



### HANDCRAFTED PRODUCTS

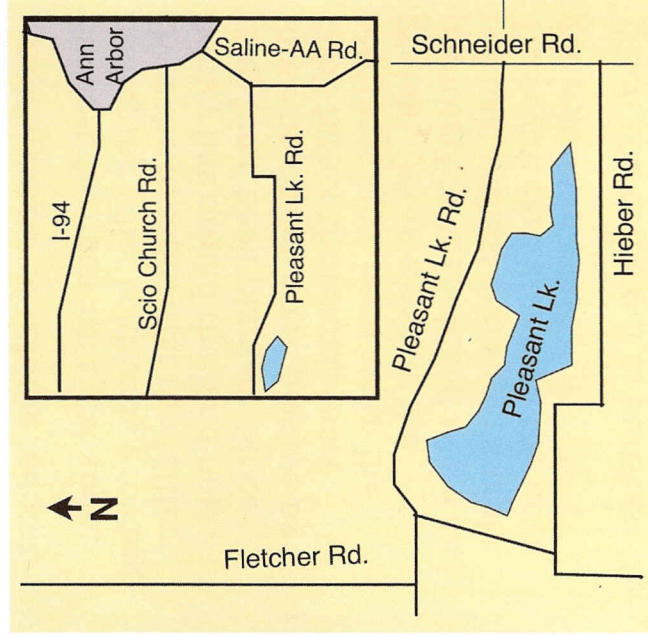
We also produce a few handcrafted items fashioned from our own hardwoods. These include a simple "Leopold" bench and an Ethiopian-inspired walking staff.

For our benches we carefully select boards with unique features to give each of them a natural beauty, with no two being exactly alike.

Our walking staffs have a shaft of strong, clear native hardwood, joined and shaped at the top with beautifully grained and colored woods, for a piece that is both attractive and practical.

### ABOUT US

Our business is based on the land ethic of conservationist Aldo Leopold. Our tree farm is a certified member of the American Tree Farm System and a past recipient of the Washtenaw County Tree Conservation Award. We seek to use the land for "wood, water, wildlife and recreation." Our careful wood lot management and production of the iconic "Leopold" bench actively promotes the Leopold land ethic of preserving "the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community."



### PLEASANT LAKE HARDWOODS

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SUSTAINABLY MANAGED

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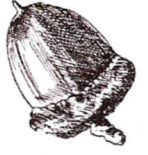
## SUSTAINABLY MANAGED

The trees that we harvest are selected based on a comprehensive woodlot management plan. The factors we consider include:

- overall improvement of the woodlot
- making room for younger trees and maturing prime trees
- removing damaged and mature trees

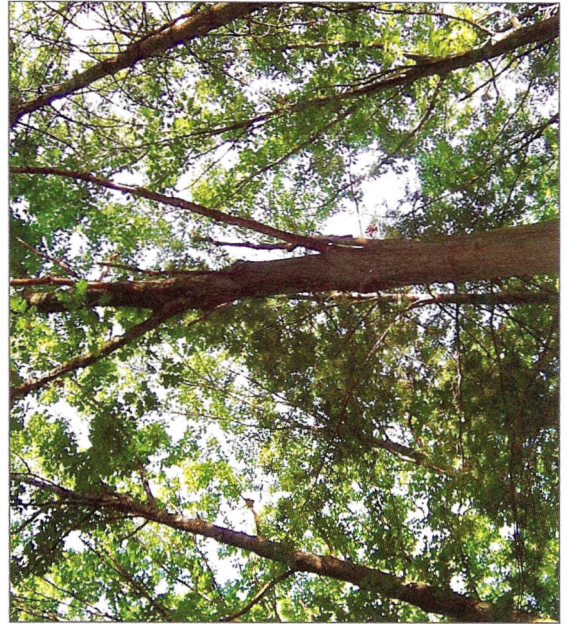
But sustainability isn't just about managing what is already growing. Over the decades that the Miller family has owned the land new trees have been planted. Since those first pines were planted by Bob's father thousands more seedlings have been set in the ground. More recently the plantings have included white and red oak, walnut and sugar maple. These are cared for with the next generation in mind.

When you come out to purchase the hardwood you need for that special project you have in mind, we invite you to walk through our woods and see for yourself what inspires us to embrace this ethic of sustainability and land use.



## LOCALLY GROWN

Our native oak, cherry, walnut, ash and other hardwoods are grown on our own woodlot just south of Pleasant Lake here in Washtenaw County. The property has been in Bob Miller's family since 1943. His father began planting trees here in the 1940s.



## RESPONSIBLY HARVESTED

Our harvesting of trees is very low impact. We cut trees mainly in the late fall and winter. Using a small tractor we carry logs out of the woods one at a time on established trails. When a sufficient number of logs are ready we hire a local sawyer to cut our lumber. Finally, our boards are carefully stacked and air dried in our barn.



We have a variety of grades of wood available in a range of widths up to 16 inches, and all are competitively priced. We offer planing service for a small additional charge.

So whether you need a couple of board feet, or a couple of hundred, come see us at Pleasant Lake Hardwoods, your local source for native Michigan hardwood.