

CREATING A CULINARY DESTINATION



“After coming up on weekends, we started asking how we could stay. We dreaded packing on Sundays. I was tired of the corporate world and I needed a challenge. We bought the building in Thornbury and The Cheese Gallery was born.”



CASEY THOMSON
*Owner, The Cheese Gallery
Thornbury, Ontario*

Toronto native Casey Thomson and her husband Brendan were frequent Thornbury visitors and, like many, they dreamt of staying. A marketing job with Intrawest was Casey’s ticket north. Brendan sold his business, transitioning to local real estate. They settled their daughters into school and small town life.

Six years later, Casey was strolling along Scenic Caves Road with a friend when The Cheese Gallery concept was born. “At that time you couldn’t get a lot of the things I loved here—cheese, wine, chocolate, good bread—I wanted to put it all together with a good vibe and local artisans.”

Her ‘edible art’ vision has proven successful. “It’s become part of the community,” explains Casey. “It’s humbling to have people love what you do.” Quality of life remains the motivator. “I’m home five minutes after work,” explains Casey. “In the summer, we do beach dinners. We bring the dogs, light a fire and watch the sunset. I laugh that I can work ten hours and be on the bay in minutes.”