

## Builders Block

### Tectonics II: King of The Mountain

Steve Crandall of Tectonics II came to Nelson County to help his father build a spec home in the early 1980's. Steve fell in love with the beautiful mountain country at Wintergreen and uprooted his successful Northern Virginia contracting business and moved to Nelson County in 1982. Crandall has since built over 350 homes at Wintergreen, and is easily the resort community's largest builder.

"It was like the wild, wild west when we first came here," Steve recalled. "Wintergreen was very young at the time. There was no mail delivery, and very few stores. You couldn't even find a pizza."

Things have certainly changed in the past 23 years. The town of Nellysford is a bustling community. The development at Wintergreen has grown by leaps and bounds, and yes; you can now buy a hot pizza pie. But one thing hasn't changed, and that's Steve Crandall's dedication to building the highest quality home possible.

About 10 years ago, Crandall started building Lindal Cedar Homes with high-end, post and beam construction. The quality was inherent, but the homes were at the high end of the price spectrum. Then six years ago, state-of-the-art technology allowed Lindal to begin to offer a "Select" package of homes, still with high quality materials and design, but better pricing. Currently, 80% of the homes built by Tectonics II are Lindal Homes.

"The quality is unbelievable," Steve said. "Our project superintendents love it. The homes come shipped in beautiful condition with a lifetime guaranty on the structure."

Lindal Homes is based out of Seattle and has been in business 65 years. Sir Walter Lindal, age 88, founded and is still active within the company. Lindal takes the product from "stump to finish", eliminating the middlemen of the timber industry.

"Lindal does not build a large amount of homes," Steve remarked, "Only about 450 a year. Rather, they concentrate on quality. Their training program is excellent, as is their commitment to technology."

Tectonics II now builds about 12 homes per year ranging in price from \$250,000 to over \$1 million. The company is active in numerous locations including Smith Mountain Lake, Earlysville, Lexington, Fluvanna County and, of course, Wintergreen.

Tectonics II is a partner with Verd-To-Go in the new Glen Mary development on Route 664. Pending final approval by Nelson County officials, construction should begin sometime in April. All the homes at Glen Mary will be built by Tectonics II and all will be Lindal Cedar Home designs. Natt Hall with Real Estate III is the Marketing Agent.

"I've always admired the Glen Mary tract and when it became available, I bought it," Steve said. "Wintergreen has developed to the point that it's very difficult to find view properties. All the home sites at Glen Mary will have terrific views."

"We think that Glen Mary has more of a rural feel than Stony Creek," Steve continued, "Yet, it's just a 30 minute commute to Charlottesville."

Tectonics II is widely known in the building industry as a "green builder." Steve and his crew recycle many materials and use recycled materials whenever possible. A tender care for the environment is evident with the use of passive and active solar energy and a recycling process for water runoff.

To find out more about the Glen Mary development, or to see the great floor plans available from Lindal Cedar Homes, contact Tectonics II at 434 361- 2525 or [www.tectonics2.com](http://www.tectonics2.com)