

**PRESERVATION TRADES RESOURCE LIST**  
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## **APPRAISALS**

### ***Antiques & Personal Property:***

Debbie & Jim McArdle

Iron Horse Antiques & Appraisers

815-455-3922

[www.ironhorseantiques.com](http://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](http://www.aarchitects.net)

[www.cadmobile.com](http://www.cadmobile.com)

[jj@aarchitects.net](mailto: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](http://www.johnbehrensarchitect.com)

[johnbehrens@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.livingtimbers.com) email: [jhammer@livingtimbers.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.KathleenNelsonFineArt.com)  
[Kathleen@KathleenNelsonFineArt.com](mailto:Kathleen@KathleenNelsonFineArt.com)  
[Info@KathleenNelsonFineArt.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.SchaferHI.com)  
email: [info@SchaferHI.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.livingtimbers.com) email: [jhammer@livingtimbers.com](mailto:jhammer@livingtimbers.com)  
John is President of the MCHBPA (Barn Association)

## **DRYWALL**

Mike Schultheis  
Drywall Dimensions  
815-344-0222

[M.Schultheis@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.nesserartglass.com)  
[studio@nesserartglass.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.lumenelle.com)

[info@lumenelle.com](mailto: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

## **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](mailto:mario@paintpartner.com) [www.PaintPartner.com](http://www.PaintPartner.com)

Swanson Painting Inc.  
Bill Swanson  
27 East Main St.  
Cary IL 60013 847-639-0480  
[www.swansonpainting.com](http://www.swansonpainting.com)  
[bswanson55@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rodneypags@att.net) [www.wallpropainting.com](http://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](mailto:bill@mcelroyplumbing.com)

Sean McElroy (Hydronics, High Efficiency Mechanical Options) [sean@mcelroyplumbing.com](mailto:sean@mcelroyplumbing.com)

950 N. Rand Rd. Unit 108

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

[www.mcelroyplumbing.com](http://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](http://www.bowserremodeling.com)

[bowserremodeling@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.QualityPaintingandCarpentry.com)

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[rodneypags@att.net](mailto:rodneypags@att.net) [www.wallpropainting.com](http://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"

## **STONEMASONRY**

See "Masonry/Stonemasonry"

## **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**

Krumpen Woodworks, Inc.

611 Walworth St.

PO Box 427

Genoa City, WI 53128 262-279-2001; 262-279-2295 (fax)

[kw@kwwinc.com](mailto:kw@kwwinc.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](mailto:mjbihlmaier@msn.com)  
[www.7-sons.com](http://www.7-sons.com)

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

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### **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