



April/May 2010

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## SUMMER HOURS

Starting April 1st

**Monday – Friday**

**7:30 – 5:00**

**Saturday**

**7:30 – 2:00**

**Closed Sunday**

*As always if you are running late or need to come in early just call ahead and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.*

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## Post and Beam Construction Features Quality Timber

In his 30 years as a custom builder, Tom DeLong has provided more than one hundred Seacoast area homeowners with residences that perfectly suit their personalities. Throughout this time, he observes, post and beam structures have emerged as a popular style that “provides a nice, natural feeling—a home that lets people relax.”

Post and beam construction is a simple and ancient technique—dating back as far as 4,000 years—that results in a rigid, self-supporting structure. While post and beam buildings come in all shapes and sizes, the style typically utilizes traditional timber joinery with post and beam rafters. For example, the timbers might come together using rugged mortise and tenon joinery, secured with a wooden peg.

To bring out the beauty of the timber wood, beams (and oftentimes the joinery) are typically exposed. Complimentary wood choices, such as tongue-and-groove ceilings, built-in bookshelves, or hard pine flooring, may also add to the warmth of a post and beam home.

Using the Nottingham home of Noel and Sheila Sullivan as an example of his company’s work, DeLong points out that time—approximately twelve years—has aged and mellowed the many exposed timbers and woodwork. Looking around with satisfaction, he notes, “Things like this dent or this checking—they contribute to



**Top:** Plenty of window access to the outside adds to the natural feeling of the post and beam.

**Right:** Post and beam construction is often characterized by large open spaces and cathedral ceilings.

the ambience of a typical post and beam. It’s a very comfortable home.”

Also in the Sullivans’ approximately 4,000-square-foot home (including garage and game room addition), window placement and lighting work to marry the post and beam construction with its natural outdoor landscape.

According to DeLong, who has relied on Rand Lumber as his exclusive timber provider for many years, the quality of the timber is critical to ensuring the quality of



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Exposed beams combine with the beauty of wood details.

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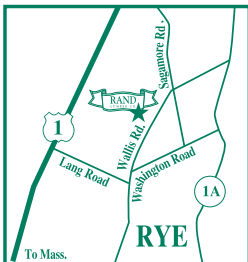
the home. "Before someone told me about Rand, I had never been able to get that quality," he remembers.

Specifically, DeLong is impressed by the dimensional accuracy of our timbers and the consistent absence of large knots. He says, "I've never seen it this close; it's almost exact. Most mills will have tolerances that can vary up to an eighth of an inch, whereas with Rand, we can count on about a thirty-second of an inch. This makes it easier to do our notching, since we don't have to constantly measure all our timber."

We are proud of our ability to live up to the high standards of successful builders like Tom DeLong.



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