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## LISA BARSONY

*My Back Shed*

**What makes My Back Shed unique?** We love all things French country. The old-world patina and beautiful details of a chipped, painted piece are things we look for when sourcing new, interesting items that will complement the elegant, casual style of the store. If you want to give an old piece new life, our painting and upholstery services can transform a treasured piece with a new paint finish or beautiful fabric.

**What's hot in store?** Pink! We are obsessed with soft blush. Most people don't realize it's a neutral that goes nicely with most colours. We love it paired with cream and gold for a subtle, feminine look.

**Favourite piece in your home?** A pair of gorgeous French chairs. I love them so much that I use them in most of my advertising. The fabric is faded and they aren't that comfortable, but they are so pretty I can't bring myself to change them in any way.

## GABRIELE COLE

*Crescent Hill Gallery*

**What's new at Crescent Hill Gallery?**

We pride ourselves on showcasing talented Canadian artists. On November 12th, we introduced four new artists at our Fall Group Show. We are especially excited to be the first to display the work of Mississauga artist John Lightfoot, whose bright urban scenes are completely new to the gallery's aesthetic.

**What should clients consider when purchasing a piece of art?** The work you collect will become part of your family and move with you to a new home, so make sure the piece chosen evokes a special meaning for you. Appreciation in value should not be your objective, as the art market is quite fickle.

**Why purchase art from a gallery?**

The gallery owner has over 30 years of experience, and I hold a Master's Degree in art history. Together, we select works for their sophistication, technique and interest. We will also take care of the big stuff, from finding new artists that our clients will love to installing the work for them! *Continued on page 62*







## JEFF COLLINS

*Loft Doors*

### What does Loft Doors offer clients?

Custom-built sliding doors, handmade furniture, home décor items, accent pieces, rustic fireplace mantels and sliding door hardware. We offer budget-friendly solutions with short lead times.

**How is Loft Doors unique?** We carry a full line-up of sliding hardware for regular doors, pocket doors and curved wall applications. Our custom-built furniture fits perfectly in any space. Everything is handmade in-house. We do our best to keep lead times short so you are not waiting forever to complete the finishing touches on your project. We also offer design services to ensure you achieve the look you want. We help with colour choice, sizing and material selection.

**What's trending right now?** I think the upcoming trends will lean toward functional pieces of art. Non-traditional, one-of-a-kind pieces that speak to individual personality. Funky, bold colours that incorporate materials such as leather, metals, denim and more.

## ANDREW PARKER

*Par-Tek Construction*

**Specialty:** Par-Tek specializes in improving people's homes, and, through thoughtful design, their lives.

**What makes Par-Tek unique?** We have a different, transparent process. We sit with our clients, listen to their needs and then assemble detailed pricing of their wish list. We help streamline the list to a level that works for them. Then, we design and build to that budget.

**Most unusual/favourite project?** One that will always stand out is a design/build in Mississauga. The project was a second floor addition to a side split. We removed the dated aluminum siding, added plywood sheathing and wrapped the entire home in stucco. Construction was limited to two-and-a-half months! In three days, we craned off the roof and lifted and installed the wall sections. We lifted the roof trusses and sheathing and installed shingles and windows. We then proceeded in a more normal fashion to apply quality finishes to the interior. *Continued on page 64*





LIZ MARTIN  
Hearth Manor

**Tell us about your business:**  
With over 35 years in the fireplace business, we're known for our expertise. From fireplace design to installation, we do it all. We're committed to offering quality products, whether it's a gas fireplace, wood or electric fireplace, accessories, furniture or home décor.

**What's new at Hearth Manor?**  
We've doubled our space! Our expanded showroom features more fireplaces, mantels, accessories and furniture. Come see us.

**What's trending right now?**  
Linear fireplaces add a fresh look. Many opt to upgrade to a fireplace that's more realistic-looking and suits their style. Millwork, including built-ins, are popular. Hearth Manor specializes in custom millwork, and clients love the way it gives the fireplace a finished look and provides extra storage for books or décor items. Each project is designed and built to suit each client's needs. *Continued on page 66*





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BRENDA PINKUS  
Pinkus Interiors

**What makes Pinkus Interiors unique?** We offer a wide range of design services, from colour consultation to space planning. From renovations to product procurement, installations and accessorizing, we aim to make it a stress-free, enjoyable process.

**What's your design philosophy?** It's important to determine each client's needs and wishes and work within those parameters to achieve their idea of comfortable living. A professional can help get a clear idea what you really love, and what comfortable means to you so that time, energy and money are spent on what matters most.

**Every good design should have?** A comprehensive plan to avoid costly mistakes. Whether you have no idea how to begin, you have an idea but don't know how to pull it together, or you simply don't have the time to execute the ideas, a professional can help achieve that end result.

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JACKIE  
CONNOLLY  
*Parsons Interiors*

**What is your specialty?**  
Parsons Interiors offers a full range of design services. We'll work with you from design concept to completion, whether you're planning a complete custom redesign or simply adding finishing touches to transform a room. We specialize in the selection of drapery and soft furnishings – elements that add texture and dimension. Let us help you create a unique space that you'll love to come home to.

**What makes Parsons Interiors unique?** Our furniture boutique allows clients to come in and see pieces in person. They have the opportunity to touch, sit and get the feel of fabrics and finishes. They can assess the scale of a piece and determine how it might work in their space, allowing them to make a more informed decision.

**Every home should have?**  
A quality, comfortable family room sofa. Not only will it look beautiful, it will last for years to come. **OH**

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