

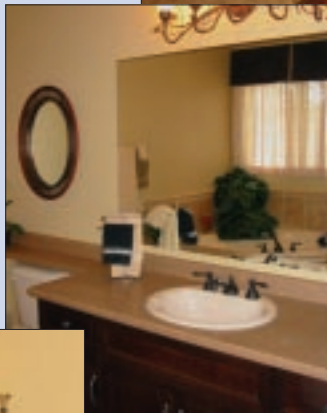


A view from the inside ... The Montana II

The Montana II model is now complete and open for viewing. The Montana II is our fourth model, and takes on a ranch style flavour. The grand opening of this model took place during our Strawberry Festival in June. We enjoyed a great response from all those who viewed it. The open-concept design, trendy decorating, spacious master bedroom and an ensuite will have you relaxing in seconds!



The Montana II Model Home



These features have made it a very popular pick for purchasers who are looking for a mid-size Stonecroft home. At 1,447

square feet the Montana II features a double car garage, den and main floor laundry with mud room. It requires a wider 56 foot lot.



We also offer the slightly smaller Montana I plan, which at 1,358 square feet can be built on a 50 foot lot. This home will appeal to purchasers who want a single car garage and have no desire for a main floor den.

You can view the virtual tour of the Montana II and our three other model homes, The Dorchester, The Hampshire,

and The Bedford on our website at www.StonecroftHomes.com

3rd Annual CORN ROAST Underway

With this year's annual Corn Roast quickly approaching, we're getting ready for a full house! Bring your friends and come view the continually growing landscape features, available lots in phase 2, four uniquely decorated model homes, new house plans, and don't forget to enjoy some corn on the cob and sausage on a bun!

*At Stonecroft Sales Pavilion
September 18th & 19th
Between 12:00 noon & 6:00 p.m.*

Please RSVP by September 13th
to add your name to the pot!

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Stonecroft: Their Doorway to the New World

Robert and Elizabeth Straus smile as one as they talk about the way their life has come full circle. These two international travellers together and in independent careers are really small-town folk at heart.

Robert's career as an importer/exporter and President of Straus Holdings has taken him to almost every part of the world, from Saudi Arabia to Korea, from Chile to Poland. The list of countries he has visited is as long as the index to your atlas. But he grew up in St. Clements.

Elizabeth's career might be seen as even more exotic. She is a singer, a soprano who has performed opera and classical music in many of the major venues in Europe, as well as across Canada, including, as a member of the Vancouver Opera. But she was raised in the tiny hamlet of Washington, Ontario.

And that's where they met, Bob was a sales rep calling on the general store in Washington; Elizabeth was the storekeeper's daughter.

Life might have been simpler in those early, small-town days. Later, as their separate careers bloomed, they were often ships passing in the night. At one point, they were spending "two thirds of the time out of the country." They smile about one occasion when they met, briefly, at an airport in Paris, a brief visit as their hectic international schedules interconnected. Elizabeth admits it was that meeting that inspired her to join her husband on his business trips. She took on an active role as his partner and administrative assistant. For many years, then, she says, "I have really had two careers," one as a business person, the other as an internationally known soprano.

And so, full circle, they have come back to small-town living, in their new home at Stonecroft. Where, by the way, Robert planned to carry his bride over the threshold on their 44th wedding anniversary. They move here from an elegant Waterloo neighbourhood which they also love, but which now means "too much work." Every Stonecroft

resident, it seems, has a story about why their new home is ideal for their specific needs. In Elizabeth's case, the Dorchester plan perfectly accommodates her grand piano. The couple is so enthusiastic about their new home that they have brought more than 30 of their friends to tour Stonecroft, and they have nothing but praise for the



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Stonecroft team, thanking them all by name, from administrator to painter - "Dan, Tim, Mary Lou, Peter and Gregory." They love their new home, but the Strauses will ensure that love will not fade through over-exposure. Their travels continue unabated. Just back from Qatar and Bahrain, their itinerary next includes exploring the Amazon. Both continue in their careers, although at a somewhat less busy pace. Robert is active in business; Elizabeth sings, although usually now for special occasions in church and community. She also continues her educational pursuits that

have earned her (among other achievements), a diploma from the prestigious Detmold Musikakademie, a BA from WLU, two Master's degrees from UW and a PhD from University of Toronto in arts education.

They still find time for hobbies - Robert is keenly interested in woodworking, skiing, playing cards and flower gardening, while Elizabeth quilts, paints and writes. And, of course, they travel; having been around the world

many times, they have great difficulty naming their favourite places. Finally Elizabeth says, "I love Chile. Austria is a favourite. Israel. Turkey." They both mention

the other countries of South America "the people ... and the food." Robert adds, "I have wonderful friends in the Middle East, in Saudi Arabia and Jordan." They admit these kinds of relationships mean that the current world situation engenders anxiety.

Elizabeth and Robert are eager to be off on their next trip, and the next after that. But now, each trip will end with a homecoming at Stonecroft.

- Paul Knowles

Carving a new trail at Stonecroft

Although we haven't had the amount of sunshine we hoped for this summer, the rain has been ideal for growing lush green gardens. This is no more evident than at the entrance to Stonecroft where the cedar shake gazebo sits among perennial gardens, beautiful annual flowers, ornamental grasses and the tranquil sounds of a stepped pond garden. However, while these wet summer months were great for keeping things green, they certainly have provided many challenges for our landscape crew to construct new trails ... nevertheless, we're plugging away and offer the following update:



trails from their backyards.

• We've also constructed 210 metres of trail at Devonshire Drive. This trail has meandering entrances from each end and is also planted with a variety of landscaped beds and trees. The designs of these beds have been positioned to allow access to the trail from the backyards

while still offering some privacy and also provide a park like feel.

• Still to come are the trails from the storm pond to the big bend in Stonecroft Way (behind Coe & Bertie), the completion of the trails behind lots 8, phase 1 (the Sniders) to lot 67, phase 2 (just past the Rockes), and, the



• The new fence along Haysville Road is finished and looks great! The bank next to it has been restored with unique ornamental grasses that will provide stability and an element of colour.

big open space in phase 2 which runs parallel to Stonecroft Way.

All in all, we should see almost a kilometer of new trails completed by this fall. Let's hope Mother Nature cooperates! Bring your walking shoes and experience the new trails for yourself!

And the winner is ...

A big congratulations to Shirley Cook, of Kirkton Ontario. She was our lucky winner of a set of golf clubs & golf bag, donated by AM740. Shirley and her husband Al own a service garage in Kirkton. Mother of two children and grandmother of four. Everyone in her family has their own clubs, except Shirley, so she is happy to have a set of her own now! When Al & Shirley sell their business they are hoping for more time to enjoy golfing.



• Over 180 metres of new trails have been installed parallel to Haysville Road connecting to the trails at the pond garden. Take a walk along this new trail and enjoy a variety of trees and shrubs, both deciduous and coniferous as well as a number of landscaped beds. Residents backing onto this trail will have access to the

Keeping you up to date with our progress!!



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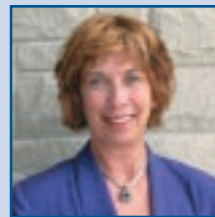
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