



# IN THE WINDOW OUT THE DOOR

These Southern Georgian Bay specialists tackle open-and-shut cases.

PHOTOGRAPHY **BONNIE FOX**

## JASON ACRES, AMANDA ROGERS & TERRILYN SZYJAK *Van Dolder's Custom Exteriors*

**Tell us about this door:** The owners of this century home came to us wanting to update the older existing door to a new energy-efficient door but keep the look and feel of the original. I contacted Ostaco, one of our main door suppliers. Between Van Dolder's and Ostaco, we provided the customer with a new, custom-size, maintenance-free, energy-efficient door system in the look they wanted. We also installed a new Phantom Screen for ventilation and we reused the original interior wood trim. When we were finished, it looked like the door had always been there.

**Tell us about Van Dolder's Custom Exteriors:** Van Dolder's is a family-owned and operated business that started in 1964. We are one of the largest window, door and siding suppliers in the area, with locations in Collingwood and Owen Sound. We install everything we sell. Van Dolder's Home Team backs all of our products with a manufacturer's warranty and a five-year, no-cost service warranty on everything we install. All quotes are free and we look after your project from start to finish.

## MELISSA O'GRADY, *Owner* *Valley Home Services*

**Tell us about this home-watch property:** The owners of this 9,750 sq. ft. home are travelling for a year and wanted someone to care for their house, so that there would be no worries on their end. Even though this is a fairly new build, it is surprising how many mechanical issues can arise. Most insurance companies require that if you are absent from your home for extended periods, the house must be checked once or, in some instances, twice a week. Having someone check your home is a small investment to protect your biggest investment.

**Tell us about Valley Home Services:** I started the company as a cleaning service in the Beaver Valley, and the company has expanded to also offer home-watch programs and gardening services. My staff and I take the time to understand our clients' specific needs and then we create personalized programs. Our aim is our customers' complete satisfaction. We are bonded and insured and we bring our own natural cleaning supplies. The only worry for the customer is deciding which day they would like to have us arrive!

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**MICHAEL LOUGHEED, Owner**  
Deans Carpet One Floor & Home

**Tell us about these blinds:** The manufacturer of these blinds is Maxxmar and the style is Perfect Sunset. They have a very elegant look and are two shades in one unit. With the veins open, you can let in lots of light but they still provide privacy to your home. The fabric-wrapped head rail allows the blinds to be pulled right up and out of sight if wanted. They can be ordered with a blackout shade so if complete darkness is important to you, this blind is great.

**Tell us about Deans:** We are a third generation, family-run business that has been operating since 1963. We offer a complete line of Hunter Douglas, Shade-O-Matic and Maxxmar window fashions. We also offer a huge selection of floor coverings, carpet, area rugs, hardwood, tiles, laminate and luxury vinyl. We offer in-home consultation and free quotes. So let us help you find the perfect window coverings to suit your needs. We have two locations to serve you, Duntroon and Meaford. *Continued on page 80*

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**LEE WHITAKER**  
 Owner/President  
**& KELLY WHITAKER**  
 Business Manager  
 Barrie Trim and Mouldings Inc.

**Tell us about your doors and trim:**  
 If you are building or remodelling, interior doors can transform the space – they are one of the most visible design elements in your home. At BTM we offer many styles of doors and our showroom showcases door and trim options to help with your design decisions. If you are finding it hard to make a choice, one of our design experts can help. We can also custom make any style or size of door.

**Tell us about Barrie Trim and Mouldings:** We provide our customers with exceptional service and the highest quality products for all their interior finishes. Not only do we offer doors and trim, we carry hardware and have a separate division that manufactures stairs and railings. We not only supply, but have a team of professionals to complete the installation. The key to our success is our strong team of forward-thinking employees who have a positive attitude and a passion for Barrie Trim and Mouldings. We love what we do and that is measured by our satisfied customers. *Continued on page 82*

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### KAREN JAMES

*Ashton's Blinds  
Draperies Shutters*

**Tell us about these drapes:**

These drapes were designed with three purposes in mind. The first was to soften the feel of the room, the second was to absorb the sound and the third was to soften the light coming in from the large window. All three objectives were accomplished. The large-scale geometric print and the chunky rod add to the visual effect of these gorgeous drapes. They do not overpower the room, they complement it.

**Tell us about Ashton's:** We have been providing custom window coverings in The Blue Mountains for over 20 years. We believe that excellent quality products, fair prices, in-depth product knowledge and exceptional customer service have been the key to our success, plus we have the best customers! So whether you need motorized or manual blinds, draperies or shutters, we have the perfect choice for you and your home.

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**DIANE SCOTT, Co-Owner**  
*Cedarport Window & Door Centre Inc.*

**Tell us about this door:** This is an eight-foot-tall, 42-inch wide, textured fibreglass door with sidelights – the homeowner chose this door because of its contemporary look. There are several colour options to choose from. This style is a factory finish in a cherry stain. Careful consideration was taken when measuring, as the door was fitting into an existing brick opening. Cedarport specializes in this type of upgrade, therefore the fit of the new entry was perfect.

**Tell us about Cedarport Window & Door Centre:** Whether it is new construction or replacement windows and doors, we carry several different product lines to suit every project and budget. We enjoy working with clients to make sure that all their needs are met. Our business is built on providing high-quality products and helpful service from start to finish. Come and visit us at our showrooms in Thornbury or Orangeville. *Continued on page 86*



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**RYAN KNIGHT**

*Contractor Sales  
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**Tell us about this door**

**hardware:** We stock a full line of door hardware for interior and exterior doors. If the homeowner wants something that can be re-keyed easily, Weiser has a unique smart key system that allows for the key to be changed without removing the lockset. For the greatest security, Schlage has a full line of handles and dead bolts to keep every door in your home secure. Emtek offers hardware in many styles and finishes to complement any style of door.

**Tell us about Knights' Home Building Centre:**

We are a sixth-generation, family-run, full-service building supply centre. We specialize in hardware. We offer full installation from your front door to the kitchen and right out to your back deck. We help homeowners transform their house into the home of their dreams! **OH**



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