

Refresh your home by bringing the outdoors inside

Although you may not be able to escape into nature on the weekend, there are many ways to bring all the benefits of the outside into your home so you can enjoy them everyday!

Designing with nature-inspired elements is becoming a popular trend for the modern home. Homeowners are recreating the soothing feeling evoked by being outdoors in their living rooms, bedrooms, bathrooms and sunrooms from flooring to furniture!

Flooring can enhance the look of your home because it serves as the backdrop for all of the other

elements in a room. You can find nature in a variety of flooring surfaces from area rugs and carpet to hardwood and laminates.

"Flooring is the perfect way to create a natural look in your home," Jamie Watt of Carpet Barn Carpet One explains. "One of the best ways to enjoy the look of the outdoors is to choose materials that are actually found in nature. We have a range of options that are perfect for a relaxing patio-style sunroom or an elegant bedroom with rich woods."

Watts offered these tips to homeowners who want to incor-

porate the outdoors into their home:

- Hardwood floors are the ideal choice for a nature-inspired room. Hardwood can provide an elegant or rustic appearance to match your personal style and the decor of your room. Try using natural coloured pine, oak or mahogany. Or choose something unique like bamboo.

- Ceramic tile is another great option. The beautiful stone styles will give your room the appearance of a garden or patio and will complement the nature surrounding your home.

- Add an area rug with a natu-

ral woven look, like sisal or bamboo. Natural area rugs will add style to a bare hardwood or ceramic floor. You can also create a more elegant look with a floral area rug in bright, warm colours.

If you want to recreate the ambiance of an outdoor patio, garden or a rustic forest, look for colours that are found in nature.

- For a summery style, opt for light and bright colours. If your room already has light colours, that's great! If not, look for a lighter shade of existing colours. Or, paint the walls and change the furniture to a lighter shade while keeping some darker

accent pieces, like pillows or throws, throughout the room.

- If you prefer darker colours, try using deep browns, warm burgundies and greens. This will give the room a natural look, but with an autumn-like decor rather than a summery style.

Create a room that blends into your garden and the wildlife around your home. Take a look around your yard to find the dominant colours and use these shades in your room. For example, if your garden has pink and yellow flowers, consider using these shades as accent colours for pillows and accessories.



NEW

COUNTRY HOME ON PRIVATE 2 ACRES \$499,900

Well cared for sidesplit nestled on 2 acres. Living room with cathedral ceiling & hardwood floors. Custom designed kitchen with cathedral ceiling, bleached oak cabinets, ceramic floors, breakfast area & walkout to deck & screened-in porch. (15'6" x 11'6"), sunken sunroom with pellet stove, high efficiency windows & ceramic floor. 3 bedrooms, family room with hardwood floors & wood fireplace, office or 4th bedroom. 1-5 pc washroom & 1-3 pc. Double garage/workshop with studio/guest suite. 10 minutes to town of Georgetown. Please call Michele* or Gord* to view.



NEW

FIRST-TIME BUYER'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Spacious 4 level backsplitted semi located at 54 Greenore Cres. in Acton features 3 bedrooms, paved drive, built-in garage with entrance, fenced backyard (backs onto greenspace), living room with walkout to deck, updated 2 pc washroom, large eat-in kitchen, large dining room with new laminate flooring. Fast closing available. \$229,500. Call Barry McNabb* at 1-888-656-4348



3 BEDROOM FAMILY HOME IN TOWN OF ACTON \$299,900

Close to shopping & recreation centre. Brick walkway, paved drive, front porch, foyer with ceramic flooring. Walk-in from garage with gas fireplace (for workshop area). Master bedroom with ensuite, main floor family room, living room with gas fireplace. Eat-in kitchen with ceramic floors & walkout through 8' doors to 20' x 20' (irregular) deck & fenced backyard. Partially finished basement. 3 washrooms. Great family area!



WELCOME TO ROCKWOOD \$362,500

2 storey family home in quiet neighbourhood. Walk in to mud room from double car garage. Foyer with hardwood floors. Sunken living room, separate dining room with hardwood floors. Bright kitchen with bleached oak cabinets, ceramic floors & breakfast bar open to family room with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, gas fireplace & breakfast room with terraced doors to patio & fenced backyard. 3 bedrooms, master bedroom with ensuite & walk-in to finished office/loft area. Central air & central vac. Large landscaped lot. Call Gord* or Michele Dawe*.



BEAUTIFUL 10 ACRES IN THE HEART OF ROCKWOOD \$289,900

Scenic wooded acreage banking onto the Eramosa River. Access to town severs & water. Conservation controlled with an area of residential building with approval. A one time opportunity to build your dream home on 10 acres in the village of Rockwood. Call Gord* or Michele Dawe*.



NEW

ARENA AREA - ACTON \$295,000

3 bedroom family home, walk to arena, schools, shopping, toddler park. Neutral decor. Kitchen has upgraded cupboards with ceramic tile backsplash, upgraded appliances, breakfast bar and 8 foot sliding doors to back yard. M/br w/ensuite and m/bath with oversized tub. Large foyer w/ceramic tile, central air, water softener. Broadloom and ceramic flooring throughout. Large linen/storage cupboard with window above on stair landing. Fast closing available. Call Barry McNabb* at 1-888-656-4348.



\$599,000

CENTURY STONE HOME BUILT IN C1840 "THE SQUIRE STRANGE HOUSE"

This historical landmark was originally built in 1840 with a stone addition in the 1860s by Henry Strange for his wife and 14 children. This majestic home sits high on 1.12 acres overlooking the Eramosa River with 100' of river frontage. Centre hall plan, up & down staircase, crown mouldings, 12' baseboards, pine floors, deep sills, 10'10" ceilings, sun room with exposed stone walls, large principal rooms. 8 fireplaces originally heated the home in the 1800's. Italian stone masons were hired to craft the Italian moulding on the ceilings. Call Michele* or Gord Dawe* for the residential & commercial uses of this phenomenal property.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING LOT \$105,000

Close to schools and shopping. 62.11 x 69.25 foot lot. Services at centre of road. Water allowance available. Sketch available proposing 2 storey dwelling with garage available. Call Gord Dawe*.



SOLID AS A ROCK - CENTURY HOME

2 storey stone house on 1.2 acres backing onto parkland. Bright eat-in kitchen, extra large living & dining room, perfect setting for an old fashioned Christmas, lots of room to entertain. 4 bedrooms & upper floor laundry, ideal for growing family. Historic stone garage & studio, 40 x 60 barn can easily be converted to 3 car garage & workshop. The possibilities are endless for this immaculately kept property. Call Deb Patterson*.



REDUCED

\$199,900

AFFORDABLE COUNTRY

2 bedroom bungalow in hamlet of Ospringe. Open concept with cozy brick fireplace in living room. Large bay window in dining room, w/o from living room to private side deck. Private yard with mature trees backing onto open fields. 20 mins. to two lakes, fishing, watersports etc. 30 min. to 401 at Milton. Steps to convenience store, 10 km to shopping and 22 kms to major hospital. Call Deb Patterson*.

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