Help us build a better future together.

For nearly four decades, the Timber Framers Guild has uplifted and empowered communities and individuals through the time-honored craft of timber framing. The Guild has taught novice and experienced timber framers alike, inspiring pursuit of a trade unique in sustainable construction and opening doors to opportunities.

As a result of the Guild’s success, the time is now to prepare for growth by expanding facilities and educational opportunities to the level that today’s aspiring and professional craftspeople deserve.

We invite you to join us in building this future.
BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

EDUCATION & OPPORTUNITY
A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY  | The path to financial security and upward mobility has long been tied to education, with a prevailing expectation that earning potential is dependent upon a college education and an office job. Timber framing offers a unique opportunity to embark on a journey of lifelong learning that takes the grain of a timber as its textbook and a chisel as its pencil. Students of timber framing engage in the craft with passion, building an expertise honed from experience and achieving financial security and respect in a community of professionals who take pride in their work and knowledge. Timber framing challenges people to learn about the science of materials such as wood and steel, tool technology, engineering of timber frames, and the connection of all, which relies upon a foundation of mathematics.

With Guild-sponsored workshops and programs, courses through the Heartwood School, apprenticeships with established professionals, and more, the Timber Framers Guild offers opportunities for aspiring craftspeople and members of the public to invest in themselves and build a better future in the process.

*Education is and has always been the elevator to success.*
BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT
WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES | For more than three decades, the Timber Framers Guild has worked with communities across the continent to bring community gathering spaces, farmers markets, memorials, amphitheaters, and more to life. Whether destinations for visitors and residents, or the heart of a community, these Community Building Projects are a chance for the Guild to share the craft of timber framing and inspire community investment while building a unique and beautiful structure and providing skill development opportunities for both aspiring and accomplished timber framers.
Every curve, every cut, every design: those who build with wood show their respect and passion for their craft and primary material in every frame. The versatility, strength and durability of wood is at the heart of every timber frame project. Timber framers rely on strong and healthy forests to provide this renewable resource, hence its continuous use for eons.

• It costs less to produce than steel and concrete, and that production can be certified as sustainable. Wood harvested from sustainably-managed forests has a smaller carbon footprint than other man-made materials, using far less energy in production. It also sequesters carbon dioxide – and brings that benefit with it to timber-focused structures, continuing to store that carbon for decades

• A single timber can serve for many human generations: protected and maintained, it will last for hundreds of years and can be repaired, re-finished, adapted, and recycled throughout its life in service. And when its service ends, it can be returned to the environment as a fully biodegradable material.

Support of timber framing and use of this renewable resource in all walks of life resulted in a 50% increase in the total volume of trees in the United States over the 60 years between the middle of the 20th century and 2011 – expanding our carbon sequestration capacity, improving our air and water, and investing in a healthier future for our communities.

What else makes a timber frame sustainable? Timeless beauty. A beautiful building will be loved by those who live in it, and cared for accordingly, making it a structure that will last for generations. This might be the most important sustainable attribute of the timber frames we build.
BRINGING US ALL TOGETHER

BUILDING A NEW FUTURE

Framing Futures
A TRADITION OF CRAFT | Timber framing has touched every corner of the globe in its long tradition of craft. The Timber Framers Guild brings together the collective knowledge of craftspeople, engineers, designers, and historians to continue that tradition. Timber framing propels us into the future, marrying sustainable harvest and respect for the resource with opportunity for skilled labor jobs and lifelong learning as we bring projects to communities and individuals across North America and beyond. The Timber Framers Guild is building a new future, bridging the gaps between opportunity, sustainability, and the sense of community we all seek, at its new center in New England. There, timber framers and others can gather to exchange ideas and knowledge, sharing the collective wisdom passed down across generations, while building skills, connections, and beautiful structures. With the Guild, we are building a new future that is strong, sustainable, and full of opportunity.
Amy Grant was our local hero and sponsor for a community building project in Tennessee.

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The sustainability of our home fits into the vision of how we choose to live our lives.

Ken Burns lives a few miles from our new headquarters in Alstead, NH