

spotlight

LËUK TRIOLGY

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THE PLACE: The newest landmark in the Lëuk story and the third store, **Lëuk Huis** is devoted to furniture, accessories and design. Owner and visionary Herma Vegter-Petrie uses the Dutch word *gezelligheid*, which translates to cosy and inviting, to describe her inspiration. The word can also mean fun, convivial and the general togetherness that gives a warm feeling. Lëuk Bij Herma (Lëuk by Herma) has been a mainstay of Collingwood's Hurontario Street since opening in 2012 (the word *lëuk* itself translates as nice,

likeable or enjoyable in Dutch), and through her success in fashion, furnishings and flowers, Herma has guided Lëuk's evolution. The original Lëuk is now Lëuk Fashion, dedicated to personal style. Lëuk Tulip offers flowers, greenery and vessels, and now Lëuk Huis allows Herma to bring her clients *gezelligheid* for their homes. Lëuk Huis has many décor and furnishings that offer ideas. Two in-house designers are available to assist in the creation of a story for your home.

THE STYLE: Herma has travelled the world to bring together the Lëuk Huis look. Always inspirational, the specific and distinctive feel of the store begs you to change how you look at furniture. The combination of exposed brick walls, refinished, heirloom wood floors and a neutral colour palette sets a serene stage for the furniture to set its narrative. Leather, linen, wood, metal and clay have been designed and moulded into the very best furnishings for your home.



Owner Herma Vegter-Petrie



THE WARES: Vintage items mix with European finds. Sofas covered in heavy linens mingle with terracotta pots and leather chairs searching for memories. Large, rough-hewn wooden bowls sit comfortably beside fine porcelain replicas of ancient robes. Oversize hanging lights offer distinctive shapes that never overpower what's illuminated below. Art – large and small canvases of mixed materials – will make you smile and nod. Linens are luxurious and easy, like everything at Lëuk Huis.

WHAT'S HOT: You'll discover fine Canadian and European wares that create a sense of wellbeing – pieces with heart, feeling and softness that will add layers and texture to your home. Natural elements are very important in the mood and ambience created at Huis, as they add a clean, raw, yet uninhibited happiness to the atmosphere. Let Lëuk Huis wrap you in its *gezelligheid* and embrace the warmth.

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