



SHOW HOME of the week

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Headwater at **BEDFORD** **LANDING**

show home curiosity sends families' life in exciting new direction

On a sunny weekend afternoon, Patrick and Lisa Melanson decided to satisfy their curiosity by visiting **PARKLANE HOMES'** final waterfront homes in Fort Langley – **HEADWATER AT BEDFORD LANDING**. Similar to the Saturday morning ritual of scouring advertisements for local garage sales, and planning a route to see as many as possible, they enjoyed the opportunity to see innovative home design, fashionable colour schemes and the art of decorating.

With no intention of buying, rather spurred by their inquisitiveness, the couple stepped inside the fully furnished \$1.2-million show home, styled by Parklane Homes' in-house interior designer, Cynthia Florano.

That's when their life took an unexpected turn...

"We were so wowed by the fabulous location, and amazing floor plan that we decided to make the move," said Lisa Melanson.

That's the power of a well decorated show home – in this case one that complements instead of competing with the beautiful

water views right outside the family room window.

"We were inspired by the nature surroundings of the home and combined it with a touch of elegance," said Florano. "We used blue as an accent colour throughout which is both sophisticated and calming."

Built on the former 78-acre site of a cedar mill, Bedford Landing is ParkLane's award-winning master-planned community located in idyllic Fort Langley. Bordered by a golf course, the Fraser River and within walking distance of the historic town centre with its charming antique shops and retro soda cafes, this community is truly one-of-a-kind. Well-planned with a mix of single-family homes, townhomes, apartments and a future plaza that all connect via walking trails and parkland, Bedford Landing is in every essence a village neighbourhood.

The four-bedroom, plus loft and den show home is one of only 11 waterfront lots available in the HEADWATER home series, a distinguished collection of waterfront estate homes. This one specifically offers 3,768 sq.ft., of living space on a spacious 7,546 lot. The exteriors of these homes are a heart-warming blend of classic Arts and Crafts, Cape Cod and Colonial architecture with a rich heritage-inspired colour scheme. Designed for comfortable, upscale living, the show home features a spacious front porch, three-car garage, engineered hardwood floors, and gourmet kitchen with a luxurious menu of stainless steel appliances, shaker-style cabinetry and engineered stone.

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SHOW HOME SPOTLIGHT continued

Then there's the master bedroom, a quintessential retreat with its romantic marble fireplace, vaulted ceiling, his and her walk-in closets, and sumptuous ensuite warming bare feet with its luxurious radiant in-floor heating.

With the Melanson family taking possession of the show home in December, and with five more homes to sell, interior designer Florano and her team have moved the Cape Cod-inspired furnishings to lot 11 this week – and invite curious show home connoisseurs to check it out.

With flourishes of Cape Cod style, Florano chose bare wood floors with minimal accent rugs, added a few nautical accessories and went with classic white upholstered

furniture with the intentional use of patterns and prints on the toss cushions and accent chairs for visual interest. Consistency of wood finish in the choice of espresso toned coffee table, bar stools and cabinets complements the white and blue scheme in the great room.

So whether you see a new home in your future, or just enjoy the beauty of a well designed show home, take a drive to Fort Langley and visit our "Show Home of the Week" – HEADWATER at Bedford Landing, located at 23165 Muench Trail. Open weekends noon to 5 pm. Call 604-888-2793 for more information or visit the developer's website at www.parklane.com.

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Dining Room DILEMMAS?

Interior designer Cynthia Florano is quick to identify her favourite furnishing in the Headwater show home.

"The round dining room table – it seats eight comfortably and creates a formal space for milestone celebrations and events!"

If you're shopping for a new dining room table, you may be pondering whether to go round, square or rectangular? First consider the shape of your dining area, as well as how large a group you usually seat around the table.

» Rectangular dining tables are most common and complement similarly shaped dining rooms, yet can feel makeshift and cold if you are seating only two or three people.

» Square dining tables, like the one used in this show home, look best in square shaped rooms and provide intimacy and a satisfying solution to seating a small number of people. We loved how the designer tricks the eye by placing the chairs "around" this square table for a dramatic effect.

» Round tables are possibly the best shape for small gatherings as everyone can see everyone else and it creates a cosy and intimate setting.

