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PARRY SOUND MUSKOKA HUNTSVILLE HALIBURTON

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A DREAM COMES TRUE ON PEN LAKE

SHAPING ART
AT TOAD HILL

HALIBURTON'S
LOG BUILDERS

INSIDE MUSKOKA
LIVING INTERIORS

plus
A SLEIGH LOAD OF
WINTER STYLE PICKS



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MUSKOKA LIVING

THE PLACE: Muskoka's pristine lakes and breathtaking views inspire the stunning spaces, designed and furnished by Muskoka Living Interiors. Owned by Jim and Chris Gefucia and son Cory DeFrancisco, the Port Carling store brims with furniture, accents, bedding and drapes that evoke comfortable, casual sophistication. "We want people to come in and feel comfortable, to feel they're in Muskoka," says DeFrancisco, the general manager. With 20,000 sq. ft. of retail and warehouse space, Muskoka Living is a "must see" for anyone shopping for new ideas. It has been in business for 13 years, furnishing homes and cottages, freshening up much-loved older abodes or designing and decorating entirely new living spaces. *Continued on page 32*





THE STYLE: Quality, comfort and fashion are foremost at Muskoka Living. The company's five designers coordinate room layouts, design bathrooms and kitchens, select flooring and a myriad of other details, integrating the interior look of a home or cottage with the overall vision for each project. "Ideally, we get involved at the planning stage, usually with an architect, client or builder," says DeFrancisco. With its own brand of upholstery, Ralph Henry by Muskoka Living, and the ability to create custom-made window coverings, bedding, furnishings and antique reproductions, the store caters to the very best of tastes and customers from around the world.

WHAT'S HOT: Great armoires. French-inspired, antique reproductions with replicated hardware and original wallpaper copied from designs of the late 1800s. Casual, slip-covered sofas are also popular, as are British countryside antique reproductions and reclaimed wood.

FAVOURITES: Muskoka Living creates furnishings, custom-designed to suit individual projects. "We make a lot of what we sell," says DeFrancisco. It offers top quality indoor and outdoor rugs, the finest in woven floor coverings, bedding, custom wood shutters and drapes. Accents with many unique flavours are sourced from around the world. Art is an essential part of its offerings. "We feature a lot of local artists, original pieces and reproductions," says DeFrancisco.

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