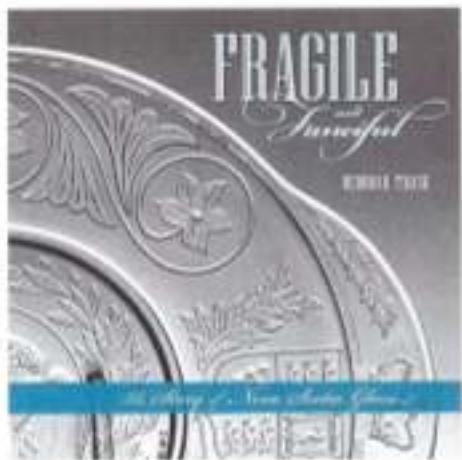


Touch of glass

Author and historian Deborah Tasker charts the history of Nova Scotia's glass industry in her new book *Fragile and Fanciful* by Goose Lane Editions. She explores the early glass factories of Pictou County to the modern handcrafted wares of NovaScotian Crystal in Halifax. The book includes an appendix of patterns unique to the province, advice on handling antique glass and gorgeous photos of elegant tableware, goblets and other items.

Fragile and Fanciful
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Unique log home

This 1,000-square-foot log house boasts a unique octagon design. Joel Balice, owner of Stockade Style Log Homes, built and designed the three-bedroom home near Berwick, Nova Scotia. Situated on the North Mountain, it has sweeping pastoral views of the Annapolis Valley.

Specializing in handcrafted stockade-style log homes, he used traditional log-beam framing for its design. Stockade means the spruce logs sit upright, which is easier to build than a conventional log house. Balice says the logs retain heat better than drywall, keeping the home cozy in the fall and cool in the summer.

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