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The agony and ecstasy of renovating

by Donna Carter.

Sunny Rock B&B



The owners of Sunny Rock B&B (www.sunnyrock.on.ca) in the heart of the Haliburton Highlands, halfway between the villages of Minden and Haliburton, Ontario, have also strode down the renovation trail. In 1995, Sally Moore and Janis Clarke bought what was once a charming vacation lodge originally built in 1928 and immediately embarked on a long term plan for renovations. Sally says they farmed out work that required particular expertise, but admits that much of the labour was done by themselves. "There are also a lot of family members and friends who have a great

deal of sweat equity in our place," she added.

Over the history of the project that has turned the lodge into a charming five-bedroom establishment, renovations have included all the typical stuff: drywalling, plumbing, painting, electrical upgrades, the addition of bathrooms and the major component was a 2,200 square-foot addition that added a breakfast room, two bedrooms, sun room and guest kitchen. Sally says the renovation game has taught her one important lesson. "There are always surprises and surprises aren't cheap," she stated.