



ThistlewoodTM

Timber Frame Homes



Designers & Builders Of Award-Winning Timber Frame Homes Worldwide.

We believe that dreams are worth building upon.

Tightly fitting massive timbers secured by hardwood pegs and the beauty of handcrafted mortise and tenon joinery is what distinguishes our traditional timber frames.

At Thistlewood Timber Frame Homes, we are dedicated to the time-honored timber frame construction methods practiced by our forefathers. At our workshop, we have found that traditional tools and techniques still tend to be the most efficient, although power tools are used to help us craft our frames quickly and efficiently. It is however through the skilled, meticulous use of chisel and mallet that we create the superior quality of joinery that our reputation is built on.

Client service and satisfaction come first with us and we are dedicated to making your home-building experience one you'll treasure for a lifetime.

After notching and the test fitting of timbers, the individually labelled pieces are transported to the building site and assembled into bents. A bent is the structural network of timbers that make up one cross-sectional frame within the timber frame. The bent pieces are joined together and pegged on the subfloor and then raised as a unit.

Historically, as today, raising day is a time of great anticipation and excitement. Where our forefathers used many men, poles and pulleys, we can use a crane to lift one entire bent into place. The bents, joined with connecting timbers, are pegged thus completing the structural timber frame system.

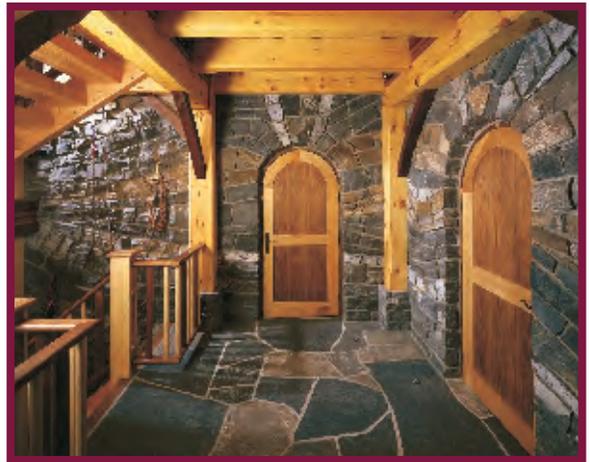
Raising day culminates with the securing of a pine bough to the peak as a gesture of respect to the wood that has given life to the new home and to wish the new owners good luck in their new residence.

Thistlewood awarded the highest of achievements...twice!

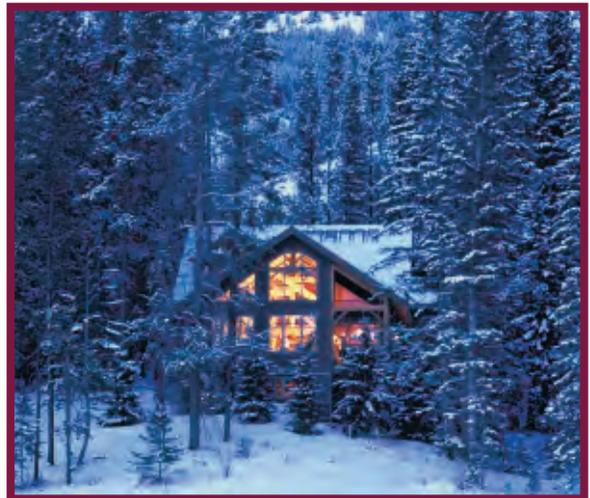
In both 2001 and 2002, Thistlewood Timber Frame Homes was awarded a National Award for the “**Best Home In Canada**” by the Canadian Home Builder’s Association. One of the winning homes, “Lore Of The Woods,” is located near Canmore, Alberta and is shown on this page.



Inspiring spaces. Like many of our timber frame homes, “Lore Of The Woods” boasts a bright and airy studio overlooking the great room.



This home celebrates the perfect compliment of stone and wood throughout. Uniqueness and creativity caress every surface and view in the home.



Stunning by nature. This pine style timber frame suits its location in a coniferous forest set against a Rocky Mountain backdrop.

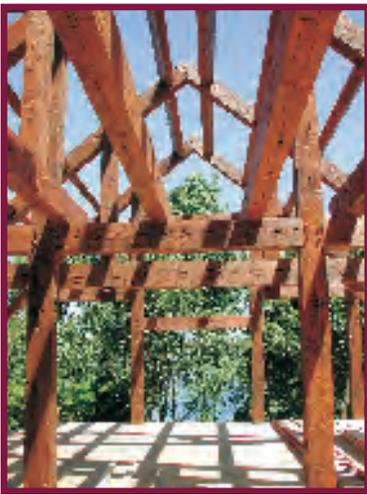
Enjoy the view...from the great indoors!!!

Thistlewood is committed to the environment. Our homes are built to endure for generations and centuries and a long life expectancy makes good ecological sense. We also have several distinct environmental policies, including the recycling of valuable resources, that set us apart from other forms of construction.

Reclaimed timbers are a popular option among our clients who are desiring a beautiful, unique look for their new timber frame home. These timbers are salvaged from dismantled buildings and bring new purpose and new life to a frame.

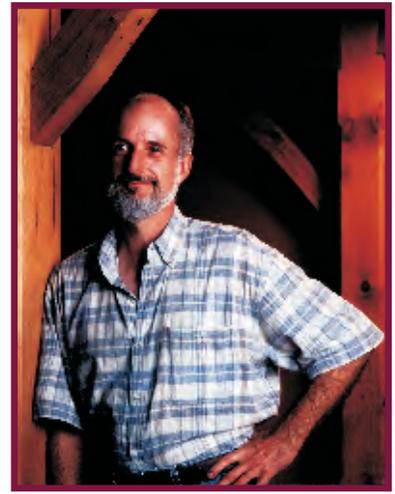
Our customers appreciate that these timbers are hundreds of years old and possess inherent quality and characteristics that cannot be found in new woods. Using reclaimed timbers means fewer trees are cut down and that makes sound environmental sense for our resources.

Thistlewood is now able to provide "certified" new timbers for our clients who prefer this approach. We have actively sourced suppliers who employ carefully monitored and very specific woodlot management practices which promote, and meet requirements for a sustainable forest and protection of the environment.



"I feel very proud that Thistlewood homes are among the most attractive and energy efficient available for today's discerning home buyer. From the first notch chiseled in our workshop, to the last peg driven on raising day, our dedication to craftsmanship and excellence is your guarantee of quality and satisfaction. For centuries, timber framing has proven to be an exceptional method of construction, and with the help of modern technology, we are striving to produce the best handcrafted timber frame homes ever built. Our customers demand the best and we are prepared to meet this challenge. Our commitment is simple: we believe in the production of energy efficient timber frame structures as elegant and distinctive as they are rich in tradition and craftsmanship."

Scott A. Murray, President



The view from within a newly raised reclaimed timber frame.

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*Our homes are as
unique as our
clients.*

Our homes are typically custom designed but we do have a series of standard timber frame packages that may be adapted to suit your needs. We also have a vast array of home plans to provide you with a starting point and to assist in the planning process.

The very nature of timber frame construction allows for great versatility in design and creativity on every level! Our layouts are perfect for cathedral ceilings, vaulted great rooms, open concept floor plans, studios, lofts and more!

Our award-winning design staff can work with virtually any ideas you have. We'll transform your requests into a beautiful, unique and functional home. We also collaborate with architects and other home designers to develop an attractive home design.

Since 1982, we have designed and crafted more than 400 custom-built timber frame homes throughout North America and around the world. By providing the highest level of craftsmanship and customer service, we have earned a respected reputation in the timber frame industry. We ensure that every aspect of the building process is enjoyable and rewarding for all our clients. Our dedicated staff are always ready to assist our clients with any project large or small. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss your building ideas. We look forward to the possibility of working with you!



“Dear Scott...

We would like to thank you for the great job your company has done on our beautiful home! The entire process proceeded smoothly as a result of excellent communication between us and Thistlewood. Right from the original concept to the final drawings and, of course, to the completed home, there has been a lot of collaboration.

*From the very start, I have always referred to the project as our “home” as it has maintained such a lovely degree of warmth, permanence, and quality. **It truly is our “dream house.”** This would not have been possible without the immense talent and dedication of your staff. Each person that I have dealt with has been a delight and unfailingly pleasant, patient and professional.*

This December will mark a very special Christmas for us as we enjoy the first of many years in our wonderful timber frame country place. Your dedication to our home will not be forgotten.”

S. Lloyd