

Growth Rings 2008-2009

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Wow!! Another election is history and historical. The world waits as its economic ship tries to find equilibrium in an environment of lost confidence, much speculation in markets, over-spending, and the abuse of credit. It is a big ship and it will take a while to right itself and change direction, but there is still much to be thankful for. Oil is at \$36 a barrel, gas is \$1.88/gal., Starbucks will sell you a cup of coffee for \$5 and more people are being fed each day as the population is forecast to double by year 2050. Stay tuned.

While many log home companies have been under stress, Real Log is very active and getting ready for the next generation of log homes.

Neil and Brandy Purdy of Moravia, NY, took delivery of their 2400 sq. ft. Custom Real Log Home and garage. Neil was assisted by friends and contractors to get the building shelled in. Neil, a metal fabricator by



trade, found many new talents as the project moved forward. The master bedroom suite is on the first floor. The great room opens to a view that cradles



the Owasco Lake Valley and the fall colors were vibrant. The upstairs loft area opens to the bathroom wing and two additional bedrooms. More living/storage space can be developed over the garage -

should it be desired. Both Neil and Brandy enjoy the outdoors and their location is ideal for enjoying nature and wildlife.

Glenn and Julie Baughman built a pond on the back side of their tree farm. Their heating system will pull the heat from the water in winter through a heat exchanger. They also installed a 9 ft. XI Superior Wall System with walkout along the back so an in-law apartment can be added, if desired, at a later time. Soon family had the first floor deck on and logs were being delivered

and sorted. Five working days later, their pre-cut Real Logs were up, including the second floor log girder and joist system. The custom 2,600 sq. ft. Real Log Home was modeled after the



“Hunter Home” which was built two years ago in Marion, NY.

Glenn and Julie added log rafters in the Great Room ceiling and also two feet in width to the master



bedroom wing on the first floor. There are 9 ft ceilings on the first floor and all of the supporting and porch posts were furnished locally. Glenn had 10”-14” logs delivered and took it upon himself to hand-peel them before installation. The second floor dormer has a

“broken back” between the gable dormers facing the road.

Early in 09’, John Wanagel





and his family will start their 1,300 sq. ft. retirement home just northeast of Ithaca, NY. We designed the home over the phone and internet as John is now living in Washington State. The great room is located on the first floor as are two additional rooms and laundry area. The second floor loft leads to the master bedroom and half bath.



The final design work is just about done on Tom and Lori Hasek's Real Log Home to be built overlooking the Ontario Golf Course. The design is about 3,400 sq ft. and has a three car garage.

Another project we have been working on is a "four season" 8,000 sq. ft. lodge with restaurant and retail area and 25 rental cabins. Over 43,000 sq. ft. of boat storage, three levels high, will



be added as well as service area. The site is being prepped and the permitting process is well under way. Depending on when all the principalities are satisfied; ground will be broken to add the



drainage, sewer, roads, parking, and utilities. It could take three years to be finally completed. Stay tuned.

Real Log has been getting ready for the next generation of "log homes" with their "Anniversary Series". Since its conception, "Cluster Shed", which later became "Timberpeg" post and beam homes, has been owned by the same parties as Real Log Homes. Now, a blending of the two styles is being designed into one home and SIP (Structural Insulated Panels) can be used. The eye appeal of log



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and timber frame in the same building will be spectacular and energy efficient. Yes, it will be upscale; it adds another dimension to designing and building.



Our 1100 sq. ft. full-season log home rental, www.abeautifulplace.us, overlooking Keuka Lake has had another full calendar of bookings with several ready to enjoy '09. It is a great getaway for family and friends to celebrate good times together.



Jean had an additional eye surgery and we are now in hopes of her seeing even better. The grandkids continue to fill our schedule with ice hockey and softball events.

As we look forward to 2009, thank you for being a part of our family and helping us add another Growth Ring to our "Tree of Life". We wish you a Blessed New Year.

*Shalom,
Ed & Jean
Happy New Year and
Thank You for your
cards and letters.*

