editor’s note

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So while the first of January may be the official start of a new year, spring signals a fresh start. Now’s the time when we redecorate in an effort to revitalize our surroundings to reflect that sense of renewal we feel.

You’ll find that rejuvenation embodied in both homes featured in this issue. Carol Morgan discarded all the furniture and heavy wood trim cluttering her Glebe home, creating a canvas for art and sculptural furniture in a gossamer light atmosphere. And Meredith and Harriet Staples sold their Kanata home and launched the next stage of their lives with a home that’s worthy of a theatrical stage. I expect they feel a sense of renewal as they spend their first spring in new surroundings. I wish them a joyous, fresh start.

And if you’re looking for items to freshen up the look of your home, check out our selection in this issue’s Style Picks. The colours alone will make you take a deep breath. If you’re really ambitious (or just feel like dreaming), visit the Ottawa Home & Garden Show and let your imagination take flight. And why not? We’re all butterflies, so let’s soar to new heights.

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