



INTERNATIONAL LOG BUILDER'S ASSOCIATION
2007 Western Conference – Ramada Plaza and Conference Centre, Abbotsford, BC
Where the Best Meet the Best – Charting our Course in Changing Times

REGISTRATION PACKAGE

April 26th through April 29th 2007

Our conference theme this year is “Where the Best Meet the Best – Charting our Course in Changing Times” – a time for the Best Builders in the World to gather and explore the changing world of the log and timber building industry, share ideas and solutions, and develop new skills.

This year we have prepared a program of seminars and presentations that focus on the changing demographics of our customers and hands on workshops to give participants the opportunity to try new techniques.

Pre-conference workshops will give you hands on training and with ample opportunity to make lots of noise and sawdust.

Renowned Chainsaw Carver, Mike McVay, will be providing a two day workshop Chainsaw Carving giving you the opportunity to express your artistic side with your favorite tool – the Chainsaw. Stay tuned for details of this exciting workshop and be ready to warm up your saws.

Getting the most from your Band Mill – Forentek has developing a one day combination hands on and technical workshop on how to get the most value (and profit) from your Band Mill. If you have a band mill on site or are thinking of investing in one, this is a must for you.

Intricate Stair Building – this 2 ½ day combination hands on and technical program to take the mystery out of intricate stair systems including winder and spiral staircases

Workshops that will be offered during conference will offer a variety of hands on and technical training in the areas of Fine Carving, Business Communication Skills; Stress Management; Physical Fitness; and Design Considerations.

Your conference team is excited to announce that we have secured well known Author and Consultant, Michael Stone as our Keynote Speaker as well as a guest facilitator for a workshop during conference. Michael is the Author of the Best Seller – Mark Up and Profit, A Contractors Guide. If you don't already own a copy of this book, after you hear him speak, we are sure you will want a copy and Michael has promised to bring a supply for members to purchase.

We have some new facilitators coming on board and are bringing back many of your favorite facilitators from previous conferences.

We look forward to seeing you at conference this year and promise to make it a memorable experience for you.



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PRE-CONFERENCE

Three courses to choose from!

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MARCH 23, 2007

Intricate Stair Design and Building

With Oliver Tritten

In this 2 ½ day combination hands on and technical workshop for winder and spiral stairs you will partially build a stair system and will learn the details of:

- The different types of stairs
- How to choose the right stair that fits in a opening
- Choice of woods
- How to calculate rise and run for different layouts
- How not to layout
- Connections to hand railing
- Anchoring the stair
- Drawing stairs 1:2 to find stringer layouts

Please bring pencils, paper, calculator, and tape measure.

This workshop starts April 24th (8:00 am Tuesday morning and runs through to Thursday at noon). Your fee includes box lunches for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Cost to attend is \$450.00 CDN or foreign equivalent.

CHAINSAW CARVING

With Mike McVay

Everyone knows what chainsaw carving is. For years it was represented by scruffy rustics carving splintery bears at fairs or in vacant lots. It was a curiosity, whose appeal was the speed with which a person wielding a powersaw could produce a product rather than the carving itself. It was more “performance art” than “fine art,” more race than sculpture: noisy, messy and the result was best left outdoors, among the flowers and grass and was certainly nothing you'd want to bring into the house.

All that changed with the arrival of small saws and special carving bars which allowed woodcarvers to do detailed work on a scale much larger than anything they could accomplish with a hammer and chisel. Affordable small electric tools like die-grinders, angle grinders, and orbital sanders, with a huge variety of accessories, simplified the detail-carving and finishing process. What remained was the noise, exhaust, and hazard of a gasoline-powered chainsaw used for the initial carving. It was still an outdoor activity.



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Enter the new electric chainsaw, small, light-weight, fairly quiet and easy to start. Its drawback was the lack of speed and a tendency to overheat. But being able to use it indoors was a tradeoff to standing outside in the rain. Also, it could be taken up on a scaffold or ladder and used to carve a log-end that was already in place. The rustic has been somewhat gentrified and log house ornamentation is becoming much more common, returning as it were, to its Scandinavian roots.

What I plan at the Vancouver Conference is a workshop on figures carved into the ends of logs. We'll cover grain and stress in the log and follow up with the design and layout of two popular figures—the bear head and the eagle head. We'll scale them to fit the log, make patterns, then carve and finish them using power tools (including chainsaw, die grinder, angle grinder, and orbital sander, so if you have these tools, bring them along). The allotted two days should give everyone a carving to carry home and I expect we'll open the heart of an artist or two in the process.

This workshop starts April 24th (8:00 am Tuesday morning and runs through to Wednesday at 5:00 pm). Your fee includes box lunches for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Cost to attend is \$400.00 CDN or foreign equivalent.

Participants will be required to bring some tools – tool list will be sent with your confirmation of registration.

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR BANDSAW

With Bruce Lehmann, Forentek and D & L Timber Technologies

During this one day workshop you will learn the technical side of getting the most out of your band mill. This work shop will be full of demonstrations, practice, and the opportunity to check out the various mills that D & L Timber Technologies is bringing to conference.

Workshop topics include:

- cutting action/ tooth design
- variable pitch saws
- proper functioning of the strain system and allowable strain
- causes of blade cracking
- wheel tracking and wheel alignment
- beam strength of the blade and related factors that affect feed speed
- Correct tooth setting and grinding
- function/setup of guides and lubrication
- method for aligning/leveling the carriage rails
- breakdown of logs for lumber

This workshop runs April 25th (8:00 am). Your fee includes box lunches for Wednesday.

Cost to attend is \$200.00 CDN or foreign equivalent.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

Mill Demonstrations

Thursday April 26th – 9:00 am to noon

Arrive early for conference and spend time with D & L Timber Technologies, a new ILBA Member and Major Sponsor who will have a number of mills on site to demonstrate new mill technologies and features.

Log Builder Games

Thursday April 26th – 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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 great prize package; 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 given out on Saturday evening.

4th Annual ILBA Design Project Expo

On display throughout conference

We encourage you to enter your company's work and details in the Peoples Choice Design Expo at the ILBA 34th AGM & Conference at Abbotsford, BC. 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 Clyde Dougans

Friday April 27th – 8:00 pm

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 Magard Ventures, Joe Scaffold, Sansin, Lee Valley Tools and many many more. For those of you who are going to make the leap into computer design and drafting, we have generous software contributions HSB CAD. Thinking of adding a mill to your log site, D & L Timber Technologies have donated their D & L Swing Blade mill for you to bid on. Our fine folks of the log home publications will grace our conference again; it does pay



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to advertise...Here is your opportunity to test the waters of magazine advertising. 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! Don't forget to bring your donation for auction.

All proceeds raised at Auction 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

Saturday April 28th – 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Our 34th 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.

Showcase Slideshow

Thursday April 27th – 8:00 pm

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 23rd, 2007) 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.

Trade Show

Thursday April 27th 5:00 pm to Saturday April 28th

Our association is fueled by the participation and support of our industry sponsors. They will host receptions on Friday and Saturday nights 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!

Key Note Address

Michael Stone – Author of Markup and Profit

Saturday April 28th 7:30 pm

Michael's address will focus on the art of marketing, advertising and selling the services of the ILBA members. It will help members understand the marketing process and the best ways of advertising their services. The session will also help the attendee to discover the little things they can do to secure the sale of their services and the homes they build.



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Receptions

Our Friday and Saturday Receptions are hosted by HSB-CAD and D & L Timber Technologies is a great time to socialize and meet other members.

Saturday Night Jam Session

Bring your instruments and voices and enjoy a good old fashion jam session and social.

Design Roundtable

During Lunch – Friday April 27, 2007 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Architects, designers, engineers and others interested in the issues surrounding log home design are invited to join Murray Arnott and Mira Jean Steinbrecher, AIA, for a lunch table networking session.

Dietrichs User Meeting

Sunday April 29th 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

This session is open to Dietrichs users. Please contact Chris Dancey at dancey@amtelecom.net to secure your space in this session.



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SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS – Main Conference

Bundle of Straws – theory of Woodcarving – Hands on Woodcarving

With John Patterson – Lee Valley Tools

In this 3 hour workshop we will look at the makeup of wood and how a blade moves through it and with it while carving. We look at the various kinds of tools available and what kinds of carving they are good for, but will only briefly touch on the tools that are not part of the day's project. We will talk about carving with, across and against the grain, what determines which direction to cut and how to create the correct shapes and surfaces. To put the theory into practice, we will give everyone the chance to begin a carving - in this case we will do a small nameplate in shallow relief carving in basswood - approx. 4" x 12" in size. Students will learn about layout, making first cuts, V cuts and stop cuts, as well as outlining and background texturing using skew chisels and gouges. Not everyone will complete this carving in the allotted time - but they will have done enough to understand the principles involved and will then be able to complete the carving at home.

Changing Communication in the 21st Century

With Lois Pinsent-Bladon

Are you overlooking some of the most valuable communication tools that exist today?

Discover the treasure chest of resources you have that will assist in handling changing communication in the fast paced, ever changing business world of the 21st Century.

During this experiential workshop, you will examine the changes that have taken place in communication. You will identify some of the keys to improve relationships not only in the business world, but also within your family, community, with employers, clients, staff and most importantly your relationship with you.

Communication today is about perception, reality, intuition, observation, clarity and focus.

- Are you what you communicate?
- Where do these things exist?
- Within you!

Designing for Changing Life Styles

With Mira-Jean Steinbrecher and Murray Arnott

Second/semi-retirement/retirement homes, beautiful locations, 'Baby Boomers' heading for the hills and the joys of telecommuting all feed the stream of work in the log home building industry. Join Murray Arnott and Mira Jean Steinbrecher, AIA, both longtime ILBA members, as these veterans of the design world lead a discussion and show examples of work conceived for these changing times.



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SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS –Continued

Stair Planning and Design

With Oliver Tritten

This seminar will provide participants with a summary of the pre-conference technical portion of the Pre-conference seminar.

- The different types of stairs
 - How to choose the right stair that fits in a opening
 - Choice of woods
 - How to calculate rise and run for different layouts
 - How not to layout
 - Connections to hand railing
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 - Drawing stairs 1:2 to find stringer layouts

Lean Manufacturing

With Jenny Rice – Forentek

What's all this talk about Lean Manufacturing systems? Can this system improve the productivity and efficiencies in the log yard?

Expand or consolidate? In-source or out-source? Push or pull? Make versus buy? Batch or single piece flow? These are but a few of the business critical questions manufacturers are faced with each and every day. So how do you decide what is best for your customers, your operations and your employees? What methodologies and tools do you use to help you make informed decisions on priorities and investments?

The ability of log and timber manufacturers to correctly answer these questions and to develop effective transformation strategies is directly tied to their understanding of how value flows to their customers.

Traditional lean manufacturing practices, tools, and methodologies are designed to help transform manufacturers to a customer driven, pull-based, on-demand operation versus an internally focused, push-based, forecast-driven operation. In essence, transform production operations to synchronize with actual customer demand. If successful, lean principals and practices can dramatically:

- Lower manufacturing costs.
- Increase operational efficiency.
- Increase on-time delivery performance.
- Improve quality and customer service.
- Improve employee morale.
- Increase competitiveness.
- Generate new sources of value.



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SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS – Continued

Tech Talk

Hosted John Boys

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. What are you bringing to Tech Talk? Call John Boys; 250 378 4977, or e-mail: john@logworks.ca

Log Builder Support – Aging is a myth

With Ed Shure

Back by Popular Demand!!!

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.

Historic Buildings – Preservation and Repair Techniques

With David Rogers

Historic Preservation and Traditional methods and techniques of log building will be explored in this seminar. If you have a passion for historic buildings and want to know how best to preserve them, this is the seminar for you.

Valley Log Techniques

With Pat Clark

In this four hour hands on workshop Pat Clark will walk you through the steps to scribe and cut using the Valley Log Technique.



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SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS – Continued

Getting and Staying in Control of Your Life

With Tom Haney

John Boys once told me about The Tyranny of the Urgent. He said it this way: “The Urgent is addressed while the Important is put off. Trouble surfaces when the Important becomes the Urgent.”

Sometimes life seems overwhelming. There are just so many things to do, and it can seem like there is just not enough time in the day. Things slip through the cracks, and some really important items get missed or are given less attention than they deserve. Projects feel out of control. You have the sense that if you were just more efficient, in your work and in your personal life, that things would feel so much better. If any of this reminds you of your life, this workshop will be a great place to begin to have more of what you want.

We will begin with discovering how you create, and maintain a sense of overwhelm, and then, what to do about it. Once out of overwhelm, what's next? Our next focus will be: how to take care of “stuff.” Stuff being a technical term that means all the things, personal and professional that you want and/or need to do.

Going beyond to-do lists and priority codes, to knowing what you need to do, and what your next action is for all of your “stuff.” This process leads naturally to freeing up your mind for what it really does best – creative thought.

Changing Business Strategies- Reality of Demographics

With Vic Janzen

In 2006 the oldest of the post-war baby boomers turned 60--as did most Europeans. The oldest American boomers turn 60 in a couple of more years owing to the late entry of the USA into WWII with the attack on Pearl Harbor. Baby boomers, people between the ages of 60 and about 41, depending on the disposition of demographers, constitute a third of the population and this third has been the largest determinant of all trends in the civilized world since the war. There are other trends, obviously. There are niche markets. There are the wild cards of history. Nonetheless, the greatest single factor determining economic trends in the post-war world is the demographic known as the baby boom which resulted in the couples marrying in 1946 onward doubling the population and thereby doubling demand on nearly everything.

Today the peak age of this huge bulge in the national population numbers is somewhere around age 54 with big numbers on either side of that peak--that awesome 33% chunk of people.

What does this mean for the log building world? Are we enjoying the leisure residential objectives and opportunity money of this demographic these years of pretty good business? What is the average age of our clients? Will their children be log building enthusiasts? Is there a market for independent living residences and care homes in the log building mode coming up shortly? This workshop will seek to brainstorm some of these concerns.



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SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS – Continued

Markup, Margins, and Cash Flow

With Michael Stone

This session will focus on the techniques of how to calculate the correct markup or margins on job costs to arrive at a sales price that will cover the ILBA member's cost of operating their company. We will review job costs, overhead costs and show a way to make a reasonable profit of at least 8% for all work. We will also review why companies have cash flow problems and how to resolve those issues. Time permitting; we will also review various math formulas relating to cash flow, unbudgeted overhead expense calculations and how to set up an Operating Capitol Reserve Account.

The Technical Side of Chainsaw Carving

With Mike McVay

During this seminar, Mike will cover the basics of chainsaw carving, technical tips including wood selection, marking and cutting.

Simply Leading Change - in the 21st Century

Did you realize that only 30% of major organizational change initiatives achieve the company's desired results?

Simply Leading Change will give you the ground work as a leader of change to understand the difference and interconnection between strategy, change and transition. It will also deal with the critical components of effective strategic leadership for organizations that want to thrive in this next century. Learn the keys to implementing change and what's required to effectively lead people through transition. Finally the key to leading change is the essentials of effective communication techniques to get your vision across.

WANT MORE SEMINARS...we do

We are still finalizing additional seminars and workshops so check the ILBA Web Site often for updates on the workshops and seminars that are still to come.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Lodging

Rooms at the Ramada Plaza and Conference Centre 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 \$99.00 per night single or double occupancy plus applicable taxes. To enjoy the full main conference we recommend you book three (3) nights April 26th, 27th and 28th. You can reach the Ramada at 1-888-411-1070. Be sure and tell them you are attending the ILBA Conference to get the excellent room rates.

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