



**B**uilt for the enjoyment of the Grafton residents and visitors by a small group of volunteers. Constructed of a few white pine and hemlock trees that once grew across the Village from here. The trees were cut in the winter, sawed on a woodmizer mill, and the lumber stuck up to dry. In the spring, the materials were brought to this site to be assembled.

The design was created by Jake Cady, son-in-law of two of the volunteers. After spending many nights in an Adirondack lean-to during spring canoe fishing trips, he wanted to create a structure in his backyard that improved on some of the shortcomings of a traditional lean-to. Such as the short roof in the front that drips rain between you and the fire which is outside in the rain. The same roof that collects smoke if the fire is going, depending on wind direction. The limited sitting area. By raising the peak of the roof to the south and dropping it to the north, the structure “scoops” light and sun and blocks a north wind. With the ridgeline running north and south, the pitch of the roof turns water to the east and west away from the opening. “An interesting approach to life finding things that need to be improved and developing solutions.” It was decided not to include a fireplace in this lean-to due to safety concerns.

So please respectfully enjoy the structure as it was intended and carry out what you carried in. Thank you and enjoy!

*The Volunteers!*