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George Tsioutsoulas and his wife, Effie, in the open-concept living and dining room.

Peaceful in the valley

TV host-producer
likes life in Scarborough

Who: George Tsioutsoulas, former cohost of W Network's *The Gardening Gamble* and *Omni's Nite Life*, host of specials for *Omni* and *Daytime on Rogers*, producer of *Miles From Home: A Road Story*, about musician Pavlo, to be rebroadcast in January, producer and director of a new series called *Post-cards From The Rez* airing on APTN next year

What: 2,000-square-foot two-storey backsplitted with a finished walkout basement built 38 years ago in Scarborough's Rouge Valley.

"I never knew about this area, it is a hidden gem," Tsioutsoulas says. "It is a mature neighbourhood with lots of trees. I just feel like I'm somewhere else, like the cottage."

Resides with: Effie, his wife, a teacher

Decor: Open-concept living room-dining room has light oak hardwood. Kitchen and powder room have mushroom-coloured walls. Master bedroom is painted a darker tone of the mushroom shade. The basement has an office and TV area. Light maple flooring was installed in the basement and the top floor.

In the works: Soon to be replaced are the ceramic tiles in the foyer and kitchen as well as appliances and peach cabinetry.

"I get to do what I want downstairs," Tsioutsoulas says. "Most of the furniture upstairs we bought together, but the white-leather pullout couch downstairs I had before I was married. I like to read there whenever I get a chance. I read biographies — just finished Kurt Cobain of Nirvana's

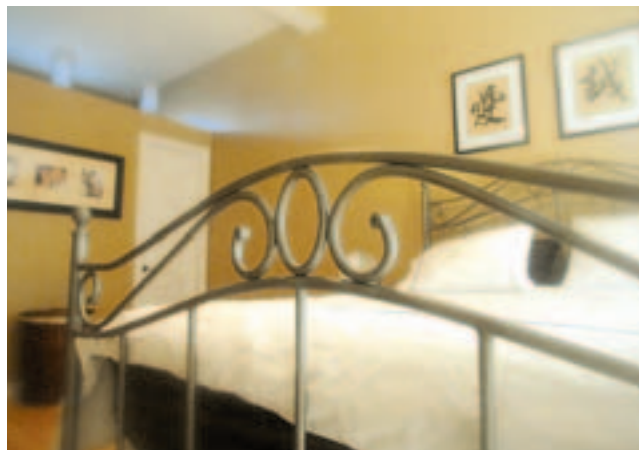
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The finished basement has an office and TV room.



The couple plan to replace the appliances and cabinets in the kitchen.



The master bedroom is one of three bedrooms in the house.



The half-acre lot has mature trees, ravine and stream.

biography, *Heavier Than Heaven*.”

Favourite room: The living-dining room with two circular couches facing each other, gas fireplace and two modern, colourful abstract paintings.

“When I was younger, my parents put plastic on the couches, so it has sort of become like that. I like looking at it, but I never get a chance to sit there and chill out the way that I would like to.”

Out back: “The back yard is an amazing space — a half acre with mature trees that makes it feel so secluded. We have two decks and a ravine with our own stream. When we first moved in a deer came to visit us.”

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