

# I.D.E.A. 2014 Winners

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Interior Decor Excellence Award 2014 Canadian Winners



## Renelle Design for The Prospector's House



The winning historic renovation project is a historic family house that was converted into a Bed and Breakfast called **The Prospector's House** located in the center of Haileybury, this project honors the prospectors who came to Cobalt (sister town) more than one hundred years ago to develop the mines. The name called for a rustic style and the vision had to amalgamate art, tourism and design.

A simple family home came on to the market and through vision, commitment and talent, Nicole, Jocelyn, owners of the [www.PresidentsSuites.com](http://www.PresidentsSuites.com) and certified interior decorator Renelle Laliberte given the house a soul.

Renelle commented, "For me it was quite an opportunity to have the chance to design something that blends so many Aspects. " The result is unique and reflective of the history of the region, as well as its modern-day spirit of a strong and vibrant art community.

The colours and textures of those times, the elements that would have been at hand for those prospectors, have all been tastefully and colourfully incorporated into that home ready to transport guests back one hundred years into the silver boom of Cobalt.

Everything in the home is designed from scratch. The draperies used in the home are designed to reflect the rope element. Renelle gave long and serious thought to even the smallest detail of the buttons used in the draperies.

Every floor of the home has a distinct identity, while still carrying the overall message of The Prospector's House, noted Renelle. But throughout the home, "the ropes carried everything." In some areas, the colour theme is of earth colours. In other areas it is the red of the nearby iron mines, while elsewhere the colour theme is dominated by grey, beige and taupe. Renelle noted that designing the home was a budget-conscious project.

The names of prospectors are being used in the home, to intensify the experience of living among them. "This project allows us to provide an experience," said Renelle. She expressed her pride to have "not only given the owners a beautiful home, but I also have had the privilege to give this experience to everybody who comes here time and time again."

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