



Don and Wendy Cameron



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THE GREAT OUT OF DOORS

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THE PLACE: Last year marked a major milestone for **Peninsula Out of Doors** as the garden centre in Lion's Head celebrated its 25th anniversary. Don and Wendy Cameron began the company in 1987 as a lawn maintenance and landscaping service, and expanded to a full garden centre in 1992. The Camerons' son Justin joined the company in 2002 after graduating with a degree in Landscape and Horticulture. The goal has always been to provide the community with quality products, superior customer service and competitive prices. There is now 14,000 square feet of greenhouses where they grow 90 per cent of their own annuals, perennials and herbs. Trees, shrubs, garden décor and all of your planting needs are available.

THE GOODS: Landscaping services are an extensive part of the offerings, with projects ranging from flower bed and shrub planting to the design and creation of a complete backyard oasis. Patios, walkways, retaining walls, irrigation and naturalizing the customer's outdoor space is their speciality. Outdoor fire pits and landscape lighting are increasing in popularity as people expand their entertaining living space to the natural beauty of the great outdoors. The Camerons and their staff believe in a collaborative approach that combines the ideas, requirements and desires of their clients with the workmanship, experience and quality of their team to create an outdoor living space that will be enjoyed for many years.



WHAT'S HOT? As people live very busy lives, low-maintenance gardens and plantings continue to be in demand. Cottagers, a large clientele, are looking for plants that can survive weekend to weekend. Wendy recommends the Dragon Wing Begonia and says that "once people try them, they are usually hooked." With a lovely foliage and lengthy bloom season, they are virtually maintenance free and tolerant to infrequent watering. Also, the various textures, colours and graceful lines of perennial grasses continue to grow in popularity and are an attractive addition to almost any garden.

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