

## Featured Properties



**40 Plymbridge Cres. — 6 bedrooms**  
**\$2,775,000**

Picturesque Hogg's Hollow traditional 6 bedroom home on very private old growth treed deep lot with salt water pool, and flagstone terrace with loggia. Situated on quiet cul-de-sac, and hidden from the street, yet a short walk to subway and Yonge St shops. Character and charm abound, updated eat-in Kitchen and baths, 3rd floor loft. Tons of storage. Timeless elegance!



**26 Ivor Rd. — 4+1 bedrooms**  
**\$5,408,000**

Impressive new limestone French chateau, with grandeur and absolute top of the line international flair and finishes. Luxury one of a kind ensuite bath, paneled Library, solid marble columned walls, knock your socks off Home Theatre, steel door Wine Cellar, Gym, Nanny Room, elevator and 4+ car garages. Reminiscent of the Palais de Versailles and equally as fine! No one has a home like this one!



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JANINE SHEERES, B.A., PH.D., B.Ed.  
*The Valley Girl*

## Talented photographer gives you photos to cherish forever

In-studio family photos are so old-school. Today's photographers are getting outside of the studio to capture you and your family as you really are. You choose the setting—a nearby park, your backyard, or inside your home for those colder, wetter days of winter.



Natural light photographer *Holly Sisson* likes to mix it up and keep it real. Whether playing on swings in the park, or lounging at home, there are no staged shots in this photographer's gallery. Everyone is having fun—and it shows in the relaxed and genuine smiles on their faces.

These are images to share with family and friends, and to cherish forever. To be hung on walls and passed down to future generations.

Holly offers a variety of packages and options, from private sessions, to photography parties, to photography mini-sessions (get the perfect picture for your social media identity!)

Visit [www.hollysissonphotography.com](http://www.hollysissonphotography.com) for details on all of her packages.

Holly Sisson Photography | [HollySissonPhotography.com](http://HollySissonPhotography.com)

## Sport Swap helps you enjoy winter sports

One of the joys of winter in Southern Ontario? Skiing and snowboarding.

Collingwood, Barrie, Milton, Uxbridge, Etobicoke, North York, this region boasts wonderful places to swoosh.

Skiing and snowboarding are amazing family activities! Toddlers can ride the magic carpet up the hill, and then "pizza" their way down. Kids can challenge themselves as they race their siblings down to the chairlift. Teens don't normally hang around their parents...and maybe that's good considering how they push the limits in the park and the pipe. Mom and Dad can enjoy a day of cruising the groomers. Grandparents can show up the young whippersnappers.

A North Toronto institution for over 35 years, *Sport Swap* is the place for families with its phenomenal selection of skis and snowboards for all family members. The friendly, knowledgeable staff provide great service, and ensure that you're ready for your day on the hills.

Kids get special attention with the store's two-year Junior Half Back. Choose from new or used ski and snowboard equipment, and trade it in when your little ripper outgrows it. Parents can take advantage of their own Half Back program on new 2011-12 ski or snowboard equipment. Gear up now, and know that you can upgrade in two years.

If you're not in the market for new gear, *Sport Swap's* precision Wintersteiger tuning machines can revitalize your equipment to run like new. And all of *Sport Swap's* service staff are fully certified binding technicians.

When the snow falls this winter—smile, and think of the sweet slopes and the smooth turns that await.

Sport Swap | 1541 Bayview Ave. | 416.481.7927 • [SportSwap.com](http://SportSwap.com)



# Just AROUND THE CORNER

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INSIDE: The best of the season from your local shops plus home improvement & personal services  
[www.JustAroundTheCorner.ca](http://www.JustAroundTheCorner.ca)

## Introducing the new *Consonant Skincare* flagship store

Healthy skin care has arrived just around the corner. *Consonant Skincare*, the leading Canadian brand of natural and organic skin care has just opened a flagship store at 2479 Yonge Street, at Castlefield Avenue.

Boasting superior, 100% natural formulations that deliver immediate results and long-term well-being, this Canadian company proves you really can have it all.

Most notable is the award-winning *Consonant* Ultra Firming Organic Eye Cream which just won "Best Canadian Beauty Product" from *Chatelaine Magazine*. It promises firming and hydration you will feel immediately, and boy does it deliver. According to Lead Store Consultant Kristina Breckon, it's just the tip of the iceberg. "All our products deliver noticeable results from the very first use, and we guarantee it. After they switch to a *Consonant* Skincare regimen, our customers tell us they start getting compliments on their skin when they never have before."

"And most importantly," Breckon says, "it's never too late or too early to start a healthy skin care regimen. We guarantee you will get compliments on your skin too!"

With a promise like that, how can we resist?

*Consonant Skincare* | 2479 Yonge St. (at Castlefield) | 416.925.2855 • [ConsonantBody.com](http://ConsonantBody.com)

## Tafelmusik's Sing-Along Messiah—a Toronto holiday tradition!

"Tafelmusik owns this town when it comes to Handel's seasonal classic." —The Globe and Mail

Let your voice ring out at *Tafelmusik's* 25th Annual Sing-Along Messiah, along with the *Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir* and a stellar group of soloists—Karina Gauvin, soprano; Daniel Taylor, countertenor; Rufus Müller, tenor; and Brett Polegato, baritone—all directed by George Frideric Handel (magnificently garbed as usual!)

The sheer joy you will feel as your voice joins a mass choir of 2,700 to sing the choruses of Handel's Messiah may be the best holiday gift you receive. The event is festive, exciting and exhilarating, and you'd swear that the rafters are literally raised during the final "Amen!"

This year's Sing-Along Messiah takes place on Sunday, December 18 at 2pm at Massey Hall. Feel free to bring your own score or purchase one in the lobby before the concert. Seating is general admission by voice part, and of course we always welcome non-singers—do come and simply revel in the glorious sound.

Join *Tafelmusik* for a rousing afternoon of music-making—it will be the highlight of your holiday season. Herr Handel is sure to have something up his voluminous lace-trimmed sleeves to make this special 25th anniversary Sing-Along memorable. Call 416-872-4255 or visit [www.tafelmusik.org](http://www.tafelmusik.org).

Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir | 416.872.4255 • [Tafelmusik.org](http://Tafelmusik.org)

## Your view of multifocal contact lenses is going to change

Introducing Biofinity® multifocal contact lenses...the solution to help you seamlessly adjust your vision from reading to distance and everywhere in between.

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Using unique materials, Biofinity® lenses deliver exceptional vision. They are designed to retain moisture and resist protein buildup, keeping your lenses clean and comfortable all day long.

If you have never worn multifocal contact lenses, have problems with dry eyes or have had trouble wearing contact lenses, visit opticians Michelle Axler and Isaac Abenheim at *Yonge Vision* to see how the Biofinity® family of contact lenses is right for you.

Yonge Vision | 1881 Yonge Street | 416.932.9086 • [YongeVision.com](http://YongeVision.com)



## Nilli Salonspa makes every day a great hair day

The change of season can be the cause of many bad hair days. Winter is especially tough on your hair with colder temperatures, windy days, and dry indoor heat. *Nilli Salonspa* provides specialized care to keep your hair healthy, shiny and strong—all ingredients, along with Nilli's skilled hair cutting and colour, for fabulous-every-day hair.

As a long time client we can tell you that Nilli has made us love our hair, with a cut and colour that suits us to a tee. What's great about Nilli is that she works with your own natural hair tendencies, for a cut that enhances your features and also fits your lifestyle. Her talent is creating haircuts so easy to maintain that, even when left to air dry, they fall naturally into place.

If you have short hair you'll especially appreciate Nilli's skill with the scissors—because while Nilli can cut any length/style of hair, she is a master when it comes to short hair styles. Nilli is also a hair colour expert. She uses a different process for colouring and highlighting hair that actually conditions your hair and makes it healthier—in fact, the more you colour your hair with Nilli the healthier it gets!

We also love the Kérastase styling and product line used exclusively at the salon at all stages of your visit. Our favourite is the Age Premium line, which infuses our hair with body and suppleness.

Learn how beautiful your hair could be—call for a FREE consultation appointment. *Nilli Salonspa* is now available for evening and Saturday appointments—call for details.

This winter give yourself the gift of great hair. Visit for a cut and highlights (and/or colour) and save 20% off your entire bill. Offer expires January 31, 2012.

Nilli Salonspa | 521 Eglinton Avenue West | 416.487.1762 • [NilliSalonspa.com](http://NilliSalonspa.com)

## Mercer & Prince: one-stop-shopping for the season

*Mercer & Prince* is a home, holiday and lifestyle one-stop shop for all your decorating and gift-giving needs.

Its unique name references two cross streets in the heart of the hip, trendy and fashion-forward district of SoHo in New York City. Where most other retailers focus on specific categories of product, *Mercer & Prince* carries many unique brands that will inspire and fit your personal style.

Conveniently located on Yonge Street north of Eglinton, their collections include: furniture & lighting, modern & traditional home decor, holiday gifts, baby clothing, fashion accessories & jewellery, home fragrance & candles, stationery & greeting cards, and gift packaging.

Stop in for your gift giving and decor needs this holiday season! Receive a \$10 certificate (to be used on your next purchase) for every \$50 you spend.

Mercer & Prince | 2503 Yonge St. | 647.288.9600 | [MercerAndPrince.ca](http://MercerAndPrince.ca)

## Diane Kroe—The Endless Top to Bottom

Introducing *Diane Kroe's* latest creation—The Endless Top to Bottom. If you're looking for the perfect item for your next vacation, that's as fun and interesting as you are, then the Endless Top to Bottom is the piece for you. With an elegant scarf and classic poncho as your basics, the Diane Kroe Endless can be worn summer, winter, dressy, casual, sexy, subtle, day or night...with endless possibilities. It also makes an unforgettable gift, one size fits all, and the best part is that it looks great on everyone!

Like all pieces in *Diane Kroe's* collections, it is made from a luxurious jersey blend fabric, which is light weight and comfortable. Easy to care for, it requires no ironing, making it a favourite for travel.

Committed to the highest standards in design, fabric and workmanship, *Diane Kroe's* collections offer innovative style, quality and value. All are designed and manufactured in Toronto.

Shop online at [www.dianekroe.com](http://www.dianekroe.com) and see more fun and functional *Diane Kroe* designs in her travel and spa collections.

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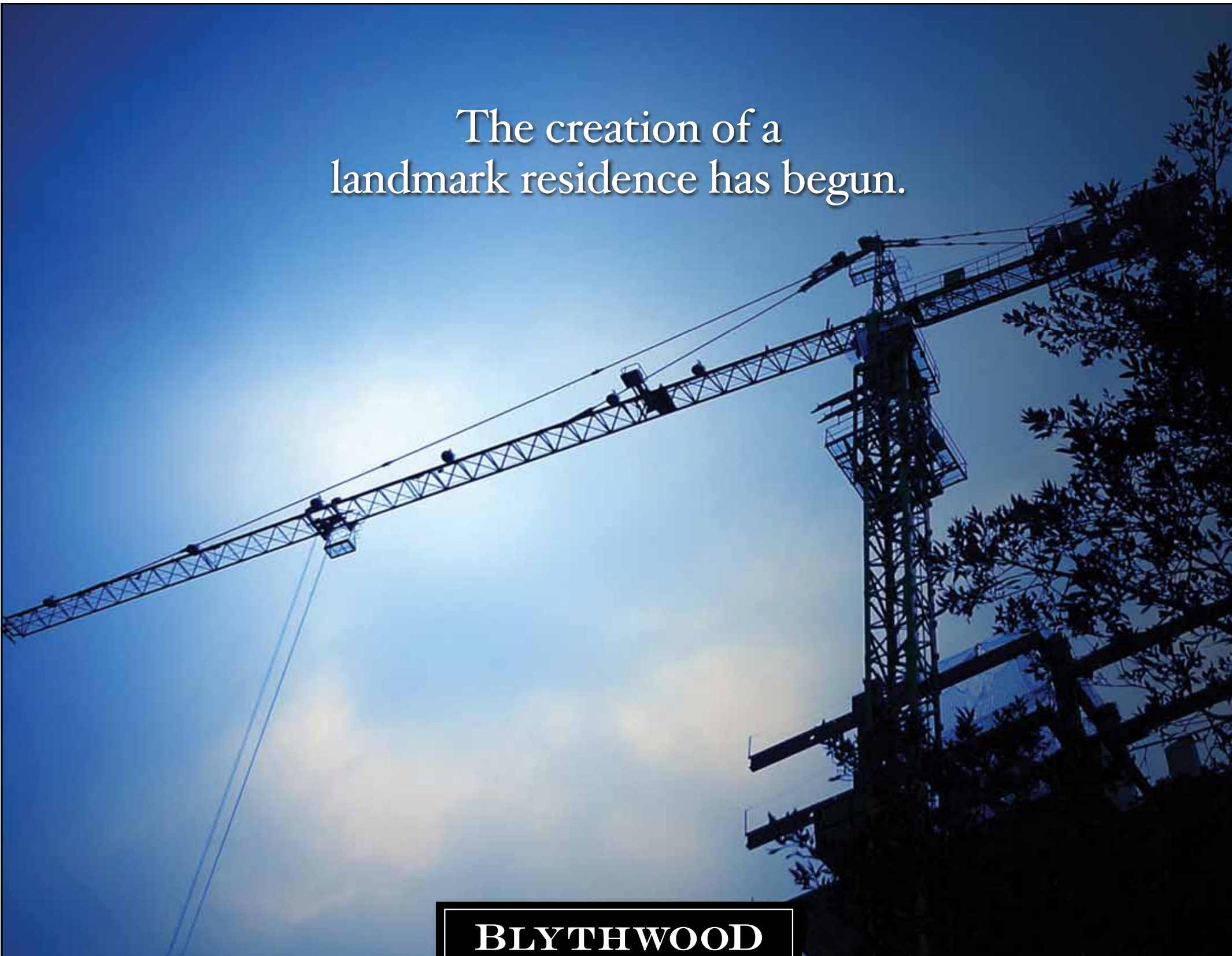
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# The creation of a landmark residence has begun.



## BLYTHWOOD AT HUNTINGTON

### Now under construction.



The highly anticipated groundbreaking of Lawrence Park's newest enclave has taken place. Now rising on the edge of Sherwood Park Ravine, Blythwood at Huntington is designed to be a natural beauty without equal in Toronto.

An exclusive and elegant boutique Bayview address featuring the finest of luxury finishes to complement a truly memorable lifestyle. Starting from the \$900,000's.\*

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### Julia West Home has seasonal home decor, accessories & gifts

Since 1998, *Julia West Home* has been bringing the best of past design traditions into the present. Famous for furniture design and construction, free parking just south of their building makes visiting easy.

Inside their large showroom find a wide selection of beautiful items, including aprons, bed linen lines, soft home furnishings, seasonal decor items—including *Julia West Home* designed Christmas stockings, their now infamous HO HO HO/Bah Humbug and Carpe Diem Pillows, and *Julia's* trademark furniture.

Also find letterboards in dozens of designer fabrics, or made to order with your own fabric—they are perfect for keeping you organized.

*Julia West's* custom design service creates projects ranging from custom-made draperies or an armoire designed and made just for you, to whole room and whole home design build projects. Work directly with *Julia West* and the in-house design team for items perfect for you.

Visit, pick up a few new items, a throw or a pillow or two, some holiday items, and instantly update your decor for the season. **Mention *Just Around the Corner* and they'll pay the tax** on your next showroom purchase!

*Julia West Home* | 140 Kendal Avenue | 416.324.7500 • [JuliaWestHome.com](http://JuliaWestHome.com)



### Speaking of Dogs—rescuing all breeds of dogs since 2001

*Speaking of Dogs* announces their online Basket & Gift Store. Just in time for Christmas, they've launched an online store featuring unique and novel dog-themed gifts that are different, distinctive, fun and feisty! Their pet Bereavement Baskets are a special line they felt would bring comfort to the guardian as well as honour the late pet. In time of loss and grieving, a basket with a personal touch can help ease the pain and reflect how much you care.

Through *Speaking of Dogs* online store they have created a Give a Homeless Dog a Christmas. As the holidays approach many abandoned dogs will be spending the Christmas season in the shelter, so they have designed their new "Give a Homeless Dog a Christmas" package to help provide a bit of cheer to a shelter/rescue dog. A gift bag with cookies and toys may be purchased in your name or for someone else to give to a dog at a shelter or rescue of your choice. Delivery included within the Toronto area.

Visit the online store at [www.speakingofdogsbasketsandgifts.ca](http://www.speakingofdogsbasketsandgifts.ca)

*Speaking of Dogs* Foster Program: There is no Christmas vacation for animal shelters or pet rescues. In fact this is the time of year when they need additional foster homes to help their regular foster parents take needed time off. Foster homes provide a loving and safe environment where a dog can unwind and blossom. For those of you who enjoy a quiet Christmas, perhaps with time off work, it may be the perfect time to offer your home temporarily to a needy dog. What better gift could a helpless dog get than a second chance? *Speaking of Dogs* provides food, veterinary care and supplies. For more information about fostering a dog, or to receive their Fostering Manual please contact [Lorraine@speakingofdogs.com](mailto:Lorraine@speakingofdogs.com).

Visit [www.speakingofdogs.com](http://www.speakingofdogs.com) for more information on the foster program.



### What's on the menu this winter at Boland's Open Kitchen

Chris Boland, formerly of Tasting Rooms Restaurant, Trapper's Restaurant and Telfer's—opened his newest establishment on Mt. Pleasant Road in the summer of 2010.

Offering a diverse menu with a flair for both healthy and indulgent, visiting *Boland's Open Kitchen* is like visiting Chris' home for dinner.

Diners are always welcomed with complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Then, to start your meal, choose from appetizers including pear salad with eight year old cheddar, candied walnuts and a light port dressing; cream of kale chowder with crumbled Stilton; and roasted beet & goat cheese salad.

Next select from main course menu items such as duck confit glazed with clementine jus & fresh cranberries, served with spy apples and pickled pearl onions; roast beef, slow roasted New York striploin with cast iron layered potatoes; wild west coast halibut with cauliflower puree, mushrooms and vin blanc; and seared Ontario trout filet with pineapple, pomegranate, grilled apple, lemon and fresh herb salsa.

For the foodie in your life, *Boland's* has the perfect gift with their **Food & Wine Adventure Nights**. Dinners will start in mid January and run every Wednesday for three months, and will feature 5 courses served with six wines. Themes include Slow Cooking & Wine, Sustainable Canadian Fish & Wine, and the Diversity of Cheese & Wine. **Price is \$75 per person all inclusive—makes a great gift!** Email or call for details and more information on gift certificates.

Visit *Boland's* for dinner Monday–Saturday, closed Sundays (always available for private functions).

*Boland's Open Kitchen* | 575 Mt. Pleasant Rd. | 416.482.2424  
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### Warm up to winter with a new fireplace from Easy Fire



Whether it's remodeling an existing fireplace or starting from scratch with a new modern design, *Easy Fire Fireplaces* is your answer! Centrally located at Yonge and Eglinton and serving the community for 48 years with all the major brands and custom made mantels to suit each and every home. Let *Easy Fire* add that extra touch of warmth to your living space.

Have a modern space? Put in a modern fireplace!

The newest trend in fireplace design is the "linear flame". With a very contemporary look, and different media options, such as driftwood and river rocks, these fireplaces will perfectly complement your contemporary space.

A little more conventional? With a true realistic look, traditional fireplaces will give you that extra heat, and keep your home cozy and warm.

With one of the biggest showrooms in Toronto, featuring both gas and electric, modern and traditional fireplaces, *Easy Fire* is your one-stop fireplace shop! Located four blocks south of Eglinton off Yonge Street.

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