



Our Conference Theme at Montebello this year is “Telling our Story – Building our Future”...

and as part of the celebration of our past we are creating a photo montage which will illustrate our beginnings – *(both that of the ILBA and log building in general)*, and tell the story of our evolution – *both as an association and an industry*

Don't Let History Pass You By – Tell Your Story!

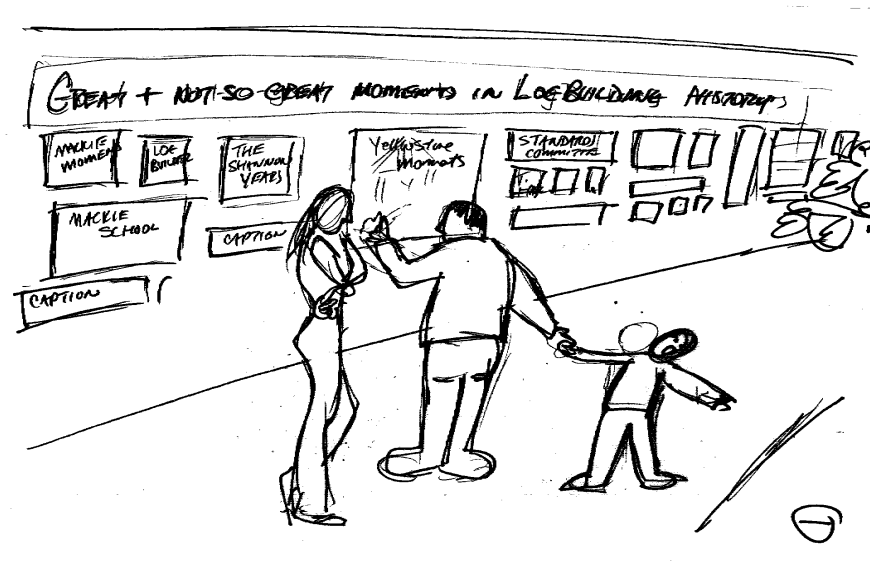
A couple of months ago Ann at the ILBA office received an interesting e-mail from a woman of Russian descent. Her father, she claimed, was the key log builder of Montebello; his log and timber skills were instrumental in creating the structure we all know today as one of the most important North American handcrafted log structures.

Why, she asked, was he not credited for his contributions in creating this masterpiece of log?

We are in the process of visiting our own history through a collection of photos, and fortunately, we have pretty good sources for records and photos of the early CLBA days. We are however, looking for images of: Yellowstone, the Log Span Tables Committee, the first and subsequent Standards Committees, as well as photos of all our past presidents – (a picture of them at around 5 years old, one as they looked while they were in office, and one showing them now). Do you have any of these shots?

Of greater importance, and in order to tell the whole story with a balanced perspective, we need your images too. Maybe you were log building long before you became an ILBA member – send us your photos. Perhaps you are one of the “quiet ones” of our association – let your pictures speak for you. You don't have to be a founding member, on the board, or one of the folks visibly active within our association. We already have their stories – now we want yours!

So blow the dust off those old albums, dig through your shoeboxes, send your scanned images (info in registration package) to Ingrid Boys: ingrid@logworks.ca or call for more info: 250 378 6551



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Telling our Story – Building our Future – Guide lines for submissions

The early years: how we looked, the work methods we used and our thoughts and philosophies

The passing years: how the association evolved from the CLBA to the CLBAl/ALBA and eventually to the ILBA – defining moments in our

association history, and the people who took us from there to here. (Volunteers, office staff, board members and past presidents etc...also the times...)

Comparisons: Brief comments, memories and thoughts about then and now.... eg: what an AGM meeting looked/felt like 10 - 20 or 30 years ago. What log building felt like 10-20 or 30 years ago...

Your mission should you choose to accept it:

1. Find that (those) photos! Here is your chance to share our log building history from your point of view or to resurrect some of those relevant, funny, or poignant shots of the folks in our family.
 2. If you have the technology scan and burn the image(s) to a disc at as high as resolution as possible – save files as jpg.
 3. If you are a “techno-peasant” and do not have a family member or friend to do this for you...take your photos, slide or negatives to your local photo store – often the big drug stores have a good photo department. Ask them to copy your material to a cd. Tell them that these images will be used for printing – so as high a resolution as is reasonable given your originals. (Have them make 2 cd’s while you’re at it – one for the montage, one for your own records.)
 4. Most of these photos – probably all – will be converted to black and white (I’ll do that), so if they are not super great in quality we can work with it.
 5. Now – if you really can’t get your images transferred onto a cd, but would like to have them considered/featured, you can forward your originals (prints, negatives and/or slides) and I will undertake the scanning – but please only as a last resort.
- Thanks!*

Please forward your cd’s to

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(As usual – time is of the essence)

If you have questions or want to discuss further you can reach me at 250- 378 6551 – or the NLW company phone – 250 378-4977)

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Your deadline for contributions should you accept the mission: March 3rd 2006





And so on.....