

PRESERVATION TRADES RESOURCE LIST
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The following restoration specialists have either been recommended to, or requested that their information be included on, the McHenry County Joint Council of Historic Groups (MCJCHG) Preservation Trades Resource List. This list is provided as a beginning resource for those embarking on a historic preservation project. MCJCHG assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of the information presented nor does it endorse any of the companies or individuals listed. MCJCHG strongly recommends the property owner interview the company or individual being considered, get accurate estimates, check references, see examples of previous work and consider warranties or guarantees of workmanship prior to hiring any of these companies or individuals.

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APPRAISALS

Antiques & Personal Property:

Debbie & Jim McArdle

Iron Horse Antiques & Appraisers

815-455-3922

www.ironhorseantiques.com

Buy, Sell & Appraise. Member: New England Appraisers Assn.

ARCHITECTURE

Architectural Services:

John Jurewicz, AIA

A Architects

217 W. Judd St.

Woodstock, IL 60098 815-337-4800

www.aarchitects.net

www.cadmobile.com

jj@aarchitects.net

Carriage house drawings for Thomas Stillwell Huntley House, Huntley, IL

Referred by Tom and Barb Conley, HHPC, HHS

John M. Behrens, Architect

823 Wedgewood Drive

Crystal Lake, IL 60014 815-477-9053

www.johnbehrensarchitect.com

johnbehrens@sbcglobal.net

Residential remodeling and new construction; providing as-built drawings of existing buildings

Richard Bierman

R.B. Custom Designs Inc.

2108 W. Johnsburg Road

Johnsburg, IL 60051 815-759-9459; fax 815-307-8200

www.rbcustomdesignsinc.com

Rick is on the MCHS Historical Sites Commission

John Hammer

Living Timbers

Post & Beam and Heavy Timber Structures

PO Box 421

Union, IL 60180 847-217-4365

Website: www.livingtimbers.com email: jhammer@livingtimbers.com

John is President of the MCHBPA (Barn Association)

Architectural Materials (Period):

Debbie & Jim McArdle
Iron Horse Antiques & Appraisers
815-455-3922
www.ironhorseantiques.com
Buy, Sell & Appraise. Member: New England Appraisers Assn.

ART WORK

Historic Architectural Pen & Ink Drawings & Renderings:

Kathleen Rickert Nelson
728 Northwest Hwy. #30
Fox River Grove, IL 60021 847-462-1734
www.KathleenNelsonFineArt.com
Kathleen@KathleenNelsonFineArt.com
Info@KathleenNelsonFineArt.com
Kathleen attended a MCJCHG meeting and showed her work to Nancy Fike, MCHS, and other members

BARN REPAIR

Timber Frame Construction:

Bryon Perona
Country Craftsmen
3910 348th Ave.
Burlington, WI 53105 Cell: 847-867-6982 Phone & Fax: 262-537-2596
Timber Frame Homes and General Contracting
Website: <http://www.CCOSW.com> email: countrycraftsmen@juno.com

Foundation Repair:

Housewright Dura-Build Ltd. (residential, new and rehab) <http://www.DurabuildICF.com>
Nick Chirikos, Algonquin Ph: 847-658-3434
Primary trade is Insulated Concrete Wall Systems; distributor of Logix Products and barn foundation repair.
Nick serves on the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission..
(also see "Construction")

BLACKSMITH

John Gehringer
Gehringer Bros., Inc.
261 N. State Street
P.O. Box 273
Hampshire, IL 60140-0273 847-683-4649 (h); 847-683-2401 (o)
Metal repair work on a Clow & Sons vintage, cast-iron fountain.
Referred by Tom and Barb Conley, HHPC, HHS

BRICKWORK

(See “Masonry & Stonework”, and “Carpentry and Building Restoration)

BUILDING RESTORATION

Adam Lass

A.R. Lass Construction

723 W. Algonquin Rd.

Arlington Heights, IL 60005 847-483-8838; fax: 847-483-8663

Carpentry, brickwork and window work at historic fish hatchery building in Spring Grove. They also scraped, washed, primed and re-painted the building. Referred by Laura Frumet of the Village of Spring Grove.

Rob Rosemann

Rosemann & Sons, Inc.

16504 Kunde Road

Union, IL 60180 815-923-2287

Projects include restoration work at Perkins Hall, Seneca Township Hall addition, built the bell tower for West Harmony School on the museum grounds and other County work. Referred by the MCHS group

CABINETRY

Dave LaBudde

2691 N. Tower Rd.

Freeport, IL 815-238-1083; 815-297-0139

Kitchen cabinetry, built-in library bookcases and other projects for several historic homes in Huntley.

Referred by Tom and Barb Conley, HHPC, HHS

Homestead Millwork

155 N. Taylor Street

Marengo, IL 815-568-3803

Project: Renovation - J.H. Patterson Home, Marengo. Referred by MSHP

CARPENTRY

Ryan Carr

517 Sunset Drive

Marengo, IL 815-404-9966

Project: Renovation - J.H. Patterson Home, Marengo. Referred by MSHP

Don Regan

Antioch, Il 847-395-8785

donalddj.regan@att.net

Project: Schaumburg Park District barn rehab

Dave Rudsinski and Arlo Leibert
16915 N. Rt 14, Woodstock, IL 815-338-4018
Project: Renovation - J.H. Patterson Home, Marengo. Referred by MSHP

CONSTRUCTION

General Contractors:

Carmichael Construction
1080 E. Grant Hwy
Marengo, IL 815-568-8337
Residential, Business Additions (drawings/foundations/framing)
Project: Renovation - J.H. Patterson Home, Marengo. Referred by MSHP

Schafer Home Improvements, Inc.
35 Burdent Drive
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
815-459-1333
800-564-1339
www.SchaferHI.com
email: info@SchaferHI.com

George Diedrich
2020 W. Church St. 60050
McHenry, IL 60050 815-385-7303
Referred by Bob Frenz, MCHS

Furlano Construction
Jerry Furlano
9210 Shadow Lane
Bull Valley, IL 815-337-3711
furlanoconst@comcst.net
Project: Converted vintage Woodstock dairy barn into a beautiful home
Referred by Woodstock business owners Dan & Cheri Gould of Lloyd's Paint and Paper

Construction Management:

John Hammer
Living Timbers
Post & Beam and Heavy Timber Structures
PO Box 421
Union, IL 60180 847-217-4365
Website: www.livingtimbers.com email: jhammer@livingtimbers.com
John is President of the MCHBPA (Barn Association)

DRYWALL

Mike Schultheis
Drywall Dimensions
815-344-0222

M.Schultheis@comcast.net

Mike has remodeled some of the older homes in McHenry.
Referred by Mary Dixon, Pres. McHenry Area Historical Society

ELECTRICAL

FLOORING

Flooring Materials:

Century Tile
200 Washington
Woodstock, IL 815-337-0400
Provided mosaic hex and square tile in 3 historic Huntley homes
Referred by Tom and Barb Conley, HHPC, HHS

Ridgefield Industries, Inc.
8420 Railroad St.
Crystal Lake, IL 60012 815-356-9490
Provided maple flooring for historic home in Huntley
Referred by Tom & Barb Conley, HHPC, HHS

Installers: (Also see: "Carpentry")

Shaban Banushi - tile & laminate installation
815-861-6278 (c); 815-338-1042 (h); 815-294-0601 (pager)
Installed hex-mosaic tile bathroom floors in two historic homes in Huntley
Referred by Tom and Barb Conley, HHPC, HHS

Floor Refinishing:

A & R Wood Floors
19N226 Woodview Parkway
Hampshire, IL 847-683-1233
Project: Renovation - J.H. Patterson Home, Marengo. Referred by MSHP

John Ernst
Oakhill Enterprises
10612 Carl St.
Huntley, IL 60142 847-669-3704
oakhillenterprises@att.net

Refinished floors in three historic Huntley homes. Referred by Tom & Barb Conley, HHPC, HHS

Tony Suchy
Cary 847-639-1287
Referred by Bob Frenz, MCHS

FURNITURE RESTORATION

Kirk Johnson
Early American Workshop
Crystal Lake 815-347-9800
<http://www.eawshop.com>
kirk@eawshop.com

Robert Anderson
Alden Valley Antiques
923D Alden Rd.
Alden, IL 60033 815-648-2860
Referred by the MCHS group

GLASS

Ameriglass & Mirror
2300 S. Eastwood (Rt. 47)
Woodstock, IL 815-338-8377
Suppliers of plate and window glass and wall mirrors for several historic homes in Huntley
Referred by Tom and Barb Conley, HHPC, HHS

Arthur Nesser Studio
Algonquin, IL 847-658-6172
www.nesserartglass.com
studio@nesserartglass.com
Restored antique, stained and beveled-glass doors in Thomas Stillwell Huntley House. Created period-appropriate stained glass floor lamp shade. Referred by Tom and Barb Conley, HHPC, HHS

Harvard Glass & Mirror
100 S. Ayer
Harvard, IL 815-943-3650 (Brian)
Project: Renovation - J.H. Patterson Home, Marengo. Referred by MSHP

Greg McCoy Glass Studio
238 Hoy Avenue
Woodstock, IL 60098 815-338-7810
gregmccoy@owc.net
Stained/beveled glass restoration expert. Project: Restored Tiffany Mermaid window at Field Museum, Chicago

Robert Stewart, Glass Artist
6408 Hilly Way
Cary, IL 60013 847-639-3017
www.robertstewartglassboxes.com
Dole Mansion glass restoration. Referred by Nancy Fike, MCHS

LANDSCAPING

Bill Ruth

13417 Ernesti Rd.

Huntley, IL 847-669-5212

Project: Thomas Stillwell Huntley House. Referred by Tom and Barb Conley, HHPC, HHS

LIGHTING (HISTORIC) RESTORATION

Lumenelle, Inc.

Lighting Restoration, Design, & Mfg.

Peter Janko, President

PO Box 6

Union, IL 60180-0006 815-572-5664; Fax 866-396-3550

www.lumenelle.com

info@lumenelle.com

Referred by Nancy Fike, MCHS

LUMBER

Custom:

Kirkland Saw Mill

606 W. Main Street

Kirkland, IL 815-522-6150

Project: Renovation - J.H. Patterson Home, Marengo. Referred by MSHP

Retail:

Woodstock Lumber

1101 Lake Avenue

Woodstock, IL 815-338-0075

Project: Renovation - J.H. Patterson Home, Marengo. Referred by MSHP

Project: Renovation of several historic homes in Huntley. Referred by Tom & Barb Conley, HHPC, HHS

MASONRY & STONEMWORK

Dale Guhrke

23017 Grange Road

Marengo, IL 815-568-2796

Project: Renovation - J.H. Patterson Home, Marengo. Referred by MSHP

Bill Javaras bill@jetomes.com

JE Tomes & Associates

Manufacturers of high performance cements and mortars, and suppliers for restoration and construction contractors throughout the US.

2513 W 140th Pl.

Blue Island, IL 60406

Phone: 708-653-5100

Fax: 708-653-5101
Cell: 630-688-1727

METAL WORK (*see also "Blacksmith"*)

Robert Anderson
Alden Valley Antiques
823D Alden Rd.
Alden, IL 60033 815-648-2860
Outdoor tin and zinc work. Referred by the MCHS group

PAINTING & VARNISHING

Dan Bowers
1100 N. East Street
Marengo, IL 815-568-5097
Project: Renovation - J.H. Patterson Home, Marengo. Referred by MSHP

Heinrik Nor
Nor Decorating, Inc.
Interior & Exterior - Commercial & Residential. Painting/Wallpapering/Faux Finishes/Airless Spraying
11908 Mead Ave., Hebron, IL 815-648-4556
Painted stucco exterior of the Thomas Stillwell Huntley House. Referred by Tom & Barb Conley, HHPC, HHS

Painting in Partnership, Inc.
Mario Guertin
518 N. Brockway
Palatine, IL 847-612-5812 (Cell)
mario@paintpartner.com www.PaintPartner.com

Swanson Painting Inc.
Bill Swanson
27 East Main St.
Cary IL 60013 847-639-0480
www.swansonpainting.com
bswanson55@gmail.com

Wall-Pro Painting Services
Rodney 'Pags', Owner
Interior/Exterior/Wall Repair/Faux Finishes
Professional Custom Painting
815-206-5800 tel/fax.; 847-636-8300 cell
rodneypags@att.net www.wallpropainting.com
Member: Painting and Decorating Contractors of America (PDCA.Org); Woodstock Chamber of Commerce
Rodney is a WHPC board member

PLASTER & PLASTER REPAIR

Mohawk Plastering Corporation

200 Opatrny Drive

Fox River Grove, IL 60021 847-639-1484

Stucco skirt repair to historic Huntley house. Referred by Tom & Barb Conley, HHPC, HHS

PLUMBING

Air Management Services (Old radiator style installations)

815-568-1440 (Mark Anderson)

Project: Renovation - J.H. Patterson Home, Marengo. Referred by MSHP

McElroy Plumbing, Inc.

Bill McElroy (Owner) bill@mcelroyplumbing.com

Sean McElroy (Hydronics, High Efficiency Mechanical Options) sean@mcelroyplumbing.com

950 N. Rand Rd. Unit 108

Wauconda, IL 60084 (O) 847-526-8030

www.mcelroyplumbing.com

Full-service plumbing and hydronic heating company.

Referred by Erin McElroy of Crystal Lake Lakeside Legacy

RENOVATION and RESTORATION

Bowser Remodeling

Brent J. Bowser (Owner)

847-602-1076; Fax 847-239-7405

www.bowserremodeling.com

bowserremodeling@yahoo.com

Room Additions, Kitchens, Baths, Basements, Siding, Windows, Commercial Build-Outs, Certified for Lead Abatement

Referred by Tom and Barb Conley, HHPC & HHS, for renovation work done on two, vintage Huntley homes

John Lewis

Pro Op Services, Inc.

7420 Keystone Rd.

Richmond, IL 60071 815-653-4429

Expertise and installation for most trades involved in restoration projects, historical and otherwise. All inclusive restorationist. Referred by Debbie McArdle, DAR, Kishwaukee Trail Chapter

John and Holly Wiedmeyer

Quality Painting and Carpentry

73 N. Liberty

Elgin, IL 60120-5747 847-697-5296

www.QualityPaintingandCarpentry.com

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rodneypags@att.net www.wallpropainting.com
Member: Painting and Decorating Contractors of America (PDCA.Org); Woodstock Chamber of Commerce
Rodney is a WHPC board member

SANDBLASTING

Robert Parisot
R.P. Services
1311 McKinley Ave.
Belvidere, IL 61008 815-547-5599
Sandblasted, primed and painted an 11x 9 foot Clow & Sons vintage cast-iron fountain for T.S. Huntley House.
Referred by Tom and Barb Conley, HHPC, HHS

SINK RESURFACING

ARK Services
165 Prairie Lake Road, Unit B,
E. Dundee, IL 773-763-6600
Project: Renovation - J.H. Patterson Home, Marengo. Referred by MSHP

STAINED GLASS

See "Glass"

STONEMWORK

See "Masonry/Stonework"

TILE

See "Flooring and Floor Installation"

TRIM CARPENTRY

See "Carpentry", and "Cabinetry"

VARNISHING

See "Painting & Varnishing" and "Furniture Restoration"

WINDOWS / MIRRORS

See "Glass"

WINDOW REPAIR & RESTORATION

Kruppen Woodworks, Inc.
611 Walworth St.
PO Box 427
Genoa City, WI 53128 262-279-2001; 262-279-2295 (fax)
kw@kwvinc.com

Project: Dole mansion window sash replication. Referred by Diana Kenney, CLHS
(Also see “Carpentry and Building Restoration”)

WOODCARVING

Michael Bihlmaier
Professional Chainsaw Sculptor
815-404-6375; 815-568-5216
mjbihlmaier@msn.com
www.7-sons.com

Project: Wood sculptures at entrance to McHenry County Historical Society Museum

Key to Abbreviations:

CLHS: Crystal Lake Historical Society
DAR: Daughters of the American Revolution
HHPC: Huntley Historic Preservation Commission
HHS: Huntley Historical Society
MAHS: McHenry Area Historical Society
MCHBPA: McHenry County Historical Barn Preservation Association
MCHPC: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
MCHS: McHenry County Historical Society
MCJCHG: McHenry County Joint Council of Historic Groups
MSHP: Marengo Society for Historic Preservation
WHPC: Woodstock Historic Preservation Commission

Please send submissions for this list to: Nick Chirikos. NickC@housewrightdb.com