

Growth Rings 2019-2020

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2019 was a year of "division". No matter which side is "right", a country divided will not be able to serve its peoples' needs. On local levels, many have come together to address community needs of hunger, housing, and family security.

Every home has its own personality and bundle of stories. Once completed, it is part of the



foundation
that starts a
new life
journey.
Dave Hand
and Karen
Smart built
on a family
plot that
already had

memories of

an earlier childhood. Now completed and fully furnished, it becomes "Home". It is a delight to the eye and fuel for the soul.

Joe and Mona Wales built their first Real Log Home in 1984 in Orchard Park, NY. Joe and family and friends gathered to unload the pre-cut logs by hand and fully assemble the package to the weather-tight. It is a 1800 sq ft Plymouth B with Cavendish Dining Room and cathedral living room. Over the years, it was a delight for the entire family to grow up in. Enter a new stage of life-retirement, and a desire to down size; a custom floor plan was



developed close to the first floor footprint of their existing home. All the prep was completed, and the home was sold with in two weeks. The log home



delivery was April 26, 2019, just 25 years to the day they took delivery of their first Real Log Home. Joe and Mona had committed to raising this home as well, and they did not rely on much outside help. These logs were another 20% heavier as the profile



chosen was a 8"X 8" with a 7" face exposure. Did I mention the word, "retirement"? Together, they mustered the strength to assemble the home with no big issues or mishaps. It was a wet spring in North Collins, yet their goal was to be able to winter over with a roof over their heads. With time to spare, the deadline was meant, and they are as snug as come be for the lake affect snows this season. Congratulations, job well done!!

Todd Schmitt and Elad Tako saw the Ketz Custom Adirondack Style Home I designed for their site in Naples. We added 4 ft. to the living room side and 4

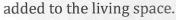


ft. to the rear bedrooms. This brings the home to 1,962 sq. ft.. We also added a prow front facing the morning sun, and it will over look the rolling hills of the Town of Caroline east of Ithaca. Todd and Elad have 30 plus acres on top of one of the highest elevations in the area. Eleven acres of hemp were planted for the CBD oil as a trial crop. The Real Log Home sits with a commanding view in all directions.



A two-car garage was added, and a Superior Wall walkout

basement/
foundation with
a glassed wall
under the prow
was set. This
additional 1,357
sq. ft. will be
finished off, and a
wood pellet stove



I welcome Susie Clark to the Real Log Home Family. She has been assisting in the office and oh, did I







mention she does cakes!

A Beautiful Place, our rental outside Penn Yan had another spruce up - adding a new Pella door and windows, a wider driveway, log headboards appliances, and 10 ft composite deck.

We continue to share it with many

who just enjoy each other, their pets, and the area. www.abeautifulplace.us

As we add another "Growth Ring" to our "Tree of Life", Wishing You Many

Blessings for 2020! Shalom, Ed



"A Beautiful
Place" Rental
located just off Keuka Lake
2 miles south of Penn Yan.
Great Weekend!