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THIS ROSTER OF BUSINESS EXPERTISE CAN MAKE ALL YOUR HOME'S WISHES COME TRUE.

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## **LEANNE GEORGE**

Fresh By Leanne

Fresh by Leanne is a full service flower shoppe celebrating nine years in business. Fresh offers flowers, plants, home décor and a fun, comfortable, aromatic environment to browse or hang out in. Leanne's motto is "Do what you love. Love what you do."

#### AT WORK

How Many Weddings: Let's just say "lots" and 2020 is already gearing up to be a busy year. Favourite Bridal Bouquet: Pretty much every weekend, we design a bridal bouquet for one of our brides that I look at and say "I want to get married again, so that I can have this as my bouquet." Flowers That Last: Lisianthus, blue thistle and ranunculus are among my favourites. Trending: Organic, natural-looking arrangements, as well as

succulents or cacti.

#### AT HOME

Neighbourhood: Quiet street just outside of Midland with the best neighbours ever! Latest Project: Our pool house, backyard living. Grateful For: All aspects of my life but especially the relationship my two kids, Ethan and Charlotte, share with each other. It truly melts my heart. Summer Plans: Baseball (go Ethan!), lazy summer pool days, and weddings.

#### AT WORK

**New Products:** Prefinished interior panelling and exterior soffit material. Always In Stock: Western red cedar, white pine lumber, Douglas fir lumber and timbers, lodgepole pine, pressure-treated lumber. Best Sellers: Pressure-treated lumber, western red cedar, Douglas fir and white pine. Trending: Custom milling of specialty profiles, flooring and

prefinished products.

#### AT HOME

#### How I Start My Day:

Richard: Read the daily news. Pamela: Coffee, much needed when preparing my three children for school and daycare. Latest Project: Richard: Cottage addition. Pamela: Staining my fencing with Cutek. Vacation Plans: Richard: Mexico in the winter. Pamela: Spending time at the family cottage.

## **PAMELA** NIKOLOVSKI & RICHARD O'MARA Trans Canada Wood Products

Trans Canada Wood Products is not your typical lumberyard. With over 150 years' experience amongst their friendly staff, they specialize in providing customers with quality products that are readily available. Whether it be interior panelling, flooring, post-and-beam structures, decks or fencing, they can assist you with supplying your

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#### AT HOME

New Project: David: Creating an outdoor terrace overlooking the lake.

Kelly: Landscaping my backyard.

**Favourite Room: David:** Family room. **Kelly:** Kitchen. **Vacation Plans: Kelly:** Anywhere in Europe.

**David:** The golf course.



Specialty: Service.
Sales Strategy: Identify your target market, price your property according to the current market and reach as many buyers as possible.

Advice For Sellers: Buyers are savvy and educated with the real estate market so price your property according to the market in which you are selling.

**Advice For Buyers:** Buy what you can't change.



## JOEL LAURIN

JVL Homes Ltd.

This second-generation custom homebuilder is fully dedicated to building and making their clients' visions a reality. Every single home built by JVL Homes Ltd. has a unique style, design and creative touch, which makes building theses homes fun and exciting.

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## AT HOME

Neighbourhood: I live in the country.

Current Project: En suite bath
and walk-in closet reno. Favourite Room:
Our newly completed screened-in porch.
Seasonal Recipe: Anything barbecued.
Spring Activity: Getting the pool,
porch and deck ready

for summer parties.

## DAVID WAGMAN & KELLY LAZAR

Forest Hill Real Estate Inc., Brokerage

Forest Hill Real Estate Inc. is a boutique service brokerage with vast resources and an emphasis on technology. David Wagman, one of the managing partners, formed a real estate partnership with Kelly Lazar. Together they service and sell in the GTA and Lake Simcoe. Their comprehensive marketing approach, aggressive negotiation skills to keep dollars in their clients' pockets and a personal responsiveness make you wonder if they ever sleep.



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## JEREMY BUCK

Di Pietra Design

Di Pietra, meaning "of stone" in Italian, represents just what they do at Di Pietra Design. They are a manufacturer that designs, fabricates and installs stone products. Pride of craftsmanship has been their reputation for over 30 years.

#### AT HOME

Neighbourhood: Barrie.
Vacation Plans: Italy to buy
more stone. Current Project:
Remodelling the showroom.
Summer Recipe: Spinach salad
with goat cheese and beets
(check out Jeremy's recipe at
ourhomes.ca/mag/beetsalad).

doesn't mean value.



#### AT HOME

Neighbourhood: On the lake, in the Village of Rosseau. Favourite
Room: My Muskoka room. It's perched overlooking the lake, amongst the trees.
Current Projects: There's always something on the go. In the summer it's my gardens.
Favourite Meal: Sunday dinner, when the family comes home. How To Relax:
I start my day and end my day with a waterski or swim.

#### AT WORK

Current Projects: One on
Lake Vernon and one on Lake
Muskoka, with two totally different
styles. What's Fun At Work: We strive to
embrace the clients' unique style, while
creating an environment that fosters years
of memories for their family. Inspiration:
Nature, beautiful fabrics, cool tiles and
great kitchen designs. Trends:
Modern rustic.

## LENA PATTEN

HillTop Interiors

With interior designs grounded in each client's personal experiences, the result suits their home, their life and their style. The team at HillTop listens to clients and translates their ideas into what they're looking for. HillTop helps them make the right decisions by bringing in expertise in furnishings, style, size and colour. Inspired by nature, infused with some of the Muskoka tradition, HillTop's designs enhance the cottage experience.

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#### AT WORK

#### **Design Philosophy:**

Refreshing your home seasonally is a must. It always feels fresh and creates a total sense of newness to your space. **Exciting Trend:** Bold geometric patterns and concrete. **Decluttering Tip:** Stick to one closet or one room at a time or you won't see your accomplishments.

#### Can't Go Wrong Paint Colour:

Agreeable Gray SW7029 by Sherwin Williams – tried and true.

## **SHERRY EDWARDS**

Art of Staging and Design

Sherry Edwards of Art of Staging and Design is passionately committed to creating beautiful homes, whether you are prepping your residence for sale or turning your existing home into your dream home. Consulting with clients prior to listing their home for sale is a major portion of her service, along with custom full or partial staging. Through the consultation process Sherry will address any negative issues that could lead to a less favourable purchase offer.

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#### AT HOME

Neighbourhood: Coldwater
for over 30 years. Current Project:
Directing a theatre production for
The Village Players of Coldwater.
Staycation Or Getaway: East
Coast or Northern Ontario.
Barbecue Favourite:
Steak, rare.

## PAMELA MARTIN

The Christmas Villager

This year-round Christmas and toy store in Coldwater is in its eighth year. The shop has much to offer – puzzles, greeting cards for all occasions, family games and crafts as well as amazing and unique Christmas décor items. There are items in store from Russia, Germany, Lithuania, Poland and, of course, Canada.

#### AT WORK

Current Project: Russian
nesting dolls, Moosenut
ornaments and birch tree ornaments.
Trending Toys: Yellies, Wrapples and
TY Flippables. Old Favourite: Raggedy
Ann, Lambchop, My Little Pony,
Strawberry Shortcake and Playmobil.
Stocking Stuffer: Card games, brain
teasers, stuffies, mugs and
ornaments.

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## PATRICIA BELFRY, PAM BRODIE, LYNDA HOOK, MARY MOREAU & DEBBIE ALLAIN-MICHAUD

Georgian Bay Garden Tour

The 2019 Georgian Bay Garden Tour will be a celebration of 25 years of Garden Tours in Midland, Penetanguishine, Tiny and Tay. There will be 25 gardens to visit. All ticket proceeds for this year's tour will benefit Hospice Huronia's bereavement support program.

#### GEORGIAN BAY GARDEN TOUR

Tour Date: Saturday, July 13, 2019.

Number of Gardens: 25.

Ticket Price: \$25.

Charity: Hospice Huronia.

Theme: 25th Anniversary.

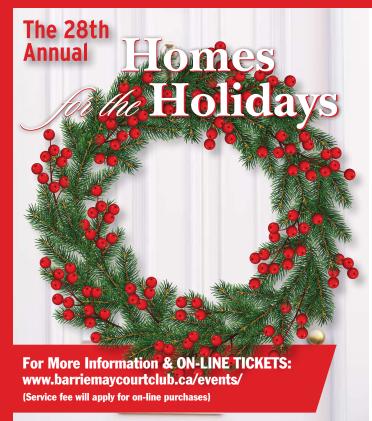
Style: Each garden and participating gardener has their own style! **OH** 



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Tour

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:** 

The May Court Shop, 54B Maple Avenue

705-737-1322



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