

# TIMBERFRAME COURSE

JUNE 15.-20. 2026 - LOCATION BRANDE, DENMARK

**NORTHMEN**  
GUILD OF NORTHERN MASTER CRAFTSMEN

GUEST TEACHER TOM SCHOTMAN - NORTHMEN GUILD

## COURSE INFO

Timber framing is traditional post-and-beam construction where the use of mortise and tenon joints takes advantage of the strength, workability, and visual expression of the timber in the load-bearing structure of a building.

We host one timber framing course per year, and we are excited that this year's guest instructor will be Tom Schotman from Northmen Guild. If you are familiar with Northmen, you already know that this means craftsmanship and tools in the highest possible quality. If not, take a look at [Northmen.com](http://Northmen.com). Tom teaches in English.

The course is aimed at anyone with an interest in quality craftsmanship, large timbers, and sharp tools. It is not important whether you have a professional background in woodworking, and the course will be challenging for both beginners and professional carpenters. We will build a traditional post-and-beam timber frame. The project includes a wide variety of joinery techniques and structural solutions, and after the course you will be well equipped to design and build your own timber frame.

During the course, through both theory and practice, you will learn layout and scribing techniques, working with both hand tools and the most modern Mafell power tools available on the market.

In addition, you will learn about the history of timber framing, house design, interpretation of drawings, suitable wood species, surface treatment, sharpening of tools, as well as handling and raising large timbers, and much more.

On Saturday, June 20, we will raise the timber frame and finish with a traditional topping-out celebration, a grilled sausage, and a group photo before the course ends at approximately 2:00 PM.

We start work around 8:30 AM and continue for as long as we have the energy and motivation. Evenings will offer time for conversation, relaxation, and wood herding—whether in the workshop, the wilderness hot tub, the sauna, or around the campfire.

Accommodation takes place in a charming Norwegian log cabin (7 beds), beautifully located along the Holtum River on Harrild Hede in Central Jutland. It is also possible to bring a tent, caravan, or sleep in one of the large log lean-to shelters. Our forest location provides the perfect setting for an authentic course, where traditional craftsmanship, nature, relaxation, and good food are at the center.

You are, of course, welcome to go home after course-hours, for some or all of the days if you have other commitments.

## PRICE & REGISTRATION

The course fee is 1,350 Euros incl. VAT.

The price includes tuition, course materials, accommodation and full board all days. There are 10 spots available on the course.

For further information and registration, please contact Mads by phone at +45 53194837 or by email: [mads@vildmarksoplevelser.dk](mailto:mads@vildmarksoplevelser.dk).

Upon registration, you will receive the program, practical information, and a tool list.

We look forward to seeing you!



### TEACHER:

Tom Schotman - Northmen Guild  
With a high level of professional expertise, craftsmanship, and a deep passion for timber framing—and his collection of fine tools—Tom has in recent years been responsible for Northmen Guild's niche production of timber frame houses. In addition, Tom teaches on the timber framing courses offered by Northmen Guild in Latvia.



### HOST:

Mads Kragelund - Joiner and Constructing Architect  
Has worked with wood and construction for the past 25 years. Lives on a forest property on Harrild Hede in Central Jutland, where he runs Vildmarksoplevelser, offering courses in traditional crafts, outdoor events and teambuilding, for both private individuals and companies.