wood and More is a wonder, a symphony of furniture and home décor, a destination in itself. “Bed, bath, kitchen, décor and furniture – there’s lots of everything,” owner Dave Madill says.

“We get a lot of compliments,” he says of his national award-winning business. Founded

21 years ago, with two expansions since, it now offers over 15,000 sq. ft. of name-brand retail space on two floors in downtown Peterborough. Clients from Toronto, the Kawarthas, eastern Ontario and beyond have discovered the

mother lode of quality goods available at competitive prices. Madill and his team of experienced sales people continuously have advance orders booked. New items arrive daily, anticipating the seasons and style trends. “There’s always a fresh outlook,” Madill says. “We’re a size where we order everything we like. I lean heavily on staff and I value their input. They are amazing, from varied backgrounds. It’s a lot of fun.”

THE STYLE: From luxe to practical, country to cosmopolitan, there’s a diverse range of furnishings including Durham Furniture, West Bros. Furniture, Rockwood, Bermex, Bogdon & Gross, Dine-Art, Brentwood, College, Antiques 2000, Leathercraft, Rowe, Springwater Woodcraft, Amisco, Villageois, American Home & Patio and LH Imports. Many floor models are available at reduced prices. Custom handcrafted pieces to express your style are offered. Bedding by Serta, Umbra, Revell and Northern Feather and more is the stuff of dreams. Kitchenware by Waterford Crystal, Emile Henry, J.A. Henckels,



Cuisipro and others, create a culinary cornucopia. For gifts, you’ll be awed by the extensive lines, including Crabtree and Evelyn, Danesco, Upper Canada Soap and one of the most extensive candle galleries you’re likely to see anywhere. There are accessories to outfit your entire home.

WHAT’S HOT: The Austrian glassware from Riedel is the ultimate for connoisseurs of libation. A personal favourite of Madill is a knee-length shoehorn (“No more bending over!”). Beanie animals that can be heated for cosy comfort appeal to the younger set.

SEASONAL: Staff-designed displays capture seasonal styles well ahead of trends. Inquire about a free design consultation.

FAVOURITES: The bridal gift registry is a perennial favourite. With one of the most extensive offerings of prints in southern Ontario, this is the place to come for that artistic accent – or a mirror, a throw, lamp and much, much more.

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