

# StoriedBoards Reclaiming History

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When an old structure, like a barn or factory comes down, there's no telling where the materials will end up. A local company is making sure materials go to good use because, after all, they have a storied past. Our Jon Dougherty tells us about StoriedBoards in this week's Capital Region Business Beat.

WILTON, N.Y. -- Inside a Saratoga County workshop, a large piece of wood is put through a buzzsaw on its way to becoming a fireplace mantle. However, it's not just any mantle, it holds greater meaning.



With every cut and sand, history is being saved thanks to StoriedBoards.

"StoriedBoards is a vintage reclaimed lumber retailer," said Tyler Russell, StoriedBoards co-founder.

Started in 2012, StoriedBoards' mission is to save materials no longer needed or wanted.

"These materials look the way that they do because of the passage of time and with the passage of time is history and we wanted to preserve that," Russell said.

StoriedBoards reclaims wood from barns, churches, and factories from all over New York and New England, and created barn boards, beams, flooring, and its newest product, fireplace mantels. With every one of StoriedBoards products comes a story, one which might otherwise go untold.

"We research, document and then pass on the history with every piece that we sell," Russell said.

Each product comes with a history booklet and StoriedBoards only reclaims wood from highly distressed structures.

"Where the alternative is literally the barn is going to collapse, rot where it is, and when that happens and the next generation comes to that locations, they won't know the barn was there and they won't know the history."

StoriedBoards has production facilities in Lake George and Wilton, and is planning to open a showroom soon in Lake George. Until then, it's selling products online which are guaranteed to come with a unique story.

"We make sure that we go out and pass that on and make sure that it lives again and is retold and not forgotten about," said Russell.

They also make sure it will live on for more generations to come.

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