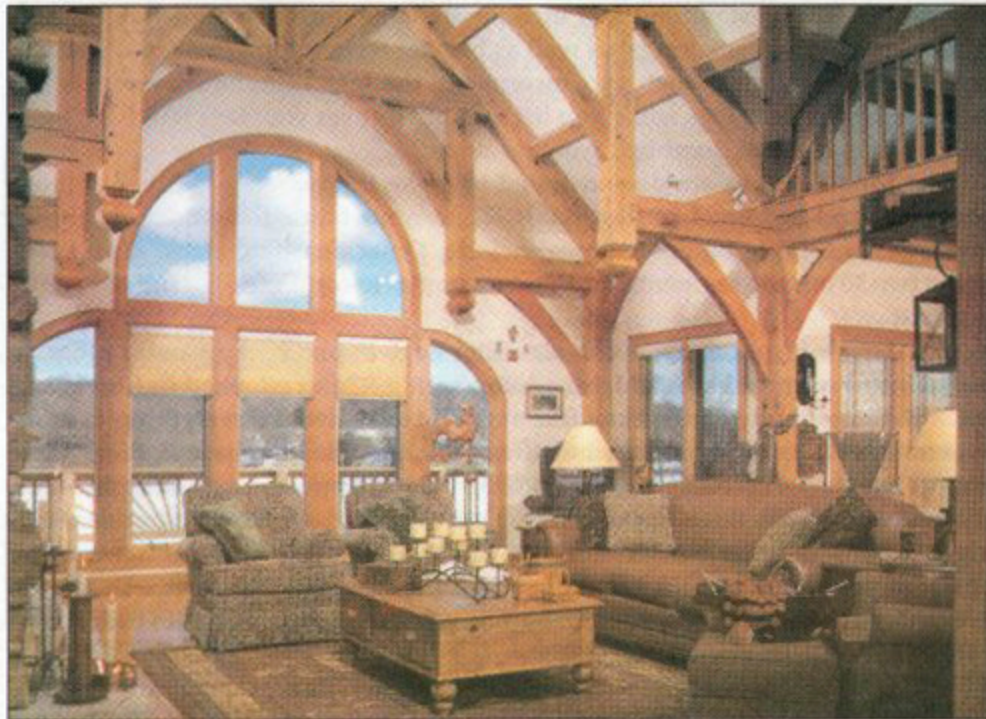


OAK BRIDGE TIMBER FRAMING OFFERS QUALITY CRAFTED TIMBER FRAME HOMES



OakBridge Timber Framing Ltd is a firm that specializes in building timber frame homes based on a long tradition of quality craftsmanship. The company's motto is "to build dream homes that reflect our values." One of the unique aspects of the company is that it is owned by Old Order Amish based out of Howard, Ohio. The firm has traveled throughout the US building timber frame homes and also helped in the reconstruction after Katrina. The company celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

In a world that touts modernization and globalization, you can feel secure knowing that OakBridge Timber Framing builds solid homes with quality materials built by folks who follow ethical standards. When you take a look at their craftsmanship, you begin to realize that doing a good job and making the customer happy takes precedence over anything else.

The Amish are well-known for their long tradition of woodworking, furniture making and barn-raising abilities. If a job needs to be done, you can be assured that OakBridge Timber Framing will get the job done on schedule, using quality materials and at a fair price.

For Johnny Miller, the owner, OakBridge Timber Framing is a family affair with his whole family working with him, from his two brothers, to his sons and daughter to his father. Johnny Miller manages the mill operations which handles the cutting and planing of the timbers into frames for the homes. This country was built on family-owned businesses, many of which were operated by craftspeople and artisans whose skills are nearly extinct. OakBridge Timber Framing is one of the few companies still around that embody this spirit.

This trend is not lost on the Amish as they have a strong sense of community and self-sufficiency. To expound on this idea even further, OakBridge Timber Framing still performs its work off the grid, not hooked up to a public utility. The tools in the shop run off of air hydraulics and a diesel generator. Timber frames are precut in the shop and then the timbers are brought to the home site for assembly using minimal electric tools that connect to electricity at the site.

This way, Miller and his crew stay true to their Amish tradition. He will work with a general contractor who hires subcontractors to finish the plumbing, electrical and interior and exterior of the timber frame home. OakBridge handcrafts all of their timbers, and uses wood joinery; primarily Oak and Douglas Fir - both species known for their strength.

Each frame is unique to client's specifications and is a true wooden sculpture composed of large beams that lock together with wooden pegs to form the visible interior beams. This results in a frame that is structurally stronger than conventional platform construction, and actually uses considerably less material. And, since wood is carbon neutral - and a renewable resource - its impact on the environment (and on you) is exponentially better than man-made materials. Furthermore, timber frames are insulated not with fiberglass insulation, which can create extensive waste; rather, in most instances, they use structural insulated panels (or SIPs), which help create a home that's vastly more energy efficient, stronger, quieter, and more draft free than other building systems.

Miller works with the prospective homeowner with utmost concern for the owner's dreams and goals. "Sometimes, a client may change plans midstream, but it comes with the job and we do our best to keep costs down by discussing every detail every step of the way with the client. Building a home from the ground up is exciting but can also be very challenging, so we have to be patient, but stay on track."

To visit a gallery of photos of timber frame homes the company has built or for more information, please contact: OakBridge Timber Framing, 20857 Earnest Road, Howard, OH 43028, call (866) 599-5711, visit: www.oakbridgetimberframing.com or email oakbridgetf@gmail.com