



## Classes & Workshops March through May 2010



### Creating Floor Cloth Murals Workshop

*Led by artist Mary Beth Ihnken*

March 11, 18, and 26, 6:00-8:00pm.

Local artist Mary Beth Ihnken will lead participants in creating a custom painted canvas floor cloth from start to finish over three sessions. \$55 (\$45 for Friends of Historic Ithaca)  
Deadline for registration: March 8

*Led by carpenter Peter Wiedmann*

Part 1: Introduction to Traditional Japanese Woodworking Tools. April 8, 5:30-6:30pm. This class is for anyone interested in learning about the use and care of traditional Japanese woodworking tools. We will discuss saws, chisels, planes, sharpening stones, and some of the other hand tools in use today. \$10 (\$8 for Friends of Historic Ithaca)

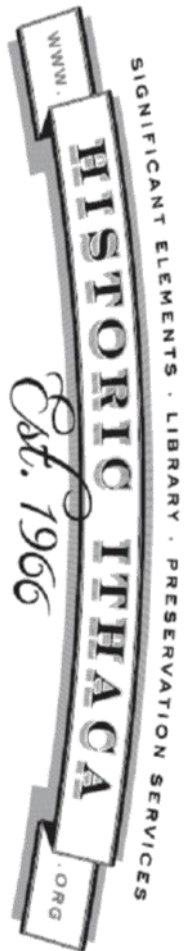
Part 2: A Sharpening Primer: Chisels and Plane Blades. April 29, 6:00-8:00pm. This class will focus on sharpening chisels and plane blades. Eastern and Western tools will be used to compare their effectiveness on different types of wood. Participants may bring chisels, planes, and wood cutting boards that need tuning up. \$25 (\$20 for Friends of Historic Ithaca)

Part 3: Japanese Joinery: Design and Build. May 13 and 20, 6:00-8:00pm and May 22 10:00am until installation complete. In these three sessions, participants who also attended the previous sharpening class will design and build a section of fence that will be installed on the grounds of Historic Ithaca on the final day of class. Topics to be covered include: lumber selection, joinery, layout, cutting, and installation. Part 2 is a prerequisite to Part 3. \$75 (\$65 for Friends of Historic Ithaca)



### Japanese Woodworking Workshop Series

Location for all classes and workshops: 212 Center Street, Ithaca NY 14850  
To Register, call Kristen Olson (607) 273-6633 or email [Kristen@historicithaca.org](mailto:Kristen@historicithaca.org)



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**Historic Ithaca acts to preserve and sustain the legacy of the built environment in Tompkins County and the Finger Lakes region.**  
 We advocate for the unique sense of place embodied by our significant buildings, sites, landscapes, and communities. As stewards of this history and geographic identity, we foster conservation, restoration, adaptation, and renewal in designing and shaping new environments and building uses.

**Preservation Basics Series**

- This series of 30-minute classes is offered on the third Saturday of each month. No registration required. \$5 suggested donation.
- March 20: Yearly Maintenance For the Older Home
  - April 17: The Victorian Home
  - May 15: What Style Is It? Common Architectural Styles in Tompkins County
- Classes begin at 11:00 am and repeat at 2:00 pm*

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**That Old House TOUR**  
Celebrating  
East Hill

**Saturday, May 8, 2010**  
Homes on the tour are open from 1pm to 4pm  
Reception and refreshments until 5:30

Tickets are \$45 in advance, \$40 in advance for Friends of Historic Ithaca, \$75 in advance for two, or \$50 on the day of the event.  
Purchase advance tickets by visiting [www.historicithaca.org](http://www.historicithaca.org), by calling (607) 273-6633, or by visiting Historic Ithaca at 212 Center Street, Ithaca.

Join us on May 8 for a rare glimpse inside some of Ithaca’s finest historic homes as we celebrate Historic Preservation Month with a tour of East Hill. Begin with an insider “hardhat” tour of Unity Inn, a soon-to-be B&B currently under renovation at 408 East State Street. Then take it slow as you stroll up the hill, noting the variety of 19th-century styles and more than 15 buildings designed by Ithaca’s most famous local architect, William Henry Miller. Visit the William Henry Miller Inn at Aurora and Buffalo Streets, a Greek Revival home with Italianate details at 313 East Buffalo, the Ithaca College President’s Romanesque Revival home at 2 Fountain Place, Greycourt Apartments at 108 Eddy Street, and the Miller-Heller House at 122 Eddy Street. Finish the tour with local hors d’oeuvre, beer and wine at a location to be announced.



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## March news & events at Historic Ithaca

In Store:  
3/18 Free Friday  
Third Floor SALE all month long!

### Classes & Workshops:

- 3/2 TODAY! Traditional Timberframing & Joinery with Sarah Highland
- 3/9-3/30 Painted Floor Cloth Mural Workshop with Mary Beth Ihnken
- 3/19 Preservation Basics: *Yearly Maintenance for the Older Home*
- 3/19 Introduction to Woven Chair Seats with Robert Kauffman

### Significant Elements Turns 20 in 2011: Celebrating 20 Years of Creative Reuse!

#### March 18 is FREE FRIDAY

Free Friday is always the third Friday of each month.

Stop by Significant Elements for FREE overstocked building materials, odds and ends, and gems in need of TLC.

Starting at 9 am. No early birds, please.

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#### March Third Floor SALE

50% off tile, glass, and select wood trim  
25% off most everything else!

Now through March 31

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#### Traditional Timber Framing & Joinery

With Sarah Highland



Learn about traditional timber framing forms and joinery in Central New York and New England, how they perform structurally, and how they can be used in modern buildings. Local timber framer and natural builder Sarah Highland will present a slide show, bring examples of tools, and provide references for further exploration of timber framing.

**Sarah K. Highland** builds and designs with timber, clay, straw, brick, and slate. Her work is an exploration of how to create buildings that feel alive and how to build community while building structures. As principal of Highland Artisan, she works with owner-builders and community groups as consultant and build leader, cuts timber frames, designs, and teaches.

Where: Historic Ithaca's headquarters, 212 Center Street, Ithaca  
When: 7:00pm to 9:00pm  
Cost: \$8 Friends of Historic Ithaca/\$10 general public  
Registration: Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are always welcome! Please click [here](#) to register.

Visit our [website](#) for upcoming Preservation Basics classes, workshops, and other events.

TODAY!  
7:00pm-9:00pm  
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With Mary Beth Ihnken



Local artist Mary Beth Ihnken will lead participants in creating a custom painted canvas floor cloth from start to finish over four sessions. Each participant will complete their own 2' x 3' canvas floor cloth.

**Mary Beth Ihnken** is a professional muralist and decorative painter from Brooktondale, NY. She is recognized for her mural techniques, faux finishes, and trompe l'oeil. She brings a sense of scale and proportion to each project, as well as a keen eye for color. Mary Beth has owned and operated Ihnken's Creations, a decorative furniture and mural painting company, since 1995.

Where: Historic Ithaca's headquarters, 212 Center Street, Ithaca  
When: 6:00pm to 8:00pm  
Cost: \$85/\$75 Friends of Historic Ithaca  
Registration: Register by March 5. Space is limited! Please click [here](#) to register.

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Wednesday March 9, 16, 23 & 30  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
212 Center Street  
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#### Yearly Maintenance for the Older Home

A free class in the Preservation Basics Series



An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Learn how to conduct an annual inspection of your home and develop a yearly maintenance schedule. Advance registration is requested, but walk-ins are always welcome! Click [here](#) to register.

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**\$5 suggested donation**  
**Saturday, March 19**  
**1:00pm-2:00pm**  
**212 Center Street**  
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### Introduction to Woven Chair Seats

With Robert Kauffman



Learn about multiple types of chair seat weaving, including caning, rush, reed, and shaker tape. Instructor Robert Kauffman will demonstrate techniques and show examples of weaving methods. Participants can schedule further hands-on training with the instructor.

**Where:** HistoricIthaca's headquarters, 212 Center Street, Ithaca  
**When:** 2:00pm to 4:00pm  
**Cost:** \$8 Friends of Historic Ithaca/\$10 general public  
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### The History of Our House

*A community history project brought to you by the Office of the Tompkins County Historian, the Municipal Historians of Tompkins County, The History Center in Tompkins County, and Historic Ithaca.*



#### What is it?

This is a community-wide project engaging Tompkins County residents in recording the history of their houses. Brightly colored "House Tags" are being provided free of charge to Tompkins County residents to record information about their houses, creating a historical record for future residents.

**Do I have to live in a historic house? Do I have to be a homeowner to participate?**

All Tompkins County residents are encouraged to participate - owners and renters of houses built from 1800 to 2010 and beyond.

#### How can I participate?

1. Pick up a House Tag at your local historical society, public library, The History Center, or Historic Ithaca. Record information on the tag and leave it in a conspicuous place in the house - next to a breaker box, for example - so that it becomes a record for subsequent owners or residents.
2. If you are interested in delving deeper into your house's history, download a [pdf](#) or [microsoft word](#) version of the long form to fill out. A [resource sheet](#) can help you with the research process. Workshops will be held around the county by city, town, and village historians to help guide you through the local resources that are available. Contact your municipality's historian for more information. Historic Ithaca also offers a free house history class twice yearly in December and June. See our [upcoming events](#) for details.
3. Submit a copy of your completed long form to Historic Ithaca to be included in a public archive of Tompkins County buildings. Hard copies can be mailed or dropped off to Historic Ithaca, 212 Center Street, Ithaca NY 14850. Electronic versions can be emailed to [kristen@historicithaca.org](mailto:kristen@historicithaca.org).

### Get Involved!

- Become a [Friend](#) of Historic Ithaca
- [Volunteer](#)
- Make a tax-deductible [donation](#) of building materials or fixtures to Significant Elements
- Donate your old books to our [Library of the Built Environment](#)



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