

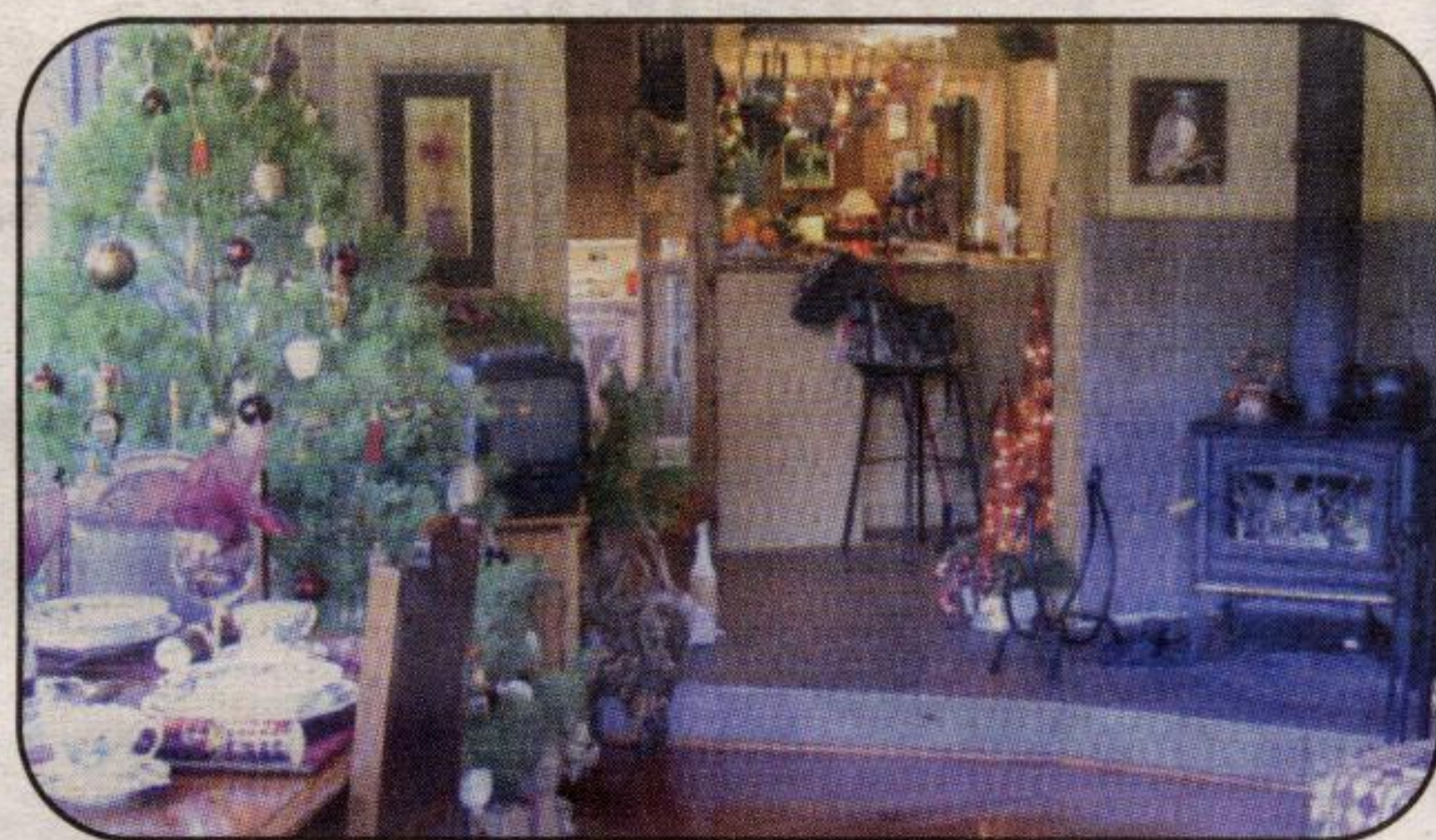
Homeworks

Milton's United Way Christmas House Tour

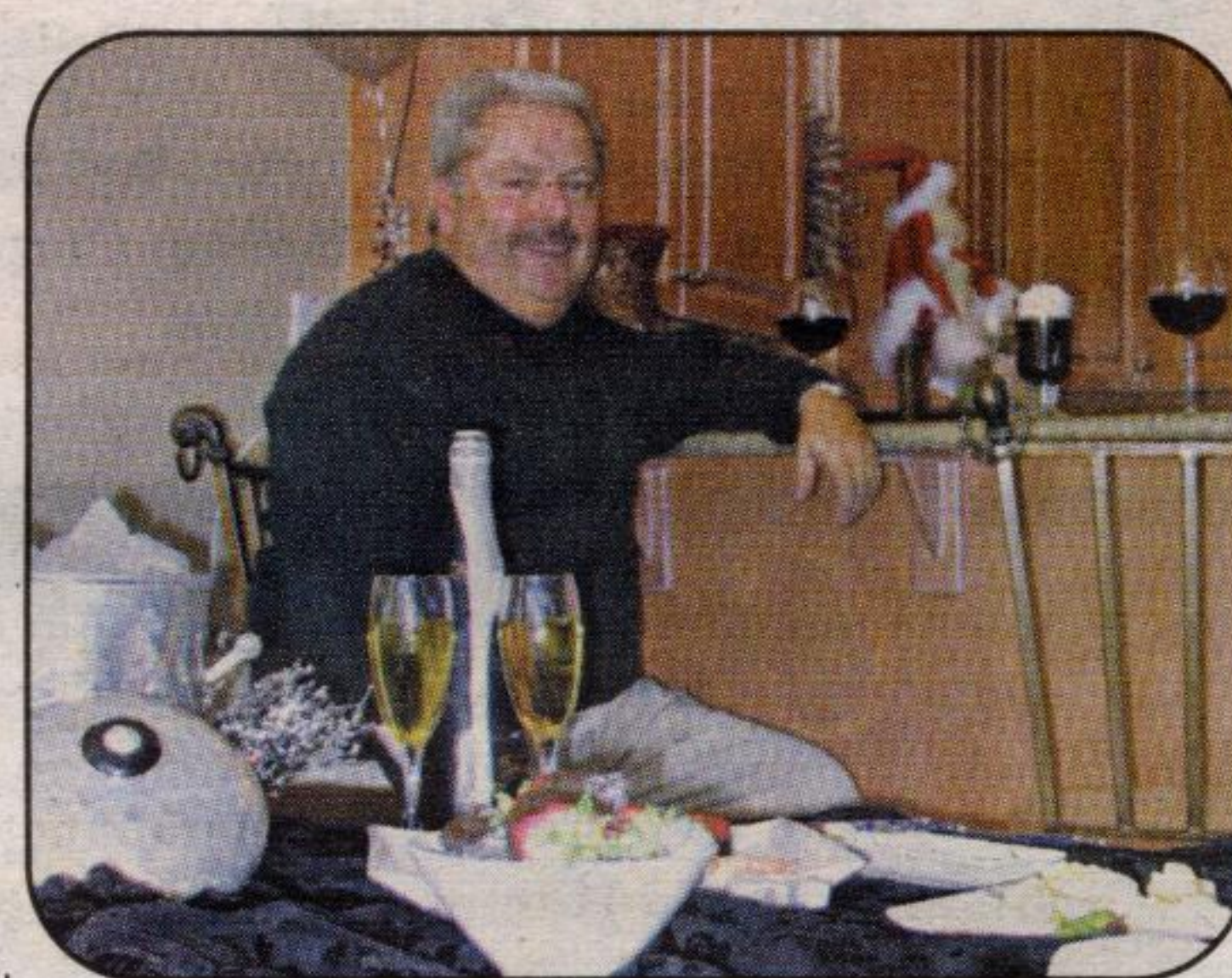


Owned by Lynda Nixon, 186 Sarah Street, Milton is the "Little House" filled with decorations, nature, imagination and love. This charming century home bloomed with Christmas creativity and whimsical decorations, all provided by Ms. Nixon's business "Rustic Pear." This quaint house featured a "Woodland Holiday Tree" with miniature bird's nests, pinecones, twigs and more, while garlands, ribbons, faux fruit, rustic wreaths and a custom Santa added the final touches.

This secluded woodland jewel, below, is a haven for the birds and wildlife that share 6323 15th Sideroad, Moffat, with Jim and Pam Sheldon. This wonderfully comfortable and inviting home showcases Pam's eye for the "find" and Jim's ability to build or create anything Pam dreams up. The strength of family ties and the bonds of friendship are evident throughout the home, from the dining room whose theme has been very carefully co-ordinated to showcase a painting of Jim's great-great-great-great-great grandmother or the commissioned portrait of Lynda and one of her beloved Labrador dogs. Warm and welcoming, and decorated beautifully by Dorland-Haight Galleries, this home is a living treatment to both of their personalities.



One of Milton's newest houses is the home to Patrick and Benita Batty. This Greenpark design is nestled in the heart of the Main Street Village. Decorated by the TLC Interiors and Bell'occhio, this home was transformed into a holiday haven. Special care was taken to showcase the Battys' love of hosting family and friends, from the holiday splendour of the dining room to the New Year's Eve Party ready to commence at any time in the breakfast nook. Ready to welcome all comers, the attention to detail made this an inviting and intriguing home to enter.

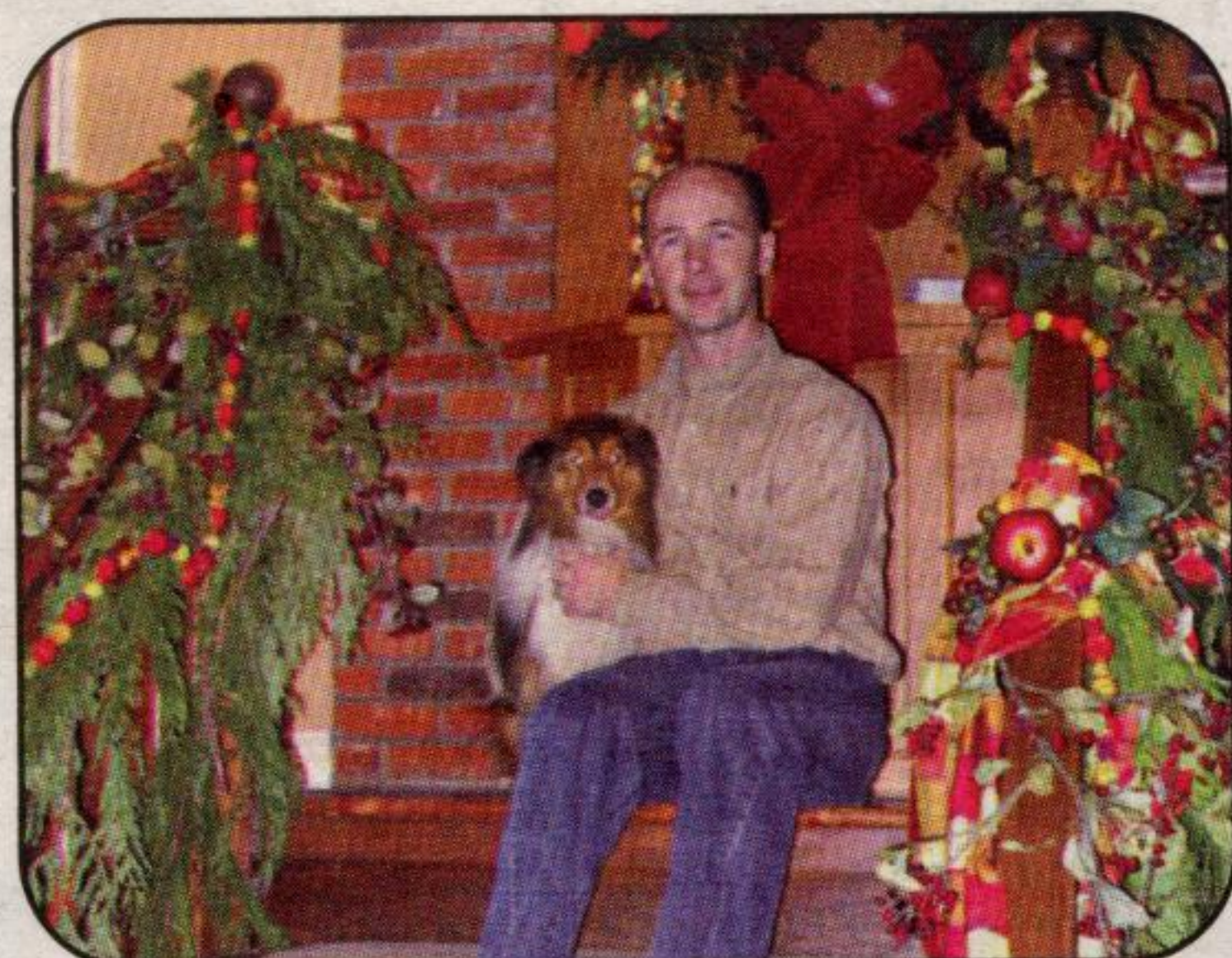


Richard and Sandra Mason's home, left, is a custom made 1987 tutor style home nestled in Moffat. The eye is immediately drawn to the home's many unique features: the gorgeous wide oak plank flooring, a romantic hot tub area, a newly renovated basement and a circular wrought iron staircase with a solid brass railing that's originally from Dundurn Castle. The basement has been charmingly renovated with hand drawn murals for the children's play and bed areas. Interior decorations were provided by Beverley Grant and included many whimsical touches sure to appeal to a child's heart, including a Teddy Bear Christmas Tree, complete with presents and toys provided by Nature's Fire.

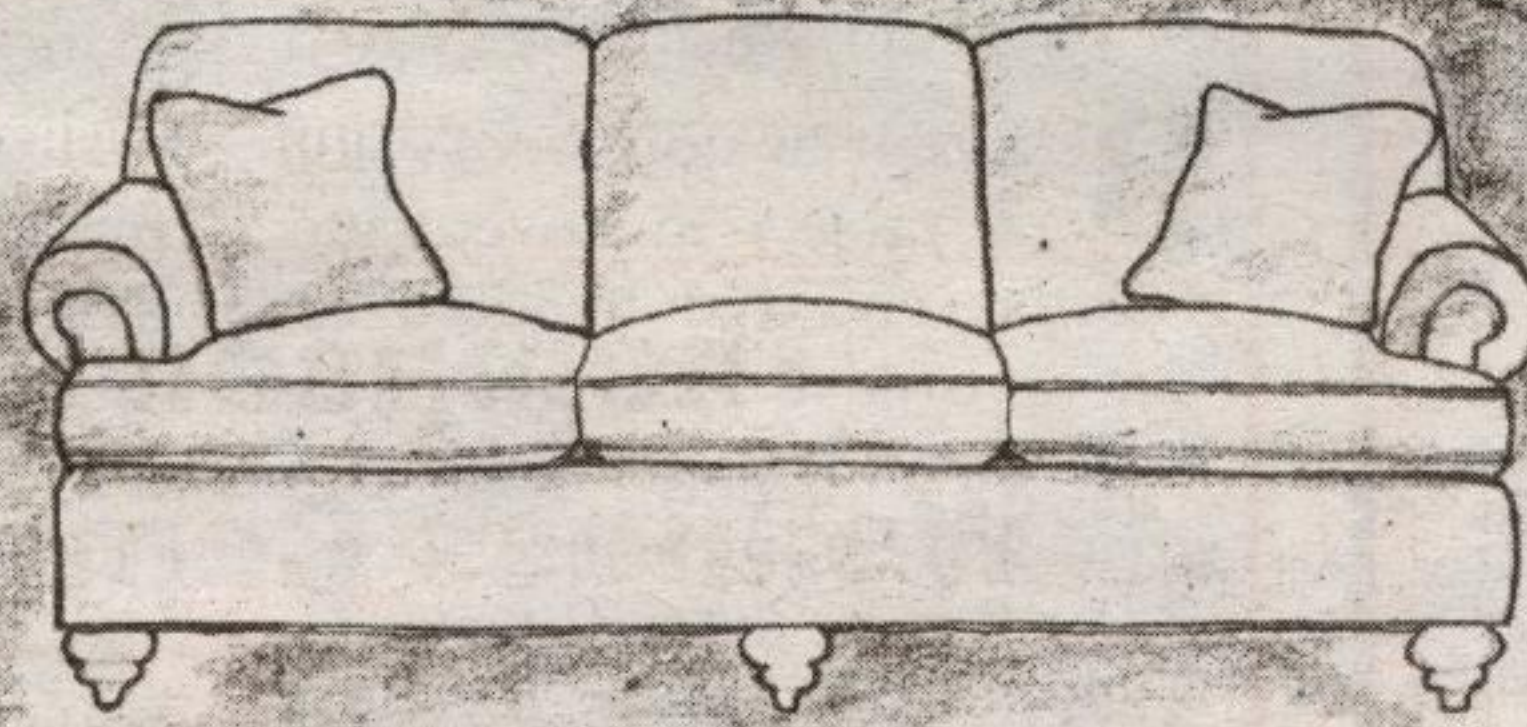
George and Sharon Garrett, below, couldn't believe their luck when this 1840s one-and-a-half story stone house came on the market in 1996. They fell in love with its original pine flooring, deep windowsills and beamed ceilings. The last seven years have seen many changes, from the new roof and furnace to the renovation of the basement into a family room with a new staircase. "Stonegate" is the type of home that welcomes guests and makes them reluctant to leave. Every corner was wonderfully decorated by Kimberly English of "A Country Mile" to create a magical Christmas aura of love and laughter.



The charming Tudor style house, below, owned by Tom and Cheryl Dietrich is surrounded by extensive gardens and stone paths. The interior gleams with the warmth of natural wood: beams in the great room, oak bannisters and maple kitchen cupboards, while the open concept of the main floor and the generous windows transport the wonder of the outside world inside. Exquisitely decorated by Pickets and Primrose and by Maranatha Log House, the Dietrichs' home shines with a rustic, yet contemporary feel that showcases the wonderful art collection displayed throughout the house. Unique designs draw the eye from room to room as a bounty of Christmas finery warms the heart and delights the eyes. This stop had the added benefit of showcasing local artist Tom's studio and a series of his work depicting the oncoming season. Definitely a treat for all who attended!



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