



Learn the Craft of Dry-Laid Stone Masonry! **Spring 2012 Workshop Schedule** **March – May**

Workshop Descriptions

Introductory Workshops are designed for drystone enthusiasts with little to no previous experience who would like to gain a basic understanding of drystone construction techniques. The pace will be comfortable and participants will learn the fundamental skills needed to build and repair a typical rock fence or retaining wall.

Advanced and Special Features Workshops are designed for individuals who have already taken an introductory workshop, have mastered the basic skills involved and are ready to take on the challenge of more complicated work. The pace is a bit more rigorous than that of an introductory workshop.

Workshop Logistics

The Conservancy strives to maintain a ratio of one experienced instructor per six participants, thus assuring plenty of individual attention. A typical workshop includes from 6 to 12 participants, with no more than 18 permitted. Workshops run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days, beginning with a brief introduction to dry stone masonry construction and safety, followed by two days of hands-on instruction while restoring or building a dry stone fence or retaining wall. The Conservancy will provide work gloves, safety glasses and rock or brick hammers for those who do not already own or plan to buy them in advance of the workshop.

Workshop Registration

The two-day workshop fee is \$300.00. The fee includes a copy of our training manual *Building and Repairing Dry Stone Fences & Retaining Walls* to be handed out on the first day of the workshop, plus online access prior to the workshop for viewing our training video *Walls of Stone: Building and Repairing Rock Fences and Retaining Walls*. Lunches are also included; however, if you have any unusual dietary restrictions please plan to bring your own food. Additionally, upon successful completion of an introductory workshop, participants are then eligible to participate on the Conservancy's Volunteer Work Days at no cost! For more information about our Volunteer Work Days, please contact the office.

To register for a Spring 2012 Workshop, please mail the enclosed registration form along with a **\$150.00 deposit** for each workshop you plan to attend. We accept payment in the form of cash, check and money order. We will send an initial confirmation within a week of receipt as well as a final confirmation letter two weeks prior to the workshop with detailed instructions and directions to the workshop site.

You may fax your registration form to hold a spot; however we must receive your deposit within five days to guarantee it. We greatly appreciate knowing well in advance if you are unable to attend so we can offer your spot to another person on the waiting list. **Deposits are fully-refundable only if we hear from you at least two weeks prior to the first day of your workshop. Deposits are otherwise nonrefundable.**

Please be aware the number of participants in each workshop is limited and **workshops are often fully booked several weeks in advance.** We strongly recommend you reply quickly in order to guarantee your spot!

March 3rd & 4th (Saturday & Sunday) - “Stone Dressing Workshop”

Shaker Village, KY (First time offered!)



During this advanced workshop participants will focus on various methods used for processing rough stone for its final purpose. Watch a demonstration on splitting stone using a hydraulic splitter. Learn how to split stone using hammers, plugs & feathers and a diamond blade saw. Learn what hammer to use with what chisel, and the right chisel for the right stone. Discover which chisels create various surface patterns. Due to the advanced nature of this workshop, participants must have already attended a previous 2-day workshop.

April 28th & 29th (Saturday & Sunday) – “Briar Hill Road Workshop”

Lexington, KY



This introductory workshop is part of an ongoing effort to restore the historic rock fences bordering a historic turnpike and settlement period farm in Fayette County, Kentucky.

May 11th & 12th (Friday & Saturday) – “Hebron Cemetery Workshop”

Lawrenceburg, KY



This introductory workshop is part of an ongoing effort to restore the historic rock fences surrounding this settlement-period cemetery in Anderson County, Kentucky. Previous workshop participants at this site have commented on the excellent idyllic location as well as the tasty lunches prepared by the women of the church!

May 19th (Saturday) – “Low Garden Retaining Wall Workshop”

Lexington, KY. Location and details to be finalized. 1 day cost will be \$150.

May 26th & 27th (Saturday & Sunday) – “Shaker Village Footbridge Workshop”

Mercer Co, KY (Please note, this is Memorial Day weekend.)



This advanced workshop will be held at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill near Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Workshop participants will be working on the installation of a new footbridge that was first built as part of DSC’s demonstration at the Central Kentucky Home & Garden Show this spring. Due to the advanced nature of this workshop, participants must have already attended at least one previous 2-day workshop. For on-site lodging and more information about Shaker Village, go to www.shakervillageky.org.

Mark Your Calendar for More Great Events Planned for this Spring!

Central Kentucky Home, Garden & Flower Show, April 12th -15th (Thurs-Sun) Lexington, KY @ Rupp Arena.

Come throughout the show and watch as experienced drystone masons build a full-scale replica of a drystone footbridge without using any mortar, and learn how you can get involved in the Conservancy’s programs!

The exhibit will include traditional drystone walls with wallheads, steps and an arched opening.

For show times and more information, go to www.ckyhomeshow.com.

A **Volunteer Work Day** has already been scheduled at a historic fence site in Fayette County, KY with more likely to come as the spring progresses. Volunteer Work Days provide previous workshop participants with the opportunity to gain more experience at no charge while working alongside experienced masons while restoring historic rock fences throughout the Bluegrass. If interested, please contact the office for more details and to register.

June 2nd (Saturday) – “Fayette County Volunteer Work Day”

Additional **Workshops, Volunteer Work Days** and other **Demonstrations** and **Events** will be posted on our website at www.drystone.org as the year progresses. Please check often!

(Please **print** all information)

Name _____ Email _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone (____) _____ Cell phone (____) _____ Work phone (____) _____

The following information is requested for workshop coordination purposes:

List previous masonry, landscaping or construction experience: _____

Describe any health or physical limitations: _____

Indicate any dietary restrictions: _____

What do you hope to do with the skills learned in the workshop? _____

Please indicate your Spring 2012 workshop choice(s) on the next page.

Want to stay informed about upcoming events and news? Keeping in touch with us is easy!

- Please add me to the **future workshops** notification list.
- Please add me to the **E-News** mailing list sent via email.
- Please add me to the **newsletter** mailing list sent by US mail.
- Please add me to the **volunteer day notification** list.

Please make your check or money order payable to:

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Volunteer Work Day in Central Kentucky



Introductory Fence Workshop, before



Introductory Fence Workshop, after



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The two-day workshop fee is \$300.00. Please send a \$150.00 deposit for each workshop you would like to attend. **Please indicate your first and second preferences;** you will be contacted immediately if your first choice is no longer available. An initial confirmation letter will be sent upon receipt of your deposit, and a follow-up letter two weeks prior to the workshop with more details and directions to the workshop site.

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| _____ | Sat/Sun | March 3 rd & 4 th | “Stone Dressing Workshop” – Mercer County, KY
During this advanced workshop, participants will learn various techniques for processing stone. Lunches included. |
| _____ | Sat/Sun | April 28 th & 29 th | “Briar Hill Fence Workshop” – Lexington, KY
During this introductory workshop, participants will rebuild sections of rock fence bordering a historic turnpike. Lunches included. |
| _____ | Fri/Sat | May 11 th & 12 th | “Hebron Cemetery Workshop” – Anderson County, KY
During this introductory workshop, participants will rebuild sections of rock fence surrounding this historic cemetery. Lunches included. |
| _____ | Sat | May 19 th | “Low Garden Retaining Wall Workshop” – Lexington, KY
During this one-day introductory workshop, participants will build a small section of low garden retaining wall at a location in or near Lexington, yet to be determined. Lunches included. |
| _____ | Sat/Sun | May 26 th & 27 th | “Shaker Village Special Features Workshop” – Mercer County, KY
During this advanced workshop, participants will build a drystone footbridge and other features as time allows. Lunches included. |

Contribution Information

(Your tax-deductible gift is greatly appreciated but is not required for future workshop notification or E-news.)

I would like to support the work of the Dry Stone Conservancy.
Enclosed please find my voluntary tax-deductible contribution of \$_____.

A confirmation letter and receipt will be sent for your tax purposes.

Please mail forms to:
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For more information about the Conservancy’s non-profit mission and programs, please visit our website at www.drystone.org or call the office at (859) 266-4807. Office hours are 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday.

“The mission of the Dry Stone Conservancy is to preserve existing drystone structures, and to revive and promote the ancient craft of dry-laid stone masonry.”