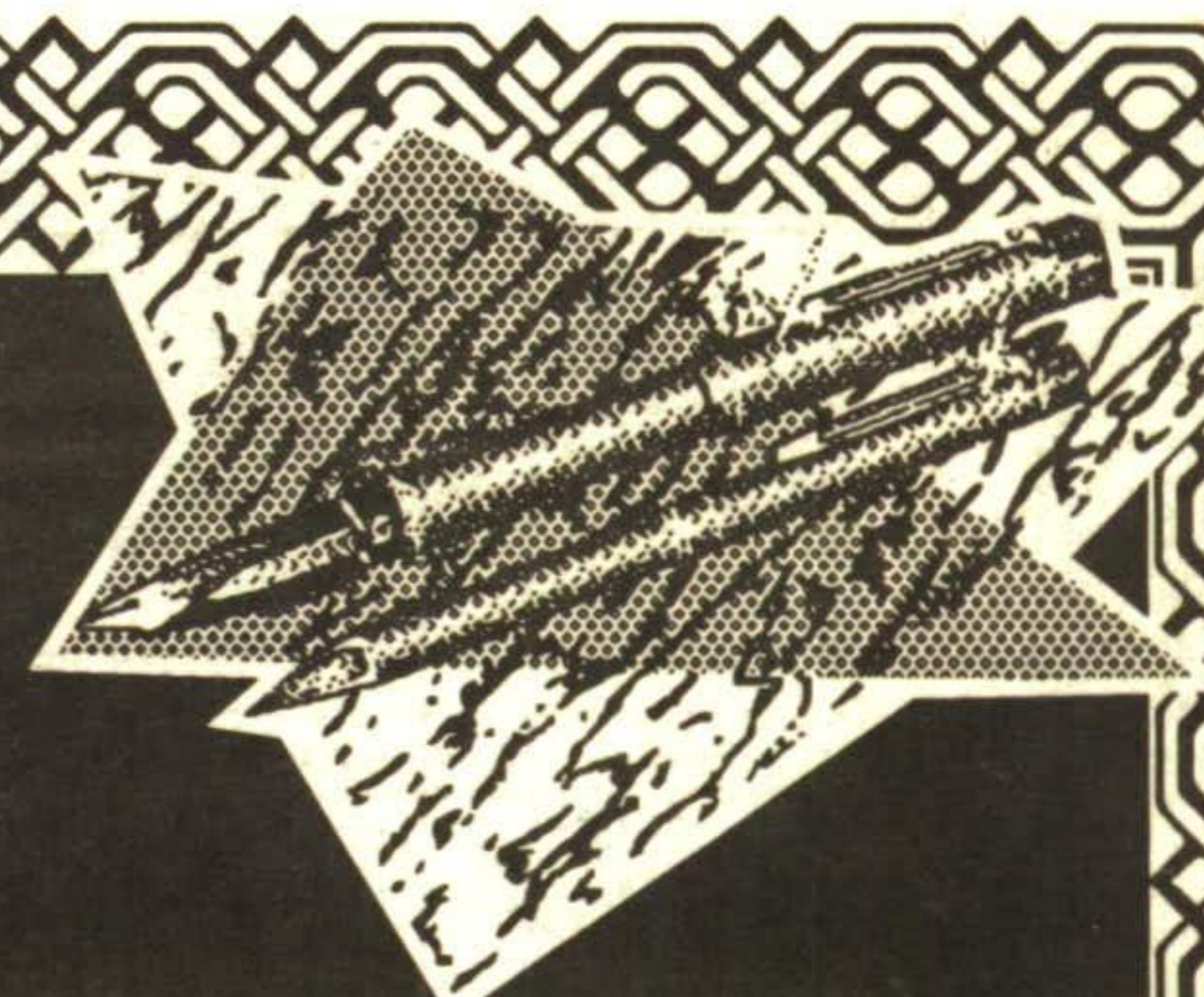




Women in Business



WENDY FINN

Wendy Finn

There's a lot more to Acadian Pools than meets the eye. Not only do they sell pool supplies and install them, but Wendy Finn and her husband Mike also sell a lot of spas and this year began selling pool tables.

"We spend a lot of time teaching people how to get the most enjoyment out of their pools," Wendy said. She looks after the store, customers, staff and administration, while Mike installs both above ground and in ground pools and does maintenance, like replacing liners and opening and closing pools. They also do pool retrofits, which updates older pools.

"Through the years there have been a lot of advancement in how to take care of pools and they don't have to be as much work as they used to be. There are lots of ways to save money and time and get good use out of having that pool in the back yard," Wendy said.

Wendy said that because people are so busy these days, a pool allows them to have a vacation in their own back yard, so they don't need to drive distances.

During the summer there is a staff of six to 10 people and the store will be open full time in the spring, including in the evenings.

ACADIAN POOLS & SPAS

"THE POOL STORE WITH BALLS"

134 GUELPH ST.
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NANCI CHIASSON

Nanci Chiasson

Although she has been a consultant for Linens & Lace for only a year Acton resident Nanci Chiasson is one of the company's top 10 salespeople in Canada.

Linens & Lace is a home based business offering personal service through home presentations.

Included in the line are dining and decorating items such as Battenburg tablecloths, afghans, doilies, runners, pillows, whimsical table accessories, pictures and candles.

"Our entire line has been selected to coordinate and interchange to give a look that is personally yours. Eighty per cent of our line is priced at \$39.99 or less."

She adds all of the products are 100 per cent guaranteed.

"My main objective is to provide quality, service and education to my clients. I want them to go away with ideas they can incorporate into their homes."

Nanci suggests a home presentation would be ideal for a bridal shower. Wonderful incentives are offered to all hostesses.

If you are interested in working with Nanci as a consultant or holding a show call her at 853-1361.



Nanci Chiasson

Linens and Lace Consultant

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CATHY KUINDERSMA

Cathy Kuindersma

Cathy Kuindersma set up her practice in naturopathic medicine in June, and has found herself very busy.

"Naturopathic medicine is based on looking at the whole person, mental, emotional and physical and trying to understand the cause, rather than just treating the symptoms," she explained.

Cathy will look at the person's lifestyle and diet and may suggest nutritional supplements, botanical or homeopathic remedies. "Naturopathic medicine is complementary medicine, it fits in well with the health care profession. You don't have to choose one or the other," she said.

Cathy, a mother of two, has lived in Georgetown for four years. She completed training and became qualified as a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine in June of 1993.

In her practice she finds many patients come for chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, fatigue, migraines and arthritis. She also treats a wide range of acute conditions which include colds, flu and ear infections.

The clinic is located at 10 Mountainview Rd. S., in Georgetown and is open Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays. Call 873-2361 anytime for an appointment.

Cathy Kuindersma, B.Sc., N.D.
DOCTOR OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

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PATRICIA MORRISON & DEBBIE HAMILTON

Morrison/Hamilton

Patricia Morrison manages the Four Directions Native Art and Crafts Gallery in Georgetown. The store has been operating for three years, but it expanded in October and now has regular business hours as well as being open for appointments.

Patricia and assistant manager Debbie Hamilton are both aboriginal single moms working hard to make a better future for themselves and their children.

The store carries a variety of art and crafts, purchased directly from the artists, most of whom Patricia knows, since they are friends and family. Many are from Manitoulin Island.

Morrison's native name is Be Bai Mook Se N'Gwagonoo Kwe, which means, "Place where the rainbow begins to rise up." She does beadwork and painting herself and enjoys teaching others about native culture.

"People want to buy something because it looks nice, but they don't know what it is about," Patricia said. "I can tell them the history and meaning behind the paintings, especially since I know the individual artists."

The store is open Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by appointment. Native crafts, such as beadwork and dream catchers, are taught at the store.

THE FOUR DIRECTIONS NATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS GALLERY

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KAREN MACKENZIE-STEPNER

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Karen MacKenzie-Stepner always tries to put her best voice forward and helps her clients do the same.

A registered speech-language pathologist, Karen diagnoses and treats people who have difficulty articulating as well as those with language-based problems.

After working in the public sector for 12 years, she decided to open a private office to increase the variety of services for her clients. Her private office is open to people of all ages.

The therapy setting can vary according to the client's needs; it can be in the office, at the client's home, or through consultation with nursery schools/daycares or in conjunction with a school program.

Karen has worked in the Georgetown area for the last four years and is familiar with the resources available here. Her hourly rate is in keeping with the one set by the provincial association and is usually covered by extended health benefits. She will estimate the length of treatment and adjust therapy to accommodate family schedules, finances and need.

Karen is currently seeing clients from Halton Hills and hopes to have a part-time speech language pathologist working with her in the future.



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PAT COE

Pat Coe

Pat Coe and her husband Peter opened their small business, The Cookie Jar back in 1984 in half of an industrial unit on Mountainview Rd. in Georgetown.

Eleven years later the company, now called The Terra Cotta Cookie Co. Ltd., spans two units, 4,000 sq. ft., in the same complex. The company has 23 full and part-time employees and supplies fresh baked cookies, dough, muffin batter and other products to 500 schools in the Golden Horseshoe area.

Pat decided to start the company as a result of her son's allergies to additives in food. She found there were few foods he could eat, including cookies, because of all the artificial ingredients. "I figured there must be other kids that have the same problem as he did," said Pat.

Terra Cotta Cookie products are made with all natural, pure ingredients and baked the way Grandma used to. "I developed the cookie recipes myself from scratch." The company sells eight different kinds of cookies including chocolate chip (the most popular), peanut butter, and oatmeal raisin.

Terra Cotta Cookie Co. has recently launched a fundraising program. School kids and community organizations sell Terra Cottas' scoop and bake cookie dough and muffin batter to raise money.



TERRA COTTA COOKIES

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