Coach House Garages
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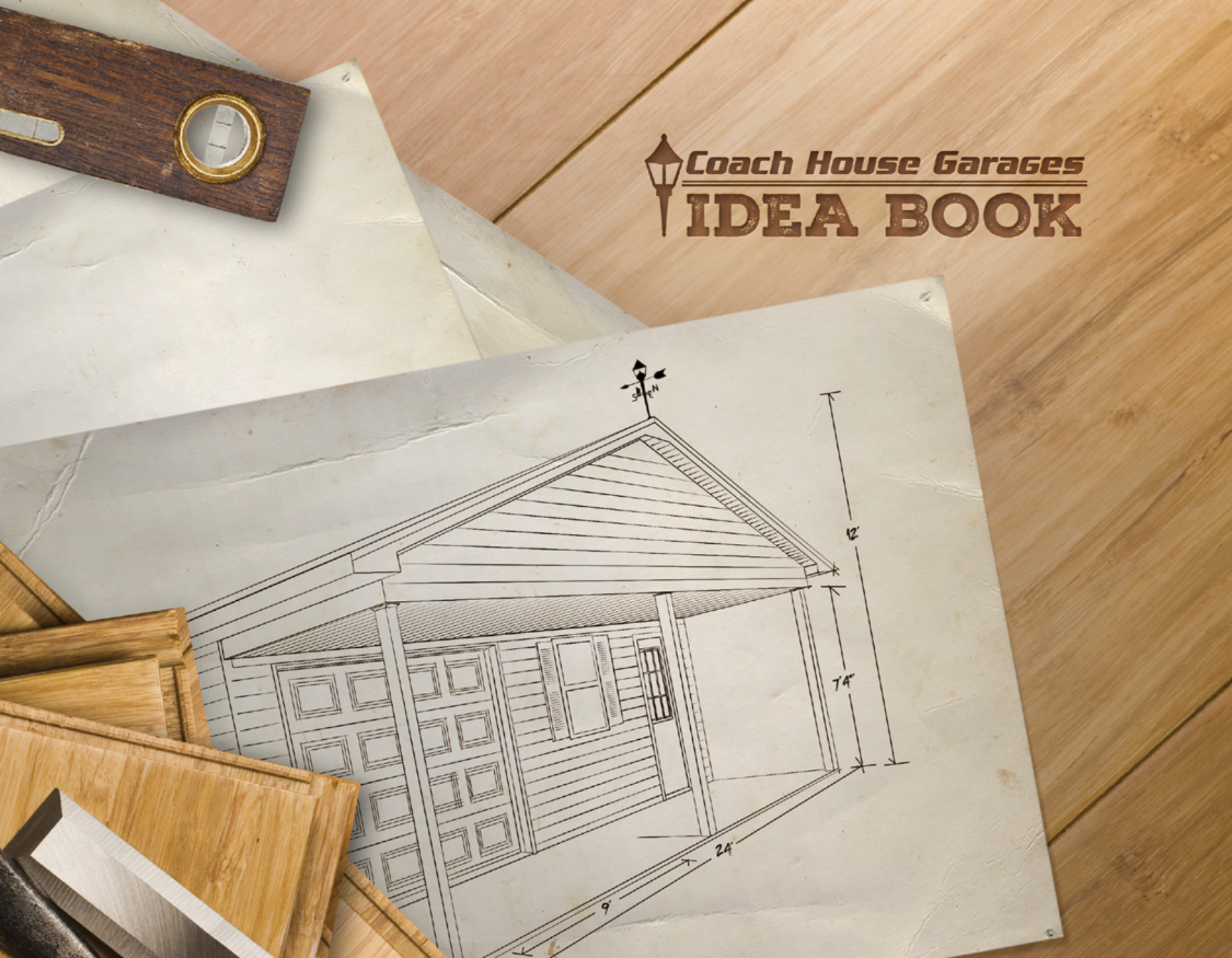

BUILT ON GENERATIONS OF AMISH CRAFTSMANSHIP

The gallery you're about to see is a tribute to the work of our craftsman — and to their fathers and their forefathers.

At Coach House Garages, we build new ideas with old-fashioned values.

Most of our builders are from Amish families who from the ages of 4, 5 and 6 years old learned the trade of carpentry and building from their fathers, who learned from their fathers, who learned from their fathers . . . You can say it's in our blood.

With a heritage like that, we don't just build garages. We build Coach House Garages. Clients use their Coach House Garages to transform their lives so they can have a new office, art studio, workshop, porch, hobby shop, pool house, man cave, game room, garden room, exercise room, wood working shop or just a place to get away.

See what a difference Generations of Amish Craftsmanship can make . . .

Our dream was to have a place to gather in this beautiful setting in the woods, so that our family could enjoy the great outdoors, with the comforts of home, and a porch to take in the view.

David & Carol Crist - Lerna, IL

We went with Coach House as our builder, because of the reputation they have for quality and for getting a project done within a very short time period.

The Fortune Family - Westfield, IN

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We love our pond house!

Ed & Cheryl Yoder - Oakley, IL

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We needed a garage; a place to store tools, and more room to fix and restore things. Our Coach House Garage fits our lifestyle and sits on our property like it was built with the house.

"Your slogan is exactly right when you say that your garages are more than just a garage...it's a Coach House, and we have the pictures and memories to prove it."

David & Nancy Flessner - Collom, IL

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We love our Coach House Garage because it not only enhances our yard, it gives us the added storage that our family so desperately needed.

Steve Hoelscher - Neoga, IL

We wanted a garage for storage and a place for our gardening hobby.

The garage for storage turned into a vacation getaway for all year long.

This has been one of the best investments we could have made because of all the pleasure it gives us.

Larry & Nan Maddox - Springfield, IL

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The garage looks as though it has always been here and the design blends perfectly with our house.

Susan Riggert - Mattoon, IL

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It's a high-quality garage and does exactly what I need it to do. I looked around at other garage companies, but when I saw Coach House Garages, they looked like the best built and I got to pick the design.

Paul Sutter - Bloomington, Illinois

A real garage has been our life long wish. When we moved to our farm 49 1/2 years ago, an open sided tin roofed pole shed was on the property and since it was next to the house, it became our garage.

We would not have waited 50 years if we had known how much enjoyment our new Coach House garage has given us.

Rosemary & Joe Toohill - LeRoy, IL

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I love my Coach House Studio! It is a beautiful, functional, well-built structure that gives me a place to make art, to entertain, to teach, and to store and organize my stuff.

Jacquie Worden - Charleston, IL

The
Koerner's
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Our Coach House has taken a lot of stress off me and my wife and made our lives easier and simpler. It truly has. I've also had a lot of compliments on it. I would recommend a Coach House to anyone.

We checked with various contractors. One told us honestly that he couldn't compete with Coach House Garages, that he couldn't match their prices for the quality we wanted.

Chris Koerner - Iroquois County , IL

ABOUT THE AUTHOR . . .

Jim Yoder was destined to be a builder. As is the custom among Amish families, he learned the trade from his dad, a Master Carpenter.

While some boys grew up on a farm, Jim grew up on job sites. From age 6, when he wasn't in school, he fondly remembers working with his dad nailing subfloors or just playing with the scrap wood building whatever his imagination, a hammer and nails could form.

Some of the best memories he had growing up was being with his dad in his garage. Built in 1955, the smell of pine is as fresh today as it was then. Just thinking about that old garage brings back a sense of calm and peacefulness that he remembers as a young boy. His dad spent hours at his big sturdy workbench with its thick wooden top.

Like any young boy, he wanted to be like his dad and drive nails just like he did. So he practiced driving 16-penny nails into the thick workbench with as few swings of the hammer as he could. By the time he was 11, he could drive 16-penny nails (31/4 inches long) into the workbench with only 2 swings. Amazingly, his dad never said a word.

Years later, the opportunity to manage and own Coach House Garages came about and Jim jumped at it. His dad now works with him along with 45 of other craftsmen and employees – all dedicated to building the very best garages in the country.

Just recently, crews built Jim's dad his very own Coach House Garage. He has a new workbench too and so far it's free of any nails

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(it's just waiting for a few grand children to get busy!). He still uses his garage to get out of the house to build Christmas presents for the grandkids as well as Jim and his 3 sisters. It's become like Santa's workshop because no one knows what he's building until Christmas Day. He built a farm set for the grandkids one year. He's built foot stools, quilt racks and last year he built flower boxes out of old barn wood. It's not clear who enjoys the gifts more – Jim's dad while working on them at his workbench or the kids and grandkids when they finally get to see what he's been working on in that garage.

For Jim and his family – and for many other families – there's nothing more special than a Coach House Garage.

THE COACH HOUSE DIFFERENCE

At Coach House Garages we live and work by old-fashioned values rooted in our Amish Heritage.

What does that mean to you?

Put simply, that means, "We do what we say we're going to do."

For example, we don't give estimates. We give you an exact quote. If the project actually costs us more money to build than we had quoted, that's our fault and we'll pay for it – not you. That's our Exact Quote Guarantee!

We show up when we say we will. We know your time is valuable and we respect that.

Finally, you can rest easy knowing you get the highest quality work from craftsmen who grew up learning how to build barns, homes and garages from their fathers, who learned from their fathers, who learned from their fathers. Each Coach House Garage is built on generations of Amish heritage.

From the moment we come out to your home to meet with you, you'll notice how much attention we pay to the details to ensure you get exactly what you want. We'll review various designs based on your expectations and work with you to come up with a custom design as we begin to turn your vision into reality.

Then, we carefully hand-select the wood before we even get to work. We're so selective about the wood we use that our lumber suppliers often get frustrated working with us. But as

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craftsmen who want to build the best, we only work with the best materials. The wood and the materials our craftsmen need is carefully packed and delivered in the order that it's needed so we're not wasting time at your home.

In fact, we can build most new Coach House Garages in as little as a day so you can enjoy it the next day! Rest assured though, we're not finished until it meets your expectations. If something does go wrong, as it sometimes does in the real world of building, we make it right!

For us, there is nothing better than seeing a home transformed by a Coach House Garage – and we hope you will soon feel the same way too.

For a FREE design consultation, call us TODAY at 1-800-447-0561. See for yourself what a difference a Coach House Garage can make in your life…

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