

# Country show features decorative use for slate shingles

There is no doubt that the 1990s will be remembered as the decade people became aware of the environment.

Attempts are being made every day to live by the 3 Rs for a better planet. But how can antique slate roofing shingles from Casa Loma in Toronto, Dundurn Castle in Hamilton or other historic government buildings and churches be

implemented into the country decorating scheme of things?

At the Markham Country Decorating and Collectibles show and sale, Nov. 19, 20 and 21 at the Markham Fairgrounds, you'll meet a family that makes country recycling easy and has elevated antique weathered slate roofing tile to a decorative accent for your home.

Brian and Ardele Stokell of Briar Patch Collectibles decided to develop an idea for a business three years ago after several visits to Britain, a country richly steeped in the history of natural slate 'Welcome' plaques.

Both loved country decorating but they wanted to add their own unique trademark to a time-honored tradition that

dates back to Roman times. As Ardele puts it, "We took our time developing what we thought would be an ideal solution to welcoming friends to your home while withstanding the harsh Canadian weather conditions."

Finally in November, 1992 their idea became a reality with support from the Stokell family, "From my parents right down

to nieces and nephews" as Ardele proudly adds, "our family members and a number of friends are quite artistic, and through the teamwork concept, everyone was able to share in the birth of our unique, hand-crafted venture."

The Briar Patch's 'Welcome' reclaimed roofing slates offer many unique benefits other than just being a decorative sign to hang on your door.

Slate is an interesting geological phenomenon, it's actually a genuine piece of Mother Earth and does not biodegrade in our landfill sites. "In fact," adds Ardele, "a number of government environmental inspectors have congratulated us throughout this first year of operation, for having a unique and decorative solution to the landfill problem."

The slates are a unique country collectible, unseen in Canada, with an antique value between 75 and 100 years old. Finally Canadians can now decoratively welcome their visitors by hanging the slates outdoors all four seasons of the year without having to worry about fading or rain damage.

Each roof tile is initially dipped in a special bath to remove rust spots, then loose slate pieces are chipped away from the shingle. The slate cutter uses a specially designed process to delicately carve the popular curved-style tiles. (Some are actually carved in the shape of a heart.)

Then each piece is painted in one of five background shades, followed by either a stenciling or a custom painting process, utilizing acrylic paints that do not fade. Next, an acrylic sealer containing ultraviolet protectors is applied to protect the stencil or hand-painted custom design and finally the finishing process of weatherproofing.

The Briar Patch Collectibles includes more than 75 different designs, colour combinations and various shapes and sizes. Their designs include landscapes, nature (florals, birds), country folk art (cows, cats, pineapples, Amish dolls, teddy bears, apple baskets and old homes), Victoriana (floral heart-shaped grapevine wreaths), marine-scapes (sailing ship and lighthouse). The smaller slates start at \$9.95 and larger ones range up to \$34.95.

The Markham Country Decorating and Collectibles Show and Sale, Nov. 19, 20 and 21, takes place at the Markham Fairgrounds. The show is open 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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Sunita Goel with her mother, Loveleen Khanna and chef Sanjiv Seth.

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