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North House Folk School instructor Peter Henrikson working with a past Cook County High School class on a timber frame. Henrikson has been teaching timber framing at North House since 1998 and several of the structures he and students have made have been auctioned in the past. Once again this year, a timber frame handcrafted by students will be auctioned as the highlight of the Boats-to-Tools Auction on Saturday, June 20. Bidding on everything from aluminum fishing boats and antique tools to rare books and restored canoes begins at 3:00 p.m.

Boats-to-Tools features timber frame and more

Staff reports

The stage for the annual Boats-to-Tools Auction was set back in March, when eight high school students from both the Silver Bay William Kelley High School and Cook County High School cut and framed a 14' x 16' white pine timber frame on the North House Folk School campus.

The 14' x 16' timber frame, complete with a lofted space, is expected to bring high bids at this year's Boats-to-Tools Auction - an annual event that offers all kinds of items, everything from aluminum fishing boats to antique tools, rare books to restored canoes, a work shed to a masonry wood-fired oven.

North House's Scott Pollock said the Folk School is happy to accept donations for the auction at any time. "It's an auction with a cause, as a portion from the sales of items are returned to help fund North House Folk School's unique educational projects like the Trade Tech project," said Pollock.

Nearly 500 items are featured each year in the Boats-to-Tools Auction. The silent and live auctions are crowd favorites, perfect for those who love the "thrill of the bid."

For those who are fans of instant gratification, a new



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Area high school students put the finishing touches—the King Pendant—on a timber frame at North House Folk School. A similar timber frame will be auctioned at North House during the Wooden Boat Festival.

addition to 2009 is the "Buy it Now" area - designated for less expensive items that have assigned prices. Pollock said the Buy it Now area will offer a "you like it... you buy it... you take it with you...now!" atmosphere where things are sure to go fast.

The Boats-to-Tools silent

auction and Buy It Now area open on Saturday, June 20 at 10 a.m. The live auction starts at 3:00 p.m. Silent auction bids and the Buy It Now area will be open until 15 minutes after the close of the live auction. An updated auction item list is available at the North House campus.

Just some of the amazing items to bid on at the 2009 Boats-to-Tools Auction

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| – Table routers | – Refurbished tools |
| – Telescope | – Camping equipment |
| – Antique wagon wheel measuring tool | – Children's sled |
| – Ohio Tool Company Jack Rabbit plane | – Handcrafted cherry wood marine cleats |
| – Hawk Eye Wrench | – Handcrafted birch and cherry box |
| – Time-Life Library of Boating series | – Caravan Trailer |
| – Dovetail saw | – 1945 Dunphy 14' boat |
| – 2 Champion outboard motors | – Thoreau Cabin |
| – Black & Decker circular saw | – 14' x 16' timber frame |
| – Craftsmen's Saber saw | |

See you next year!
 The 13th Annual Wooden Boat Show
 & Summer Solstice Festival
 will be June 18-20, 2010