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## THE GEORGIE AWARDS™

THE COMPLETE LIST OF FINALISTS



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## TOFINO TRANSFORMATION

IT STARTED LIFE AS A MODEST LITTLE HOUSE, BUILT IN THE 1970s along Tofino's beachfront. But its early architecture didn't do justice to its setting, given its cabin-like feel, small windows, sectioned-off interior, enclosed kitchen, separate dining and living areas.

Passionate about the property's history, the owners, from Duncan, were determined to preserve the feeling of the place, its integration with its natural surroundings, while dramatically opening up the home, making it elegant while retaining its rustic charm. The proud result for Victoria's Coastal Construction/Coastal Partnership enterprise – finalist status in the extremely competitive Georgie Awards™ for Best Renovation Over \$400,000 – as well as four CARE Awards, including one for Project of the Year for another Tofino house.

And what an outstanding success the Tofino Transformation proved, as photographs of the before and after show so well. "There is so much new development here that the locals become quite concerned when they see old buildings torn down," explains Coastal's interior designer and project assistant Adriana McTaggart. "They respect it when somebody respects the land; this is beachfront, so we left everything, all the old-growth forest. You still have to walk through the trees to get to the water."

The beautiful, custom-detailed, natural cedar shingles and oversized trim work on the three-storey home's exterior allow it to

blend harmoniously with its surroundings, merging effortlessly with rainforest and indigenous landscaping. Its natural colour palette and woven textures were all inspired by its setting, creating a fusion of interior and exterior worlds.

The owners' personalities and interests played a large part in the design of the oceanfront home, namely their enthusiasm for cooking and entertaining, as well as their extensive west-coast art collection, which dictated large niches to showcase local sculptors and artists. A wine cellar now houses their excellent wine collection.

Active in surfing and other outdoor activities and sharing their home with their dog meant main-floor inlaid, river-rock tile flooring for minimal maintenance and reclaimed, old-growth windblown fir on the upper storeys, warmed by radiant heat. A complex, gambrel roofline provided the opportunity to maximize space using built-in window seats, bookcases, art displays and office space. Wall dividers showcase intricate custom fir-slat detailing, while shaker cabinetry features echoed in a reeded-glass dining hutch create interior continuity.

The transformation met all the owners' expectations, a couple McTaggart describes as "an absolute pleasure to work with." Coastal, a small company all too aware of the heavy competition for Georgie Awards™, is understandably delighted to be a finalist. "We're very excited; we're thrilled," McTaggart says. ■

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