#### WHO'S WHO!



**Graphic Designer** 

#### **Kylie Enns**

Kylie started with us in January 2008 on a contract, and we are now happy to announce that Kylie has accepted the full-time graphic designer position effective March 10, 2008. Kylie brings with her years of experience in graphic design, as well as excellent creativity, strong computer skills and design program knowledge.



#### Jennifer Chruszcz

We are pleased to announce that Jennifer has accepted the full-time junior accounting clerk position here at Wolf Steel effective February 11, 2008. Jennifer brings with her excellent administrative skills and a solid background in accounting, which will make her a great asset to the accounting department.

#### NAPOLEON® IN THE NEWS



Students from the Georgian College Advertising Program recently took part in a unique advertising competition on behalf of Napoleon\*. Napoleon Fireplaces & Grills, working with the final semester class, invited these students to submit Advertising plans for a product launch in Florida. They presented their ideas in an "advertising pitch" to members of the program advisory committee and David Coulson.

#### PRESIDENT'S AWARD





Nino Sebastiano

Dan Vail

Our Presidents Award is a reflection of outstanding contributions by a single individual as determined by numerous departments in the Company. Accounting, Technical Services, Sales/Order Entry and the Advertising Departments are all polled as to who stands out as regularly going above and beyond the needs of both the customer and Wolf Steel, the rep who goes the extra mile and gives a 110% effort. Product knowledge, technical expertise and communication with all departments is critical to assist the customer in growing their business and hopefully expand their showroom, thereby increasing our mutual market share. This years Presidents Award Winner for Canada is Nino Sebastiano (Mississauga, Ontario), and this years Presidents Award Winner for the United States is Dan Vail (Colorado Springs, Colorado). Congratulations Nino & Dan!

### HPBA 2008







#### **Hearth Patio and Barbecue Association Expo**

This year's HPBA show was in Atlanta, Georgia and was another success for Napoleon'. We were the only booth that expanded this year, as most booths downsized. All day long for all 3 days our booth was buzzing with excited customers as they were introduced to the new products for 2008. Everyone agreed that our booth was the place to be.







Our prototype NZ3000

Our prototype LHD48

#### BRIGHT IDEA!

Should you have an interesting idea for upcoming issues of THE FIRESIDE, please send your submission (stories, photos, etc.) to:

nrodgers@napoleonproducts.com



## THE FIRESIDE

**EXCITING NEW PRODUCTS** 

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	installation. The modern 30" design
In This Issue	has the "plug n play" convenience for homeowners that are limited with
	venting options. The superior flame image and natural looking log set
Products 1	
Accessories 1	give the illusion of a deepen langer
ss Story 2	WHISPER QUIET™ fan provides a comfortable, warm environment.

#### Other Features:

• Adjustable ember bed and flame control

NEW Electric Fireplace - EF30HD

A new clean face electric fireplace that

looks great in both a mantel or drywall

- Easy access on/off switch
- Comes complete with a convenient remote that controls the flame appearance, the ember bed intensity as well as the three stages of the heater output



**AVAILABLE NOW!** 

#### New Fireplace Accessories



Arched 3-part Folding Screen



Curved Screen with 4 Piece **Tool Set** 

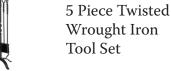


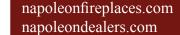
Log Holder



Ash Bucket & Shovel Set







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NAPOLEON® FIREPLACES

#### SUCCESS STORY

Toronto Home Comfort, formerly known

Dealer: Toronto Home Comfort Sales Rep: Jim Mills

as Napoleon Home Comfort Scarborough, was purchased in May 2005 by Shora Mashouf. Immediately after she took over the store, she changed the name to Toronto Home Comfort. Shora after changing the name gave the store a face-lift, new outdoor signage, and the indoor displays were all updated. The old displays were upgraded with new and current product, the displays themselves were upgraded to add more colour, and more inviting settings were created. As well the overall appearance of the fireplace displays were enhanced, and the entire store itself became very public friendly. Following in a Wolf Steel tradition, Shora made Toronto Home Comfort a family business and had family members in place to help with the everyday tasks involved in operating a successful retail store. Toronto Home Comfort became very proactive, with the store and brand promotion, as well as with advertising campaigns. They used the Napoleon's flyer program as a selling tool, and tied flyer mail outs and the winter events into other store promotions. Business picked up quickly and Toronto Home Comfort was quickly becoming a household name in a very tough Scarborough fireplace market. In January of 2008 Toronto Home Comfort partnered with a high-end marble, stone, and concrete mantel manufacturer, and has added a second location in the highend district of the Young and Eglinton area. Pouya (Shora's son) has overseen the setup of the second location, ensuring that Napoleon<sup>®</sup> high end products make its way into the mantels at the new store. Pouya is currently the manager at the store and has reported that he is pleased with the results he has seen to date. A grand opening will be scheduled for later this summer and will tie in nicely with the launch of our new products that Toronto Home Comfort is anxious to display.



#### HVAC

The 95% AFUE series features a two-stage burner and a variable-speed blower. Napoleon's two-stage furnace reduces temperature swings within your home, maintaining a consistent, comfortable temperature. The 95% AFUE series furnaces will operate on low flame for greater efficiency and comfort for most of the heating season.



#### 95% AFUE Warranty

3 YEAR
Limited Labour Warranty
7 YEAR
Limited Parts Warranty
25 YEAR
Limited Heat Exchanger Warranty

Have you checked out our HVAC line? Contact Jason Foxton for more information at jfoxton@napoleonproducts.com or by phone at (705) 818-1818



**HVAC Sales Representative Jason Foxton** 





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#### CUSTOM BUILDERS

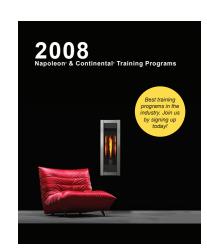


It's always been a commonly held assumption that the highest end of the home building market is resistant to a recession. Based on some of the comments we heard at this years International Builders Show in Orlando, this is still the case. The market for homes worth \$2 million and up hasn't been affected by the sub prime meltdown, many of these deals don't involve a mortgage. One Atlanta builder told us that the \$2 million and up market is never affected by the economy, and he's currently swamped with his biggest order volume ever. Another from Park City Utah said he had a record year in 2007, builders in Denver and South Carolina indicated they had had great success lining up subcontractors, lowering their prices and building higher quality homes. Many material prices are lower and finding quality subcontractors isn't the problem it was in the past. At a recent meeting of the nations best designers of house plans, they indicated that the best selling plans are for homes over 10,000 sq. feet. One of the biggest problems for custom home builders in recent years has been finding land. But even that situation is swinging back into their favor as production builders walk away from options and sell their land to create liquidity. Some of the best performing custom builders are thinking about buying some lots and making a push into the semi-custom market. You would think some of these people building these dream homes would be worried about it holding it's value in the face of a downturn, but even that fear doesn't seem to be stopping people from taking the plunge. Even if they do decline in value, it may not stop these well heeled buyers from building the home of their dreams. Wolf Steel's desire to be a large part of this custom home market is evident in our introduction of many new high end models, like the Madison, The Dream, NZ6000, The Torch etc... and more exciting new models to be launched in 2008. This commitment to excellence has, and will continue to draw the attention of the best custom home builders in North America. Article written by Greg Thomas, Director of Sales

#### TECH TRAINING



Above is a picture from Ron McCraes recent tech training session in Saskatchewan which took place the first week of April. In case you haven't seen this years 2008 Training Manual it has been mailed out, so start considering which session you and your team would like to come to. To register for a session today fax your registration form to Danielle Gauthier at 1-800-667-6063.



If you did not receive your schedule please contact Danielle Gauthier or check out the dealer website to get your copy.

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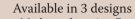
#### **ADVERTISING**

#### NEW Pull-up Banner Stands

ONLY \$44.50\*
Compared to \$250 or more!

Compared to \$250 or mor

each, with eligible co-op. \$89 without co-op.



- Modern featuring Crystallo\*, Tureen\* & Torch\*
- Traditional featuring Madison", Dream & Starfire
- Wood Burning featuring 1402, NZ6000, 1600C



#ADSI640 Traditional



#ADSI642 Modern



#ADSI644 Wood Burning

## '08 FALL BUYERS GUIDE FLYER PROMOTION EARLY BOOKING SPECIAL



Order 25,000 flyers & get 5,000 FREE

#### \$295 VALUE!

Minimum order 25,000 flyers. Order 50,000 flyers and receive 10,000 FREE!
Early Booking Order deadline is May 30, 2008
\$29.50 per thousand, after eligible co-op or \$59 per thousand before co-op

As low as \$0.03 per copy

For more information or to place an order for either the banner stands or the fall flyers, please contact our inside sales department at 1-888-721-7253 or visit napoleondealers.com.

#### Have you planned your advertising for 2008?



Fall Season will be approaching before we know it! Now is the time to start preparing for all your Fall advertising. Plan an open house (contact your local newspaper for free publicity), order your Napoleon '08 Fireplace Buyers' Guides, schedule your newspaper ads, radio & tv commercials. The '08 Advertising CD is now available and contains everything you need to create your Fall advertising campaign (please place your order through inside sales).