

About John Boys and Nicola LogWorks



John Boys is the president of Nicola LogWorks - a producer of log and timber structures in Merritt BC. The company has been operating from this location since 1989. Over half of the Nicola LogWorks team have been with the company for more than 10 years; and some have been with the company since its beginning.

John discovered a passion for log construction while attending the Allan Mackie School of Log Building in the mid '80's. His interest in traditional log construction techniques rapidly grew to encompass massive timber joinery and timber frame structures. As his expertise in heavy log and timber construction developed, so did associated interests, such as work methods and procedures, jigs and tool development, and custom machine fabrication.

John's skill sets, as well as those of the crew (mastery of timber joinery, crane and rigging) have recently coincided with the introduction of CLT (Cross Laminated Timbers) to the North American market, positioning John Boys and Company in an arena for which their specialized expertise is highly applicable and well-suited.

John was an early adopter of 3D modeling and is a tireless advocate for the design/build approach in the construction of massive wood structures. His expertise in pre-planning, sequencing and focus on inter-trade communications well before a project is underway in addition to his experience in the field have led to various speaking engagements including the Seattle CLT Symposium, several Canada Wood Council and BC Wood workshops as well as for The Canada BIM Council.

Today the company is active in both commercial construction (Glu-lam and CLT installation), and residential (Handcrafted Log and Timber) which is produced on-site in Merritt BC. John credits the many interesting and talented individuals whose influences have ignited new ideas, methods and procedures and fueled his goal of lifelong learning to the success of Nicola LogWorks and is committed to sharing his knowledge and skills with other like-minded craftspeople and contractors.

Other Stuff:

- Logbuilding since 1985 – Nicola LogWorks incorporated 1993. John Boys – founder and president.
- A Founding member of the BC Log & Timber Industry Association. (LTBI).
- Curriculum Development of the BC Log Building Apprenticeship Program.
- Presenter - CLT Mass Wood Construction - for BC Wood, Canadian Wood Council and BIM Canada.
- Seismic testing of log walls and timber connections in cooperation with Forintek.
- Chair of the LTBI standing committee on building code and a participant and contributor to the Log and Timber Home Energy Code Compliance Solutions Report researched by RDH Engineering.
- John is a long time member the International Log Builder's Association (ILBA) and has also served that association as director, president (1997-2002) and treasurer (2005-2007). He is also a member of the ILBA standing committee of Log Building Standards and Log Building Best Practices.
- Member of the CSA (Canadian Standards Association) Committee on Log Building Standards.
Member of the Timber Framers' Guild.

More Other Stuff:

- "A Boy's Big Book of Jigs", a publication compiled for the ILBA, featuring many of his own innovative jigs, tools and work methods, as well as those of many talented colleagues in the ILBA.
- Contributor to Dalibor Houdek's FP Innovation publication: "Log Home Construction- from log shell to finished home."
- Contributor to "Tall Wood Buildings in Canada" (FP Innovations publication).