

LOG BUILDING TECHNIQUES
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I have owned Northland Blasting and Restoration for the past 6 years. When I took over the business, it was a custom log railing business with some restoration services included. I transformed the business into a restoration business a few years ago because of my passion for the work. Currently, my business offers media blasting, grinding/Osborne brushing (secondary prep), washing Borate treatments, staining, caulking and chinking.

My plan at the GLLCA conference is to touch on the process of restoration, specifically log blasting, but also hoping to fit in “secondary prep” using an Osborne brush. I will touch on the importance of washing the logs and treating the logs with borate salts. I will end with a discussion about staining, products we use, and how we apply them.

I will be bringing my trail with blaster and supplies. I will have a “log wall” mock for a physical blasting demonstration. People will be able to try blasting if they want. I will also use this wall for my secondary prep demonstration.