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HOME OF THE WEEK



The two-storey home features a walkout from the lower level, a new kitchen that overlooks both the dining room and the large, comfortable loft-style living room. But the views are what makes this house special.

THE BARN IN BELFOUNTAIN

16796 Mississauga Rd. (Mississauga Road and Grange Sideroad); Asking price: \$1.15-million; Taxes: \$7,335 (2008)

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Toronto restaurateur Nicholas Pearce created this four-bedroom house in the 1970s, choosing the site because of the views it offers over the Caledon Hills near the hamlet of Belfountain, about 45 minutes from Toronto, says listing agent John Dunlap.

"Belfountain is known for its outdoor lifestyle — skiing at the Caledon Ski Club, hiking and biking on the Bruce Trail along the escarpment, golfing at area courses including Devil's Pulpit, fishing the Credit River and snowshoeing," says Dunlap of Moffat Dunlap Real Estate.

"Local residents frequent the Belfountain Inn Restaurant, the Shed Coffee Bar, the Spa at Belfountain and a variety of antique shops or just enjoy the peaceful environment," he says.

The house, known locally as the Barn, features an extensive use of reclaimed materials from early Ontario barns, including wide-board hemlock floors and hand-hewn square beams. It has a two-storey loft-inspired living room with a Credit Valley stone fireplace.

"The Barn was constructed based on the original owner's hobby of buying old Ontario barns and salvaging the original beams, wooden pegs and boards," he says. It has been featured on television and in Ontario barn history books.

The current owners say the best feature of the house is its reclaimed barn materials, along with a "wonderful natural setting that combine to give the home its unique character and soul," Mr. Dunlap says. The board-and-batten and stone home, which has been renovated in the past five years, features a new kitchen with a centre island with a countertop carved from a single piece of Anticato marble.

The main-floor master bedroom has a walk-in closet and a renovated four-piece ensuite bathroom. Another bedroom is also on the main floor and two additional bedrooms and a loft are on the second floor. The walkout lower level has a beamed recreation room that



leads to a fenced pool area and gardens.

In addition to the in-ground saltwater pool, the almost seven-acre property has an outdoor stone fireplace, a two-car

garage and views of the Village of Belfountain.

The property would suit anyone interested in an active outdoor lifestyle, Mr. Dunlap says.

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