

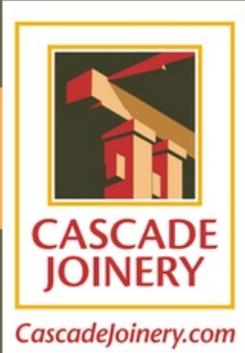
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Congrats to Willis Rozycki, our newest Journeyworker!

Cascade Joinery is proud to welcome Willis Rozycki to registered timber frame Journeyworker status.



Proud ATP graduate Willis Rozycki, left, and mentor RJ Misiolok.

It is not common knowledge that there is an apprenticeship program for timber framing, approved by the U.S. Department of Labor. John Miller, our managing partner, was involved in the extensive curriculum development and the implementation of this program, run by the Timber Framers Guild.

Cascade Joinery has participated in the timber frame apprenticeship program from its inception. Currently, we have five journeyworkers (JW) on staff, including Willis, who finished his apprenticeship in May. Cascade Joinery has graduated three apprentices through the program to JW status to date.

Willis applied to the program after he joined the team at Cascade Joinery in May 2014. Willis had been working at construction jobs for more than eight years, and he submitted three more years of occasional log and timber work. He had some college and other earned certifications, so was placed as a second-year apprentice with credit for limited related training.

Willis took on a self-motivated educational journey with guidance from JW R.J. Misiolok and

based on curriculum registered with the U.S. Department of Labor; participated in training sessions at conferences; attended two annual assessment and training events; was a rookie instructor at a TFG community building project; and presented the session Engineered Connections in Modern West Coast Timber Framing at a recent Timber Framers Guild conference in Madison. This presentation fulfilled Willis' final requirement for graduation.

At graduation it is customary to present the graduates with a hand tool of their choice. Willis chose the Lie-Nielsen #102 low angle block plane, a lifetime tool and a reminder of the TFG-inspired commitment to a lifetime of learning and sharing.

The registered-JW credential designates not only a level of skill and knowledge, but also a financial commitment to the training of others. Thanks for all your hard work, Willis!



" The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home."

--Confucius

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