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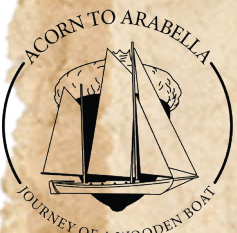
Work on ARABELLA, the William Atkin-designed Ingrid being built by Steve Denette in Granby, Massachusetts, is progressing. The boat, subject of the popular "Acorn to ARABELLA" videos on YouTube, now has access for visitors.

■ Anne Bryant writes with news of the **Acorn to ARABELLA** project, where she has been working as a producer and videographer: "The **boatshed in Granby, Massachusetts**, where **Steve Denette** is building a **38' wooden sailboat** now has **visitors' entrance** and a **platform** where anyone can see the progress during daylight hours, 365 days a year. Denette is the fifth generation of his family to live at Pinetum Farm, which sits at the edge of Mount Holyoke Range State Park. His popular YouTube channel, 'Acorn to ARABELLA,' releases weekly videos documenting the project and has been drawing viewers for quite some time. The new visitors' area, with no entry fee, allows work and filming to continue as guests take selfies, sign the guestbook, pat Akiva the dog, and see for themselves the boat they have seen on their screens at home. So far, we've had visitors from all over the United States and Canada stop by. They love having the opportunity to touch ARABELLA and to see that this place is real.

"In 2017, the project started with **felling trees** from the farm, **milling the wood**, and **lofting from plans** for a William Atkin-designed Ingrid, a 38' double-ended ketch. The YouTube channel, which released its **200th video** in January, is perhaps best known for a video showing the casting of a 9,500-lb keel using lead collected from unserviceable boats. The hull is now almost entirely planked and her interior is well under construction. Electrical systems installation started in December and is expected to be completed in January. The remaining three strakes will be installed when the staging needed to build her deck and interior is disassembled.

"After launching the boat, Denette plans to continue making videos while learning seamanship with friends."

See *Acorn to ARABELLA*, www.acorn-to-arabella.com, and www.bit.ly/YardVisiting for particulars about going to the yard.



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