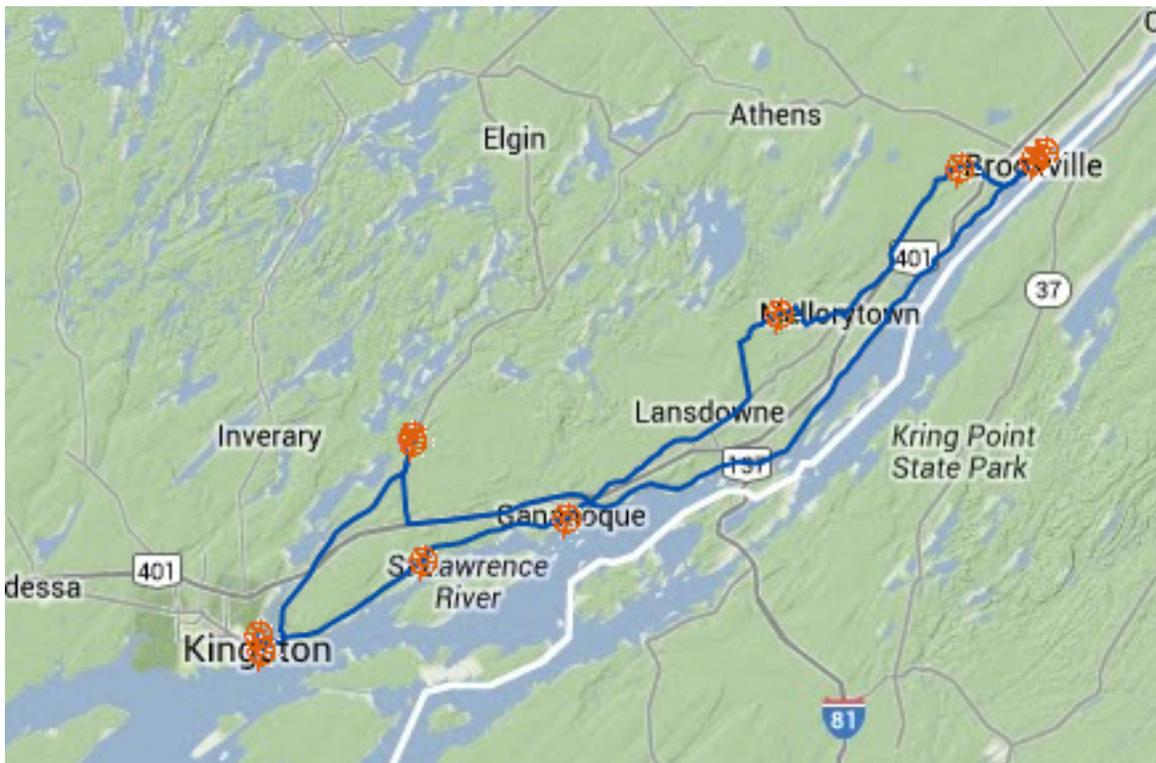




FAB EXPERIENCES

Eastern Ontario, Canada

The Craftman's Tour



Route Description

Not so many years ago, furniture and furnishings were made to order – a direct interaction from craftsman to customer. Cabinets, doors, trim, chairs tables – all done with a view to satisfying the clients needs and personal taste. There was a level of professionalism and perfectionism on both sides of that relationship.

Good news – craftsmanship is alive here. This tour explores craft as you can buy it, and the history of its local evolution.

This tour will take you afield on the Frontenac Arch Biosphere to a variety of experiences with fine craftsmanship.

1. Tourism Kingston Train Station

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The K&P Railway station is now the Tourist Information Office. From 1846 to 1875, the space was occupied by a large stone gun position called the "Market Battery." The land became a park after the battery was torn down. In 1885, some stone from the battery was used to build this station, designed by William Newlands. The K&P Railway brought lumber, iron ore, phosphates, mica and other natural products to Kingston where they were transferred to ships. Restoration to the station building, from the work on the roof to the ceiling inside is proof that craftsmanship is alive – and the work on the ceiling details were done in a class at the MacLachlan Museum, next stop.

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2. MacLachlan Woodworking Museum

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Long: -76.314000

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2993 Highway 2 E,
Kingston

Te: 613-542-0543

The Woodworking Museum is an 1853 log house, originally built by the White family in Lanark County, and moved to Princess Street in Kingston by Sandy MacLachlan as a Centennial Project in 1967. It operated as a privately-owned museum for over a decade. In the early 1980s, it was bought by the former Pittsburgh Township and moved to its present location at Grass Creek Park. With the amalgamation of the township to Kingston in 1998, the museum became the responsibility of the city's Culture and Recreation Division. The MacLachlan Woodworking Museum holds the most extensive, nationally significant collection of woodworking tools in Canada. Open year 'round. Classes can be booked, adults and school groups.

Driving directions: East from Kingston on Cnty. Rd. 2, 16 km.

Notes:

3. Bespoke, Gananoque

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Bespoke, meaning built to a buyer's specifications, defines craftsmanship. Bespoke showcases a collection of craftsman John LeBlanc - custom furnishings & architectural elements to inspire and satisfy. Bespoke is a Design-Build collaboration of talented artisans, creating unique furniture and decor for personal and commercial spaces. Traditional Craftsmanship, natural materials, custom designed. Located in the heart of the Thousand Islands, Gananoque, Ontario, Bespoke is housed in historic Axelworks– the original 1820's stone 'Gananoque Spring and Axle Co.'

Driving directions: East on Cnty. Rd. 2, 13.8 km; on King St., south side; enter at Socialist Pig Café.

Notes:

Explore more at: frontenacarchbiosphere.ca

**4. Fulford Place,
Brockville**

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“Pink Pills for Pale People” made a fortune for Senator George Taylor Fulford – a patent medicine manufactured in Brockville and sold around the world. He constructed Fulford Place, a 20,000-square-foot Edwardian mansion between 1899 and 1901. The original grounds were designed by Frederick Olmsted of the Olmsted landscaping firm, which also designed Central Park in New York City. The work of dozens of craftsmen are wonderful interpretations of Edwardian designs, preserved by the family, and now by the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Original tapestries, paintings, statuary and ceramics collected on the Fulfords’ world travels are on display throughout the period rooms. The grand style of the Beaux Art house was ideally suited to the Fulfords, as they entertained Canadian Prime Ministers, British princes and the neighbouring well-to-do whose grand “cottages” lined the St. Lawrence River. 287 King St. East. General public tours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m

Driving directions: From Gananoque on King St. east, exit right on Thousand Islands Parkway to east end, 37 km., to merge on 401. Take first exit to Brockville on Cnty Rd. 2 for 9 km.; on King St. to Fulford Place National Historic Site, on right.

Notes:

**5. Brockberry Café
& Suites**

Lat: 44.591800
Long: -75.681000

Tel: 613-498-2829

The dining room at the Brockberry Café was originally the downstairs parlour of a prominent downtown house. Enjoy a Local Flavours lunch where the room speaks of craftsmanship and the elements are revealed through the warmth of aged wood walls and trim.

64 King St. east, Brockville

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**6. Inspirations Art
Gallery, Lyn**

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Inspirations Art Gallery extends an invitation to fill your senses with art in the making. At our gallery you will find the working studios of wood artist George Hurst and painter Sheila Ballantyne.

George looks at wood with an artistic perspective, finding most pleasure when utilizing its characteristics with the art form. His art forms are tables and other functional pieces from local woods, each inspired by the character of the wood, and exquisitely joined and finished. You will be able to speak with the creative artist to understand the inspiration sparking a piece which then can be personalized to bring even more value.

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<p>Continued from Inspirations Art Gallery</p>	<p><i>Driving directions: From downtown Brockville, follow King St. west past Brockville Country Club to Lyn Rd. approx. 2 km.; turn right on Lyn Rd.; approx. 3 km to Inspirations Art Gallery, on left. 2490 Lyn Rd., Brockville</i></p> <p>Notes:</p>
<p>7. Balleycanoe & Co.</p> <p>Lat: 44.478111 Long: -75.94483</p> <p>Tel: 613-659-3874</p> <p>Email: jmsorensen @xplornet.com</p>	<p>John Sorensen at Balleycanoe & Co. has a keen eye for the elements of once grand buildings, and has converted his century old barn to a gallery of doors, windows, decorative trim, staircases, ceilings...hundreds or pieces from the hands of craftsmen of eastern Ontario from days gone by. This is an incredible resource for those who would repurpose these elegant and whimsical elements. On top of all that, it's fascinating to explore. 150 Rockfield Rd.</p> <p><i>Driving directions: From Inspirations Gallery, continue north on Lyn Rd. to intersection at Centennial Rd., turn left; through Lyn (possible stop at Lyn Museum) on Yonges Mills Drive/Cnty. Rd. 27 for approx. 6 km.; turn right on Cnty. Rd. 2 to Mallorytown; turn right past school onto Cnty. Rd. 4, continue through village for 6.8 km., destination farm house & barn on right.</i></p> <p>Notes:</p>
<p>8. Lower Brewers Lock Station</p> <p>Lat: 44.384470 Long: -76.324970</p>	<p>A remarkable example of craftsmanship that has stood the test of nearly two centuries is every set of lock gates and lock walls on the Rideau Canal an engineering marvel in its day, and today. Massive hand-hewn limestone blocks were fit with such precision that except of relatively minor repair, they are straight, true and watertight after decades upon decades of season extremes. But it's the wooden gates that speak to craftsmanship handed down through generations. No set of gates is original, but each is a faithful replica that speaks to the integrity of design. Each fits so exactly, literally falling into place with hewn posts slipping into grooves carved in stone, that the rushing waters of the Frontenac Arch are held in check until released by a simple turn of cranks and chains.</p> <p><i>Driving directions: From Balleycanoe & co., continue west on Rockfield Rd./Cnty. Rd. 4; turn left at intersection and follow Blue Mountain Rd. south to Cnty Rd. 2; turn right on Cnty. Rd. 2 for 15. 4 Km. to intersection with 401; west on 401 for approx. 14 km. to Joyceville Rd. (or to shorten the day, continue west on 401 to Kingston). North on Joyceville Rd. for 4.2 Km. to Hwy. 15, turn right; follow Hwy. 15 3.2 Km. to Washburn Rd.; turn left to Brewers Lock</i></p> <p>Notes:</p>

9. Doner Studio

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Cold, hard steel hardly seems a material that any of us could tame to high art. Randall Doner is one who can. Imagination fuels a passion for design, but it's skill that transforms steel to graceful, and functional, art. The detail and precision is a step beyond art itself.

Driving directions: 200 metres west of Brewers Lock. 1439 Washburn Rd.

Notes:

**10. Living Rooms,
Kingston**

Lat: 44.241810
Long: -76.482800

Address:
12 Cataraqui St.

Tel: 613-766-6821

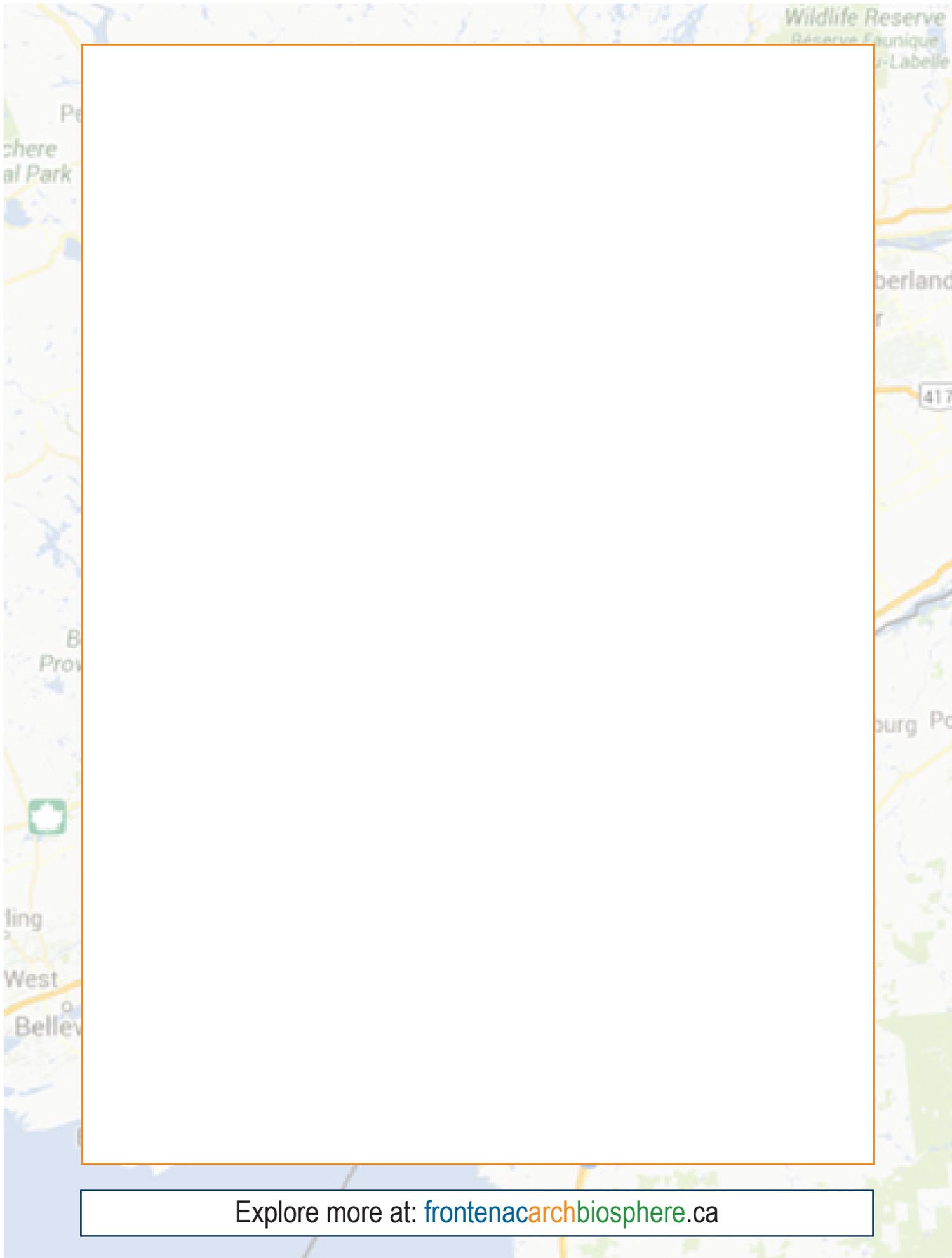
Email: john
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A home should be a complete system, both in its internal function and in its relationship to nature. The materials used in the construction and maintenance of a home can greatly influence the health of the people who live in it, and the environment at large. Living rooms is a source for building materials and furnishings – the place where craftsmanship meets supply. 12 Cataraqui St., Kingston

Driving directions: Return to Hwy. 15, turn right to Kingston and downtown; turn right past K-Rock Centre onto Tragically Hip Way/Barrack St.; to Rideau St., turn right, to Cataraqui St.; destination on right. 12 Cataraqui Street, Kingston

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