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Greetings!

We are hosting a three-part event spanning three seasons in southwestern New Hampshire. Parts 2 and 3 are contingent upon success in Part 1, which is on track and ready to roll for the week of May 24 to 29.

The project involves taking down, repairing, and moving a pre-Civil War barn from a beautiful site on the Connecticut River (at the Cheshire County House of Corrections), and re-erecting the barn in its new home at Pisgah State Park in Winchester, NH. Parts 2 and 3 will take place at Pisgah State Park, an undeveloped park about as far west and south as you can get in New Hampshire, hard by the Ashuelot River. We will have use of the existing Visitor's Center (built by Benson Woodworking in 1998) and plenty of support from our hosts, the Friends of Pisgah.

Parts 1 and 2 will be run as Guild workshops, for which a small tuition will be charged. Part 3 will be run as a rendezvous without charge. All participants will need to sign the enclosed waiver. We expect to get the 2004 apprentices deeply involved in this event.

May 24-29: Stabilizing, Assessing and Dismantling Historic Structures Workshop

For this workshop, we expect to arrive on site to find the roof gone, but the siding intact. Our goal for this week is to finish up on Saturday afternoon with a big pile of labeled timbers, and a much better understanding of what it's going to take to repair this building. Before we leave, the timbers will be stacked somewhere, marked with metal tags, and covered from the weather (perhaps by that pile of recently removed roofing). Arron Sturgis and Joel McCarty will be the principal leaders, and there will be a small tuition charged.

July 12-17: Appropriate and Authentic Repair of Historic Structures Workshop

This workshop will include the hewing of at least some of the replacement tie beams, all of which have been broken. Various strategies for repair (rather than replacement) will be evaluated, and some will be demonstrated. Participants will likely get plenty of experience in post repair as well. We will charge a small tuition for this workshop.



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Sept. 27-Oct. 2: Raising the Pisgah/Blood Farm Barn Rendezvous

This event will consist of the assembly of the recently repaired barn, and the raising of the barn with much ceremony, culminating in a giant party on October 2. The Guild will promote and operate a rendezvous on site with timber framers and interested parties from all over the world. No tuition will be charged, but participants will be registered and, as always, required to sign a waiver and to take direction.

This package contains things you'll need to know about how the event will proceed:

- Waiver
- Schedule
- Tool List
- Directions
- Notes

This package and pictures of the building are also available at the TFG website at www.tfguild.org. You do not need to bring a set of plans; we just thought you might like to know what you're getting into.

As always, I am available for questions. Please complete the pertinent components and fax, mail, or email them to me at the contact points provided above.

I hope to see you soon.

Joel McCarty
Timber Framers Guild



Release and Waiver of All Claims

The undersigned, participant in a timber framing event offered by the Timber Framers Guild, and the Friends of Pisgah, in consideration of admission to this event, plus other good and valuable consideration, and being fully aware of the inherent risks and dangers associated with the de-construction of a timber frame structure and of 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, directors and sub-contractors in their corporate capacity and individually, the Friends of Pisgah, and any owners of any premises which are used as sites of instruction or work during this event, of and from any and all claims, demands, rights and causes of actions of whatsoever kind and nature, arising from, and by reason of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, bodily and person injury, damage to property and the consequences thereof, resulting, and to result from said event of work and instruction, and by attendance at same, and any other circumstance incidental thereto.

Printed Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

Date Signed

Signature of Parent or Guardian
(if under 18 years of age)

Address

E-mail Address

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code, Country

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact Phone



Tools and Equipment list

A Must to bring

Steel-toed boots/shoes
Head, Eye, Ear and Hand protection

Tools .. important

Part 1: May Event; De-construction tools and safety gear.

Hammers, crowbars, dust mask, fall protection, and gloves.

Parts 2 & 3: July and September Events

1½" and/or 2" framing chisel

Sharpening stone

Mallet

Tape Measure

Combination square

Framing square

Pencil

Work gloves

Tool bag/box

Marking knife

Sharpie

Tools .. General & specialist

Rabbit plane, Block plane, Draw knife, Slick, Crosscut saw 7-8tpi

Corner chisel, Carving chisels, Stair gauges, Safety harness

Come alongs & raising gear, Saw horses, ladders, Boring Machine & Bits, trestles, awnings. Drills, Impact drivers, etc

Detail below the rigging and raising gear you will bring. Harness and lanyard will be required for high work.



Tools Continued:

Power tools: Please detail below any 110 volt power tools that you can bring. We need your timber framing power tools, your sawhorses, your timber trolleys and your extension cords.

Overview for participants

The first week of this three-part project will focus on the documentation and safe and careful disassembly of a historic structure. Every effort will be made to use you and your skills where they best fit the needs of our event. No one will be assigned tasks they are unsure about. Some of this work will be dirty, some will be in the air – no secrets will be kept; everything we can teach about old barns will be taught.

Primitive camping is available on site at no charge. Lunches will be provided on site each day, Monday through Saturday. The site is on River Road in Westmoreland, NH, just off of State Route 12 between Keene and Walpole, NH. Both towns are within 6 miles of the site, and offer various diversions, accommodations, and delights. Call Joel for local accommodation contacts.

No night work is planned for this event, which will begin each day at 8:30 a.m., and end when we decide we've had enough. A crane will be used on the final two days for the high disassembly. We'll be bracing the structure as we go to make sure there are no surprises as we take it apart.

The Guild prides itself on being able to meet the instructional needs of event participants; expect to be fully engaged.

REGISTRATION NOTES

Please contact Joel McCarty if you have any questions.
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1. Please provide all of your contact information, including emergency contact by completing the waiver form on the second page this packet.

To make sure we are best able to utilize your skills:

2. Have you had formal training, or achieved licensure status in any of the trades? Please describe.
3. Indicate the length of your experience and any noteworthy events you have taken part in that seem relevant to this project. We are especially interested in knowing if you can do square rule layout and cutting with a minimum of supervision.

Insurance:

4. Please give details of any personal or 3rd party liability insurance you may have which will cover you for this event. Likewise for personal health insurance.

Accommodation and Dietary Requirements:

5. Please indicate any special dietary or other requirements. Especially allergies, or other forbidden foods.

Travel:

Please give details of how you intend to travel. Directions follow:

Directions to Blood Farm:



Westmoreland, NH, is located in the southwest corner of New Hampshire on the Connecticut River. I-91 travels north/south on the opposite shore.

>From the North

1. NH State Route 12 South from Walpole
2. Route 63 south is to your right
3. Cheshire County Complex sign is to your right.
4. Left at the T intersection, at the Jail
5. The big red barn is about two miles out on the right (river) side of the road.

>From the South, East and West

1. State Route 9 West from Keene or East from Brattleboro, VT
2. Route 63 North for a few miles.
3. Cheshire County Complex sign is on your left.
4. Directions as above.

You may complete this form electronically, as time is short, or complete this form on site if you prefer.

Return to:

Fax 888 453 0879

e-mail joel@tfguild.org

Emergency Contact Phone will be (603) 835-2077.