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NEW SUNDANCE DECK*1 COAT

A one coat semi-transparent penetrating oil-based stain. It's formulated for pressure-treated wood decks, timber siding, and fences. DECK1 COAT provides long-lasting UV protection as well as water and mold degradation. Its advanced formulation of non-organic long oil alkyd resins, refined mineral oils, and nano-enhanced pigments creates a beautiful, uniform, deep, rich natural wood finish that highlights the wood grain. The application is easy and forgiving, leaving no uneven streaks, blemishes, or lap marks. Future applications will

never need stripping or blasting. **Made in the USA.**

Application Temp:
150-175 sq. ft. per gal.

Cleanup:
Mineral Spirits.

5-gal: \$359.99 \$309.99



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A semi-transparent penetrating long oil alkyd resin stain. It's formulated with nano-pigments to give new and older logs a more natural look, deeply rich and vibrant, highlighting the wood grain. LOG*1 Coat isn't shiny or film forming, instead it will look like a real natural log. Another benefit is that it doesn't contain any organic oils that feed black mold or acrylics that will eventually flake and peel. The high-intensity pigmentation and other ingredients make it really easy to work with and apply, mitigating any uneven log blemishes and

old stain remnants not entirely removed. Future applications will never need stripping or blasting. **Made in the USA.**

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150-175 sq. ft. per gal.

Cleanup:
Mineral Spirits.

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GLLCA CONFERENCE & AGM



April 25-26 members of Great Lakes Log Crafters Association met in Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin. GLLCA members Dan and Mary Wait of Frontier Builders, Inc, assembled a great list of speakers talking about Epitome Composite Foundations, Wood treating with Boogie, H Windows, Building Codes, and insurance issues impacting construction/manufacturing sectors.

The most interesting topic was Robotic Solutions, Inc. providing software for log and timber manufacturing industry and ABB Robot Demonstration: Design to Log Panels. Of course a group of handcrafted log professionals were certain to have varying opinions on using robotics in handcrafted log building, but the presentations were informative and interesting for all.



While the robotic portion of the conference was in Frontier Builders, Inc., yard, most of the speakers and conference events were held at the historic Gateway Lodge in a nostalgic timber structure that dates to the 1930's. The annual conference typically rotates between locations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan every year, but at the annual meeting the consensus was to return again to the Gateway Lodge for the 2026 conference. An educational fundraising build to jointly use robotics and handcrafted techniques is being discussed to explore how old and new technologies can be used together in the name of crafting logs. Find more information at www.gllca.org.

IMTA FOCUSES ON THE FUTURE OF MASS TIMBER



A group of representatives from Great Lakes Log Crafters Association, International Log Builders Association, Log Home and Timber Council, and other professionals concerned with the future of mass timber construction. Mass timber is defined to include log, timber, laminated timber, and all forms of mass wood used in residential and commercial construction. IMTA has been mission focused to promote scientific research and testing in collaboration with post-secondary institutions, government, and non-governmental organizations.



It has been pushing to the collecting and using data to develop building codes and energy standards, including mass timber and wood construction. Knowing that mass wood performs differently than other conventional building methods, the group is working on gathering data to support what builders and dwellers in wood intuitively know. 10' cubes of mass timber have been built in three locations (Tennessee, Colorado, and Texas) to test the heating, cooling, and general thermal performance in various climate zones.

Financial support for these studies has come from stake-holding log and timber associations, log and timber manufacturing companies, and wood coating manufacturers. More support is needed to complete the set-up and monitoring of the metric equipment, and further details can be found at intimberalliance.org



NEW TOOL TALK:

TIMBER TOOLS GUTTER ADZES



THE GUTTER ADZE has a thin arched blade set at a right angle to the handle. Patterned after time-tested tools and hand forged to the correct curve and sweep. The gutter adze is used to cut laterals for log construction. With modern steel and hand forging it is remarkably tough. Shipped with a long hard wood handle ground to fit - a beautiful adze to use. The gutter adze has a blade length of 7" and an overall length of 9" with approximately #6 sweep. Leather tip guard with tie-string included.

Made in Canada. T217-TT-ADZE-GUT \$238.00

THE SMALL GUTTER ADZE is the hand held version. Handle length is 11 3/4" with a blade length of 6" and about 2 1/2" wide. Includes leather tip guard. **Made in Canada.**

T217-TT-ADZE-SM \$225.00

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HELLE SIGMUND KNIFE

Designed by two generations of Helle men, the blade by Sigmund Helle in the 1930's and the handle by his son Torodd in 2012 - a culmination of 80 years of experience. The Sigmund as an all-purpose knife, is a classic with wonderfully crafted dark oak and leather handle. Designed for medium to large hands, the handle is hand sanded to a satin finish. The blade is sharp, triple laminated stainless steel. Tooled leather sheath included.

Made in Norway. \$174.00

Full Length: 8 3/4"

Blade Length: 4.21"

Blade Thickness: 3 mm

Handle: 4.21"

Weight: 3.32 oz



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HELLE DIDI GALGALU 14C28N KNIFE

Inspired by travel use from South Africa to northern Kenya and named in honor of the desert of Kenya, considered by many as the last wilderness of Africa. (Helle joined the South African Overlander "Voetspore" team on one of their adventures where the Didi Galgalu prototypes were tested.) It is fairly big, fitting medium to large hands with curly birch double contoured handle and full tang construction. The blade is made from Alleima® 14C28N stainless chromium steel that is designed for very high demands on edge sharpness, edge stability, and corrosion resistance. Since its release in 2015, it has become popular in bushcrafting circles. Black leather sheath included. **Made in Norway.** \$239.00

Full Length: 9 3/4" Blade Length: 5.17"

Blade Thickness: 3 mm Handle: 4.53"

Weight (including sheath): 8.96 oz

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SASHCO DEMO DAY



Grizzly Bob was in town February 6 as we hosted our fourth annual Sashco Demo Day, this time at Rapids Brewing Company. This has been a recurring opportunity for contractors to spend a day continuing their education on log care. In addition to giving product demonstration and instruction on how to use Sashco's log finishing products, Bob also shared his wealth of knowledge on log building codes and best practices, proper finishing, and restoration techniques. We are fully stocked with Sashco's log products and appreciate the partnership of education and experience Bob brings to share with our area contractors.

For more extensive training, Sashco offers the Zero Failures training at their headquarters in Colorado. Interested contractors can contact us for more information on dates and sponsorship opportunity, and visit www.zerofailures.com.

Happy 4th of July!



CALENDAR

Memorial Day	May 26th	Office Closed
Independence Day	July 4th	Office Closed
Labor Day	Sept. 1st	Office Closed
Daylight Savings	Nov. 2nd	Clocks Back
Thanksgiving	Nov. 27-28th	Office Closed

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RESTORATION SPECIAL



We are often asked how to restore rotten logs. We suggest [The Log Home Maintenance Guide](#). It reveals tips and tricks for using wood epoxies for log home restoration. To help you get started with your restoration project, we offer a 15% Discount off *The Log Home Maintenance Guide* when you buy any wood epoxy products like [LiquidWood](#), [WoodEpoxy](#), [M-Balm](#), [E-Wood](#), or the [Wood Restoration Kit](#) and this book. If you call in your order, just ask for the "Restoration Special". If you order online, your discount will be applied after we receive your order. Offer good for one book per order.

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