



INTERNATIONAL LOG BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION
2006 Eastern Conference – At Le Chateau Montebello, Quebec
Telling Our Story – Building our Future

REGISTRATION PACKAGE

April 6th through 9th

THE CONFERENCE

Our conference theme this year is “Telling our Story” - a look back and celebration of our roots, history and some of the defining moments that have brought us to the ILBA of today, and “Building our Future” a focus on future planning designed to address the interests and concerns of a membership which now spans three generations.

This year we have prepared a program of seminars and presentations that focus on our growth as an industry and changes that will govern the way we do business. We will take some time to consider our direction as an association, touch on our growth as individuals and spend a lot of time exploring tools and work methods as well.

The historic Chateau Montebello is the ideal venue for a “look back”. This is the largest log structure in North America and was constructed during the depression. The structure comprises 10,000 Western red cedar logs, was built by 800 skilled log builders and labourers and took an amazing four months to complete.

Those of you who attended our 2000 Conference know full well why we have chosen Montebello once again for our 2006 Eastern Conference. For those of you who were not able to attend our first conference at this location, here is your opportunity to taste for yourselves what all the hul-a-ba-loo was all about.

Take a look at the Chateau Montebello website, there are plenty of activities for your families should they wish to accompany you. (www.chateaumontebello.com)

For our American members, a visit to historic Quebec will truly be an-out-of-country experience – so pull out your French/English dictionaries and brush up on your log-building lingo. (Also refer to our French/English Log Builders dictionary included in your registration package – there WILL be a quiz).

Of course the language of log building and our joint passion for this craft transcend not only linguistic barriers but also the differences of politics and philosophy. Our generosity to each other by way of sharing our ideas and resources makes us a family of sorts...an odd family at times – but a family nonetheless. So come to Montebello prepared for a reunion and a celebration of your craft with the rest of the “family”.

*Pre-conference and main conference *subject to change*

PRE-CONFERENCE *

Tea House: Innovative Approach to Post & Beam

With Pat Clark, Higgs Murphy and the Higgy Jigger

Prepare to use a medley of methods on this post and beam project. Our pre-conference hands-on this year is a Tea-House, a 10' x 12' structure. Here you will learn how to use a simple laser tool to loft joinery directly onto round log logs and irregular shapes. Plan includes mitered and housed joinery, with square and round log elements. Use the Higgy Jigger to mill and cut accurate housings. This sweet little building will take two days to build – and the good news is you will have time for a beer after a days work. You'll return to your yard inspired to put some new tools and techniques to work in your operation.

The workshop starts April 5th (8:00 am Wednesday morning and runs through Thursday.). You will be staying in the staff accommodation (Tuesday and Wednesday night). Your fee includes accommodation and box lunches only – beer is on your dime). Register for this course now. Cost to attend: \$500.00 CAD or foreign equivalent.

Deadline for registration is March 6th.

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Costing and Quoting using Dietrich's 3D CAD Software

With Wil Dancey

QUOTES for PROSPECTIVE CLIENTS – Are they costing you too much time and money OR do they help you stay in business with a healthy profit?

During this Dietrich's software workshop you will learn how to quickly generate the model and take-offs for accurate quoting. Dietrich's integrated modules will be used to produce the build-ups for walls, floors, ceilings, and roofs. Combine round or machined log walls with log or timber frame

roof systems, SIPs and conventional framing. Your quote can be presented to the client with a rendered concept drawing that can later be used to fine tune the design and create the shop drawings or machine files.

Following the completion of this two day course, you can take home fully functional software to use for free for two months. A \$100.00 refundable deposit will be required for the hard-lock.

You will also receive two months of free hotline support via our toll free number and the internet. (Take advantage of the opportunity to bid on a copy of the software which Deitrich's NA is contributing to our auction.)

Cost to attend: \$225.00 CAD

Deadline for registration is March 6th

You will need your laptop for this course: For more information call Chris Dancy at Dietrichs North America. 1 877 877 0086

Compound Roofs: Don't get left behind

With Will Beemer

The direction of our industry is headed increasingly towards the chateau and away from the simple cabin. The plans we work from become ever more complex and challenging. Understanding complex roof joinery gives confidence and peace of mind when reviewing and bidding this type of project. This year we are offering a one-day pre-conference course on complex roof joinery taught by Will Beemer of the Timber Framers Guild. Will is an excellent teacher, and will walk his students through some of the areas that have us scratching our heads. Starting with traditional drawing techniques that have been used by builders for centuries we'll move through some basic math (no trig!) and framing square tricks to the very powerful Hawkendale angles. These tools are used by even the most math-challenged framers today to solve complex, even irregular, roof problems. Most of the workshop will be spent drawing, applying the techniques to a sample hip roof model. This full day seminar includes a pre-study package, so make sure you register early in order to be tuned up and prepared for this timely teaching.

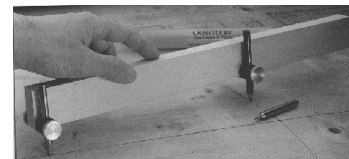
Refer to your registration form for the tools you will bring.

Cost to attend: \$190.00

Deadline for registration is March 6th.

Required tools for ILBA Compound Joinery Course:

- Framing square with rafter tables
- 16' or 25' tape measure
- Dividers with pencil scribe that can open to 8" or more (scribers will work)
- Large drafting triangle (45 degree) or second framing square
- Drafting "dots" or tape
- Calculator with square root and trigonometric functions (for extra credit!)
- Colored pencils
- Hard #4 pencils
- Erasers (such as Mars drafting type)
- Protractor (plastic one like you had in school) or, ideally, a protractor square (example top)
- And trammel points if you have them (bottom image)



Pre-study material is included in this course – make sure you register early so we can mail you your package.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Log Builder Games

This event is a great way to show off your skills, and demonstrate job site efficiency with other builders. It's safe, fun and well organized with official rules. The Grand Champion will go home with a new saw; will it be you? Safety gear must be worn to compete, and you are encouraged to bring your own equipment. Please indicate your desire to participate on the registration form by ticking the appropriate box located at the bottom of the main conference registration form. This event is open to all ILBA members attending the full conference. The Log Builder awards will then be handed out on Saturday evening.

3rd Annual ILBA Design Project Expo

We encourage you to enter your company's work and details in the Peoples Choice Design Expo at the ILBA 33rd AGM & Conference at Montebello Quebec. This is an opportunity to display your talent, or to vote for your favorites. Please drop off your entry as soon as possible at the Registration Desk upon your arrival. Take a look at our diverse industry and cast your vote. The winners will be announced on Saturday evening. Please indicate on your registration form your intent to participate. We look forward to seeing your entries in this exciting event!

Benefit Auction

With Tom Terry

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and suppliers we are looking forward to an auction that will knock your socks off! Justify your craving for tools and benefit your association at the same time. You can expect some very generous donations from Makita and Timber Tools. For those of you who are going to make the leap into computer design and drafting, we have generous software contributions Deitrich's NA, HSB CAD and ArchiCad. Our fine folks of the log home publications will grace our conference again; it does pay to advertise...Here is your opportunity to test the waters of magazine advertising. The folks from Schroeder Log Home Supply will be at our event this year and bringing some of the products you dream of to our auction. Check our web site as we move closer to conference – we will keep you up to date on both our sponsors and some of the items you can expect to bid on at auction. Prepare your wish list! To relieve your guilt at going on a tool binge, the focus on our auction this year is tools and jewels (tools'n jools). Now for every dollar you spend on your own habit you can spend one on your lovely lady and partner in the life of log building. ***All proceeds raised go to the coffers of the ILBA – make sure you attend the AGM so you can have a say in how you'd like proceeds to benefit our membership.***

Annual General Meeting and ICC Update

Our 33rd annual general meeting is your opportunity to contribute to your association, and your attendance and contributions will help define the direction and future of the ILBA. Please start preparing now by forwarding to Ann at the association office, any topics or issues you would like to see on the agenda of the AGM now.

Tying into the AGM will be an ICC update, and strategy planning session as regards the ICC which you won't want to miss. Your input at this meeting is essential.

Showcase Slideshow

This is a great opportunity to share and showcase your work with members. Send your CD of photos (max 15 photos). CDs should be sent in advance (by March 3rd, 2006) to Patti LeFrancois, 2021 High Schylea Drive, Kamloops, BC V2E 1L4, Canada. You can also e-mail Patti with your digital files: plefran@shaw.ca. Small projects are welcome, we want to see a variety – come share your creative skills. Please indicate your intent to participate in this event by ticking the appropriate box on your Main Conference Registration form, and be there on Thursday evening to present your photos – Patti will have these organized in advance, all you have to do is be there. Don't have technology? You can bring your slides to Montebello - just let Patti know your plans: 250/374-3557

Trade Show

Our association is fueled by the participation and support of our industry sponsors. They will host a wine and cheese reception on Friday and there will be lots of opportunity to see their product throughout the weekend. Thanks to our loyal and consistent supporting sponsors. Make sure to stop by their booths and support those who are supporting your industry!

Wine and Cheese

Our annual wine and cheese hosted by our generous sponsors is a great time to socialize and meet other members.

Telling Our Story

Remember when...you had hair...you ran a chainsaw wearing nothing but a pair of cut-off shorts...your business traveled with you in your pickup truck...you were young and limber – had no irons in the fire...

Look forward to a collection of historic CLBA/CLBAI/ALBA and ILBA images. Our feature this year is a montage telling our story, from the founding members of the Canadian Log Building Association and our evolution and growth through the efforts of our membership. Today we enjoy international recognition as the educators of our industry and the public. To our credit are The Log Building Standards and Log Span Tables among many other accomplishments. We're pretty grown up...what did we look like as we traveled the road to today?

We are calling for your photos too. (ILBA relevant or industry relevant). If you have a photo, or photos of people, work methods, or of defining moments – either ILBA or just plain log building please contact Ingrid Boys: ingrid @logworks.ca or tel:250 378-6551 so your contribution can be included in our story. Mail to: Box 1027, Merritt BC Canada V1K 1B8 Deadline for contributions: March 3rd 2006.

Sugar Shack

Celebrating our Family – En Tradition Quebecois at The Chateau Montebello

Every year we come from all four corners of the earth to learn and to share. This year we are structuring our events and activities to allow you a bit more time to enjoy visiting with each other. Our Saturday dinner will be “family” style – that is no food lines to wait in - just pass the beans, the tortière and the ketchup. (For you meat and potatoes guys: don’t worry...tortière is a traditional meat pie, and delicious!)

Our visit to Montebello ties in with the sap beginning to run in the sugar bush and our menu is called a “Caban a Sucre” (Sugar Shack). The fare is typical of the food you could expect if you were a part of a community celebration of those working in the Quebec Sugar bush. Of course in true Montebello fashion – this traditional dinner is sure to have a gourmet twist.

Diet note on meals: vegetarian/sugar issues? Give us a call if you have dietary requirements. 800 532 2900.

Come prepared for a Saturday night jam session. Bring your instruments!

MORE awards

Oh you deserving people! Here we get rewarded just for being a part of the great ILBA family! Prepare for some laughs as we pin point not only great or unusual contributions to the association, but foibles and follies too! (Got anyone you’d like to recognize in this casual event? Forward your suggestions, and why they should be recognized to Ingrid Boys: ingrid@logworks.ca or tel: 250 378 6551)

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS – Main Conference*

“Log Builder Helper” – A Pricing Program designed for Log Builders by Log Builders

With Yoshito Ona (Dai) and John Boys

Pricing is a part of our job that many of us struggle with; time-consuming, and critical to our bottom line. “Log Builder Helper” is an easy to learn, easy to use Excel based program which will help you save time, and prepare accurate quotes and project budgets.

Since mentioning this new log pricing software developed by Dai and John, in LBN 57, they have been receiving requests for more info from as far away as the UK, and Europe, and we are expecting a high attendance for this presentation.

Tool Sharpening

With John Bowser of Lee Valley Tools

Need we say more? One of our favourite sources for tools and inspiration, Lee Valley will have a presence at our conference (and at our auction).

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS continued...

Building the Future of our Industry - "Reflections on Where Log Building is Going"

With Robert W. Chambers

There have been a number of advances to log building over the past several decades—under-scribing, better scribes, new joinery like mitered trusses, compression-fit notches, and double-cut long grooves, and even new ways to build, like Accelerated Log Building.

But much bigger changes are coming. What can we log builders do to help us in the log building world of the near future? What can we do when "the machine" comes? Robert has some concrete ideas to share about planning for our craft in the future, and some reflections on life as a log builder.

Laser Layout – French Scribe meets the Laser Beam

With Pat Clark

This past spring at the Timber Framers conference Pat Clark and Paul Kaszuba had the pleasure of teaching round joinery to the square wood guys. Pat and Paul have been developing a technique called “French scribe meets the laser beam”. Originally applied to the mitered truss building technique, in the true ILBA tradition of innovation, they quickly discovered that the laser beam opened up a whole range of layout possibilities including layout situations such as window and door layout /cut-out , Post and beam joinery, Loft log layout, Centering of purlins and posts, mortice and tenon joinery and the list goes on. The beauty in the method is that all the joinery can be drawn and seen before the cut.

Shave time off your layout procedures, put extra coin in your pockets and have fun at the same time! Pat will be using Laser Layout technique at the pre-conference work shop and will also demonstrate the method during this breakout session. Be there or be square!

How did you do it?

With successful log builders...

Everyone has a different idea of success. For some of us it means growing our companies, for others it means developing our companies to accommodate our lifestyles, or over-coming geographic challenges. This breakout session brings together a panel of “successful” log builders. Find out what your colleagues have done right in establishing and growing their log building companies. Learn about their mistakes. This discussion is relevant both to those just starting out as well as those who would like to discover what your colleagues have done to address various challenges we face.

Hemp In-fill

With Chris Dancey and Gabriel Gauthier

Commercial crops of industrial hemp have been grown and processed in Canada since 1998. (No, you cannot get a narcotic ‘high’ by smoking industrial hemp), as the THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) is extremely low, but you can build a healthy building with excellent thermal and acoustic properties.

Industrial hemp hurd, which is a waste product left after the primary processing removes the fiber or grain, and lime can be used to insulate floors, roofs and walls. It is non-flammable, non-toxic and

hygroscopic. The walls do not have a vapor barrier and all finishes must remain permeable, so moisture can transpire through the walls.

Learn more about using this method in a two-part presentation.

Advanced sill log layout

With Rob Chambers

Some log home designs have difficult layout problems for skilled log builders—hexagons, octagons, buildings with prows, and odd-numbers of exterior walls.

We will review the rules for how to lay out simple floor-plans, and then we'll jump into solving complex sill log problems. You will come away from this session with a set of steps that you can use to lay out the sills logs of almost any log home you'll ever build.

Cover Your Assets!

We all sacrifice personal time and invest long hours in our companies. We focus on our craft and the daily issues of our business which often mean that we are in head down/butt up mode. Here you will get the head's up, if you are doing business in a head's down way.

Ignorance may be bliss, but it can also be dangerous. Learn how to anticipate and protect yourself against the circumstances that can jeopardize your business and livelihood.

Contract Talk - Getting it in writing

With Rick Hall

Construction Agreements and Procedures - Your construction agreements can be a tool to help you manage the expectations of your customers and any others associated with the project, and avoid and resolve potential disputes. Construction Agreements and Procedures is a 90 minute workshop designed to give you an overview of the basic elements in construction agreements with many illustrative examples. Sections on warranties, dispute resolution, and obtaining legal counsel are also included. This course is not intended to take the place of legal counsel.

Rick A. Hall has been a practicing real estate and construction law attorney for 13 years and is a past student of log building of Del Radomske. Mr. Hall is also a registered title abstractor, licensed title insurer, and real estate broker in Nebraska. He owns property in Canada that is currently being developed which includes log structures.

Walking Tour – an intimate exploration

Want to learn more about this amazing structure? Stretch your legs and grab some fresh air as we explore the Montebello complex.

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS continued...

Log Builder Support – Aging is a myth

With Ed Shure

Some of us can no longer deny the toll that log building and business takes on our bodies. Ed Shure, log builder and timber-framer, is well respected for his knowledge of log and timber structures. In this timely (and unusual for us) workshop he shares his understanding of the structural make-up of our bodies, and takes us through a series of postures and exercises that will help us achieve the long term endurance that we require of our bodies as we plan for a long and healthy life of log building.

Peace of Mind: Controlling your Growth

With Tommy Terry

The course of our life, our goals, ambitions and the development of our business is not like the tracks of a train. It is more like the path of a cruise ship or an airplane which zigzags while on a general heading and makes small adjustments to stay on it. Staying on course is an adventure each day, each hour, and even the minutes bring challenges that range from the weather to emergencies at home. Every day we re-affirm our beliefs and convictions or modify and change them. Sometimes we stray off course, get out of sync or mired in what seems like an endless cycle while time races by. Join Tom as he explores how turn a sow's ear into a silk purse, find the silver lining in the cloud and ultimately how to arrive at peace of mind with the choices that we make.

Information Technology (IT) in the Log Home Industry

With Pal Szabo and Murray Arnott

Is designing software just for log home designers? Using ArchiCAD and the LogHome Solution as an example, Pal Szabo of GSNE and Murray Arnott of Murray Arnott designs explore the use of design software as a sales tool, and as a strategy for keeping your leads, and closing the sale. They will also touch on the benefits of using design software to generate revenue and create lateral movement and growth within your company, and talk to actual users about their projects and experiences using the software. ArchiCAD is a very powerful visual tool; learn how it can benefit you and your business. All attendees will receive a Demo version of ArchiCAD and tutorial CD. Pal has donated an ArchiCAD Package to our auction; learn more about the product you will be bidding on by attending this presentation.

Learning Power Point

With Jerry Rouleau

This visual marketing tool is easy to learn. Once you understand the basics of power point you can take control of your companies marketing needs by developing presentations, CD's and much more. You will want to bring your laptops for this one. Make sure you have power point loaded on your laptop prior to the class.

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS continued...

How to build an effective marketing plan on a shoe-string budget

With Jerry Rouleau

Whether you are just starting out, or well into your business career, assigning a budget for advertising and marketing is easy to put on the back burner. Jerry shows us how to build a powerful marketing program by taking advantage of opportunities most of us miss.

Roof Review - a summary of compound roof layout techniques

With Will Beemer

If you are unable to attend Will's pre-conference course, you will want to take in this abbreviated version. In this seminar we will describe the various techniques the Timber Framers' Guild has been using to teach compound roof layout. While participants will not be able to practice the various methods, they will get enough information to decide if one or more of the methods are ones they would like to explore in more depth. We will include the framing square, developed drawing and the Hawkindale angles in our preferred approaches.

hsbCAD

With Danny Hansen

Join Danny for a one hour presentation exploring and explaining the capabilities of this fully integrated design and drafting program which sits on Architectural Desk Top (ADT). If you have been considering this program or would like to learn more about design and drafting programs in general, you'll want to take this one in. The folks at hsbCAD have generously donated a complete software package to our auction – all modules are included in this package including round and square log, as well the ADT and four days of training. We will be accepting pre-conference bids on this package which has a retail value of 17,000.00 USD

The Higgy Jigger

With Higgs Murphy

This year Tech Talk opens with the "Higgy Jigger", presented by none other than Higgs Murphy, our log-builder-turned-timber-framer-with-a-log-builder's soul. Higgs will show you how to turn your band-mill into a round-log post & beam, processing machine.

Tech Talk

Hosted by John Boys

We roll into Tech Talk right on the heels of the Higgy Jigger. You can look forward to some interesting innovations from various suppliers, gain inspiration from the innovations of your colleagues and show off your own inventive twists and turns as tech talk continues. Reviews of several new tools will also be featured, and we will be testing two new-to-North America tools from Makita. What are you bringing to Tech Talk? Call John Boys; 250 378 4977, or e-mail: john@logworks.ca

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS continued...

The Elegant Sawhorse

With Higgs Murphy

Function meets form in a hands-on workshop. In this four hour session you will build these heavy-duty, knock-down sawhorses using simple layout and cutting techniques. Not only an elegant sawhorse, but a better sawhorse.

Where's the Magic?

As log builders we know how to build a “good” house. We are consulted by designers, architects and clients on the structural elements of the work we produce. Some of us go further and become involved as the design progresses, but essentially we focus on the pragmatic aspects of their homes; size of rooms, flow of traffic, and how to fit the stairs in. What separates one well built log home from another? In this session we will learn how to bring “magic” into a plan. Discover how and where to implement simple features that can transform an ordinary house into an extraordinary house. Learn how to see areas that offer opportunity to create interesting details. This session is a valuable learning opportunity for those who are already doing some drafting and design and a must for those who are thinking of incorporating in-house design services.

Building Blocks for your Future

With Patti LeFrancois

Take a look at your most valuable resource and build on it – presented by our conference planner Patti LeFrancois.

Additional Information

Lodging:

Rooms at the Le Chateau Montebello should be booked directly through the hotel – you should book early to ensure you have access to the variety of rooms we have reserved – which start at \$125.00 per night double or single occupancy plus applicable taxes. To enjoy the full main conference we recommend you book for 3 nights: April 6th, 7th and 8th. Let the hotel know if you would like to offset your accommodation costs by bunking in with a room-mate. You can also check with Ann at the ILBA office to see if anyone else is looking to share. You can reach Le Chateau Montebello directly by calling Toll-free 800-441-1414 or 819-423-6341.

WE HAVE NEGOTIATED VERY GOOD ROOM RATES – TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR CONFERENCE RATES – YOU MUST BOOK YOUR ROOMS BEFORE MARCH 6TH 2006

Meals:

Main Conference registration includes all meals from Friday breakfast through Sunday breakfast, along with appetizers on Thursday late afternoon/early evening and a Wine and Cheese hosted by our sponsors on Friday late afternoon/early evening.

Guest and Family Members:

The Chateau Montebello is a full service resort providing activities for the entire family, and boasts many historical attractions. Come and enjoy!

Travel:

Getting to Le Chateau Montebello: *There are two airports within driving distance of Le Chateau Montebello. Ottawa and Montreal (Pierre Elloitt Trudeau Airport. We suggest you fly into Ottawa – the airport there is small and easy to get in and out of. If you plan to rent a vehicle and would like to car pool, or would like to offset the costs of a cab with other delegates please let us know your arrival dates and times as soon as possible and we will help you make those arrangements. Call the IIBA office: 800 532-2900 and we will connect you with others with whom you can share expenses.*

**Directions to Fairmont Le Château Montebello (from Ottawa Airport)
About an hour**

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(NORTH ON KING EDWARD AVENUE OVER THE MACDONALD CARTIER BRIDGE) TO QUEBEC AUTOROUTE 5.

GO NORTHWEST ON QUEBEC AUTOROUTE 5 TO QUEBEC AUTOROUTE 50. 2.9 MILES

GO NORTHEAST ON QUEBEC AUTOROUTE 50 TO PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY 309. 20.0 MILES

GO SOUTH ON PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY 309 TO PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY 148. 1.0 MILES

GO EAST ON PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY 148. 20.7 MILES

END AT MONTEBELLO QC

PLEASE NOTE THAT WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE TOWN OF MONTEBELLO, THE STREET TURNS INTO RUE NOTRE DAME. TURN RIGHT OFF OF THE 148/RUE NOTRE DAME, AT THE GATES (THERE IS A SIGN AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE GATES, INDICATING FAIRMONT LE CHÂTEAU MONTEBELLO).

We look forward to seeing all of you at this landmark conference. We have a strong line up of presenters and topics this year, and expect to return to our homes with useful information to help us with our craft and our businesses. **Book soon to get your best rates on airfare!**

See you at Montebello