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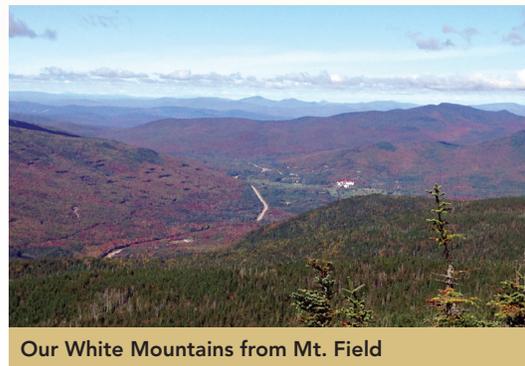


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## NEWS FROM THE HILL

Fall is always beautiful in New Hampshire, and this year it has been spectacular. The colors have been vibrant, the temperatures have been mild, and the apples have been plentiful. Fall is my time of year



Our White Mountains from Mt. Field

to hike the Whites, travel to soccer games and volleyball games with my daughters, and to keep up with the yard work. Like so many of you, it's time to get the property ready for winter.

This season, I had added incentive to spruce things up since our house was featured on the Bedford Historical Society's Historic Home Tour. We opened our house to visitors as part of the Society's fall fundraiser, and it was the perfect excuse to finally complete some long-postponed projects. Annie was thrilled with the results, and some simple upgrades such as new kitchen hardware have made all the difference. With the help of friends, our house never looked so beautiful, showcasing its true historic colors and details.

The fall season for Liberty Hill Construction has also been very busy. Our team continues to expand, and employee roles are continuing to be redesigned to meet the needs of our customers. Our recently added Business Development Manager has been developing our new project designs and budgets, allowing me the flexibility to visit jobsites

more frequently as projects progress. I am excited to be back on site more frequently so that I can monitor progress and enhance the performance of our production team, in addition to being able to visit with customers while their project is underway. With more help on the front-end design, budget and sales contract process, Pete has been able to fully embrace his role as Production Coordinator, and I am more available to oversee the entire remodel process from sales to completion.

Start to finish production time for many of our projects has been a challenge for us, and for the entire industry, this year. Due to a lack of skilled laborers, getting on the schedule of our preferred trade partners has been more difficult over the past year. We utilize a group of tradespeople who are trusted, insured and highly skilled at what they do. Because schedules can shift unexpectedly, delays result as we attempt to re-work schedules with contractors who are already in



October 2015 Team Photo

high demand. We ask that if you have a project that you are thinking about, be sure to allow ample lead time because there simply are not enough high-quality, well-trained tradesmen and women to meet the industry's needs.

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## 2015 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Liberty Hill Construction is proud to have sponsored many local organizations over the past several months, including:

- › Bedford Education Foundation
- › Bedford Historical Society
- › Bedford Police Union
- › Bedford Rotary "Idol"
- › Bedford Girls Softball League
- › Bike and Build
- › Building on Hope
- › CASA of New Hampshire
- › Easter Seals of New Hampshire
- › GMNHBRA Scholarship
- › The Palace Theatre
- › Peter Woodbury Elementary School
- › Veterans Count
- › Ross A. Lurgio Intermediate School's Witch Way to the 5K race



## HISTORIC HOME TOUR

The Rehm property was featured on the Bedford Historical Society's Historic Home Tour held on September 19. Visitors were invited to tour the home's interior, surrounding gardens, original barn and carriage house.



## NATIONAL REMODELER OF THE YEAR

Greg was surprised and honored to receive the National Association of Homebuilder's Remodeler of the Year award. From a field of candidates across the United States, the NAHB chose Greg Rehm as the recipient of this prestigious award. He was recognized for his outstanding leadership and guidance of Liberty Hill Construction, as well as his extensive community service and state and national representation to the Homebuilder's organization. Greg received the award on October 1, 2015 at a ceremony in Chicago, and he and the LHC team will be featured in the December issue of *Qualified Remodeler* magazine.



Greg receives the NAHB Remodeler of the Year Award, flanked by Pete Sapounas (LHC Production Coordinator) on left, NAHB Third Vice Chair Randy Noel on right, and Robert Criner (NAHB Remodeler Council Chairman) in back.

## NEWS FROM THE HILL, FROM PAGE 1

In our culture of "instant response", sometimes we forget that it takes time to complete projects that require skilled hands and experience.

On a somber note, we were deeply saddened by the sudden passing of a close family friend and customer. We had the privilege of working with him and his wife to complete several projects. Life can unexpectedly be cut short, and this tragic event reminds us to slow down, focus on family and friends. Take time to enjoy life, give back to the community, and be grateful for everything we have. Thank you to all who continue to trust us in your homes, and refer us to friends and neighbors.

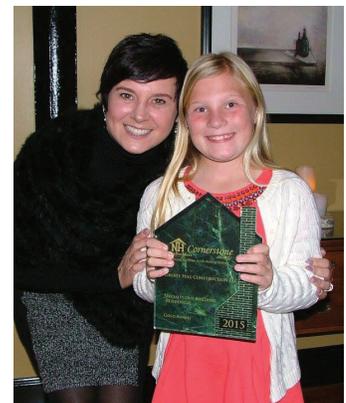
Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Greg

## HAT TRICK AT THE NHHBA CORNERSTONE AWARDS

We were pleased to receive two Gold and one Bronze award at the New Hampshire Home Builder's Association Cornerstone awards in October. An updated kitchen, remodeled bath and detached Carriage House were the winning submissions. Kate Rehm did a fantastic job accepting the awards on behalf of the team!



## FEATURED PROJECT REHM ANTIQUE CAPE

On December 1, 1838, the Reverend Thomas Savage acquired the “brick cottage,” perched at the crest of what became Liberty Hill, from Captain William Patten. Reverend Savage served as the minister of the Bedford Presbyterian Church from July 1, 1836 until January 23, 1866. Through time the home was owned by John and Harriet Hodgman, Henry and Nellie Wallace, Evelyn Walters, and finally the Osbergs before it was purchased by Annie & Greg Rehm.

In 1997, when Annie and Greg bought the home, they knew that it would be a long journey to make it suitable for themselves and their future children. But they had a dream and a vision, and worked tirelessly to bring that to a reality.



The Rehm Family antique cape

The original cape-style home was constructed according to the traditional layout of kitchen, living and dining rooms on the first floor, and bedrooms on the second. The two-acre property also included a timber-framed barn on a mostly wooded, sloping lot.

Over the years, the Rehms have adapted and renovated existing spaces, and added carefully planned expansions as their family grew. They remodeled the kitchen when their first daughter was born, and added the master suite in time for their second daughter. The third addition was a full bathroom tucked in to a new dormer feature on the second floor, followed by the construction of a large and airy barn room off of the eat-in kitchen.

The mechanical systems of the original home were outdated, and all have been modernized. All windows and trim have been replaced with new materials, sourced to match the home’s original details



and to seamlessly blend with the overall character of the house. The original wide pine flooring has been preserved, as well as both original working fireplaces.

When purchased, the home had no insulation, relying on the natural materials of brick, horsehair plaster and newspaper to protect its occupants from the harsh New Hampshire winter. It has been a long and sometimes very chilly process to gain comfort and energy efficiency!



“Owning an antique home is an adventure and a labor of love, requiring patience and a gentle hand to adapt it to modern times while maintaining its reminders of simpler times. It is a legacy that passes from one family to another, across generations and in this case, centuries, lent to the stewardship of its temporary owners. The Rehm home is a piece of Bedford



history that has borne witness to the town’s evolution from a colonial village, to an agricultural center, to a bedroom community of Manchester and Boston.” The Rehms are honored to be the current caretakers of the “brick cottage.”





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## NEW OR OLD? CAN YOU GUESS...?

