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**WHY ARE CONSUMERS CHOOSING ENVIRO-PAINT PRODUCTS?** People are becoming more aware of the harmful effects that day-to-day products are having on not only our planet, but our health as well. By choosing eco-friendly products and services, we can improve our health and preserve our environment.

**WHY DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO SPRING?** Golf season!



# GO Green

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It's not easy being green, but it's a lot easier than it used to be. More and more homeowners are asking for eco-friendly products and services.

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Tuesday, June 14th, 2011 - 2pm  
Senior Star Event (Chartwell Georgian Traditions)

**JULY 2011**  
July 11th-16th, 2011 (Daily) - 8pm  
Theatre Collingwood Presents "Separate Beds"  
Matinees at 2pm on July 12th and July 14th  
Friday, July 22nd, 2011 - 8pm  
Elvis: "Swing with the King"  
Starring Paul Anthony and The Mystery Train Showband  
Saturday, July 23rd, 2011 - 2pm  
Elvis: "The Legend Lives" Starring Gino Monopoli with Rudy and The Angels Showband  
Saturday, July 23rd, 2011 - 6pm  
Elvis: "Blue Hawaii Luau" Starring Bruno Nesci with Special Guests Joey Cundari & Paul Ross  
July 25th-30th, 2011 (Daily) - 8pm  
Theatre Collingwood Presents "Rhinstone Cowgirl"  
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### The Cleaning Bees

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**BEST ADVICE FOR SPRING CLEANING:** Make a list, commit to do a little every day and get your family to participate. Clear out the clutter, donate or have a yard sale. Turn on some fun music and clean green. If you need help, hire a professional.




## Corrisha MacLean

### Quanbury Flooring Centre


**FAVOURITE GREEN FLOORING:** Cork. It is a good choice for busy households.

**BEST WAY TO SPEND A SPRING EVENING:** Spending time with my family. We are all happy to get outside when the weather gets warmer.

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**ADVICE ON SAVING ENERGY:** Make reducing your environmental impact a priority now. The sun provides us with free energy all year round. You can't live without heat in this country but by choosing products that allow us to utilize the energy the sun provides - such as a geothermal heat pump or solar hot water heater - we can significantly reduce our home's carbon footprint.

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Floorcrafters

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**Lisa Stucke**  
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Reinspiration is a recycling of energy that ignites whenever any person sees beauty in something let go by someone else. A person lets go of "stuff" or sees possibility in someone else's stuff and the energy created fuels their heart, mind and soul. This energy is a gateway to what I call the C spot. Here, the elements of creativity, contentment and community connection ensue.

**SPRING HOME PROJECT:** I desire to reinspire my back deck. I have already begun hunting for an eclectic mix of furniture and finds that have a past. It is amazing what phenomenal pieces are out there between zero and \$100 that will energize you to reinspire.

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**Kevin:** I couldn't choose one piece, because each piece is unique and leaves me with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

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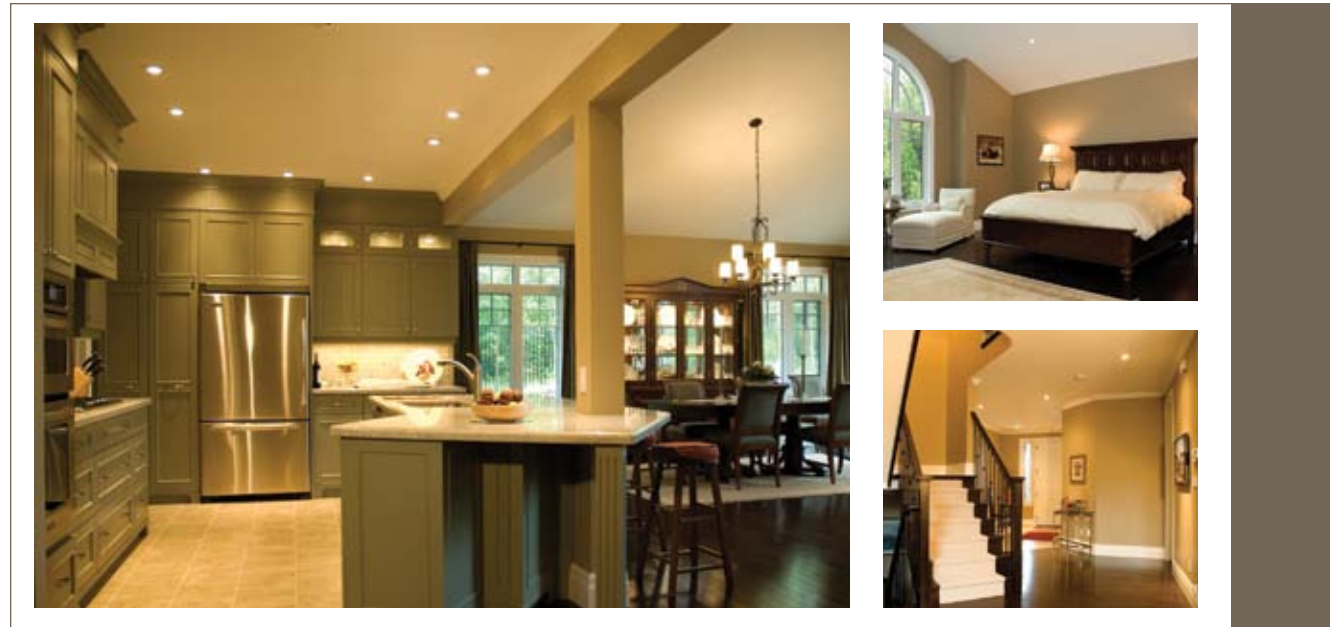


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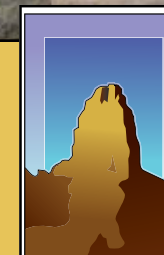
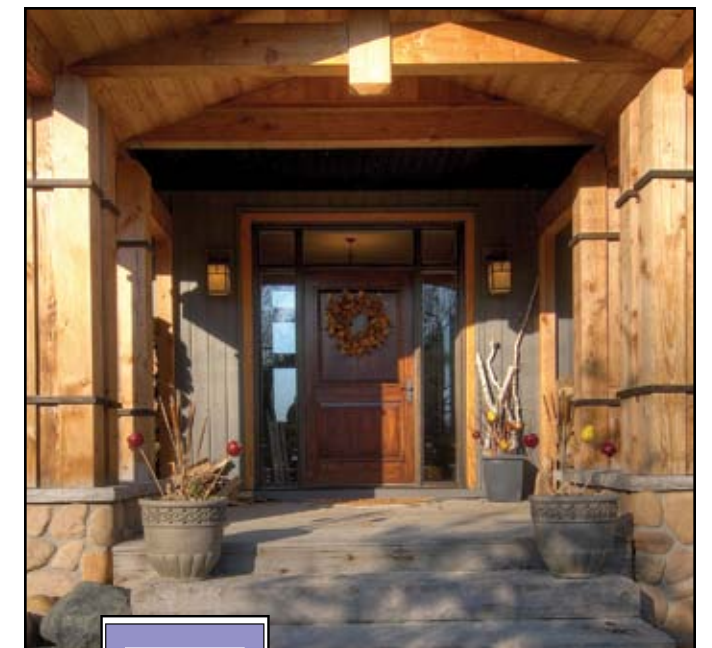
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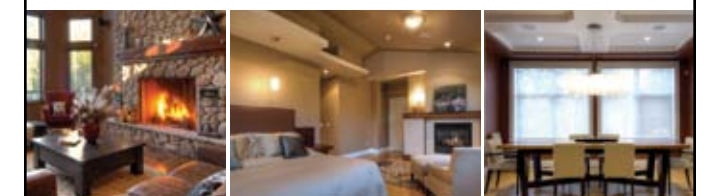
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### Heather Davidson and Karen James Ashton's Blinds, Draperies & Shutters

#### FAVOURITE GREEN PRODUCT AND WHY:

**Heather:** I love Threadcount Textile & Design because this Canadian company, run by four sisters, has produced a collection of linens, silks, wools and cottons that are toxin free and completely safe for my family.

**Karen:** Eclipse Shutters because they are Greenguard certified, are low off-gassing and have an R-value of 3.4. All this and they look fantastic!

#### SPRING FAMILY ADVENTURE:

**Heather:** Splashing in the puddles with my son Maxx and his dad Cory in our new matching rubber boots!

**Karen:** An outdoor adventure hunting for pussy willows with my children, Ruth and Rolan.

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