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## Bring your wood back to life

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Most people's first thought is to have a full replacement done; but there is another option. Siding on homes and cottages can be restored to its original glory with a professional dose of cob-blasting.

"It's not just for log homes," says Cedar Laine Restoration project manager Tylor Thrush. "You fell in love with a certain colour and we can bring that back to life for you."

Cedar Laine Restoration prefers cob-blasting because it is the least abrasive and the most environmentally friendly: it is literally a corn cob core, with the food source – the kernels and exterior cob – eliminated before being broken down to blast.

However, they are restoration specialists and will use walnut shells, sand or glass when appropriate. For each project, there are specific finishing techniques and stains required.

Tylor notes it's essential to understand which media to use

and when to use it. For wood siding, decks, docks or a whole log home, cob-blasting is usually the best bet.

"But sometimes you need a more abrasive media and that's where walnut shells, sand or glass enter the picture," says Tylor, who has 15 years of experience restoring homes. "Choosing the appropriate blasting media is the difference between restoring a building and potentially causing more damage."

Cedar Laine Restoration has been reviving old wood since 1988 and they work throughout Ontario. Their team has a combined 90-plus years in the business, and they carry \$5 million liability along with WSIB coverage.

"We receive numerous referrals from happy clients," says Tylor. "As well, over 35 per cent of our business is from repeat customers."

### New workshop

Cedar Laine Restoration is also working on a new 2,400-square foot workshop to expand their services.

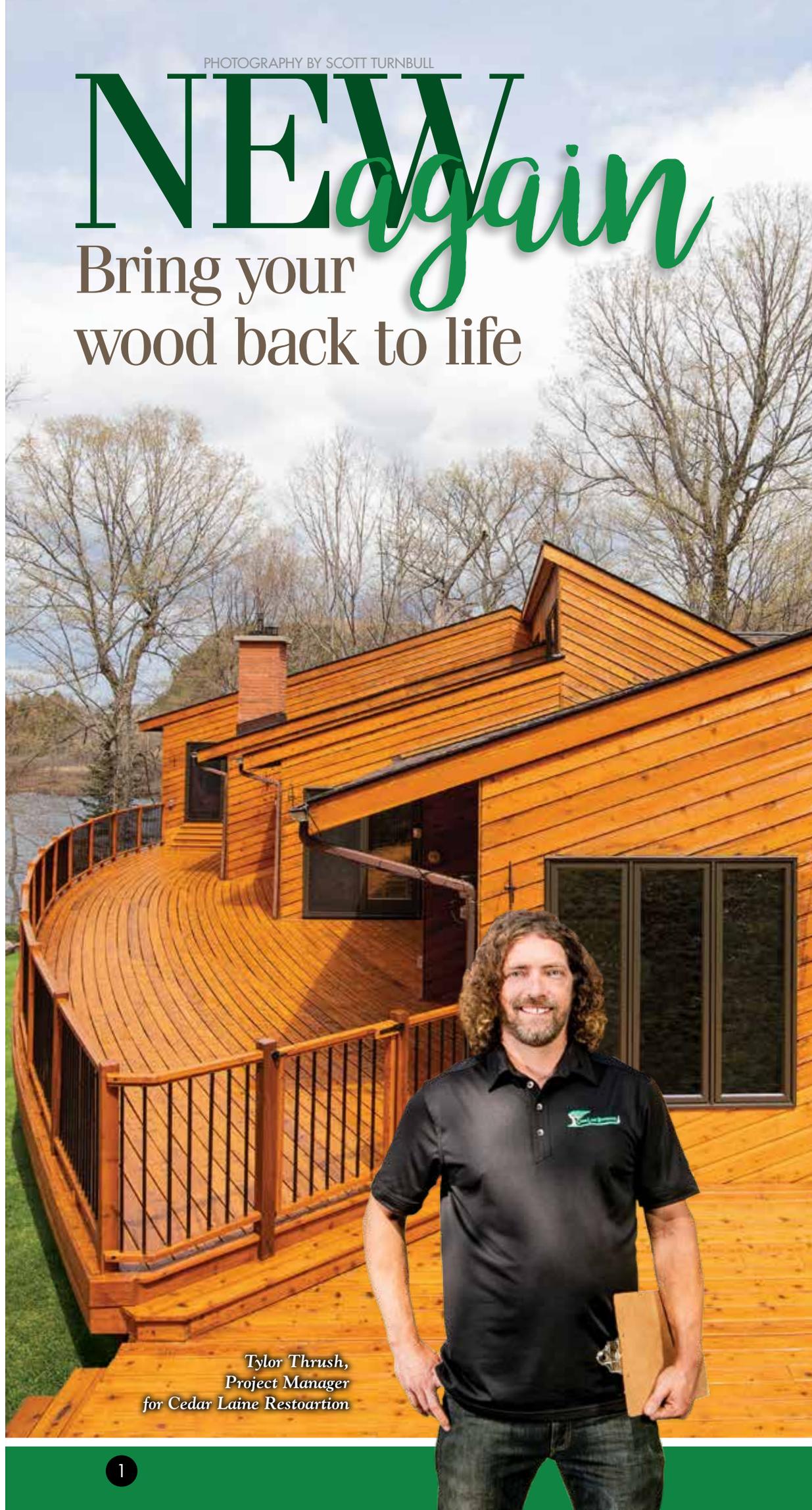
The shop will allow Cedar Laine Restoration to work on a wide range of projects throughout the off-season - from November to April - and during high season days when inclement weather prevents outdoor work.

"This gives our clients options for getting their items restored." **DS**

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