

# Our Story

the **fireplace center** & **Patio Shop**

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The Fireplace Center & Patio Shop as we know it today began in 1952 by founder and father Clifton Cotnam as Colonial Homes selling prefabricated homes and cottages from

a display court on Richmond Road.



In 1955 the business experienced another change by relocating next to Ottawa's first retail mall, The Westgate Shopping Center on Carling Ave.



In 1958 with the expropriation of land for the creation of The Queensway resulted in another move to 811 Boyd Ave.



*"Surround yourself with great people,  
and pay your bills on time."*

- Clifton Cotnam

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By the late 1970's, The Fireplace Center "brand" as we know it today began to emerge as a stand alone business.



The 1980's saw rapid growth of the family business:

- Opened in 1979 Kozy Corner Fireplaces on McArthur Ave. moved to 1452 Cyrville Rd. (its current but expanded location) and renamed The Fireplace Center (East) in 1980.
- Also in the early 80s "The Patio Shop" opened to become a key component.
- Between 1988 and 2005 saw three major investments in expansion at its current location at what is now 1722 Carling Ave.



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**60** Years

the  
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Today, the family tradition continues with sons of the founder. President & General Manager of The Fireplace Center & Patio Shop, Andy Cotnam works closely with his brothers Richard & Stephen and the 50+ employees in 4 departments in the 2 Ottawa locations.



## 2012 & BEYOND



The Fireplace Center and Patio Shop is really a business for all seasons. Depending on your desire we offer only the best brand names in wood, gas and electric fireplaces plus wood & pellet stoves. Custom mantles from the pleasingly traditional to the most contemporary built by true craftsmen. There are just too many imaginative styles to possibly present here.

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