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Bark siding makes a comeback

Discovering a 75 year-old home sided with remarkably sound poplar bark inspired Highland Craftsmen Inc. of Blowing Rock, NC to pursue manufacturing the product on a commercial level. Poplar and chestnut bark siding were once common products in the state until the chestnut blight eliminated the main raw material source.

The bark is peeled from trees felled to make lumber, cut into shingle sizes, pressed and kiln dried. The process converts a waste product into a value siding of unique texture and longevity. For information: highlandcraftsmen.com



SIPLE HOUSE

Renovation meets aesthetic, functional needs of client

LSU ARBORETUM VISITOR CENTER

Raised plantation homes inspire wooden pavilions in wetland site

HEAVY TIMBER

Sophisticated construction, new technology mark a time-honored building method