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Quality Lumber for Quality Craftsmanship

Rye homeowner Jon Bemis is a 20-year veteran of the corporate world who today spends his hours not running Asian manufacturing operations for a major footwear company, but crafting and installing custom moulding and paneling throughout the rooms of the 130-year-old Central Road New Englander that he and his wife, Rita, bought two years ago.

With more than a year to go until all of the finish work is completed, Bemis is gradually making his way through “thousands of feet of moulding” – all of which was supplied by Rand Lumber.

“I might have saved money by going to Home Depot, but there is a huge difference in the quality of the wood that I can get from Rand,” he says. “For example I know the wood is dried correctly, and I know that I’m getting ‘select’ even when I just call in the order. Those guys at Rand understand wood so I know it’s the highest quality. Plus there was no question that Rand gives everyone a fair shake. These things make a difference”

Throughout the entire first floor of the 5,000 square foot home, Bemis’s commitment to endurance and quality is everywhere. It speaks from the long graceful windows of the living room and front room, the fireplace surround, the walls of wainscoting panels and chair rails, and nearly every windowsill and ceiling corner.



Rand Lumber provides quality lumber for custom moulding, wall panels, wainscoting and many other fine details that make a home unique.



As many as nine levels of custom moulding extend from the massive carrying beam and around the ceiling perimeter of the downstairs rooms. These comprise a bay measuring approximately 25 by 15 feet. Within this area Bemis has also built in nearly 200 square feet of custom paneling for a future cigar room.

Most of the moulding is center cut pine, including the custom milled windowsills that were provided by Rand. Bemis notes, “I ordered these in two groups, and they were milled exactly the same. This is a true indication of skill: The shop operator had to hold the same tolerance between the two groups in order to cut the boards to the exact specifications.”

For Bemis, custom woodworking begins with the quality of the lumber that’s selected. He explains, “Only someone who knows what they’re looking for can tell the difference between the quality you get at Rand, and what you get at the big warehouse stores. The average homeowner won’t know the difference, but in time, it shows.”

Although he anticipates dedicating at least another two years to his task, Bemis is not daunted. “Custom work is a dying art,” he notes. “Today you can buy PVC moulding and just order the color you like; no thanks. Right now this is a big mess, but I know that it’s being done right.”

Jon Bemis is passing his dedication to quality craftsmanship onto future generations. Having stashed several CDs containing “before” pictures into various walls and beam casings throughout the house, he notes, “Who knows, maybe in 50 years or so someone will find these and appreciate the work and care that have gone into maintaining the integrity of each room.”

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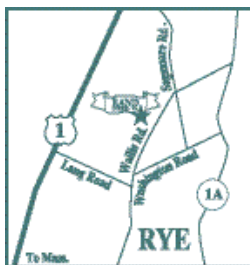
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