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Announcing the 2025 Great Lakes Log Crafters Association Conference

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming 2025 Great Lakes Log Crafters Association (GLLCA) Conference, taking place April 25–27, 2025, at Frontier Builders Inc. Log Yard and the Gateway Lodge in Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin.

According to our website, "The GLLCA was created as a forum where ideas, new methods, new tools and materials, and enthusiasm could be exchanged and efforts could be made to educate the public and promote the craft of log-building in the region. We are dedicated to encouraging the highest standards of construction in our work."

Prepare for an inspiring weekend in Land O' Lakes, WI as we bring together industry leaders, innovative thinkers, and skilled craftspeople to explore the latest advancements in technology, environmental sustainability, and community engagement in the log home construction industry. The conference promises a dynamic agenda designed to spark conversation, build connections, and highlight emerging trends and tools shaping our field.

Among the featured highlights, we anticipate welcoming Kerry Rabenold, Emeritus Professor of Biological Sciences at Purdue University, who will discuss the Net Zero Log Home built by Frontier Builders, Inc. on Purdue's Ross Reserve in West Lafayette, IN. Jeff Simons from H-Window Company, Ashland WI is expected to present the latest in triple-pane window innovations.

Greg Baas of Baas Inspection Agency will offer insights into Wisconsin Building Codes related to log and timber construction, while Jessie Woods will lead a wood restoration demonstration with a focus on sustainable preservation. Attendees will also meet Michael Koepfel, Milwaukee tool designer known for his innovative chainsaw carving and use of Milwaukee tools. Greg Horant of Composite Panel Systems, Inc. is slated to present on Epitome Foundation Walls, a breakthrough in fiberglass and steel panel construction. Additionally, Danny Deetz (Stihl) and Dan Finke (Nelson's Ace Hardware, Eagle River, WI) will provide live Stihl tool demonstrations. Perry Camodeca and Perry Camodeca Jr. will offer guidance on business insurance for tech-driven operations and discuss current insurance issues impacting construction/manufacturing sectors.

On Saturday from 8:00 am to noon there will be an Open House at the Frontier Builders' 10,000 square foot workshop. Members of the public have been invited to view recently installed ABB CNC robotic technology used to mill logs for construction of log and timber homes.

The Open House will feature Nick Bently, COO of Robotic Solutions Inc., alongside Todd Rathcamp, who will showcase advanced modeling, cutting, and simulation software designed specifically for the log and timber manufacturing industry. Cameron Wait and Matt Delgado of Frontier Builders, Inc. will lead an ABB robot demonstration, walking attendees through the log crafting process from design to log milling and panel production.

Members of the GLLCA are looking forward to this unique opportunity to engage with forward-thinking professionals and learn about the exciting future of technology and sustainability in log construction.

For the first time in ten years, Frontier Builders, Inc. located in Land O' Lakes Wisconsin is the site for the 2025 Great Lakes Log Crafters Association Conference this April –bringing together a community committed to growth, innovation, and craftsmanship in the log and timber home industry.