

Boston Building Materials Co-op and Building Materials Resource Center



Spring 2009 Workshop Schedule

Tiling

This popular hands-on workshop will cover all aspects of tiling. Learn about ceramic and stone tile, including materials, layout, cutting, and installation. Applications in bathrooms and kitchens will be addressed, and hands-on training will help participants learn tile-setting techniques. Whether you have a tiling project in mind or just want to better understand how tiles stay up on the walls, this class will stick with you!

Pernell Jackson is a contractor with experience in a wide variety of areas. He is a Boston Building Materials Co-op staff member.

Saturday, April 25

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Workshop policies

Participants may register for classes in person, by phone, or via mail. **Payment must be made at the time of registration.** Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. If registering by mail, call first to check workshop availability.

If you are unable to attend and wish to cancel your registration, you may do so under the following conditions:

- 1 If cancellation occurs at least one week (seven days) or more before the class, you may receive a refund, less a \$5.00 registration fee.
- 2 If cancellation occurs by 4:30 p.m. on the Tuesday before the class, you may receive a class credit, less a \$5.00 registration fee.
- 3 All other cancellations are nonrefundable and nontransferable.

Understanding House Wiring and Working with an Electrician

Gain a better understanding of the electrical system you rely on to power everything from major appliances to your alarm clock. When is wiring unsafe, and is it necessary to replace ungrounded wiring and receptacles? When do you need a service upgrade and how many amps should it be? This class will explain terms like watts, amps, and volts using easy-to-understand analogies. We will also discuss defining a scope of work, costs, possible complications, and tips on finding a good electrician.

Haitham Hussaini has been a self-employed remodeler and electrician for 20 years. He also teaches the Co-op's "Working with a Contractor" workshop.



Saturday, May 2

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.





Building a Raised-Bed Garden

If you've been thinking about building a raised-bed garden, SmartTimbers are a non-toxic and long-lasting alternative to pressure-treated lumber or railroad ties. This workshop will show you how to lay out the job, prepare the ground, cut timbers, and install using rebar to anchor and align them. Because SmartTimbers are lighter than wood and don't require any special tools, this project is doable for most any handy homeowner. Workshop will be held at a location to be determined.

John Leek learned many remodeling skills while rehabilitating an abandoned triple-decker. He discovered his love of assisting other homeowners while working at the Boston Building Materials Co-op and now has his own company, HomeownerCoach.

Saturday, May 9

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Organic Gardening: Garden Design

Do you want to establish an organic garden, but aren't sure where to start? The instructor will walk through the process of designing the garden at her home in Jamaica Plain. Learn about designing a garden for a city environment, including vegetables, flowers, small flowering shrubs, and raised beds. The class will also include a tour of the large garden at the instructor's former home. Participants should be aware that the garden has a beehive. There will be plenty of discussion time, so bring a list of your questions.

Lyn Gaylord is founder and senior member of Yew & I Landscaping in Jamaica Plain. She has taught organic gardening at Brookline and Boston Adult Education and has tended her own organic garden for more than 20 years.

Saturday, May 16

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Installing Replacement Vinyl Basement Windows

Vinyl hopper windows are a good choice for basements because of their resistance to moisture—and you don't have to be a carpenter to install them. You just need some basic information and common sense. Learn how to measure for new windows, take out existing ones, and prepare the openings. You will also learn techniques for keeping new windows square during installation in old window frames. Workshop will be held at a Co-op member's home in Roslindale.

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Saturday, May 30

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Finish Carpentry: Baseboards

Wood baseboards not only protect your walls against the inevitable bumps and bangs of life, but also give a room a finished look. This hands-on workshop will show how to install baseboards correctly. Gain the skills to measure, cut, and nail baseboards into place for a professional finish to your work. Through demonstration and hands-on, participants will learn about variations in baseboard styles and practice different types of joinery.

Bill Dwyer has been in the construction business for more than 15 years and has worked all around New England and New York. He established his own company, Hillside Handyman, in 2001 to provide carpentry and contracting services in the Boston area.

Saturday, June 6

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.



Window Rehab

With a few specialized hand tools and a little knowledge, you can make double-hung windows work properly and eliminate the annoyance of broken ropes and rattling sashes. Many local homeowners decide to replace their house's original windows with expensive new ones when some simple and inexpensive improvements will make the existing windows more energy-efficient—for a lot less money than replacements. Learn how to disassemble double-hung windows, replace ropes, restore sashes, reinforce loose joints, and weatherstrip.

Steve Gentile has been in the window restoration business for more than 14 years, specializing in restoring and weatherizing double-hung windows. His company is Arborway Construction, and he now works part-time at the Boston Building Materials Co-op.

Saturday, June 13

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.



Pest Prevention

Only \$10!

Learn how to keep rodents and other pests out of your home. During this program, we will review pests in Boston, the importance of exclusion, tools and traps, and control measures. We will also discuss what homeowners and residents of multi-family communities can do to combat and manage household pests. Bring your questions and concerns. We can answer your questions about ants, bedbugs, cockroaches, termites, and other pests (four- and six-legged) of the home and neighborhood. Receive a \$10 Co-op store credit upon completing the class.

Don Rivard managed a large pest control service company for 22 years and started his consulting company 14 years ago. He works with the Boston Public Schools, the Boston Housing Authority, the Boston Public Health Commission, and others. He has served as president and executive director of the New England Pest Management Association.

Saturday, June 20

10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.



Please feel free to park on Terrace Street when attending a workshop. The weekday two-hour parking limit is not in effect on Saturdays.

Window and Screen Repair Clinic

Free!

Spring is here—time to open those windows! Make your house look its best, and keep the bugs outside where they belong, by learning to fix broken windows, reglaze, and replace torn screens. Just bring in the window or screen that needs repair, and we'll show you the rest. Then come back any time to do other repairs yourself. It's easier than you think! You pay for materials only.

Saturdays: May 2, June 6, July 11,

August 1, September 11

9:00–10:00 a.m.

All workshops are held at Boston Building Materials Co-op unless otherwise noted.

Workshop Registration Form

Workshop Fees:

To register: The best way to ensure that you get into the workshop(s) you want is to call us at **617.442.2262** to ask if there is still space, then use your MasterCard or Visa to guarantee your spot. You may also use the form below and send it, together with your payment, to BBMC, 100 Terrace Street, Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120-2418. *Space is limited, so please register early.*

House Wiring and Organic Gardening

Co-op Member \$35 BMRC Member \$25 General Public \$60

Pest Prevention

All attendees \$10, with \$10 store credit issued upon completion

All Other Workshops

Co-op Member \$45 BMRC Member \$35 General Public \$70

Name _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Work/Cell (_____) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

- I am a member of the Boston Building Materials Co-op.
- I am a member of the Building Materials Resource Center.
- I would like to receive information about the Boston Building Materials Co-op and the Building Materials Resource Center (circle one or both).

Please register me for the following workshop(s): Date:

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