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After four decades in the business and building all types of homes from tiny houses to mega-mansions, Jim began steadily downsizing about five years ago. He now enjoys living in a tiny house with the freedom and security that it offers. In his spare time, Jim likes to volunteer at his church, kayak, hike trails, travel, and feed birds, watch movies, and is a supporter of the Minnesota Orchestra. He is an avid reader across many genres, from science fiction to westerns, including self-help/ improvement books and enjoys learning about almost anything.

Jim is also a story teller and loves to use stories to illustrate a point. In those stories, he weaves quote and snippets (snips as he refers to them) of people of past and present times.

“Adventure and a safe haven, that’s a good mix” - James A. Michener

In Jim’s Words:

“Just as a fallen tree in the forest provides food for God’s creatures, so do quotes provide food for thought and contemplation while giving us a glimpse into the authors mind of a past time and era. They can reveal to us that at those times, as much as things seem to change, how some things do not change. Michener’s quote above reminds me that while it is good to have and go on adventures, it is also wise to have a ‘safe’ haven. For me and many others, that is their home, cabin, boat, or tiny house.

The first quote that started my snips collection is *‘To him whose elastic and vigorous thought keeps pace with the sun, the day is a perpetual morning’* by Henry David Thoreau. I liked it so much, that I always greeted folks with ‘Good Morning,’ and I still do many times. To me it is always morning as each moment is a new learning opportunity as new ideas come forth from the one mind - our Source. After all, Gods currency is ideas! And I have been and will always be blessed.”

Press Questions

1. Why did you create Tiny Green Cabins?

Tiny Green Cabins was started with the idea of being able to live independently, sustainably, and on my own terms. Having come from the corporate world of construction and the subsequent downturn in the housing markets, there was a need for a security on my part for the coming years that would be built around my work ethic, integrity, and “can do” attitude. Taking a survey of possible businesses or ventures that I could do, an inventory of my skill set and toolbox, and acknowledging the risks, I decided to start Tiny Green Cabins.

2. What trends are you seeing in the area of sustainable living spaces? The trends that I am seeing are: Living smaller, living sustainably, making healthy choices for themselves, and more choices of options in tiny houses.

3. What kinds of individuals buy a Tiny Green Cabin? Tiny Green Cabins appeal to a wide variety of individuals, including young singles who want to purchase their first home, retirees who are downsizing, and do-it-yourselfers who prefer to build their own home.

4. What makes Tiny Green Cabins stand out from the competition? We offer clients more layout choices, cabin options, as well as top-notch customer service. We also use the highest-quality materials and provide superior craftsmanship.

5. What are the next hot products in the tiny home marketplace? The next hot products for the tiny home marketplace will be furniture designed for tiny houses, AC and air exchangers for tiny houses, slide outs and slide ups, and any way to take advantage of maximizing space and resources in tiny houses.

For more questions and answers, [see the FAQ](#).



Company Background and Facts

Tiny Green Cabins is a leading custom builder of transportable, sustainable, healthy, tiny houses and micro homes. We sell plans and design services for those desiring to build a tiny house or who want one built to their specifications; workshops for those who choose to build it themselves; and kits or assembled shells for those who want to jump start their Do-it-yourself tiny house project. At Tiny Green Cabins, we set the standard for earth-friendly, sustainable healthy homes from the foundation to the final piece of trim. We see a global community that is enjoying living a sustainable, healthy lifestyle, and Tiny Green Cabins has a way for you to be a part of that community, living a simpler, healthy, and sustainable lifestyle, too.



Date Founded: October 25, 2008

Headquarters: White Bear Lake, MN

Executive Team

- Jim Wilkins, CEO and Founder
- Nathann Wilkins, Vice President Quality Control
- Caleb Wilkins, Vice President Production

Market

The market for tiny homes is expected to continue to increase, given individuals' desire for more affordable and sustainable homes. For more information on the tiny home market, see <http://tlc.howstuffworks.com/home/tiny-house3.htm>

Tiny Green Cabins serves three primary markets around the globe:

- First-time homebuyers who are mobile and active
- Downsizers, including retirees
- Do-It-Yourselfers, who want to build their own tiny cabin

Tiny Green Cabins' Primary Products

- Eleven customizable tiny green cabin layouts, with many options
- Small house plans, standard and customized
- Consulting and speaking engagements on sustainable living

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Price Sheets

Tiny Green Cabin Price List



Wildflower II



Wildflower



Denali

Models	Sleeps	Main Floor sqft	Loft sqft	Std Price - *1	Healthy Living Level 1-*2	Stairs	Main Floor Bedroom
Mini-sota	1	48	32	\$14,999	NA		
Sunflower	1-2	64	32	\$19,999	NA		
Zen	1-2	96	0	\$23,520	NA		
Wildflower	1-2	120	64	\$41,916	\$49,800		
Breathe Easy	1-2	120	56	NA	\$56,900		
Prairie Rose	1-3	140	96	\$53,900	\$62,300		
Wildfire	2-3	144	144	\$58,999	\$66,440		
Wildflower II	2-3	176	120	\$65,940	\$77,900	Yes	
High Plains Drifter	2-3	196	120	\$72,999	\$85,540	Yes	
Denali	2-5	208	128	\$73,883	\$86,999		Yes

*1 -STD Price includes; Felling trailer with electric brakes and break-away system, spruce, pine, fir framing material, foam board insulation, cedar exterior, 3/4" T&G pine paneling, vinyl windows, steel roof, tie downs, smoke alarm

*2 – Healthy Living Level 1 includes; Felling trailer with electric brakes and break-away system, 18 gauge welded steel frame, soy based closed cell insulation, steel lap siding, steel roof, hardwood floors, hardwood paneling, Integrity windows, steel/fiberglass doors, tie downs, smoke alarms

Prices subject to change without notice

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