



Christopher Hacker is a preservationist, carpenter, and owner of Albany Artisans, which specializes in historic restoration. Albany Artisans has played a role in garnering preservation merit awards for over 10 buildings, has restored over 20 vacant buildings in the city of Albany, and has become a connection point for many tradesmen with similar interests in preservation.

Chris's body of work with the Albany Artisans is notable for its variety. From creating a viewing cabinet for a religious relic that survived the Holocaust, which is part of SUNY Albany's Special Collections, to being the Project Manager for the Saratoga Surrender Site and working directly with the National Park System. In 2017 he received the Elizabeth P. Griffin Award for Preservation Leadership from Historic Albany Foundation. He has been called on to serve as board member for Friends of the Saratoga Battlefield and Historic Albany Foundation.

After receiving a degree in Philosophy and Anthropology at SUNY Albany, he entered into a traditional carpentry apprenticeship, gaining a level of understanding, confidence, and physical command of the construction of historic homes that he continues to actively build on.

He is blessed to be a third generation caretaker to a majestic and untouched space surrounded by the Vermont National Forest. He built a cabin on the acreage, his family's home in the mountains, that is in complete partnership with the surrounding wilderness. While using traditional tools and methods while solving problems that only mother nature can create, he has developed a genuine and enduring relationship with nature that has become a defining journey of his adulthood.