

Application Process for Gwozdziec Roof Structure

Application window closes on: March 14, 2011 for leads; March 29, 2011 for crew

This project has been in development for four years and during that time many have expressed interest. We are thrilled to officially offer this opportunity. Please do not assume we have your name on the list. EVERY applicant will be evaluated using these outlined parameters.

If you have already sent in your resume and expression of interest, no need to resend, but DO send an email confirming that you are still interested AND that you meet all the required criteria listed below. If you feel you are ideal for this project, be sure to set aside modesty and tell us why. Keep our selection criteria, listed below, in mind when you reply.

Convince us with your cover letter and resume sent to: polandproject@tfguild.org

In your Subject Line write: Formal Application (Your Name)

We encourage you to limit your correspondence to email and refrain from calling, even if you know us well. Doing so helps us stay organized, and besides, we are really busy!

Selection Criteria

Leadership team will be selected by TFG staff.

Crew members will be selected by both staff and team leaders.

Projex Committee will look over our shoulders.

Required:

- Current TFG Member

- Resume on file

- Passes the plays-well-with-others test

- Passport good past December 2011 (North Americans)

- Available for duration of Project (6 weeks)

- Ability and interest in working with EU timber framers

- Ability and interest in working with young adults

- Has demonstrated leadership abilities.

- Has demonstrated solid teaching abilities

- Comfortable with scribe work and rough timber-framing

- Comfortable with scribe layout, minimalist shop plans, dividers & storey poles

Desired:

- Journeyworker or Apprentice Certification

- Hand-conversion enthusiasm and experience

- Ancillary skills of value to project (ex: SketchUp, tool making)

- History of participation in TFG community service projects or similar

- Languages

Crew Demographics

5 team leaders selected by: March 15, 2011

20 crew members selected by: April 1, 2011

We seek a crew comprised of both North American and European carpenters.

Compensation

Travel stipend

Ground transportation from Warsaw to site

Food and Lodging in Sanok, Poland

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Leadership team will be offered a teaching stipend

Description of the work

Our primary goal is to build the best possible learning experience for all who attend. In addition, we intend to replicate a 400 piece, 23,000 board foot roof system. Throughout the project we will be responsible for integrating thirty students from the Hands House Studios travel program 'Making History'. This project will have a high degree of media attention, including a film crew tasked with creating a documentary. On and off the clock you will serve as an emissary of our craft and your country.

In addition to the frame itself we will have a station for splitting roof shingles to clad the structure and we will build the board ceiling system and internal cupola that will become the canvas for the painting program scheduled for the following eighteen months.

Worksite

Our hosts at the Skansen will provide space to set up multiple work stations in designated fields within the facility. There will be storage for tools, and cut tents to protect from rain and sun. Expect to be outside, all day, every day.

Work Schedule

A typical workday begins at 8 am with a safety/organizational meeting, and ends with tool roll up at 5:30 pm, rain or shine. Lunch is at the work-site. Our intention is to reserve Sundays as a day of rest and reflection. Time off will be relative to our success at meeting the production schedule. Opportunities for wooden-culture tourism are overwhelming, and very close.

Description of lodging

Crew will be housed in small hotels in the nearby town of Sanok, (pop 35,000) There will also be opportunities to camp for those who prefer. We expect to be connected to the internet.

Additional travelers

We are sensitive to the idea that some of you would like to bring along close friends or family members for part of this project.

While we can offer no financial assistance to you toward this, we support the concept. And we will help you with the logistics.

The worksite will be treated as a Controlled Access Site. Any visitors must be cleared to enter by the project staff. Our standard rules about personal protective gear will be enforced.

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