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N.Y. vs. Chester: no contest!

CCHESTER BEATS the hell out of New York City!

That's what Gwen Dueck said when she and her husband John Shearson decided to abandon life in the Big Apple a few months ago to move to "one of the prettiest seaside villages in Nova Scotia."

The couple, both bankers with 48 years of combined experience, bought the Warp and Woof, the province's oldest gift shop.

Established in 1921, the shop was owned by Anne Flinn for 23 years. "We're not changing (the shop) dramatically because you don't fool with success," Shearson said.

The Warp and Woof will continue the tradition of carrying Cheticamp hookings, for which the shop is well known. And, because "we like to think we have an eye for good stuff," said Shearson, the couple has added their own flair to what's in stock — linens, bird carvings, folk art and handpainted china.

They'll also continue to operate the Warp and Woof art gallery and sweater annex.



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