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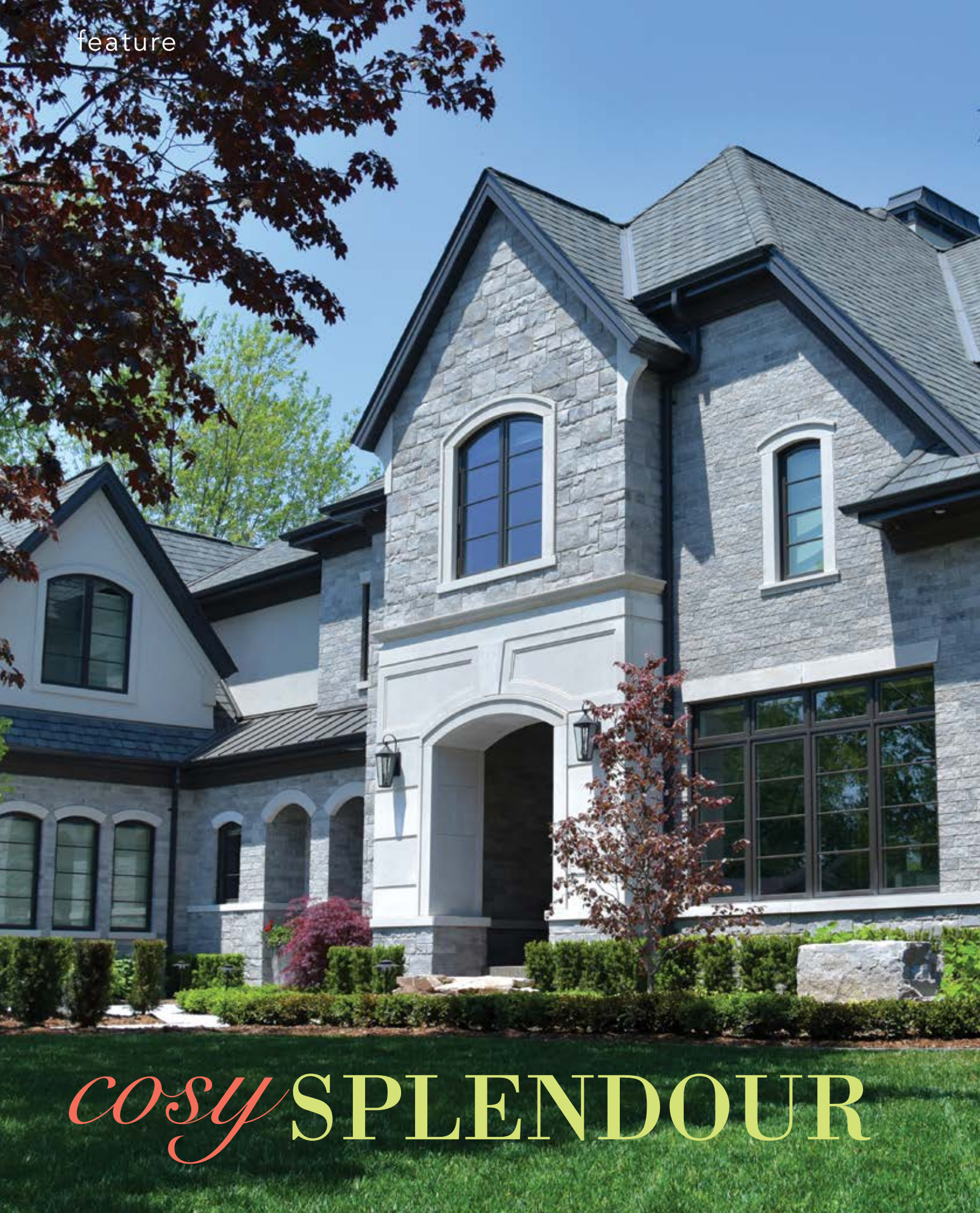
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RIGHT: The home at night defines cosy splendour. **BELOW:** The foyer of the home showcases art deco doors. **BOTTOM:** Ryan Pawluk Lakeshore Landscaping did the softscapes and Gino Piccioni from Timberland Homes was the totally “unflappable” builder who made the homeowner’s vision a reality. **OPPOSITE:** The significant limestone wrapping gives the home strength and presence. “We are fortunate to work with clients who let us do these kind of quality details,” says Piccioni.



Ryan and Gino

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Every home’s story is special and this home is no exception. Full of twists, turns and groundbreaking design challenges, this is a home that quietly demands to stand up and be counted.

The first step on this and any homebuilder’s journey is finding the perfect building site. And this homeowner, who’d always loved the South Windsor neighbourhood where he’d grown up, couldn’t imagine building anywhere other than on the shady, tree-lined streets filled with childhood memories. So, when a large double lot backing onto The Roseland Golf Club became available, he and his wife knew they’d found the ideal location for their passion project.

The couple had definite but somewhat differing visions: he wanted modern and contemporary; she wanted cosy and traditional. To say they successfully negotiated a winning compromise would be understating their achievement. The house that came to be blends the best of both visions: cosy and traditional with contemporary splendour.

“We found a layout we liked online,” remembers the homeowner. “And we took it to an architect friend who made blueprints. When we put it out to tender with three builders, **Gino Piccioni of Timberland Homes** picked up on the fact that my wife wasn’t completely sold on the exterior design. Gino took it upon himself to ask his architectural designer (**Allan Djordjevic of ADG & Associates Inc.**) to take a look and came back to us with a more traditional, timeless re-design that really spoke to what my wife was looking for. That Gino took this initiative really impressed us and was one of the reasons we chose him as our builder.” *Continued on page 40*



This kind of dedication and attention to detail is also why the house succeeds on so many other levels. “It took three-and-a-half months just to find an exterior stone and brick in a colour combination the two of us agreed on,” says the homeowner. “We really wanted the windows to pop and after lots of friendly, over-a-beer discussions with a few architect friends, we arrived at what we think is the perfect solution.” Having settled on the design and chosen the exterior finishes,

the interior demanded even more one-of-a-kind engineering and construction feats. The homeowner wanted a “wine wall” instead of a traditional wine cellar. The resulting floor-to-ceiling wall comprised entirely of glass was something of a first for Piccioni and his crew. “Cooling the wine wall and ensuring it is UV protected with thick enough glass was a huge challenge,” says the homeowner. “**Al LaMarre (Bay-View Glass & Mirror Ltd.)** was amazingly helpful and

A unique wine wall, in place of a more traditional wine cellar, was an engineering challenge for Piccioni and his crew.

solution-oriented. Because glass is not an insulator, we also had to source a special cooling unit that would hold a steady temperature. Gino was totally unflappable. He was always willing to roll with the punches.”

Another feat of engineering and design is the living room fireplace (**Scotts Fireplace**). “Gino had to reconfigure the room upstairs to accommodate the fireplace design,” says the homeowner. “It is the first of its kind in Windsor and it required a specific exhaust system. It had to draw air from the roof so it was necessary to add a chimney where none existed. Another challenge was finding the right material to clad it. Not having done it before we didn’t plan for the fact that there was no load bearing at any point and that whatever we were going to clad it in had to be suspended from the ceiling. The original plan was to use stone but during a lunch with **Jerry Kavanaugh** and **Stephen Berrill** of **ADA (Architectural Design Associates Inc.)** it was pointed out it might pull my ceiling down! Gino connected me with **Dekko Concrete** and they were able to clad it in something that is beautiful and light. We are very, very happy with it and enjoyed working with a local expert who was so completely impressive.”

The **Frank Cremasco**-designed-and-built chef’s kitchen was another must-have. The homeowner is a serious home cook who loves to be in the kitchen. “Frank and Alana Cremasco (of **Frank Cremasco Fine Cabinetry**) were incredible,” he says. The homeowners found their stainless steel appliances at **Reis Appliance Ltd.** “Dennis Reis

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Allan Djordjevic



TOP LEFT: The painting above the fireplace in the dining room is an original piece the homeowner purchased in Montreal. It is reminiscent of the Group of Seven. **TOP RIGHT:** The first-of-its-kind fireplace was featured on the cover of *Hearth & Home Magazine* for its visionary design. **OPPOSITE, TOP:** The kitchen may be a beautiful, sleek room but is also the heart of the home. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Allan Djordjevic of ADG & Associates Inc. helped design the home’s exterior. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The living area with its serene views of The Roseland Golf Club.

feature

came out both to consult and then install our kitchen appliances and was superb,” states the homeowner. “And he will personally service all the appliances. It was one of the reasons I wanted to work with him.”

One of the most show-stopping pieces of furniture in the home is the handcrafted, solid-wood table that was custom built for the homeowners by local artisan **Todd Lindsay Designs**. Created from a single slab of rare African Waterfall Bubinga wood and featuring a live edge, the table is a work of art that symbolizes the homeowner’s total commitment to quality, design and detail. It also fits the homeowner’s friendly, family-oriented lifestyle. “We enjoy entertaining,” he comments. “I love to cook and offer hospitality. The more the merrier.”

The four-season room, which started as a covered patio, affords the couple ample opportunity to indulge that passion. Because

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RIGHT: The pool is by Santarossa Pools.

BELOW LEFT: The four-season room offers a fully equipped kitchen and is the site of many family gatherings. **BELOW RIGHT:** The outdoor fire pit is a dramatic gathering place.



The fireplace, heated floors and exterior access make the four-season room the place where the family spends most of its time. **BELOW:** The folding door transformed what was once a covered patio into the home’s most-used space, designed and manufactured by Martindale Windows & Doors Inc.





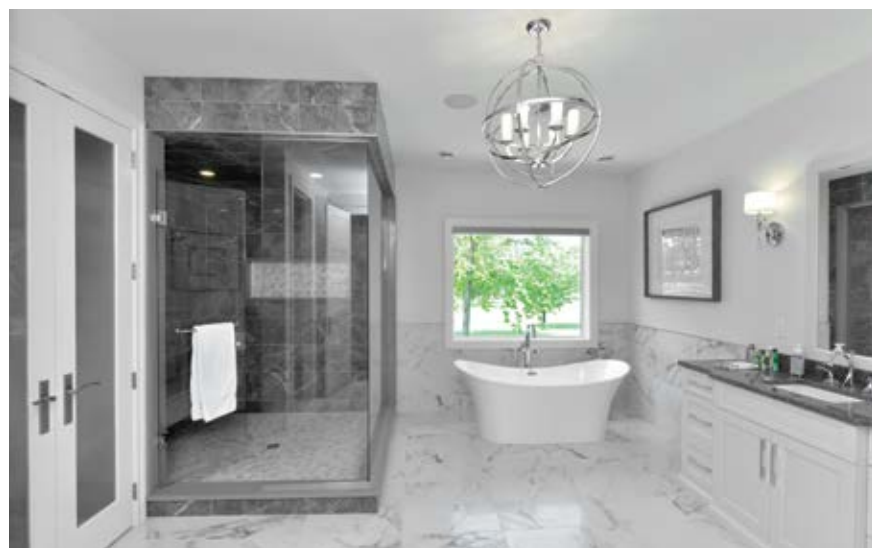
they wanted more use from the room and needed a way to close off the opening in the colder weather, the homeowners consulted Scott Martindale (**Martindale Windows & Doors Inc.**) who helped design a multi-folding panel door that runs the entire length of the room. Piccioni and **Tom Bradd (Tom Bradd Heating and Cooling Co. Ltd.)** added in-floor heating, put a heating/cooling unit in the wall and added a huge fireplace (**Forest Glade Fireplaces**). "This room and the kitchen are where everyone hangs out," comments the homeowner. In the summer months the door opens to allow access to the gorgeously landscaped backyard (**Lakeshore Landscaping**) and pool (**Santarossa Pools**).

"I think one of the biggest keys to making this home work perfectly for our family was finding a layout that fit the way we live on a day-to-day basis," reflects the homeowner. "We wanted it to feel like a home." Mission accomplished. **OH**

ABOVE: Bedding in the peaceful master bedroom is from Beddazzle. **RIGHT:** The soaker tub was situated with views to the golf course. It is the perfect backdrop to the serene colour palette.

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- AC Landscaping & Design • ADG and Associates Inc. • Architectural Design Associates Inc. • Beddazzle • Patene Building Supplies Ltd. • Creative Homescapes • Coulter's Furniture • Cunningham Sheet Metal • Dekko Concrete
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