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# COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT

## Replacing the ClearWater Farm Barn

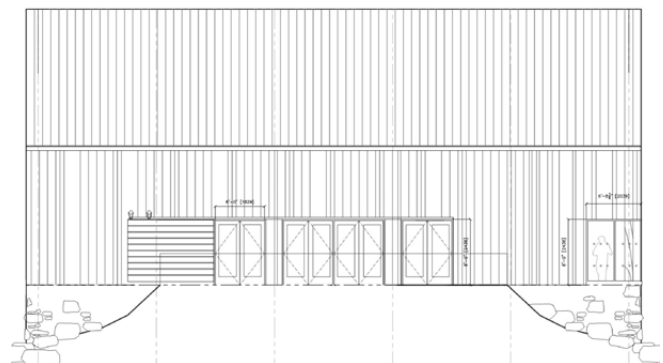
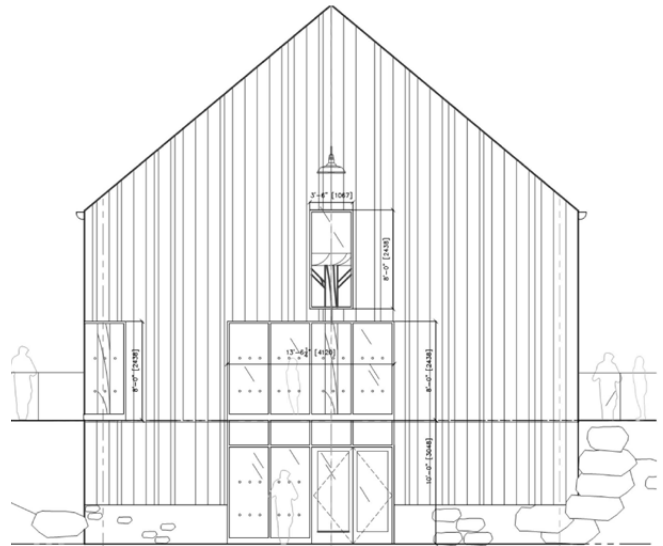
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From August 17 through August 25 (rain day August 26), the Guild will be building a barn near the shore of Lake Simcoe in Georgina, Ontario. The project is sponsored by the [Ontario Water Centre](#), which owns [ClearWater Farm](#), site of the new barn. ClearWater Farm's mission is "connecting people and experiences to shape a more sustainable future." They focus on youth education, with an emphasis on food production, providing kids with learning opportunities the "build character, curiosity, and a love of nature." As an organization with a similar mission to educate and connect people, the Guild certainly has a natural affinity with ClearWater Farm, making this an obvious choice for a Community Building Project.

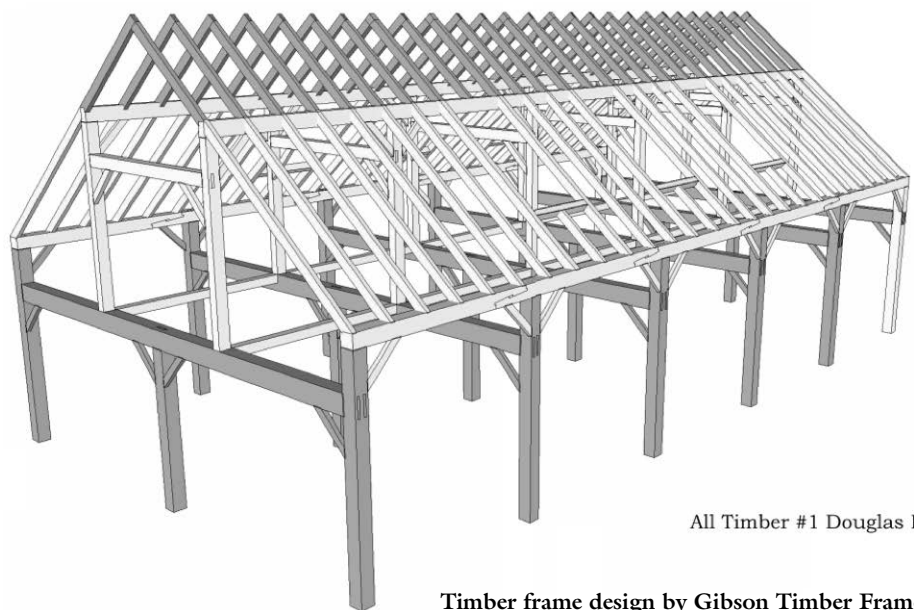
The barn will replace one lost to fire, and will become a multi-functional space for events, meetings, and community cultural programming. Working together with ClearWater Farm, we'll help them build community as the new timber frame is built and raised. The project coincides with the celebration of Georgina's 200th anniversary, and events have been planned around this celebration, which will showcase the barn and the craft of timber framing. Ontario Water Centre is also developing several eating and evening excursions to enhance our week.

The barn is designed as a 40' by 70' by 34' tall purlin plate and common rafter structure, modelled on the previous barn, and will be comprised of six bents, 16,400 board feet in 264 pieces of Douglas fir timber.

The workshop will be held on the on the farm, adjacent to the barn's final location, and will culminate in a crane raising, scheduled to start August 23. The Guild plans to fabricate and raise the barn with a group of 30 to 35 volunteers which will be a mix of local trades people and members of our Guild community. Volunteers will be able to camp right on site and the sponsor will supply portable shower and toilet facilities. Lake Simcoe is just across the street with a public beach nearby. Food will be provided for the volunteers, beginning with lunch on August 17 and ending with the dinner meal on Saturday, August 25.



Barn design by Sandra Iskandar Architect



All Timber #1 Douglas Fir

Timber frame design by Gibson Timber Frames

The project team is currently planning for the volunteers to arrive Thursday evening (August 16) or Friday morning (August 17).

As always, the project leadership team will need to balance the skills of the volunteers. Lake Simcoe and Georgina are a popular summer vacation site for the greater Toronto area (about an hour away), making this another fun and picturesque project location, so if you're one of our lucky crew, be sure to bring your swimsuit!

Lake Simcoe in Ontario, near ClearWater Farm and the end-of-August 2018 workshop location. A public beach is near.

