When Kevin Farrell and Lance Robinson relocated to Penn Yan and opened their Main Street antique store, they could tell immediately that it was a good move... and they felt welcomed. Having operated a similar business in Naples for seven years, they noticed a different vibe here right away. Other proprietors stopped by to introduce themselves. Some brought over gifts. Many have been in and out of Bee Hive Antiques since, demonstrating a commitment to shopping local.

Farrell has a background in business and has always liked antiques. He says the Naples store was moderately successful, but there was never enough traffic in the little village for it to break out. When their dream home became available in Penn Yan, Farrell and Robinson went for it, and then fell in love with the community. Their timing was excellent. Bee Hive Antiques, which opened last July, immediately benefited from the sense of “hustle and bustle” that has come to characterize Main Street.

They also made sure to do their research, visiting other local small businesses to get an idea of what each offers, so that their store could provide something a little different. Their goal is not to compete, but to contribute to a healthy commercial environment for all.

The result is a beautiful shop full of eclectic and charming items that share a certain rustic, artisanal feeling. There’s a warm yellow glow to the interior, befitting a space stocked with plenty of bee-related items—from cute wooden figures to local honey as well as other decor, candles, clothing and more. Farrell and Robinson are looking forward to continuing to meet new people as their business thrives.

They believe that Downtown Business Council events like First Fridays have brought a sense of camaraderie to the local business community. It’s clear that their store contributes to the buzz around town!

Bee Hive Antiques is currently open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They’re located at 17 Main Street and can be reached at (315) 694-9060 or beehiveantiques21@gmail.com.
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100th Year Anniversary!!

The Rotary Club of Penn Yan is celebrating its 100th year anniversary during the first week of June. On June 3rd the Rotary will host a dinner at Climbing Bines, with music provided by Dave Boyd, from 6-10pm. Tickets are available by presale only, at 20$/pp, on sale at Amity Coffee and Long’s Bookstore. Scholarships will also be awarded. On June 4th, the Rotary will host a street event on Jacobs Street from 10-1, to include a magician, a dunking booth, a petting zoo and information booths. There will be a coloring event for elementary school students, and a chicken BBQ will be held at Lyons Bank parking lot for cost of $12/pp. The Rotary Club would like to thank the community for its 100 years of support, and to thank the following businesses and groups for sponsoring their celebration:

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