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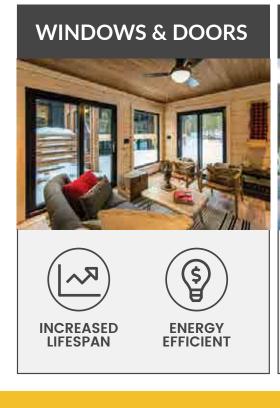




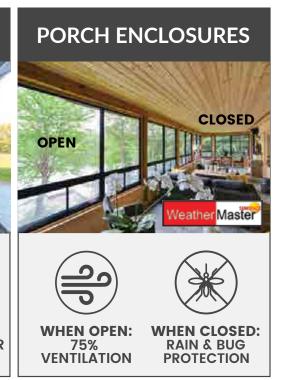
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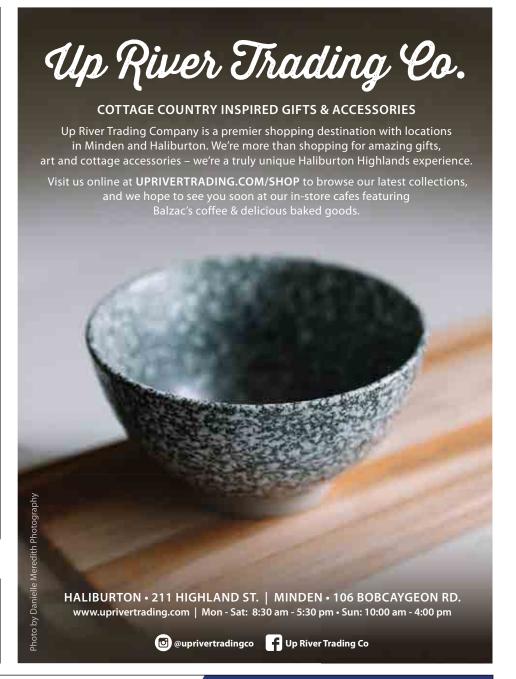
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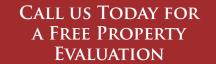


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## Welcome

This month we're giving thanks for many things – our health, our happiness and the fact we've had an *amazing* summer on the lake, albeit without normal guest numbers to share the experience and enjoy

a slight tan – quite the achievement for two normally pasty Scots.

And so, moving into fall and while exploring design trends that suggests our homes should offer rewarding diversion via location, architecture and design, we pose this simple question: Are you an escapologist?

In this issue, we explore smaller, safer Thanksgiving gatherings, as the dining room becomes everyone's favourite restaurant. Give yours a seasonal twist under our careful tutelage, with relaxing, cosseting layers and auspicious pumpkin detailing.

As a nation, we're spending more and more on our bathrooms: not only is this good real estate practice, it also reaps rewards on a daily basis. Yes indeed, bathrooms the county over are

transforming into beautiful, functional spaces that offer restorative, relaxing return for users. Follow our guide and ensure yours is flushed with success.

We also visit local potters and discover their useable art for the table. It's all about true Highlands flair and creativity: hand-made and joyous.

And finally: we're thrilled more and more folk are discovering Mother Nature really is the best designer. Follow her lead and learn how to use native plants to create a landscape that enhances your home – and your well-being. Amen to that, say we!

Till next time,

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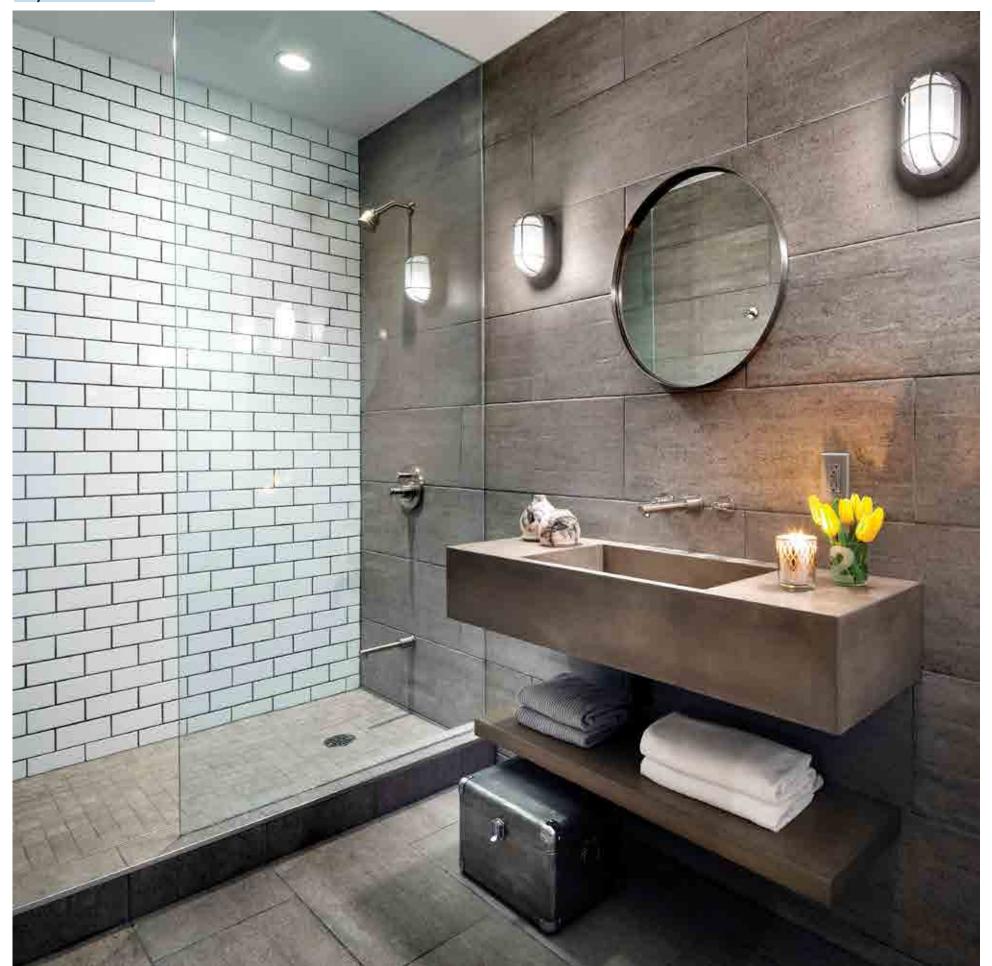
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# Splash out

Bathrooms, beyond being spaces in which to wash and go, have become home spas these days, dedicated to restoring equilibrium. Feel it's time to freshen up? Then follow Colin and Justin's guide to flush away the past and create a brand-new future.





### Get the layout down

When planning your bathroom, think about what you really need. Do you require a soaker tub, or are you more of a shower person? Do you and your partner fight over sink space? Might a double vanity be the answer? If your bathroom is on the main floor (with an unfinished basement or crawlspace below) moving the toilet should be relatively easy. If you can leave it where it is – without relocating plumbing – then costs will be moderated: a straight in-and-out is generally cheaper than full-scale re-plumbing and repositioning.

### Out of sight is out of mind

When bathrooms are poorly planned (and when doors are left open) it means you (or guests) may have a direct sight line to the actual loo not exactly the greeting anyone wants from a home spa, huh? A good old 'modesty' wall will help, but, if possible, reposition the toilet so it's tucked in the corner and not sitting in the middle as the main event. A view onto an immaculately groomed vanity is much more appealing!

### It'll be all white on the night

Before we go anywhere, let us remind you that bathroom suites can be any colour... as long as they're white. End of. Yup, that means your avocado or powder pink suites have got to go. If you want colour in the bathroom, use accessories, towels or artwork to add your chosen tone. A practice such as this makes it easier to switch everything up in future if you want to seasonally adjust - or colour tweak your spa.

### Look of luxury

If you want a whisper of marble, limestone or granite - but without the big spend of a full fitout – then use budget tile in a complementary shade to your favourite stone, and then trim around mirrors, or at half height up walls, with a border of genuine stone.

### Well lit

Good lighting is crucial in the bathroom, for both mood and function. An overhead fitting, or pot lights on a dimmer, can be adjusted easily to balance mood, while a vanity mirror is best lit from each side to avoid shadows on the face. Avoid too much glare by choosing mid-range wattage (the market also now boasts soft toned pink bulbs designed to bring out the best in your reflection) and you'll feel like a million dollars when you get ready each morning.

### Vanity fayre

Changing a vanity makes a huge difference and is relatively easy in terms of workload. Pick a rustic timber model for a cottage-inspired look, a gloss finish to elicit a modern vibe, or a classic shaker door to evoke 'transitional' style. Effectively your bathroom focal point, ensure your vanity has enough storage to tempt order and enough countertop to make it useful. Complete the look with a new mirror and wall lights to seal the stylistic deal. Pop into Home Hardware in Haliburton or Minden for a great range of sinks and vanities, and valuable

### Foot the bill

Under-floor heating is a luxury, but it's so worthwhile. Seriously: walking onto a warm tiled floor, especially in winter, feels super indulgent and makes every visit an absolute pleasure. If you're retiling, it's easy to install, cost effective and its inclusion reads well (as an extra) if you're planning to flip. Check out Warm Up (warmup.ca) for more info.

### Hide aches and pains

Keep all personal and medical bits and bobs concealed in slick storage cabinets. Who wants to look at half-squeezed tubes of hemorrhoid tinctures or worrying pills and potions? Hmm? Out of sight is out of mind – nobody, as we see it certainly, should be airing their ailments in public!

### Add functional jewelry

In the same way that coordinated jewelry (earrings, necklaces and bracelets) or a smart tie and watch can up the ante of a basic suit, so too can a sequence of matching accessories (chrome towel rail, toilet roll holder and soap dish) create the illusion that lots of cash has been invested. Adding a new faucet also falls into this category and can totally transform a down-at-heel sink.

### Keep it clean

Get rid of clutter – a messy space looks uncared for and presents entirely the wrong image. A tidy bathroom, on the other hand, is a happy bathroom. This in mind, decant contents of half-empty foam bath and shampoo bottles into decorative vessels, use smaller fancy boxes to hold items such as Q Tips and cotton wool balls, and, while you're at it, stock up on bales of fluffy towels and pile 'em high for a luxe feel. Glecoff's Family Store in Haliburton has super towels and inspired storage collections, so head on in for great-value inspiration.



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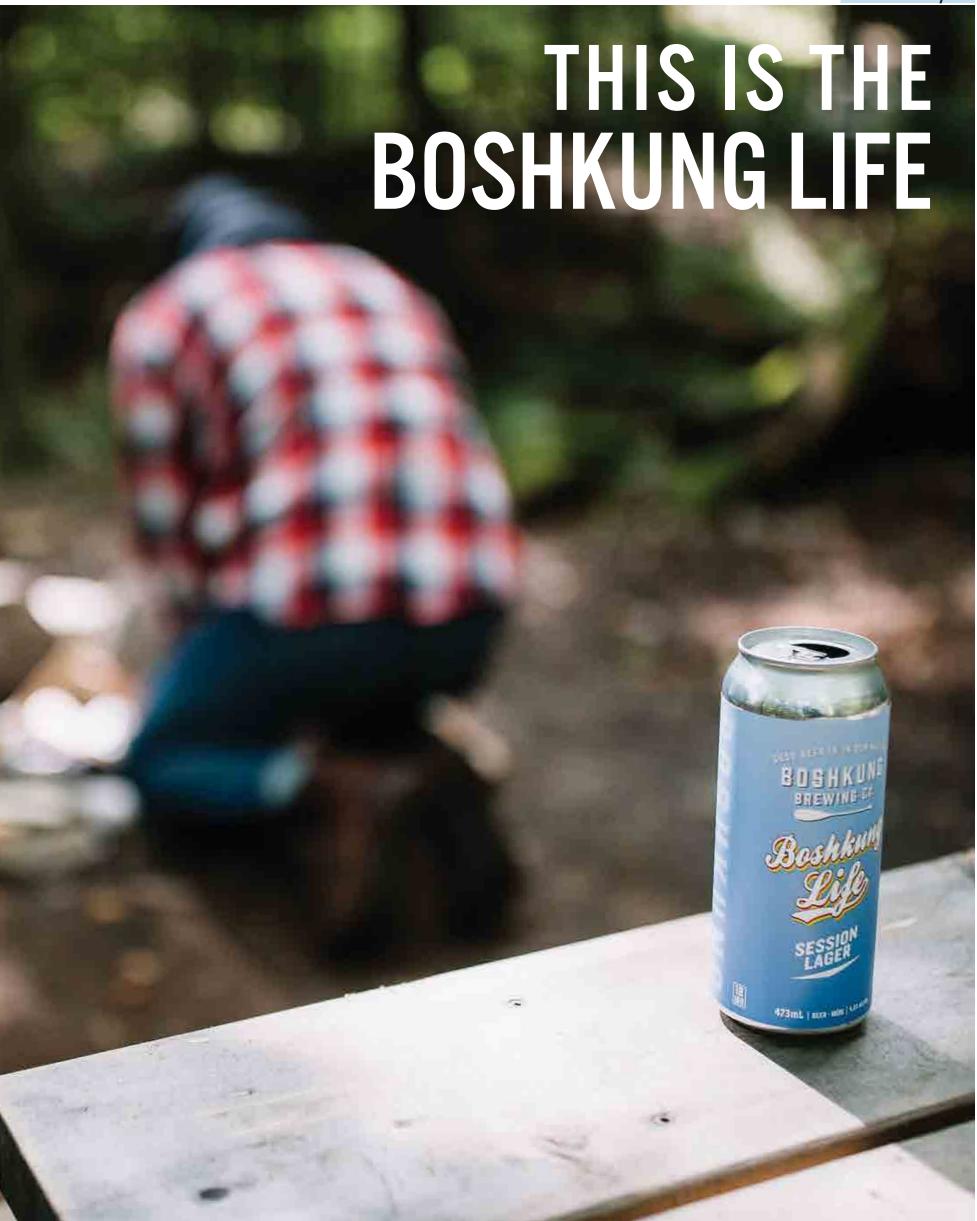


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Texture is the hot new 'colour' when it comes to fall dining, so ensure your project is a veritable feast for the fingers by suffusing it with natural, woven items like coir floor rugs (so it feels cosy underfoot) wicker lampshades (so your dining scene is brightly illuminated) and rustic table-top accessories to layer on loads of atmosphere. Choose faux horn handled cutlery, wood chargers and chunky vintage glass pitchers, propped full with autumnal blooms and foliage.

### At the centre

Create a table-scape with seasonal vegetables and fruits. Pumpkins are a great starting point, as are dried corn on the cob, nut selections, gourds, apples and oranges. And don't worry about making it all regimented: simply scatter down the middle of your table, add twinkling tea lights to help build atmosphere ... and enjoy!

### Fruits of the forest

To complement your table-scape, layer in accessories and shelf dressings that suggest the great outdoors. This will embolden your seasonal room offering: knitted pumpkins and wall wreathes mixed with acrylic gourds and candle lanterns will further hit home what the season is all about.

### Wrap it up

Just as your fall wardrobe adds layers to baffle the chills, so too should your dining room make you feel sublimely cosseted. This in mind, dress your table with banded fabrics for a French farmhouse feel, and raffia bins around its perimeter with cushions and blankets to add further texture and a handy source of extra guest comfort as required.

### Cart(e) blanche

If you don't have enough space on the table for everything required to set the scene, add overspill (for drinks or serving dishes) via side tables or wheeled trolleys. We like the Bekvam cart from Ikea – the natural birch finish 'lightens' the corner, and it can be wheeled in and out as required. If you'd like to spend a little more, opt for the

Fulton Bar Cart from West Elm (westelm.ca). Consisting of a metal frame with sparkling glass shelves, it would work beautifully at any time of the year.

### It's a small world

The lil' ones need attention, too, huh? It's fun to set up 'stations' with gourds and pumpkins, but rather than providing knives for carving, arrange paint and brushes so little 'uns can let their artistic bent run free. And, erm, a drop cloth might be useful. Just puttin' it out there...

### Serving suggestions

Take it from us: advance prep is your best friend. This in mind, tackle as much as possible (sauces, gravies, soups, veggies, mashed potatoes and salads) prior to guest arrival, so the pressure is off when the party starts. Creamed carrot and turnip is a seasonal pleaser, as are baked spuds, pumpkin soup and, of course, hearty potroasts. And hey: let's not forget that jumbo, juicy turkey. Deelish! Did someone say 'comfort' food? Mmm, that's better...

### Mix up a furniture recipe

Harvest farmhouse style with spindle back chairs. At the affordable end of the spectrum, Ikea's Norraryd hits all the right notes. Its shape is traditional, but the ebony finish offers a fresh perspective. Arrange around a chunky stripped wood harvest table for a farm-inspired look that'd transfer just as well to the city. Or, if you'd like to invest in a mom 'n' pop shop variant, The Windsor Workshop (windsorworkshop.com) has dreamy models.

So are you ready to embrace the new calendar? Yes indeed, dear readers, it's time to 'autumnalize'. There's no need to put up with a dated space, as we see it certainly, when a few inexpensive tweaks will shake it all up and get you in the mood for delicious dining, to complement your tasty new room recipe. Happy styling!

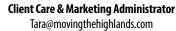
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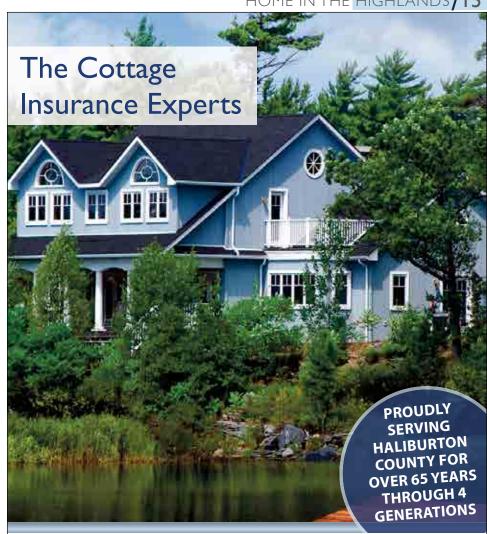




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Naturalizing, wildscaping, the New Perennial

Movement – whatever you choose to call it, returning
a property to a more natural statew is beneficial to
the environment and to property owners.

"The new buzzword is wildscaping," says Carolyn Langdon, director of Wild Edibles Haliburton and a member of the Haliburton County Master Gardeners.

"More and more property owners are discovering that nature does it best ...

There is a huge and growing interest in wildscaping or naturalist planting design and for good reason."

### New desire for space and nature

"The pandemic has made more people aware that nature plays a big role in human health," says Sable Robertson, ecologist and author of the Earth to Salad blog. Robertson isolated with her fiancé and his parents at Moore Lake this spring as the family expanded their naturalizing work on the property.

"Having a space to experience nature and have a break from the indoors and city life is very important," said Robertson.

"As more people had time in the spring to do landscaping there seemed to be a shortage of plants and materials for the huge influx of interested gardeners."

In addition, many people who found themselves unemployed or working from home and fearing food shortages decided to grow some of their own food this year, according to Langdon.

The many benefits of wildscaping

Native plants are generally more resistant to pests and disease because they have adapted to the area over millennia. This can eliminate pesticide use and the resulting chemical runoff into the water table. Native plants are long-living and require little maintenance.

A naturalized landsca protective cover for w can also provide food Deforestation causes instability, says Lange

Wildscaping can save expensive, less hardy carbon-emitting lawn can drop with the add of reflective surfaces s

There are also benefit Robertson.

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### Designing

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Field is president of F Environmental Learn organization that hos plant sale in May to ra Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Fest

Carolyn Langdo property w (left foreground), wh (centre) and yellow-flowere



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n on her naturalized ith Blue Wood Aster ite-flowered Yarrow d Rudbeckia (right). FEEL takes online orders for native perennials, trees and shrubs as well as rain barrels. Field says they hope to begin as early as November this year. FEEL can also provide advice on the best plant choices for your property.

By starting to plan now, you'll have your order ready for your supplier and you can begin preparing your property so you can plant as quickly as possible when the stock arrives, notes Field.

Rebecca Krawczyk, owner/operator of Botanigals native plant nursery, promotes "greenscaping" over landscaping with hard materials. She sees trees, shrubs, wildflowers and groundcovers as "a gentle way to guide traffic flow through an outdoor space".

"Once these paths are established, cottage-style stonework can be introduced to prevent compaction and erosion along favourite trails to activity areas."

Krawczyk recommends consulting the right experts, such as ecologists and arborists, before you dig. They may be able to save you money by avoiding the need for hard materials, tree replacement

and more.

Waterfront property owners are advised to consider the County's proposed shoreline preservation bylaw when planning. The first step in shoreline preservation can begin immediately by allowing the 30-metre-deep "ribbon of life" along the shoreline to naturalize.

"These [ribbons] are nature's grocery stores, daycare centres, community spaces, mating spots, and shelter," says Krawczyk.

Naturalizing the ribbon will filter runoff, protect slopes from erosion, provide an important corridor around the lake for small wildlife, and more.

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### The right choice

When choosing plants, you'll want to look for those native to two distinct environments.

Haliburton County was originally covered primarily by forest, which means native plants and shrubs love shade. However, development has reduced the tree canopy and created properties with full sun conditions, so those owners will need to consider plants native to the tallgrass prairies of Southern Ontario, said Langdon.

The county is in Zone 4 of the Canadian rating system for plant hardiness. This is tempered by location, such as a southfacing sheltered spot versus a flat, open space on the north side of a property.

Other factors to consider when choosing your plants include sun exposure preferences, soil type, symbiotic species, pests, and overall fragility, since much of the county is windy. Langdon's suggested plant choices include Black-eyed-Susan, Coneflower, New England Aster, Canada Anemone, Cylindrical Blazing Star, Culver's Root, Tall Ironweed, and Wild Roses. She also lists Foxglove Beard Tongue, Wild Bergamot, Multi-coloured Blue-flag Iris, Sneezeweed, Wild Strawberry, Boneset and Spotted Joepye-weed, plus various grasses, sedges and rushes (avoid the invasive miscanthus and phragmites).

Shrub suggestions include Red Berried Elder, any of the Serviceberries, Red Osier Dogwood (red branches for winter interest), Pagoda Dogwood, and High Bush Cranberry.

For full-size trees that are resilient in a changing climate, Langdon likes Basswood or American Linden, Ironwood, Red Oak, Wild Black Cherry, and any of the nut trees.

### Back to the future

A bonus with many of these old-world plants is their ongoing value in the new world for food and medicine.

Langdon is taking the next step in cultivating native plants on her property by developing an edible and medicinal garden called Windfall Food Forest.

The Master Gardeners are also branching out. Members have been visiting property owners to help them resolve issues from failed perennial beds to waterfront rehabilitation.

"Horticulturalists were to have met in Toronto this autumn to talk about rewilding their landscapes, "said Langdon. "They want back what we have — a natural landscape that is a bit woolly and wild. It's up to us to value what we have and see the beauty that is around us. No rototiller or herbicide required."

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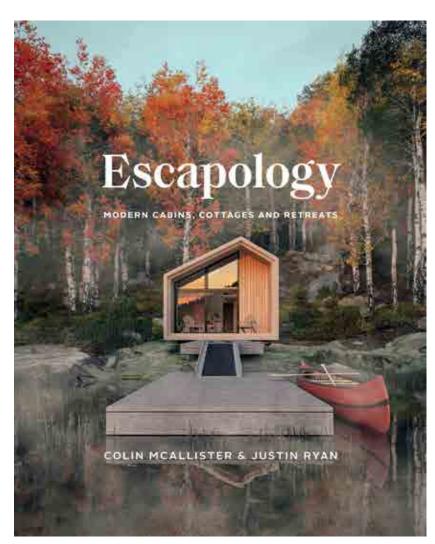
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Escape, say Colin and Justin, is currently a huge buzz as far as social 'ambition' is concerned. But the 'e' word needn't simply pertain to location or property style: these days interior design can be escapist too.

Folk, more than ever before, aspire to leaving the cut and thrust of city life in search of peace, tranquillity and the rural idyll. Or, at the very least, they seek rustic inspiration to update their current abodes. Who, after all, doesn't aspire to optimise relaxation and reward? We're lucky here in Haliburton to be surrounded by natural beauty, but are our nests suitably feathered so as to make the most of their surroundings?

Throughout 'Escapology', our brand-new book, we explore an inventory of global respites, each of which offers a compendium of design solutions for people who, quite simply, longed to decompress. We're excited that several of the featured homes are right here in Haliburton, and one of them, Blackbirch, is our subject, today.

The jet-toned beauty easily holds its head high alongside an inventory of modernist Swedish cabins, British barns, South African homes and American log cabins with which it proudly shares page space. And as it does, it helps put Haliburton proudly on the map.

Blackbirch, in short, is a 2,400 square feet, three-bed, three-bathroom masterclass of escapist ideas. Little short of stunning, and loaded with inspiration at every turn, it's a precise observation of how to make a statement, with a roster of whispered design signals, rather than a crashing roar of over play.

### Choose a prime site

When it comes to creating your sanctuary, location, is everything. If building from scratch, extending, or adding a new bunkie, it's imperative you get a feel for the land before your project starts. Properly appraise views, elevation and proximity to natural beauty – such as rock formation or land undulation – before deciding where to position your new structure

### If you don't have a view – create one

Blackbirch is perfectly positioned to optimize lake vistas, but if you're in a town home or an apartment without a view, use furniture and accessories to create vignettes that are beautiful and functional. Consider images you find online or in magazines and study how everything is arranged. Adopt a symmetrical approach with stylish lamps either side of a credenza, and centrally position a canvas or photographic work (perhaps of a beautiful landscape) to create a pleasing shape. We call this 'the art of distraction': making the best of what you do have, rather than maligning what doesn't exist.







### Know what you want

Ahead of consigning plans to paper, Chris and Susan Meiorin, owners of Blackbirch, visited a raft of cottages owned by friends and family to sharpen the vision of how their space should 'work'. Take their lead, and start 'mood boarding' by collating ideas from magazines, Instagram and Pinterest to build a proper picture of that which drives your ambition.

### Add special finishes

The way in which Blackbirch employs century barnboard across its main interior elevation feels super special, its inclusion adding colour, texture and a commanding talking point, to boot. Whatever you're planning, find time and space to personalize your escape: with an indulgent faucet, perhaps, to luxe up a powder room, with under tile heating to cosy up your bathroom, or via beautiful stone counters in an otherwise basic kitchen. Luxuries such as these help elicit a home environment that's both rewarding and escapist.

### Separate shared from private quarters

Truly escapist homes offer 'choices' for their occupants, and indeed space for personal indulgence. This cottage locates its kitchen/dining/ living zone in one area (the 'congregational' space) with bedrooms and bathrooms contained in a separate wing behind the aforementioned barn board wall. Architectural designation such as this limits noise ingress between zones, and allows 'retreat' as and when required.

### Add surprises

Chris and Susan's exterior is clad entirely in black corrugated steel and jet toned timber: coupled with extensive use of glass, this approach makes the house virtually invisible as viewed from the lake. So whether you arrive by land or boat, the 'stealth' cottage is a veritable surprise as it quietly emerges from the forest. Perhaps you could build a meandering path that leads to a fire pit, or maybe position a wood burning sauna, deep in the woods, as a surprise that brings pleasure to you and indeed your guests.

### Create daily experiences

Discover magic in even the most ordinary moments by creating the perfect backdrop to daily life. From the auspicious positioning of a chair in a bay window to embrace a special view, to filling vintage glass bottles with scented bath tinctures (as attractive bathroom accessories) little gestures can make a big difference. Similarly, listening to vinyl on a great sound system or enjoying an amazing coffee brewed in an indulgent appliance can truly lift the spirit. Yes indeed, never lose the habit of including everyday luxuries to imbue your home with

Escapology

a truly escapist feel.

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The Highlands is on fire with talented potters. Here are some pieces that would grace any table this Thanksgiving.



### Amazing glaze

For potters Grahame and Debbie Wales, the glaze is the most important part of the process. They use propane to fire the kiln so that by adjusting the gas when they bake the glaze, they can reduce the oxygen flow. This is called 'reduction firing'. It pulls oxides from the clay and especially the glazes. The process deepens the colours and adds drama to the pieces. 1234 Crooked House Road, Minden. Open by chance or appointment throughout the year. See earthandfirepottery.ca.



### Playing with fire

Sylvia and Wayne Rose's clients often request a demonstration of their pottery specialty, Raku. And it's quite a show. They remove red-hot pottery from the kiln and place them in small pits with combustibles. The combustibles flame up before the pit is covered to eliminate oxygen flow into the pit. The process gives the pieces a certain luster that can't be achieved with normal firing. 2254 Duck Lake Road, Minden. See studiorosepottery.com.



### Open to interpretation

Potter Renée Woltz uses a technique she calls 'openwork' to create stunning ceramic latticeworks. She carves holes in a leaf motif in platters and vases to evoke the beauty of her Kashagawigamog Lake surroundings. After carving, Woltz fires the pottery at 1,000 C and quickly cools it. This method is known as 'Raku' – it creates interesting colour and crackle effects on the open carvings. You can find Renee's work at the Ethel Curry and Rail's End galleries. See reneewoltz.wix.com/halikashpottery.



### Dragons imagined

Charlene McConnell's daughter thought the mottled texture of her pottery resembled the shell of a mythical dragon egg. And so an idea was hatched, so to speak. McConnell decided to call her line of pottery the 'dragon egg series'. To create this signature dappled look, Charlene blows bubbles onto the clay of the formed piece. After firing and glazing the effect becomes permanent. The result she says is pottery that's "functional yet fun". 2368 Eagle Lake Road, Haliburton. See purpledoorpottery.ca.





### Rustic simplicity

For Lisa Barry of Homestead Pottery, it's all about honouring the past. Her Haliburton studio is in her great grandfather's homestead and she fires her ceramics the original way – using wood as a fuel for her kiln. As the clay bakes, it's affected by the path of the flame through the kiln, leaving ash deposits and darkening or lightening the hue depending on the type of wood used. Each piece is utilitarian. Barry believes there's elegance in simplicity. 1064 Cameron Lane, Algonquin Highlands. See homesteadpottery.ca.

### **Crafted layers**

For April Gates of Blackbird Pottery, it's all about layers. She paints, draws, etches and inlays materials on pieces to create vivid imagery. Each piece is meant to tell a story or evoke a memory. At the same time, her pottery is functional and serves a purpose. Recently, one of her works graced the cover of 'The Crafted Dish', a national industry publication. Blackbird Pottery, 5843 Gelert Road, Haliburton. See blackbirdpottery.ca.



Some of these studios are open for The Studio Tour Haliburton Highlands on October 10-11. See the studiotour.ca.

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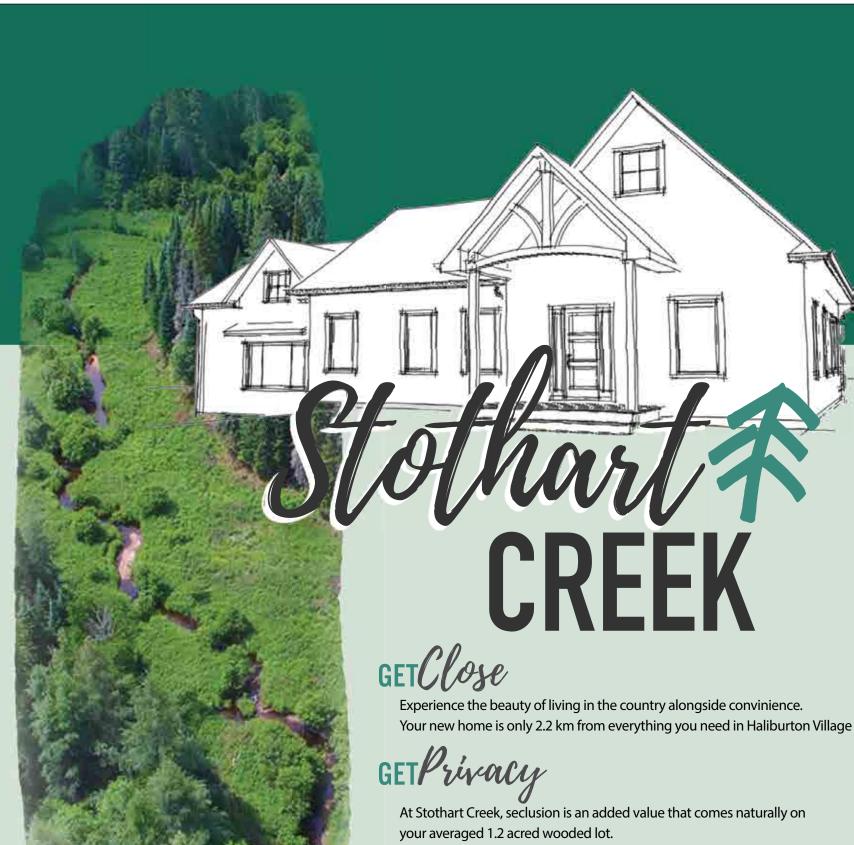


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