



TIMBER FRAMERS GUILD

Dedicated to the art and science of timber framing

Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitors Center, (GVC), Schuylerville, NY

September 5th-15th, 2016

Introduction

I want to thank you for registering to be a volunteer for the TFG's Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitor's Center Community Building Project in Saratoga, NY!

This will be a 10-day project with participants arriving on September 5, 2016. The design for this frame highlights the elements of a traditional Dutch barn, which is historically relevant to the region, while embracing the welcoming nature of a modern visitors center. Together with the support of the local community and guidance of the TFG's project leadership team, we will hand carve the timber frame using the square rule method. As we work and live together for the duration of the workshop, we will enjoy the shared experience of working hard to create something amazing, learning from each other, and having some fun along the way. The workshop will culminate with a traditional hand raising on September 14th and 15th... just in time for the opening of the TFG Eastern Conference.

We would love to have you for the full 10 days, but understand that you may have other commitments. We are happy to have you for as much time you can give us. Please help spread the word about this event to anyone that may be interested. I look forward to working with you on this great and historic community building project!

Thanks,
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TFG Project Manager
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Workshop Location

30 Ferry Street, Schuylerville, NY

Contact Us

As the workshop nears, questions and comments are likely to arise. Please feel free to contact the Guild Office or myself.

The Timber Framers Guild Office-

Toll Free: (855)-598-1803

Email: info@tfguild.org

Waiver/Insurance

Please note that the Timber Framers Guild does not carry workman's compensation or medical insurance for volunteers. All volunteers are advised to have up-to-date medical insurance. Additionally, all volunteers are required to sign a "Release and Waiver of all Claims". This document is attached at the end of this email. Please sign and return a copy to Megan Starr at the Timber Framers Guild office.

It can be emailed to: info@tfguild.org or snail mailed to: 1106 Harris Avenue, Suite 303, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Food/Lodging

The members of the *Historic Hudson Hoosic River Partnership, (HHP)* and local community, will provide daily lunches for the workshop participants. Lunches will be served at the recreation center adjacent to the building site.

The Timber Framers Guild is happy to provide lodging for participants at *Christ the King Spiritual Life Center*. This is in the neighboring town of Greenwich, NY. The Life Center is a 12-minute drive from the worksite. The Life Center will be providing breakfast and dinner, starting with dinner on September 5th and ending with breakfast on September 15th. Meals are provided for workshop participants who are staying here only. It is bunkhouse style accommodations with communal bathrooms. There are two sides to the bunkhouses, one for female and one for male volunteers. You are expected to *bring bed linens, blankets and towel*. There is space for parking RV's, but hookups are not available.

If you prefer camping, Fort Hardy Park is close to the worksite and this location does have RV hookups. (Breakfast and dinner will not be provided in this case.)

-Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, 575 Burton Road, Greenwich, NY 12834. Volunteers need to bring bed linens, blankets, and towels.

-If you will be staying in an RV, please contact our office ASAP so we can get you a spot.

Tools/Materials

Attendees are required to bring their own hand tools that are easy to travel with and that are used so often they cannot be shared conveniently. These would include: (in red=suggested not required):

- Timber framing chisel (sharp, 1.5 in. and/or 2 in.)
- Wooden or leatherhead mallet (2-3 lb.)
- Tape measure (25 ft.-35 ft.)
- Framing square
- Combination square
- Utility knife w/ extra blades
- Pencils
- Work gloves
- Tool bag or box
- Safety glasses, Safety gear
- Earplugs or hearing protection
- Hardhat
- Work boots- STEEL TOE
- Nail apron / Tool belt
- Jobsite drinking bottle
- SHARP hand saw, push (26 in) or pull type, (Stanley sells an 11 TPI sharp tooth saw for \$25)
- Lumber crayon or chalk
- 3-ring binder with paper or note pad.
- Sun hat (we can hope)
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Rain gear
- Sheets/blankets/towels
- Block plane (sharp)
- Circular saws (7 ¼", 10 ¼" or 16")
- Slick
- Extension cord (#12, 25' minimum)
- Various hand planes (rabbet, smoothing)
- Corner chisel
- Musical instrument

Please let me know if you are bringing any power tools that may be useful for the project.

Tentative Schedule

The daily schedule will look something like this, but is subject to change. More information regarding the schedule will be provided in later emails.

7:00- breakfast at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center
7:40-head to site
8:00-morning safety meeting, discuss the day ahead
8:30- layout and cutting
12:15 lunch at rec center adjacent to work site
1:00- layout and cutting
5:00- clean up
5:30- lock up/leave site
6:15- dinner at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center
7:00-8:30 Night School Session, but not every evening.*

*Night School Sessions will be available for some evenings; other evenings will be for relaxing. The entire leadership team is available for the duration of the workshop.

Thank you again for volunteering to be a part of this event! Be on the lookout for more information to come in the weeks ahead.

Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitors' Center

A Project of the Timber Framers Guild

The Historic Hudson-Hoosic Partnership and Town of Saratoga NY

August 8-12, 2016 and September 5 - 15, 2016

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF ALL CLAIMS

The undersigned, registrant for an event in Timber Framing offered by the Timber Framers Guild, in consideration of admission of the undersigned to the event offered by the Guild, plus other good and valuable consideration, and being fully aware of the inherent risks and dangers associated with the construction of a timber frame structure and the use of hand and power tools, RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE and HOLD HARMLESS for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, the Timber Framers Guild, its employees, project managers, instructors, directors and subcontractors in their corporate capacity and individually, and any owners of premises which are used as sites of instruction and activity during said course, of and from any and all claims, demands, rights, and causes of action of whatsoever kind and nature, arising from, and by reason of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen bodily and personal injury, damage to property, and the consequences thereof, resulting, and to result, from said course of instruction and my attendance at same, and any other circumstance incidental thereto.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Street: _____ Town: _____

State / Province: _____ Zip / Postal Code _____

Telephone: _____ e-mail: _____

Emergency Contact (Please print):

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone(s): _____