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Unique Inspiration for Carriage House Renovation

At the 2008 Holiday House Tour, more than 600 visitors to historic Newburyport toured the newly renovated carriage house tucked behind the property at 207 High Street.

Originally, the carriage house was added when the main house was remodeled from a Federalist style home into Second Empire.

Homesmith, a craft oriented building and remodeling company in the Seacoast area, modernized and made the second-story room of this Victorian style carriage house livable, while encapsulating the original structure for historic integrity.

Taking inspiration from the shipbuilders of Newburyport while paying tribute to the building's original use as a hay barn, Homesmith used many materials provided by Rand Lumber. Homesmith's Eli Goodwin notes, "This is supposedly one of the last untouched carriage houses of its kind, and our goal was to encapsulate the building in its existing form."

Beginning in the downstairs, Homesmith insulated and reinforced the floors, then installed and stained a ceiling of rough-hewn pine boards to



The cupola was also rebuilt with lumber from Rand. Its windows are controlled remotely today, while in the 1870s they were lifted by ropes with the aid of pulley wheels.

match the existing old pine.

The staircase to the upstairs had been added shortly after the original carriage house was built. Roy RigordaEva of Homesmith notes, "A staircase to the hayloft was a luxury and very little space was 'wasted' in its design, resulting in its narrow ladder-like configuration."

At the top of the stairs, visitors are welcomed by a bright and sunny space lit by new eyebrow dormers and a stunning cupola, and accented by soaring beams and rafters. "In creating dramatic spaces, we try to bring in the light and air," says Goodwin.

For the walls, Homesmith installed



The unique history window shows hay counts from 1885.

insulation and drywall, then rough lumber over the original rafters and stud locations, which they stained to match the old.

In a back corner of the room, a "history window" showcases the portion of the roof

framing that was left visible for appreciation. In fact, the Homesmith crew discovered many treasures throughout the building, including 100-year-old dominoes and a marking pen left behind in the upper reaches of the cupola.

Goodwin chose Rand Lumber based on a recommendation by his father, Steve Goodwin of York, Maine. "Everyone was very accommodating," he notes. "The main thing was they asked a lot of questions so they were sure we had the right materials."

Even more impressive to Goodwin was the ability to source lumber from

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the actual lumber yard. "Rand really knows its lumber from top to bottom," he says, "and the prices were great. I would definitely use Rand again for another project."



Required by present day building codes, the guardrail was added during the renovation and designed and built to look original.



Close-ups of beams: Rough lumber was used for the rafters and studs, and stained to match the original boards.

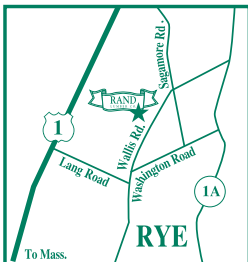
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