



Dempsey's dog, Duncan, is an ever-present companion and one of her biggest artistic fans along with her partner Gary Froude.

"I knew how to build a house because growing up we built a number of houses," says Dempsey. "I am grateful for the experience and that we always lived on the lake, mostly Lake Muskoka. So, with a baby on my back and pregnant with my son, I mixed mortar, hammered nails and by

the time Sean was born the house was livable."

She was office manager for the Muskoka Lakes Association and an advertising manager and business editor of its annual yearbook for more than two decades.

"I seem to have had a particular focus in each

decade of my life, education and computers in the '70s, sports in the '80s, playing sports competitively and recreationally, including precision skating, baseball, tennis, golf, badminton and rowing.

"Early in the '90s and at the turn of the new



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