



June/July 2007

## SUMMER HOURS

**Monday – Friday**  
**7:30 – 5:00**  
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**7:30 – 2:00**  
**Closed Sunday**

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## York Homeowner Builds With Own Brand of Creativity

Call it a garage, call it a barn, or call it a workshop – as far as York, Maine homeowner Bob Lovo is concerned, calling it well-built is okay by him.

Lovo, an avid woodworker who enjoys using natural wood to create beautiful pieces of all sizes, is in the process of putting the finishing touches on a 23-foot by 25-foot out-building that he and his son, Matt Lovo, began working on last August.

After a picture of a single-car garage caught their attention, Bob and Matt put their heads together to come up with an alternative that would meet the needs of Bob and his wife, Sara.

Ultimately Matt, who works as a civil engineer for a Florida-based home builder, designed the plans for a two-story, two-car garage that will do double duty as an outside workshop for Bob.

On the right side, there is space under the stairs to store Bob's small tractor and fit Sara's compact car; on the left, there is room for a workbench and Bob's mini-van. Upstairs, a 13-foot-wide space leaves plenty of room for storage.

Rand Lumber provided all of the wood for the new building, including kiln-dried lumber for the framing and rough-sawn pine for the siding, floor, and roof.

Having used Rand for smaller projects in the past, Bob had been impressed with the selection of pine and hardwood available at reasonable prices. The high quality of Rand's lumber was especially important to Bob, who describes himself as a "traditionalist" and rejected the use of any plastic, metal or plywood in the new structure.

In addition to selecting quality lumber and special-ordering windows and doors, Jim Rand helped out by reviewing the plans and weighing in on several aspects of the design. In fact, Bob credits Jim with the idea of embedding a triple-laminated wood beam in the floor joists to allow for headroom on the stairs. He also points out that Rand custom-cut all of the battens to ensure smooth sides on the boards.

Next on Bob's to-do list is to complete the siding on the left wall. He'll then work with a team to shingle the steeply pitched roof. Even here, his creative eye is at work: "I'm not going to have a metal drip-edge from the roof," he says. "I will use two layers of wood shingles along the edge for a nice, clean look – it works just as well."



**Top:** Board-and-batten vertical siding is stained a solid gray to match the cedar on the Lovos' main house.

**Bottom:** Bob used copper flashing above all doors and five windows.

## YANKEE INGENUITY

Simply adapting traditional building practices to the practical needs of garage users, Bob said "why not" and positioned two posts four feet and six feet from the front and back walls to avoid interfering with car doors opening.

A triple-strength beam running down the center of the building compensates for structural support that was sacrificed by replacing the standard three post design – a practice that would have left one post located smack in the middle of the garage. Even the side access door swings to the outside, instead of the standard inward swing. "Why bang up your car?" asks Bob. "This makes a lot more sense."



*Triple-laminated wood beams*

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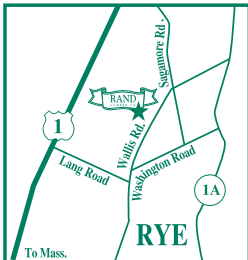
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