

diately west of (and across a creek from) the Grafton Village Inn. Three years of work, starting in 2002, saw the living room and kitchen removed and the interior remodelled into six beautiful bed-and-bath suites. It has become a bed-and-breakfast, where people can stay overnight and then walk next door in the morning for breakfast at the Grafton Village Inn.

The Dalglishes then purchased the house that adjoins the east

not. The cemetery has interments dating from 1831 to 1913, and the half-acre of land just north of that was acquired by the Wesleyan Methodist congregation in 1856 for their church.

It ceased to function as church in 1926. The building was subdivided down the middle into two two-storey residences but, by the time the Dalglishes purchased it in 2006, it had deteriorated to the point that a wrecking ball

it has already hosted several weddings and concerts.

Dalglish is now working his way up Aird Street, purchasing the house immediately north of The Meeting Place that is known locally as the Innis house. Work should wind up this year on remodelling it into two apartments.

"The downstairs has a big bedroom and bathroom and kitchenette, with a place to eat. Upstairs it's the same," Dalglish

an elegant painting, an historical or whimsical reproduction, or a beautiful quilt. These are reproductions of museum quilts, done in India, Dalglish said.

"And flowers on each table — I think that's important.

"We don't want to overdo it, but we want to have interesting things. We try to change the paintings around," he said.

For instance, when it is not hanging over the marble-topped sideboard, they get asked what

people to explore. And again, she gives her husband credit for planting the wonderful wildflowers and trees. He has also done a lot of work on the stream, she added, with help from a Toronto landscape designer.

On this morning, the Dalglishes are accompanied by granddaughter Alexandra Abell and friend Don Davis on a tour of the walking paths cut through (and concealed among) the tall wildflowers. Davis identified the

element in its history," she declared.

If she could, she would install speed bumps through Grafton on County Road 2 to force hurried travellers to slow down and enjoy the buildings and the ambience.

With the years of work the Dalglishes have lavished on the village, that ambience is definitely worth slowing down for.

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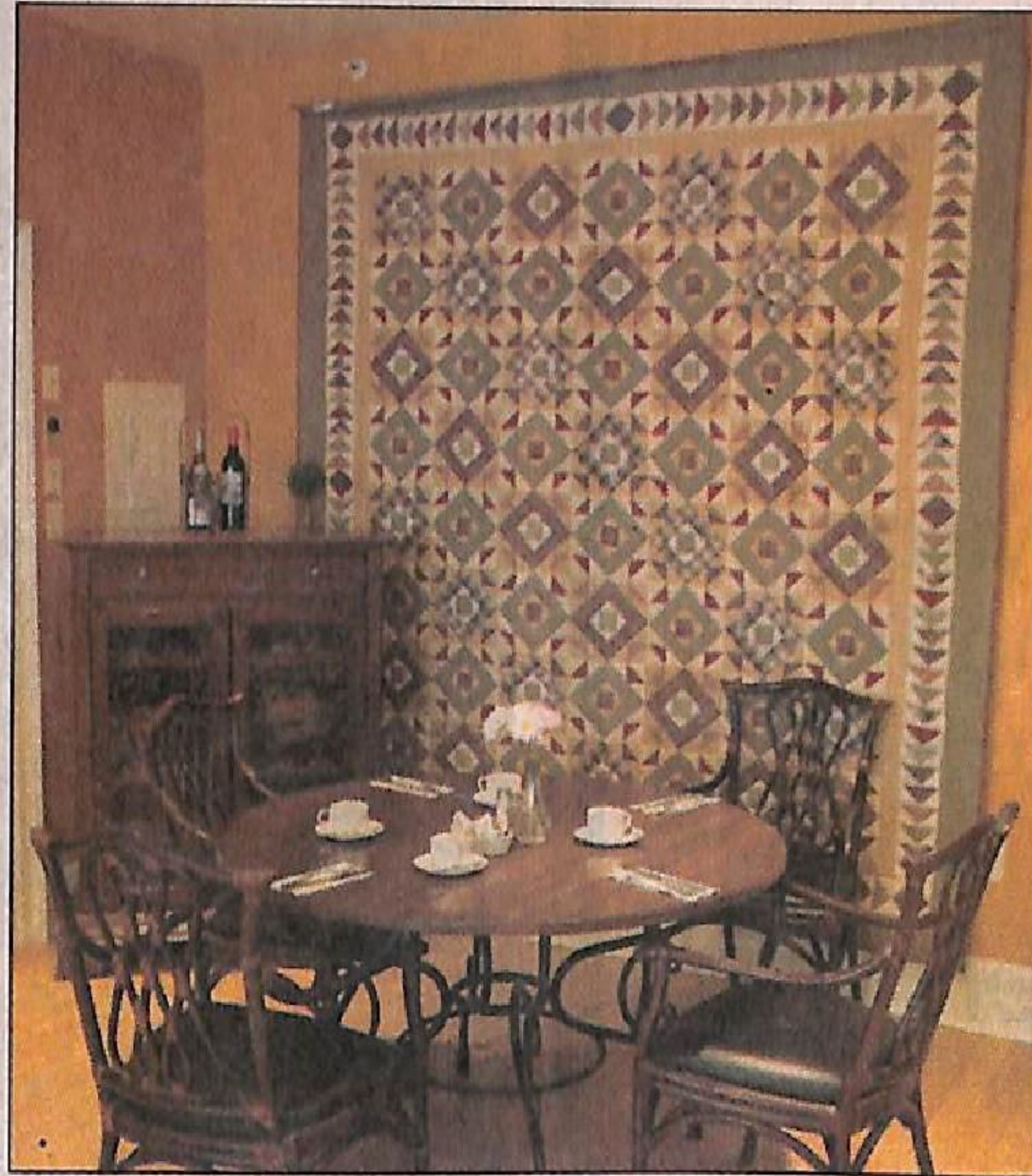
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Peter and Camilla Dalglish, seen with granddaughter Alexandra Abell, were recently named Alnwick-Haldimand Township's citizens of the year for all the difference they have made in Grafton.



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The modern upholstery on these chairs contrasts with the historical prints on the wall — an example of how owner Peter Dalglish likes to mix things up at the Grafton Village Inn.



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The beautiful quilts on the Grafton Village Inn walls are reproductions of museum quilts.



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Historical photos and prints are always on display at the Grafton Village Inn.



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Breakfast at Grafton Village Inn is as beautifully presented as the decor. Emily Upton shows off an example.