

Greetings from John Libby

We are thrilled to bring you this newsletter introducing you to some of the projects we have had the pleasure of working



on over the past few years. While we have not been immune to the uncertainty of our Maine economy, we have been fortunate to work with some terrific people and craft some special projects in recent years.

Our company has been designing and building beautiful structures in Maine and New England for 40 years. Whether it's a small renovation project, raising one of our Signature Barns, building a custom barn on an island, saving a crumbling foundation of a historic home, or designing and building a new home; our attention to detail and to the client is always foremost. Our teams of highly skilled craftsmen, artisans and subcontractors have been working with our company for many years. Their experience is reflected not only in the final product but also in the dedication, hard work and synergy they have with each project we undertake.

I am proud to work with them all and hope you enjoy this newsletter.



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Turner Farm – North Haven, Maine

Turner Farm is a nearly 200-year old island farm that has been resurrected over the past few years and now provides year round fresh, organic food to local establishments. Turner Farm grows vegetables and flowers; is a certified creamery; and raises several animals including: goats, pigs, cows and poultry for meat, eggs and milk. We worked closely with the Turner Farm staff and owners to design and build the 40' x 60' timber frame barn with a 16' x 55' side shed on the island property, using as many Maine craftspeople and materials as possible. The frame is made from Eastern White Pine timbers which we planed and oiled, then enclosed with Eastern White Pine wall and roof sheathing. The 8' x 8' cupola, accessible by climbing the custom mahogany ship's ladder from the second floor loft, offers a stunning panoramic view of the surrounding ocean and neighboring islands. The metal grate floor of the cupola allows light from the cupola windows to flood into the barn. A root cellar to store the farm's produce was created under part of the main barn, which remains naturally cool throughout the year and above freezing in the winter. The main floor of the barn features goat pens for the birthing mothers, gates for goat milking, a creamery and a large work space. Day camps for young students during the summer, a seasonal farm stand, and many other outreach programs are available at Turner Farm.

For more information about Turner Farm and the many activities they sponsor, please visit them on Facebook.

When Pigs Fly – Kittery, Maine

The owners of *When Pigs Fly* have developed a strong brand baking delicious classic and specialty breads from the freshest ingredients available. We were honored they selected our company to build their new *When Pigs Fly Pizzeria and Bread Store* on Route One in Kittery, Maine. From the start we were on a tight schedule, racing frost and winter weather as we began in late November 2010 with the goal of opening in late spring of 2011. Throughout the cold and snowy Maine winter our crew worked tirelessly to keep the project on track.

The architectural centerpiece of the building features a 27' x 27' cupola creating an open and airy feeling inside the creatively appointed restaurant. The



ceiling, constructed with large Douglas Fir timbers with a pickled finish, contrasts with the warm rich wall colors creating an inviting environment for dinner with friends and family. The outdoor porch area offers a casual and relaxing option to dining indoors during the warm season. The restaurant's two large wood-fired ovens (each weighing 8,000 lbs) cook artisan style pizzas made with fresh, organic ingredients. It is worth a trip to Kittery to enjoy the delicious food and see the interesting interior details of this beautiful building.

Timber Frame or Post and Beam?

We are often asked: "What is the difference between post and beam and timber frame?" Houses & Barns by John Libby specializes in timber framing which is the joining of timbers using all wood connections. In timber framing, each individual joint is custom designed to suit the specific load it is required to support. Nothing is generic. Post and beam construction, on the other hand, uses vertical and horizontal timbers often connected together using steel plates, brackets or nails. Timber framing also works to anticipate the natural characteristics of the wood, accommodating for shrinkage and shifting. We are fortunate to have one of the best timber framers on our staff, Peter Truslow, who has over 24 years of experience in the industry, all with John Libby.



ASK THE EXPERT

Custom Concrete Design, Inc.

Meeting many fine craft people here in Maine is one of the most satisfying aspects of our work at Houses & Barns by John Libby. We recently enjoyed working with Michael Littlefield of Custom Concrete Design in Kennebunk, Maine. Michael began his company over ten years ago specializing in concrete exteriors and stamped concrete. Through hard work, talent, and an eye for design, he has developed his products and services to include polished concrete floors, countertops, furniture and other décor used in private homes and commercial buildings. He crafted the countertops at the new *When Pigs Fly Pizzeria* in Kittery. The multi-step process of designing and building a concrete countertop begins with building a stout framework to support the heavy countertop, building the countertop forms, then pouring the concrete into the forms. The final polishing takes place about two weeks after the pour to allow time for the concrete to cure. Visit *When Pigs Fly Pizzeria* to see the gears that were placed in the wet concrete then polished to perfection.

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Signature Barn Series

The popularity of our Signature Barn Series has been growing over the past few years as many people are choosing to enhance their property by building an addition or a barn to provide more living and storage space.

The classic beauty and simplicity of our Signature Barn Series designs allows these timber frame structures to be easily modified to a client's needs without having to invest months of time that the design process of a custom structure may take. These barn designs have been inspired by many of our custom projects over the past 40 years and remain rooted in authentic New England barn architecture.



Recently we added the Pettengill Barn to the series which has a different look than the other barns as the large door is on the eave side of the building instead of the traditional gable end. This 32' x 36' barn is reminiscent of early 1800's barns and offers a nice option for era appropriate English tying joints. The flexibility of the floor plan is what makes this structure sure to be popular among our choice of designs. A full size display model of the Pettengill has been raised at our Freeport shop. We encourage you to stop by for a tour.



The Pettengill Barn

It takes about six months to properly dry timbers before fabrication begins on our frames. We are pleased to announce the construction of a new warehouse at our Freeport location to allow us to pre-order timber inventory for our Signature Barns. Most timbers are freshly cut by the mills and are typically delivered "green". Working with dried timbers significantly reduces shrinkage after construction allowing the joinery to remain tight. When people call to inquire about building a Signature Barn by John Libby, we hope to have timbers dried and ready when they want to begin their project.



Cupola Reproduction & Barn Door Replacement – Scarborough, Maine

We were contracted to remove, rebuild and replace three old cupolas and barn doors on a barn in Scarborough. The cupolas, built around 1899 and rotted beyond repair, were removed by crane and transported to our Freeport Shop. We used a combination of African Mahogany, painted the same historic green color, and Azek composite trim to create perfect replicas which will stand up to the ocean side weather for many years. The front of the barn is enhanced with new barn doors, built from African Mahogany and Douglas Fir tongue and groove panels and topped with a custom transom window providing additional light into the barn.





40% off Signature Barn Frames

We have two "weathered" Signature Series timber frame barns for sale that were used in our yard as display models for one year. The Maquoit frame measures 24' x 28' and the Harraseeket frame measures 15' x 20'. Please give us a call for pricing if you are interested in either of these frames.

Freeport Historical Society Historic Barn and Quilt Tour

Freeport Maine's rich past is explored through a variety of quality programs sponsored by the Freeport Historical Society each year. Last fall we enjoyed co-sponsoring and participating in their 1st Annual Freeport Historic Barns and Quilt Tour so much that we also sponsored the 2nd Annual tour which occurred October 1, 2011. Participants visited four historic barns, each with quilts from that era on display. This year the tour was lead by Don Perkins, a journalist, educator and barn enthusiast, and Kathy Kenny, a highly regarded local quilt expert. The tour ended at our shop with refreshments, fiddle music and an opportunity to talk with the experts.



Visit www.freeporthistoricalsociety.org for more upcoming events.

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