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Cascade Cuts

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At long last, the weather is rising, and thoughts turn to . . . affordable housing and rolling timbers!

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A boost for affordable housing

Cascade Joinery has been a partner with the [Kulshan Community Land Trust](#) for ten years. While we no longer offer general contracting services, instead focusing solely on crafted timber work, we still take on projects for the Land Trust. Most recently, we built two houses in Bellingham's Birchwood neighborhood, donating some aspects and giving sizable discounts on others.



A single-family house and a duplex in the Birchwood neighborhood, overlooking Squalicum Creek Park, built by partner Cascade Joinery.

courtesy Kulshan Community Land Trust

Kulshan Community Land Trust is a non-profit organization that provides secure, affordable access to land and homeownership for households of modest means and for community needs. They promote affordable, ecologically sound, sustainable land use for housing and working landscapes.

Kulshan Community Land Trust is having their annual leadership dinner Saturday, June 3. If you

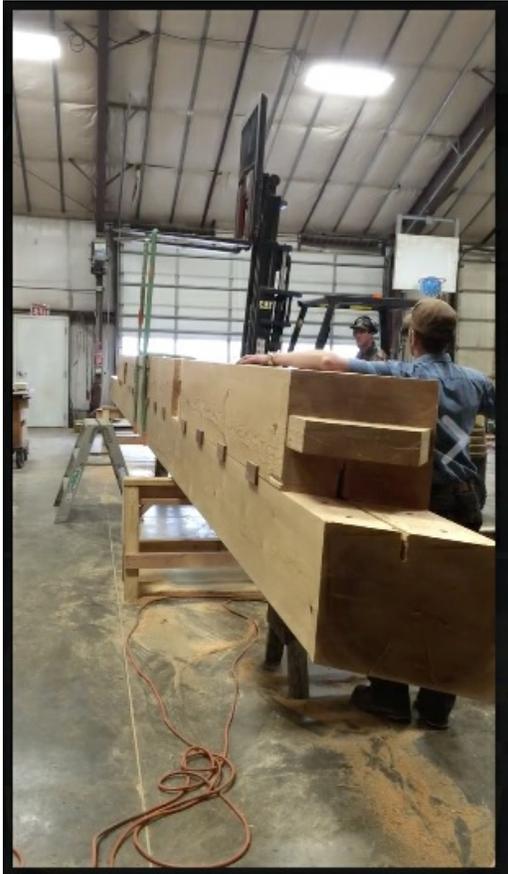
support affordable housing, don't miss it! ([Get tickets here.](#)) We're sponsoring a table at the fundraisers, and if you're so inclined, we'd love to have you donate something to our table at the silent auction. You can do this by emailing Kulshan's [Kendra Meyer](#). Thanks.

Cool tools: rolling a timber

Dealing with really big wood gives us a chance to develop our ingenuity. We can't roll these things (to work on the next side of them) on muscle power alone. A 44-ft-long 11 x 21-in. timber weighs roughly 2500 lbs. Not only that--these very long, heavy timbers can incur damage to edges and faces if rolled in the wrong way.

The Forklift

We came up with a method that uses carefully-placed comealongs, a forklift, and two guys.



To see the roll in action, click the image.

The TimbeRoller

For really big timbers, we made sturdy jigs that fit on the timbers, an electric lift table, two slotted wheel supports, and one or two guys. It's so satisfying to just spin the timber!



To see the roll in action, click the image.

For more neat tricks we devised to work timbers, see the [videos on our facebook page](#).

"The foremost task in running a business to insure the survival of these qualities: an enterprising curiosity, an undefeatable spirit, tenacity in pursuit, a readiness for sensible self denial, and above all, compassion.

—Kurt Hahn (paraphrased)

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