

# Growth Rings 2012-13



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As 2012 closes, we can say we survived another “painful” election and sent our choices to Washington to do the “business of government”. The hope is that the “fiscal cliff” or its aversion doesn’t throw the country’s economy off the deep end. The Year 2012 was spent completing projects started in 2011 which are both featured in the Real Log Home Calendar for 2013 (June and August).

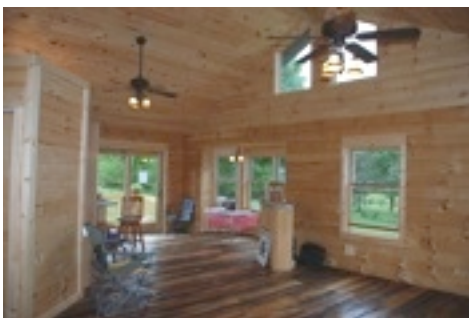
Jim and Sue Johnson added tongue and groove pine, to the inside of their 1120 sq ft. custom Real Log Home ranch.



Red cedar was used in the bath and re-claimed planed flooring was added to the great room. A hickory kitchen added just enough contrast to the logs. The outside wood furnace was installed and the in-floor tubing added in the subfloor.



September, Jim and Sue moved in. Fall skyscapes were enjoyed from the porch as the sun settled over the Brantling Ski



Area. When the weather took a turn, the south facing gable windows and dining bump collected the passing warmth.

Bill and Peg Scheg have come a long way since the fire in November of 2010, which totally destroyed their Real Log Home, built in 1977. The new design welcomes in light from the morning sun to its setting in the evening.



Landscaping has been a process, with more being added in the spring. An antler chandelier was hoisted to the center of the living room, and custom cherry cabinets, glass doors, and granite countertops installed in the kitchen. Peg was planning on decorating a revolving Christmas tree in the loft to celebrate. It will be a great place for family and friends to gather and fellowship. wood flooring is being considered for the great-room and a spring open house will be scheduled.



Pete Scheid added a four car log sided garage with living space above to his custom Cape Real Log Home, built in 2005.

Wayne and Carol Miller and their Real Log Home were featured in the “Home and Garden” Section of the Finger Lakes Times on Oct. 5, 2012. Wayne built the home





in 1993 north of Lyons in a wooded area. Both Wayne and Carol have continued to develop the area with a potting shed, area vegetable and flower gardens, and their special decorating touches. As they reflected over the past 19 years, it was a dream that took a lot of sweat, but they both have felt filled with the joy of "log living" they have come to know.

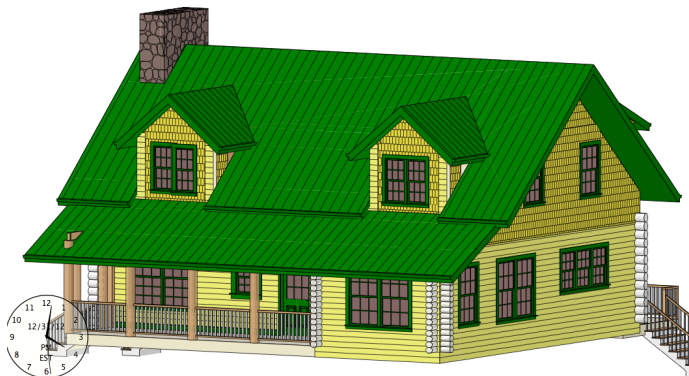
Terry Chiarilli and Jeb Dainard are in the final stages of setting a delivery of their 1834 sq. ft. Custom Real Log Home Cape with attached garage in Lima. This has been a multi-year project that is finally coming together. The lot will allow Jeb to consolidate



much of the equipment he uses caring for area lawns and snow removal needs. We got the house and garage staked out before the weather hit which also gives them time to consider any other options for tweaking the building orientation before the digging starts.

The home will have a bedroom/den on the first floor, a breakfast area, dining room, laundry/ bath area and kitchen. The master bedroom suite will be on the second floor along with the loft area and another bedroom.

Another project that is nearing the final stages of design



be built across from Ski Valley north of Naples, NY. It is a beautiful setting with lots of wooded areas, ponds, bogs, and

trails. This will be a special home for generations of families to retreat for recreation, hunting, and holidays. A camp built in the 1920s will be dismantled and a full Superior Wall installed with a walkout to the south. The home is designed to be completely open with 9 ft plus ceilings from one end to the other. Bedrooms will be located on the second floor as well as room in the lower level. This will be a 8 "Swedish Cope" Real Log Home that will have lots of added touches to make it one-of-kind.

There are more projects in the works, so stay tuned for updates.

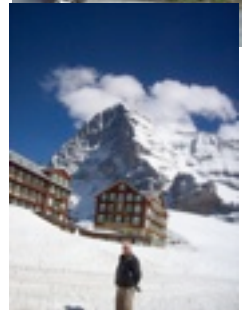
The last week of April, Jean and I journeyed off to Rome and then on to Switzerland. Rome was "old", the trains were fast, and Switzerland was "heaven".



Lauterbrunnen hasn't changed and we discovered and studied several "log structures" built in the 1600-1700s in an area surrounding the town and toured through

an outdoor working museum at Ballenberg. The Jungfrau Bernese Oberland area is known for its Alps (Eiger), Winter Sports, seventy-four 1400 ft plus waterfalls, bells, cows, cheeses, walking trails, and the cradle of the Anabaptist Faith (Brethren, Amish, Mennonite).

In July, the more senior Schoens celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at A Beautiful Place in Penn Yan. Father continues to garden and mother has something going on in the kitchen 24/7 (well, almost).



As we look forward to 2013 and add another Growth Ring to our "Tree of Life". It would be great to use Christmas to give hope to those who are hungry, those who face medical uncertainty, those who need healing of both mind and soul, those who are in other lands in harms way, and to those who mourn. Stores just have a hard time wrapping the real gifts. Each day is a blessing and we look forward to sharing.

Thank you for your Blessings and we wish you God's peace and good health for 2013.

Shalom,

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