

Deconstructed / Reclaimed

Story by Warren Hampton, photos by Heritage Timber

Heritage Timber located on Blixit Creek Road in Potomac is a family-owned business



4. Delicate Work

After removing obstructions like bolts, hangers, and bracing, we strategically use machinery to remove timbers from buildings. This enables the wood to not touch the ground and stay pristine.

specializing in dismantling buildings and reclaiming historical, useful and beautiful materials for resale and reuse. Gary Delp started the company in 1994, dismantling Champion Mill buildings in Missoula. And since that time his team has reclaimed the flooring from the old 1903 Carnegie Library, home to the Missoula Art Museum and recently the cooling shed and truck shop buildings at the Stimson Mill in Bonner, to name a few.

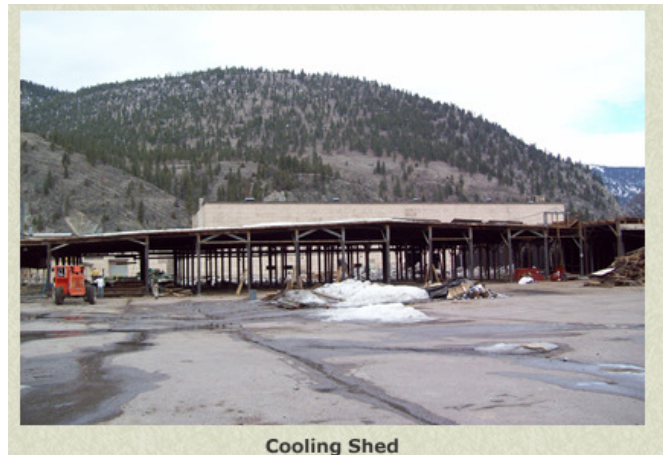
Dismantling an old building is much more than simple demolition. Strategic tools and much hand labor go into carefully taking apart a structure. Gary's team consists of artists, musicians, builders and other community members who are dedicated to re-capturing a sense of history while diverting thousands of tons of materials from the local landfill. They have dismantled icehouses, sheep barns, warehouses and electric trolley depots.

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While Heritage Timber focuses on timber framed structures, they routinely reclaim corrugated metal roofing/siding, metal hardware and other historic glass and metal items. Their mission statement speaks of the rich history that old-growth wood represents and they celebrate providing reclaimed wood products and other materials that will "assume another life" in homes, businesses and industrial settings.

Please visit their website at www.HeritageTimberMT.com and click on the Public Radio Story for a moving and personal story of Gary and his team as they work on the old buildings at Bonner Mill.

Gary will be discussing their work at the Friends of 2 Rivers winter seminar on Sunday, January 24th at 2:00pm at Our Saviors Lutheran Church located in Bonner at 8985 Hwy 200 (right by the Bonner School). The event is free and refreshments will be served.



Cooling Shed