



RBC Wealth Management
Dominion Securities

Tyler Graham, CIM
Associate Advisor
tyler.graham@rbc.com
Tel: 519-271-4611
Fax: 519-271-7429
1-800-265-4596

RBC Dominion Securities Inc.
187 Ontario Street
Stratford, On N5A 3H3

Save on Windows & Energy

Deluxe Windows  *fine makers since 1983*



Jim Butler . St. Marys
519 . 857 . 8358
jbdeluxewindow@gmail.com
www.deluxewindows.ca
Windows & Doors
GUARANTEED for Your Life

Tilt & Turn, Quad Glaze

Heritage Homes  **519.229.6199**



Randy Warkentin & Heritage Homes:
15+ years of building quality custom homes in the St. Marys area

2749 Perth Road 163, R.R.#1, Fullarton, ON N0K 1H0

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

Simply Sew

Our Business of the week is Simply Sew, located at 178 Queen Street East, and owned by Kristine Fink. The business, which offers clothing alterations, embroidery, sewing lessons and sewing notions, recently moved to its current location, across from the Town Hall near the intersection of Church and Queen.

Fink has operated Simply Sew since 2005, when she first realized how badly St. Marys was in need of a store to serve the needs of a seamstress. "One day I went to make a Christening gown for my son and I couldn't buy a spool of thread in St. Marys," she said. "I went to Stratford that day and wound up getting gas and milk, and I wound up spending \$150 in Stratford instead of being able to spend \$2 in St. Marys. I thought it seemed kind of silly." Simply Sew was up and running by June 1 that year.

But she shrugs off the title of seamstress herself, preferring to think of herself simply as a "chick



who knows how to sew." Fink called alterations a specialty of hers. "I probably put out an average of 15 pieces a day, if I can," she said. In particular, Simply Sew has a same day pant hem guarantee, with pants alterations guaranteed back within 24 hours over business days. Other

alterations, to items such as wedding dresses, usually take about a week, she said.

Fink also teaches sewing lessons to all ages. "We teach kids lessons Monday to Friday 3:30 to 4:30 pm, and we have our country kids on Thursdays from 5 to 6 pm," she said. "I do adult lessons privately,

which are booked outside of regular business hours." Her lessons for children keep the same schedule as the school year, and are currently back in session until Christmas break. She currently has nine students, whom she teaches in classes of two or three. Several of Fink's past students have gone on to work in costume design, and one, who she taught in her first year owning Simply Sew in 2005, has gone on to become a production assistant on Top Chef Canada, she said.

Fink's son Kevin helps her out cleaning up the store, and she is always kept company by her dog Aria, who can usually be seen relaxing in the back of the store.

Simply Sew is open 9:30 AM – 5 PM Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM Tuesdays and 9:30 AM – 4 PM Fridays. To contact Simply Sew, call 519-274-4098 or email postmaster@simplysew.ca.

AL KNOWS THE CHALLENGES OF DOING BUSINESS IN ST. MARYS AND CAN FIND CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

- ◆ Little Falls Car and Pet Wash and Laundromat ◆ St. Marys Mini-Storage
- ◆ Color Your World / Douglas Decorating ◆ The Old Arena Apartments
- ◆ Thames Valley Retirement Community ◆ The St. Marys Merchants Association
- ◆ The St. Marys Economic Development Committee ◆ The St. Marys Committee of Adjustment

AL STRATHDEE
FOR MAYOR

**VOTING EARLY ON OCT. 18TH?
IF YOU NEED A RIDE, CONTACT AL**

Tel: (H) 519-284-0139 or (B) 519-284-9999

Email: alstrathdee@gmail.com

Web: www.strathdeeformayor.ca

Follow Al on facebook at:  Strathdee for St. Marys



IN TOWN AND IN TOUCH