



TFG GARLAND MILL RENDEZVOUS

Guild on Garland Returns

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This September in Lancaster, New Hampshire, members of the Timber Framers Guild converged at Garland Mill.

We showed up representing the Heartwood apprentice contingent and for all three of us, this was our first Guild Rendezvous. We were all

excited for a weekend filled with merriment, camaraderie, and timber framing. Attendees journeyed from every corner of the United States, but this year, late on Friday night, we were also pleasantly surprised by the influx of new faces from as far away as England. International visitors added novelty to the gathering, but for us it just felt like a testament to the magic and sense of community that the Guild fosters.



In all aspects of the weekend, the people in attendance were what stood out. We found ourselves immersed in a community that showcased so many different perspectives and ways to be involved in timber framing. Some people timber frame for the craft, some for the challenge or the creativity, and some are there to contribute enthusiasm and context for the importance of the tradition. It is exciting to be in a place where preservation of trades happens through practicing them, preserving timber framing as a living tradition rather than a static reenactment of archaic approaches.

The event left us inspired for future projects and armed with invaluable advice for future endeavors, timber framing and otherwise. The encouragement and generosity of everyone in attendance was astounding and we are all grateful to have a host of new friendships.

We proudly carried on the tradition of Heartwood apprentices who, while visiting Garland Mill, couldn't resist the temptation of trying to balance on logs in the mill pond, and we all ended up with an unintended dip in the pond. We look forward to practicing on our next visit.



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