

Tour 6 beautiful homes

19TH ANNUAL HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR OF NOTE

WHEN: Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
WHAT: A self-directed tour of local homes and gardens. All proceeds support the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony
TICKETS: \$30
DETAILS: kwsymphony.ca/housetour or call 519-745-4711, ext. 3501

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Here's a sneak preview of the wonderful homes and gardens on display at this year's event.



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In 2014 inventive owners took possession of a 1964 Kitchener dwelling in a secluded grove of maple trees. They immediately planned and supervised a drastic renovation to transform it into their vision of a coastal modern home. A rectangular water pool near the sandstone porch enhances the copper-coloured cedar exterior encircling the home. The main floor features pewter walls and linear accents of an exotic dark wood. Charcoal porcelain tiles extend into a curved sun-room with extensive views of patios and a wooded half-acre beyond. Generously sized bedrooms upstairs are enhanced by maple hardwood floors; modern art, sculpture and travel treasures are evident throughout. A giant clock, its wooden gears and mechanism crafted by one of the owners, dominates in the front hall.



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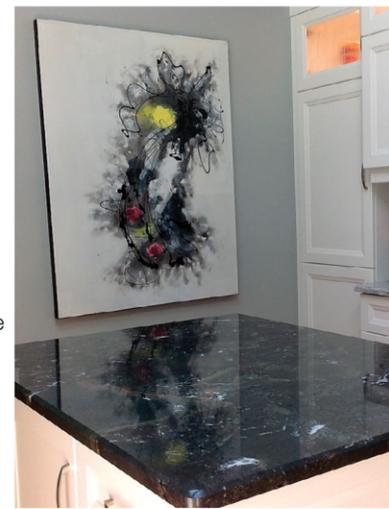
A spacious corner townhouse in Waterloo's Luther Village on the Park shows to advantage after a carefully planned renovation. Off-white walls and dark floors are a perfect setting for a fascinating mix of art and furniture from Asia and Canada. The home's curved solarium has become a sun-drenched dining room and two patios, one with a concealed fire-pit, allow access to the owners' lush plantings with views of the Luther Village gardens beyond. A massive breakfront in the study contains miniature treasures, including a tiny pair of slippers worn by a grandfather who spent his early years in China. Dominated by an out-sized red cabinet, the loft above offers a quiet space to relax. The well-travelled owners are always happy to return to this beautifully appointed residence.



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This 37-year-old Waterloo home and garden share an ambience nurtured since the owners took possession in 1983. Their many renovations include birch and teak flooring, sleek bathroom makeovers and a 2015 black and white kitchen with skylights. Throughout the rest of the house serene colours provide a backdrop for rich North Carolina furniture. A sliding door from the family room leads to a stunning garden. Meandering paths and perennial beds are tweaked yearly to create the perfect mix of colour and texture. In 2015 the owners designed and built an extensive pressure-treated deck, furnishing it with black wicker furniture set around a unique fire-pit table. The eating area is shaded by a massive Magnolia tree. The owners' daughter designed unique wooden panels to the garden's left and an adjacent maple gives dappled shade overall.



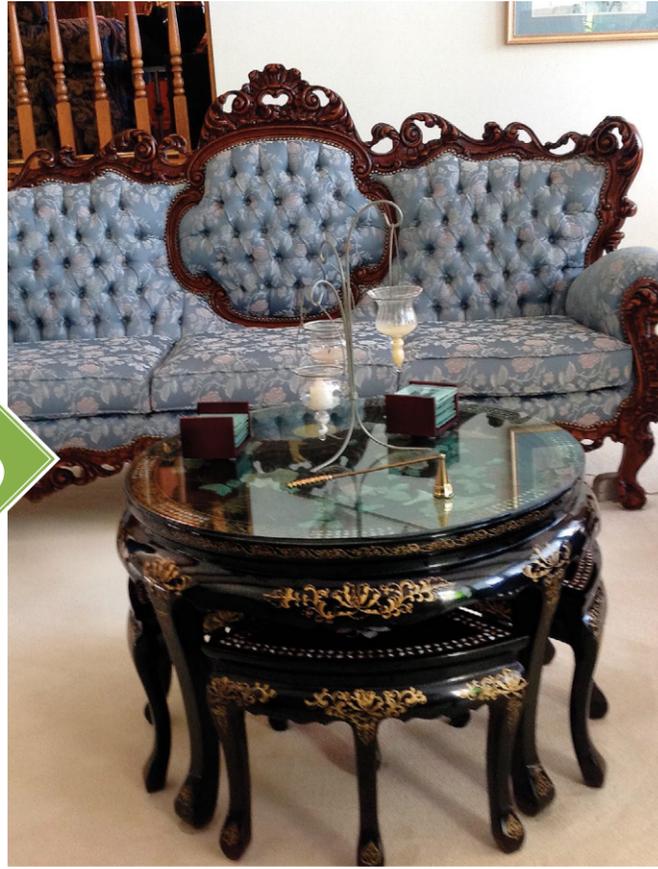
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Thirteen years ago the owners had the good fortune to acquire the first home built in Waterloo's Colonial Acres. This 1967 Centennial bungalow has a dominant architectural theme of "squares," maintained in renovations except for a generous Palladian window over the living room entrance. A wide hall stretches along the front, uniting the bedroom and living wings. Overall there is a fascination with all things Canadian, including landscape paintings, animal sculptures, and two full-scale horses on the front lawn. The living room entry features an arresting peacock and, at the far end, a whimsical games table overlooking the wooded garden. The family room is richly decorated with treasures from near and far, including another intricate games table. From the back patio visitors will note two boars, guarding the entrance to a secluded forest path.

In 1982 the owners picked Heidelberg as the ideal location for their California-style home, a design modified to their own specifications. Its huge main floor is brought together by elegant dolls, rich furniture, and window treatments designed and crafted in-house. A raised dining room features a table set with Limoges china, overlooking a living room with Victorian-style furniture and an exquisite Chinese coffee table inlaid with flowers and birds. Recipe books dominate in the study and an array of vintage cookie tins tops the oak-paneled kitchen cupboards. A conservatory brims over with tropical plants, transported to the garden deck when spring arrives.

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The owners of this 16th-floor condominium at Waterpark Place enjoy a south-east vista of Kitchener-Waterloo and the occasional arresting sight of Canada geese flying by at eye level. Since their arrival in 2012 they have transformed much of the living space, concentrating on the kitchen and bathrooms, with an emphasis on comfort and convenience. Hunter Douglas silhouette blinds suffuse the direct sunlight from the long bank of windows, protecting a colourful and sophisticated collection of paintings, sculptures and prints assembled over more than 50 years. In the living room a stunning wire bust of Horowitz hints at the owners' love of music and performing, while an outsize breakfront with an impressive array of china and glassware, much of it inherited from family, shows their love of entertaining. Everywhere elegance, light and a love of music abound.



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