



# DRY STONE *conservancy*

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## About the Dry Stone Conservancy's Referral List of Certified Drystone Masons

The mission of the Dry Stone Conservancy is to preserve existing dry stone structures and to revive and promote the ancient craft of dry stone masonry. The *Referral List* is provided to assist contractors, agencies and the general public in locating qualified dry stone masons for their projects, and to thereby reinstate public confidence in the use of drystone masonry, the ancient technology of building in stone without mortar.

The certification process includes examinations at three levels of certification: Qualified Drystone Mason, Journeyman Drystone Mason and Master Drystone Craftsman (refer to the following pages for detailed requirements). All certification exams include building a specified length of freestanding rock fence within 8 hours in the presence of the examiner(s) as well as additional un-timed special features and written/oral sections that assesses the candidates' knowledge of structural theories. Qualified examiners judge all certification requirements according to internationally accepted standards in drystone construction.

We encourage you to contact the certified dry stone masons included below for your project, keeping in mind that many are quite willing to travel and will team up with other masons for larger projects. Please note, however, the masons are independent craftsmen, contractors and business owners; they are not employees of the Dry Stone Conservancy. Before hiring any contractor, clients are advised to check their previous work experience, contact their references and inquire about their insurance coverage.

The *Referral List of Certified Dry Stone Masons* is regularly updated as additional masons are certified and as their contact information changes. For the most recent version, please contact the office.

### *A Note About Conservancy Project Partnerships*

A major goal of the Dry Stone Conservancy is to provide immediate as well as long-term options for the conservation of our nation's incredible rock fences, stone walls and drystone heritage. One of the means by which this is accomplished is through our on-the-job skills training and certification program. For large and complicated projects, you may also be interested in talking with the Conservancy about the possibility of a training project partnership.

The Conservancy regularly undertakes restoration projects for governmental agencies and publically-owned historic sites as well as private owners for projects that fit our training program objectives. These project partnerships are an important means by which aspiring masons involved in the Conservancy's certification process are able to gain the work site experience they need while still under the direct supervision of the Conservancy's Training Program Manager and other certified masons.

The Conservancy's consultation and construction management services include condition assessment, scope-of-work, project design, specifications and cost estimates as well as project administration and construction. We provide all the required insurance coverage as well as the assurance of high-quality workmanship. To discuss your options for a Conservancy training project partnership, please contact our Restoration Program Manager at the Conservancy office.



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**Referral List of DSC-Certified Drystone Masons**

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The Dry Stone Conservancy's *Referral List of Certified Professional Dry Stone Masons* is regularly updated as additional masons are certified and as their information changes. For the most recent version, please contact the office at: 1065 Dove Run Road, Suite 5 ▪ Lexington, Kentucky 40502 ▪ (859)266-4807

**Certification Level 3 - MASTER CRAFTSMAN Drystone Masons**

Can build a drystone fence 4 feet tall and 12 feet long with a special feature in 8 hours.

Can build all the requirements for Journeyman Drystone Mason, plus an edge fence or a boulder wall,

Can build with irregular rock and can build arches, pillars, and step stiles.

<b>KENTUCKY:</b>			
Cecilio Aguilar (Kentucky, Scott Co.)	cell: 859-298-1710	Aguilar Stone Masonry 4819 Muddy Ford Rd Georgetown, KY 40324 Email: <a href="mailto:aguilarstonemasonry@gmail.com">aguilarstonemasonry@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.aguilarstonemasonry.com">www.aguilarstonemasonry.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : small - large crew Travel Distance: anywhere USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: Yes
Stuart Joynt (Kentucky, Clark Co.)	Office: 859-749-8014	Lost Art Stone Masonry 315 W. Hickman Street Winchester, KY 40391 Email: <a href="mailto:stuartjoynt@lostartstonemasonry.com">stuartjoynt@lostartstonemasonry.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.lostartstonemasonry.com">www.lostartstonemasonry.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 person - large crew Travel Distance: anywhere USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: Yes
James Miles (Kentucky, Bourbon Co.)	cell: 859-749-7950	James Miles Construction, Inc. 825 Escondida Road Paris, KY 40361 Email: <a href="mailto:drystonemason@gmail.com">drystonemason@gmail.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : small - large crew Travel Distance: anywhere USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: Yes
Neil Rippingale* (Kentucky, Jefferson Co.)	cell: 617-763-6894	NR STONECRAFT 7101 Echo Trail Louisville, KY 40299 Email: <a href="mailto:neilrippingale@aol.com">neilrippingale@aol.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 person - large crew Travel Distance: anywhere USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: Yes
Richard Tinsley (Kentucky, Franklin Co.)	office: 502-875-5020 cell: 502-382-8285	Aventoke Stone Co. 5265 Louisville Rd Frankfort, KY 40601 Email: <a href="mailto:rtinsley.ky@gmail.com">rtinsley.ky@gmail.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 person - small crew Travel Distance: 100-mile radius Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: No
<b>MAINE:</b>			
Chris Tanguay* (Maine, Cumberland Co.)	cell: 207-831-9420	Maine Dry Stone 432 North Road Yarmouth, Maine 04096 Email: <a href="mailto:mainedrystone@gmail.com">mainedrystone@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.mainedrystone.com">www.mainedrystone.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 person - large crew Travel Distance: anywhere USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: Yes
<b>OHIO:</b>			
Zach Goebelt	Cell: 330-338-4733	C.O.I. Stonework 3479 Kent Road Stow, Ohio 44224 Email: <a href="mailto:zach@coistone.com">zach@coistone.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.coistone.com">www.coistone.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : small crew Travel Distance: anywhere in USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: No

## Certification Level 2 - JOURNEYMAN Drystone Masons

Can build a drystone fence 4 feet tall and 10 feet long in 8 hours.

Can build all the requirements for Basic Qualified Drystone Mason, plus a retaining wall 4 feet high, a stepped foundation on steep slope, 3 coping styles, lintel drains, curves, and corners.

<b>CALIFORNIA:</b>			
Nels Atkinson	Cell: 530-913-0399	Nels Atkinson Landscaping 21983 Purdon Road Nevada City, CA 95959 Email: <a href="mailto:nelsatkinson@gmail.com">nelsatkinson@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.nelsatkinsonlandscaping.com/">www.nelsatkinsonlandscaping.com/</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 person-small crew Travel Distance: anywhere USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: Yes
<b>KENTUCKY:</b>			
Ashley Meadows	Cell: 606-407-2453	2021 Old Main Street Maysville, KY 41056 Email: <a href="mailto:abmeadows45@gmail.com">abmeadows45@gmail.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 or 2 person crew Travel Distance: 100 mile radius Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: No
Dan Wooley	Cell: 859-885-7625	1731 Henry Lane Hickman, KY 40356 Email: <a href="mailto:dwoolbird@gmail.com">dwoolbird@gmail.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 or 2 person crew Travel Distance: 100 mile radius Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: No
<b>MINNESOTA:</b>			
Daniel Arabella	Cell: 612-750-4580	904 Parker Ave Roseville, MN 55113 Email: <a href="mailto:daniel@arabellastone.com">daniel@arabellastone.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.arabellastone.com">www.arabellastone.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 person - large crew Travel Distance: anywhere USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: Yes
<b>OHIO:</b>			
Dane Clark	cell: 937-271-5386	Southern Ohio Dry Stone 9180 State Route 247 West Union, OH Email: <a href="mailto:southernohiodrystone247@yahoo.com">southernohiodrystone247@yahoo.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 Person Travel Distance: 100-miles Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: No

## Certification Level 1 – QUALIFIED Drystone Masons

Can build a freestanding drystone fence 4 feet tall and 7 feet long in 8 hours.  
Can build a wallhead and has had training building a simple low retaining wall.

<b>KANSAS:</b>			
Lucas S. Koch	cell: 620-273-6897	Koch Construction Specialties, LLC 1910 Spring Creek Road Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845 Email: <a href="mailto:lukekoch1973@gmail.com">lukekoch1973@gmail.com</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/kochconstructionspecialties/">https://www.facebook.com/kochconstructionspecialties/</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 person-small crew Travel Distance: 100 Mile Radius Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: Yes
Rocky Slaymaker	cell: 620-481-9039	1614 West Street Emporia, KS 66801 Email: <a href="mailto:rockyslay@hotmail.com">rockyslay@hotmail.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 person-small crew Travel Distance: anywhere USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: No
<b>KENTUCKY:</b>			
Rodney Poynter	cell: 859-576-6940	PO Box 1629 Versailles, KY 40383 Email: <a href="mailto:Rodney.L.Poynter@gmail.com">Rodney.L.Poynter@gmail.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 person - large crew Travel Distance: Anywhere USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: No
Daniel Salazar	cell: 859-312-7362	Lawns by Daniel 611 Portland Drive Lexington, KY 40503 Email: <a href="mailto:pilotdanster@gmail.com">pilotdanster@gmail.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 person – small crew Travel Distance: Anywhere USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: Yes
<b>MASSACHUSETTS:</b>			
Bryce Hollingsworth	cell: 713-240-2470	143 Kendall Street Granby, MA 01033 Email: <a href="mailto:brycehollingsworth@stonebearhardscapes.com">brycehollingsworth@stonebearhardscapes.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.stonebearhardscapes.com">www.stonebearhardscapes.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 person - small crew Travel Distance: Anywhere USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: Yes
<b>MONTANA:</b>			
Tony DiLiegro	cell: 406-596-0734	JT Stoneworks 831 Madison Ave #1423 Ennis, MT 59729 Email: <a href="mailto:stephanie.diliegro@gmail.com">stephanie.diliegro@gmail.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 person - small crew Travel Distance: 100 Mile radius Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: Yes
<b>PENNSYLVANIA:</b>			
Ben Ledewitz	cell: 412-760-8375	Fourth River Workers Guild 5519 Broad Street Pittsburgh, PA 15206 Email: <a href="mailto:ben@fourthriver.coop">ben@fourthriver.coop</a> Website: <a href="http://www.fourthriver.coop">www.fourthriver.coop</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 person - small crew Travel Distance: 100 Mile radius Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: Yes

<b>OHIO:</b>			
Eric Oldham	cell: 330-281-7025	Oldham Stonework, LLC 1268 Greenwood Ave Kent, OH 44240 Email: <a href="mailto:eric@oldhamstonework.com">eric@oldhamstonework.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.oldhamstonework.com">www.oldhamstonework.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 Person – small crew Travel Distance: Anywhere USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: Yes
<b>VERMONT:</b>			
Torben Larsen	Cell: 802-380-5878	Windham Growers Inc. 171 Ridge Road Putney, VT 05346 Email: <a href="mailto:thebarn@windhamgrowers.com">thebarn@windhamgrowers.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.windhamgrowers.com">www.windhamgrowers.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 Person – small crew Travel Distance: Anywhere USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: Yes
<b>WASHINGTON:</b>			
Nick Aitken*	Cell: 306-605-3239	4714 37 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105 Email: <a href="mailto:stonedyker@talk21.com">stonedyker@talk21.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 Person – large crew Travel Distance: Anywhere USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: No
Doug Howe	Cell: 425-894-0997	1085 Greenwood Blvd SW Issaquah, WA 98027 Email: <a href="mailto:dhowe@prosperumholdings.com">dhowe@prosperumholdings.com</a>	Jobs Suitable for : 1 person-small crew Travel Distance: anywhere USA Insurance Certificate on file w/DSC?: No

In addition to the drystone masons listed above, there are numerous others who were *KyTC-qualified* in 1996, *DSC-registered* from 1996 to 2001 and/or *DSC-certified* since 2001 who have elected not to have their contact information included on the Referral List.

If you need to verify whether or not a mason has achieved a DSC awarded status, please contact the office.

\*Indicates DSWA Certified Master Craftsman