

# HOME REVIVAL

## Wood restoration makes buildings look new again

Natural wood is often the prime feature of the most beautiful homes and cottages in Muskoka.

The tones and textures of wood siding and trim or of whole logs are a perfect fit with the natural environment. However, even the sturdiest wood begins

to fade and wear under the constant beating of the elements.

When appearances fail but structural integrity remains, a quality restoration by experienced professionals will bring your home back to life, explains Cedar Laine Restoration project manager Tylor Thrush.

Len and Miriam were thinking about putting vinyl siding over the

Western cedar on their then 22-year-old home. Instead, they called Cedar Laine to see what they could do.

Cedar Laine owner Chris Rumball and his team were able to restore the wood to its original state. Using cob-blasting – the least abrasive blasting option available – they stripped the wood down and then applied a top-quality professional-grade stain.

“Our house is now a joy to behold with the grains and knots vibrant and the cedar clean,” says Len. “We wonder how we could have contemplated vinyl siding.”

Cob-blasting is also environmentally friendly: it is literally a corn cob core, with the food source – the kernels and exterior cob – eliminated before it is crushed and blasted.

The same material was used to restore Cathy and Trevor’s 13-year-old log home two summers ago. They say the home isn’t just good as new, it’s better.

“The texture revealed from the cob-blasting of our

pine logs makes them look so much more natural than the factory smoothness it previously had,” says Cathy. “We couldn’t be more pleased.”

She adds that they loved the professional and courteous conduct of the Cedar Laine team.

Other media will be used when they are appropriate, says Tylor. For wood siding, decks, docks or a whole log home, cob-blasting is often the best bet. When a more abrasive media is needed, the restoration specialists might turn to crushed walnut shells or glass to get the job done.

Cedar Laine Restoration has been reviving old wood since 1988 – their team has a combined 90-plus years

in the business. They work throughout Ontario and carry \$5 million liability along with WSIB coverage.

They recently built a new 2,400 square foot workshop to better serve their clients through the year.

In the cooler months, from late fall through to early spring, Cedar Laine Restoration takes care of interior projects. Hardwood floors, kitchen cabinetry, drywall, and other restorative interior projects can be completed in a timely fashion.

“It allows us to continue working on certain jobs indoors and better prepare for outdoor projects.”

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