

REPURPOSE  
REFRESH  
RECLAIM

Whether in wood, metal, stone, paint or furniture, these talented people each extol the 3Rs of Southern Georgian Bay: repurpose, refresh, reclaim.

ADAM GARBUTT  
*AG Designs Co.*

**Tell us about this table:** This amazing reclaimed wood table is made with boards from a barn near Ravenna that was raised in the late 1800s. It is hemlock from the threshing floor. The steel base is made in-house; we offer a variety of options for bases, from steel to wood. The bench seat could be used with the table or it could be used on its own in a hall or gear room. We pride ourselves on sourcing local materials full of character, patina and interesting widths. Behind me is a single-slab, live-edge table that is very impressive in its width and is going to be a great statement piece.

**Tell us about AG Designs Co.:** We design custom furnishings, flooring and accessories using reclaimed wood from barns that we have been dismantling since 2005. We carefully remove all lumber from the barns that we take down, the wood is taken to a kiln where it is dried, de-nailed and run through a brushing machine. After this process is completed we bring the materials into our woodworking shop where it is ready to be used in many different projects. Not only do we make dining, coffee and side tables, but also shelving, mantels and always the iconic sliding barn door. Each item gets its own unique finish. We are always interested in clients bringing us their ideas and making the idea a reality.



RECLAIM



REFRESH

LAURIE SEVERN  
*Heirloom 142*

**Tell us about these products:** This is an antique buffet, from the 1930s, that was my great aunt's. It was showing its age and was in need of a refresh. We used Fusion Mineral Paint in a wonderful neutral called Cathedral Taupe. It needed a couple of coats but no top coat to change it from drab to fab! The script on the face is done with a stencil to give the piece an added bit of French style. We did rub it with some antiquing wax, which gives it some age and depth. On top of the

buffet are some of the interesting European antiques we have at the store. We also carry a large selection of decorative knobs.

**Tell us about Heirloom 142:** Heirloom 142 is all about finding beauty in antique items or taking a piece of furniture that has seen better days and making it into a well loved heirloom. My husband and co-owner Pierre Armengol and I lived in Europe for over 10 years and that is where we developed our love of old world items. Our store in

Creemore is a blend of interesting and unusual antiques combined with modern items. One room is dedicated to furniture paint where we can guide you to refresh your antique and make it into your own heirloom. If you are worried that it is a difficult task to do, we offer workshops to break down the process. We can also help you create your personal style, through our service, Creative Interiors. We can help you translate your home into an authentic and beautiful space.

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REFRESH

**IVAN RAPA**, *Owner*  
**DAN O'HALLORAN**, *Production Manager*  
**TONY JENKINSON**, *Sales Manager*  
*Ontario Stone Veneers*

**Tell us about these samples:** We manufacture these natural stone veneers right here in Meaford. The stone is sourced in the Wiarton area and worked by our in-house masons. Each stone is chiseled and dressed by hand. This gives our stone veneers a more refined look that is greatly appreciated by those in the industry as it dramatically reduces on-site labour. Using a stone veneer is also much less labour intensive than installing full bed stone as it is easier to handle, lighter,

and cleaner on job sites. We custom blend every batch and have many choices for our customers, from traditional masonry blends to more contemporary looks.

**Tell us about Ontario Stone Veneers:** I started this business two years ago. I saw a growing demand for this type of product but I was not impressed with the product available at the time. Our business is very low waste, which we are very proud of. To operate our saws, we run a closed-loop water system.

Our water usage is therefore extremely low to nil as we also harvest rainwater from our roof. Throughout the workday, we collect all our stone chips, which are sent out to be ground up and reused in road construction. Our veneer products offer an economical and lower-environmental-impact alternative for builders and homeowners that love the look of natural stone. There are currently 45 dealers in Ontario carrying our products, which makes our products easy to source. *Continued on page 80*





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**BRENDA BROWN**  
*Mumba*

**Tell us about this bed:** This bed is made with 100-year-old reclaimed barn board. The boards are cleaned and brushed, so we lose very little of the lovely patina that makes my barn board pieces so unique. This bed is a twin size, and can be set up like a day bed. I can also make it in double, queen and king sizes. I make side tables, chests of drawers and mirrors that complement the bed.

**Tell us about Mumba:** Twelve years ago I was selling my photography at the Creemore market in barn-board frames that I was making. People loved the mixture of the photos and the barn board, one thing led to another and I started to design furniture. I love the texture, age and depth that my barn board pieces have and also the inspiration that it gives me to create new and exciting

items. I now have a team of artisans, including a welder, stonemason and a forge that will custom make items for me. I love people coming into Mumba in Creemore with their ideas and for me to be able to make a drawing into a three-dimensional piece using the beautiful barn board and other organic elements. *Continued on page 82*

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**SKOT LAWRENCE**  
*Desiron*

**Tell us about this project:** Regular clients of mine approached me with a vision of log holders on their front porch for winter that could be easily repurposed into seating for summer. They love to sit out there as the sun sets. Racking a large amount of firewood was a priority so maximizing space was critical. Custom fabrication allowed us to use as much area as possible without blocking the windows. The next challenge was having these become comfortable seating at the end of fireplace season. This was achieved with removable upholstered seats and back rests. It was a fun project, and my clients are enjoying and utilizing their dual purpose ironwork year round.


**Tell us about Desiron:** I've been designing and building furniture and art pieces since around 1994 out of metal – material typically used for industrial and structural applications. I've always loved the natural look of raw metal. All my work is finished with a matte clear finish. In my view, painting it just covers and hides all its depth, beauty, and lustre. Since relocating to this area in 2000, some of my favourite projects have been repurposing clients' sentimental objects into functional pieces. Turning various items into art and furniture is very rewarding. Often, all it takes is some creativity and a little imagination...

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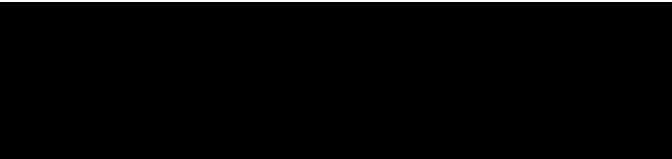


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PEPE SCHIPPRACK  
*PR Antique Flooring*

**Tell us about this wall:** This wall is made from reclaimed barn boards. Each board is cleaned and then wire-brushed. We have lengths of up to 16 feet and offer grey or brown boards. Boards can be placed horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Installation can be directly over drywall or over a vapour barrier, while the optimal backing is plywood. Many clients use our boards to create feature walls, and some have done entire rooms.

**Tell us about PR Antique Flooring:** My parents began a building company over 30 years ago, and through that came the idea for PR Antique Flooring. It was over 12 years ago that we started taking down barns, refinishing beams and boards and coming up with new and interesting ways to use these beautifully aged reclaimed pieces of wood. The building end of the business is still going strong and we often introduce the products that come from PR Antique Flooring in our builds. Our clients have always been happy with the character and texture that our products bring to their projects. *Continued on page 86*



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*Kitchen Painters*

**Tell us about this project:** The homeowners wanted a refresh of this kitchen, which was very dark. They contacted us because the cupboards that were in place were of good quality and didn't need to be replaced completely. There were a few worn drawer slides, but other than that, the cupboards just needed to be painted and the old hardware replaced with new, more contemporary handles and drawer pulls. With a very quick turnaround, Kitchen Painters has transformed a dark, outdated kitchen into a bright and beautiful space.

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**SUZE McCART**  
*Suze Interiors*

**Tell us about this project:** I was approached by Sierra Building Group to create “chalet chic” for this model home. I used neutral tones to tie together all the natural elements of the home, from the barn board feature wall to the wood beams and hardwood flooring. I introduced layered cowhides and sisal rugs, faux fur pillows and throws and lovely sheep’s wool pillows that all add a touch of luxury.

For the artwork, I kept it very subtle so as not to distract from the finishes of the home or the beautiful view of Alpine Ski Club.

**Tell us about Suze Interiors:** I founded Suze Interiors 10 years ago after I had become a Certified Interior Decorator. Home staging naturally fell into my repertoire of expertise. From furnishing empty show homes to repurposing what homeowners already have,

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