

Workshop Schedule

Spring 2012



Building a Raised-Bed Garden

If you've been thinking about building a raised-bed garden, SmartTimbers are a non-toxic and long-lasting alternative to pressure-treated lumber or railroad ties. (They're made from recycled plastic milk jugs.) This workshop will show you how to lay out the job, prepare the ground, cut timbers, and install using rebar to anchor and align them. Because SmartTimbers are lighter than wood and don't require any special tools, this project is doable for most any handy homeowner. This workshop will be held at an off-site location to be announced.



Allan Ihrer has worked as a carpenter for more than 30 years and is a lifelong gardener.

Saturday, April 14.....10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Window Rehab

With a little TLC, you can get your home's old wood windows to work properly again! Many local homeowners decide to replace their house's original windows with expensive new ones when some simple and inexpensive improvements will make the existing windows more energy-efficient—for a lot less money than replacements. Learn how to disassemble double-hung windows, replace ropes, restore sashes, reinforce loose joints, and weatherstrip. This workshop will be held at an off-site location to be announced.

David Liberty is an ardent supporter of maintaining old windows. His company, windowrepair.com, is dedicated exclusively to old window restoration. David teaches window repair throughout the Boston area.

Saturday, April 21.....10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Maintenance and Repair of Decks and Porches

Decks and porches expand our living space to the outdoors, but require some maintenance to be attractive, safe, and durable. Learn about the building code for decks, and gain an understanding of different building materials available if you are rebuilding or reconfiguring your deck or porch, including alternatives to wood. You will also learn how to take care of your deck to keep it safe, including small repairs that will make a big difference.

Dan de Angeli is a licensed and registered contractor and runs his own home-improvement company serving Jamaica Plain and surrounding areas.

Saturday, April 28.....10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Installing Storm Windows and Storm Doors

High-quality storm windows and doors can go a long way to reducing energy loss in your home without the higher cost of replacement windows and without compromising the home's architectural style. With the right tools and an understanding of how to proceed, a homeowner can do the work him- or herself. You will also learn how to measure when ordering storms.

Pernell Jackson is a contractor with experience in a wide variety of areas. He is a Boston Building Resources staff member.



Saturday, May 5.....10:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Masonry: Repointing Brick

Repointing is the process of reapplying mortar, which acts as a cushion between bricks so they don't bear directly on each other. When mortar is lost over time, the integrity of the structure is compromised. In this workshop, you will learn to repoint and develop a working knowledge of the properties of brick and mortar. We will discuss different types of mortar and their applications, review tools needed, demonstrate how to prepare the work area, and show how to handle and apply the mortar. We will also learn about different types of basement foundation walls—interior and exterior—ways to repair them, and how to prevent them from deteriorating. This workshop will be held at a home in Cambridge.

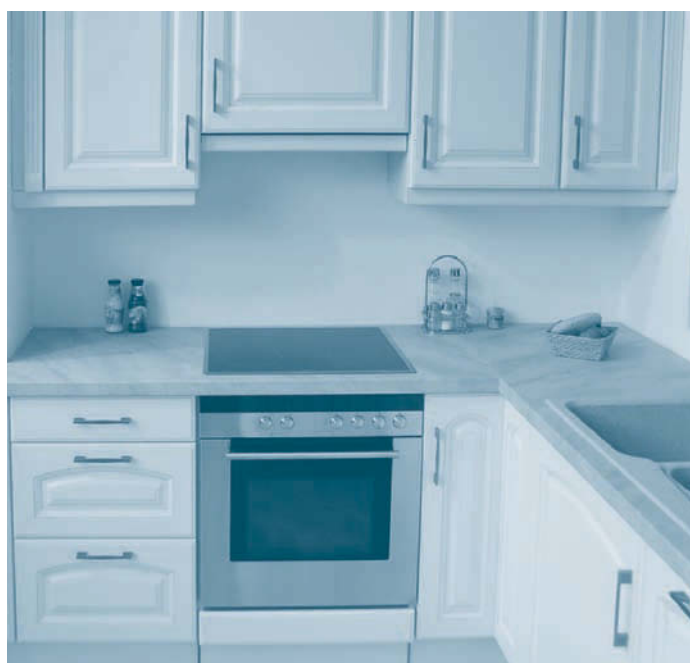
Rory Buckley has more than ten years experience as mason. He was trained in new masonry construction, block, brick, and stonework. He also has significant experience in masonry restoration.

Saturday, May 12.....10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Window and Screen Repair Clinic—Free!

Warmer weather is upon us—time to open those windows! Save money and keep the bugs out by learning to fix broken windows and torn screens yourself. Just bring in the window or screen that needs repair, and we'll show you the rest. Then come back any time to do other repairs yourself. It's easier than you think! Free for members. You pay for materials only.

Saturdays: April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7,
August 4, September 8.....9:00–10:00 a.m.



Kitchen Design, Parts I and II

The kitchen is the heart of one's home, and this two-part workshop will cover everything you need to know to design a kitchen that fits your lifestyle. In Part I, we start with a basic floor plan and cover the myriad of variables that must be considered for a kitchen layout: appliance standards, door and window openings, storage needs, budget, and more. In Part II, we will examine cabinets and countertops—the many materials, styles, and price ranges available. Participants may submit floor plans of their individual projects, and one will be chosen at random for examination in greater detail. Designing a kitchen can seem overwhelming at first, but taken step by step, it is fun and exciting to create a design that suits your family's needs and budget. This popular class fills up quickly! Participants must enroll in both Parts I and II.

Linda Lesyna is the Boston Building Resources retail manager and kitchen specialist. She has training in interior design and has worked as a licensed carpenter. Linda has been designing functional and attractive kitchens for more than 20 years.

Part I: Saturday, May 191:30–4:00 p.m.

Part II: Wednesday, May 30.....6:00–8:30 p.m.

To register, call
617-442-2262, ext. 1

Rainwater Harvesting

This class mixes concepts with hands-on demonstrations of techniques and materials that will help in building or



refining your own rainwater harvesting system. Concepts are geared toward small residential systems, which typically involve rain barrels for hand watering, drip irrigation, or simple pressure applications with pumps. You'll learn the basics of how to estimate collection potential, size your system to your water demands, and then install and maintain it. While the focus will be on small residential systems, case studies of larger systems will be shown. It will be helpful for participants to bring a rough site plan sketch of existing conditions at your house or apartment, including roof dimensions, downspout locations, proposed rain barrel location(s), and how/where you propose to use the captured roof runoff. This workshop will be held in Somerville.

Josh Briggs is a designer and installer of large-scale rainwater harvesting systems, currently working with Geosyntec Consultants. He is a licensed professional engineer and has worked and studied in the water resources engineering field for 15 years.

Saturday, May 19.....10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Exterior Painting



Expect your beautiful paint job to meet up with some relentless adversaries: rain, snow, extreme temperatures, and ultraviolet light. All of these factors can shorten the length of time that your house will look its best. To make your paint job last, learn to prep the surfaces, select the right paint and primer for your job, choose the best tools, and get at those tricky areas.

Bogomil Sabatchev has been a professional painter for 15 years, with plenty of experience in interior and exterior painting as well as small carpentry jobs. His company, Optimus Painting, is based in Brookline.

Saturday, June 2.....10:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Wood Restoration with Epoxy

Is rotted wood plaguing your windowsills, sashes, porch decking, column bases, wood gutters, or siding? If so, a “cure” is now available that is much less expensive than replacing the wood. Flex-Tec epoxy wood repair compound is engineered to remain resilient and flexible so it can expand and contract with the surrounding wood to stand the test of time. It has excellent bonding strength, will not slump or sag when applied to a vertical surface, and can be sanded, tooled, and painted. This hands-on workshop will include how to handle, apply, and shape this product for use in a variety of applications.

Steve Gentile has been in the window restoration business for more than 15 years, specializing in the restoration of double-hung windows, including repair with epoxy. His company is Arborway Restoration.

Saturday, June 9.....10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Tiling

Tiling involves an eye for design and layout as well as the hands-on skill to make your design a reality. In one of our most popular workshops, you can learn all aspects of tiling, from preparing the subfloor to finishing off with grout. The workshop will address different tiling materials (including ceramic and stone), layout, cutting, and installation. Applications in bathrooms and kitchens will be addressed, and hands-on training will help you develop your tile-setting technique.



Jimmy Douglass is a licensed and registered home improvement contractor with a construction supervisor license and is owner of Hub Home Services. He has extensive experience in all types of tile setting and has taught numerous tiling workshops.

Saturday, June 16.....10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Reno-fitting the Green Home

This interactive session will provide a holistic understanding of the older home, looking at typical problems and sustainable opportunities. Because “greening” a home is usually an incremental process, this session will help homeowners determine where to start, what to look for, how to find resources they will need, and how to take advantage of financial incentives and tax credits currently available. The session will include a presentation, discussion, and time for one-on-one consultation.

Bill Boehm is a registered architect with more than 20 years of experience in a wide variety of settings. He has won awards for sustainable design and small house design.

Saturday, June 23.....10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Workshop Policies

Participants may register for classes in person or by phone (617-442-2262, ext. 1). Payment must be made at the time of registration. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

If you are unable to attend and wish to cancel your registration, you may do so under the following conditions:

1. If at least one week (seven days) or more before the class, you may receive a *refund*, less a \$5 registration fee.
2. If cancellation occurs by 4:30 p.m. on the Tuesday before the class, you may receive a *class credit*, less a \$5 registration fee.
3. All other cancellations are nonrefundable and nontransferable.

Please feel free to park on Terrace Street when attending a Saturday workshop—the two-hour parking limit is not in effect on Saturdays.

Fees

Workshop	Standard Member	Plus Member*	General Public
Decks and Porches, Exterior Painting, Reno-fitting the Green Home	\$40	\$25	\$65
All other workshops	\$50	\$35	\$75

All workshops are held at Boston Building Resources unless otherwise noted.

*Plus members are those who meet our income guidelines. For details, see the membership pages of bostonbuildingresources.com.

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JUNE

2	Window & Screen Repair Clinic	9:00–10:00 a.m.
2	Exterior Painting	10:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
9	Wood Restoration with Epoxy	10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
16	Tiling	10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
23	Reno-fitting the Green Home	10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

JULY

7	Window & Screen Repair Clinic	9:00–10:00 a.m.
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AUGUST

4	Window & Screen Repair Clinic	9:00–10:00 a.m.
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SEPTEMBER

8	Window & Screen Repair Clinic	9:00–10:00 a.m.
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Recycle, Reuse . . . Repair

If you'll be doing any interior painting this spring, try our new **reColor recycled interior latex paint**, remixed from high-quality leftover paints. We are now carrying gallons in white (flat and semi-gloss) and off-white (eggshell finish).



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