HISTORIC GETTYSBURG - ADAMS COUNTY

ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, August 25, 2019
4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Please join us for a relaxing afternoon of fellowship at HGAC’s annual family picnic!

This year, our picnic will be held on Sunday afternoon, August 25th at the Stone of Scone Farm, 2019 HGAC Barn Award Recipient, Owned by Bob Rodgers & Patricia Green-Rodgers, 1005 Littlestown Road, Littlestown, PA

The menu will include appetizers, a selection of sandwiches, chips, appealing side salads, and a variety of homemade desserts. The picnic is $10 per person, and will also include lemonade, water, and ice tea.

• $10 PER PERSON •

Members may BYOB. Please bring a lawn chair.

Please complete the following form, clip, and RSVP with your check by Monday, August 19, 2019.

Make checks payable to HGAC, and mail to HGAC, P.O. Box 4611, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

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Names of Attendees: ____________________________

Please let us know if there is a favorite dessert ____________________________
or appetizer you would like to contribute ____________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________

Number of Adults: _____ x $10.00 = _____ (Please enclose check for this amount.)

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"TOO IMPORTANT TO FAIL"

This is exciting times for Historic Gettysburg-Adams County! We not
only have the largest membership that HGAC has ever had, but our
members are interested, engaged and active. HGAC also has a very
active and focused Board of Directors, who listen to the interests of our
members and realize the importance of the work that HGAC does and
can do. Throughout this newsletter, you will notice that our programs
and interests are expanding and thriving! My gratitude to all of those
who make HGAC shine on a daily basis. This past June, our Salvage
Warehouse Committee participated in the Gettysburg Green Gathering at the Gettysburg Rec
Park and acquired some new Salvage finds and friends. HGAC’s Educational Speaker
Series is going strong with Regina Hollar at the helm. The Barn Preservation Program
is stronger and more successful than ever. Our incredible team of surveyors, led by
Curt Musselman and David Maclay have been working hard at registering and surveying
historic barns in Adams County and through our Barn Preservation Program HGAC has
been able to provide more grants than ever before. Artists from Adams County and beyond
participated in HGAC’s BarnART Show and Sale. With a portion of the sales from the artist’s
work, contributed to HGAC, this was one of the most successful BarnArt Shows ever! Thank
you to Paul Mangan for being instrumental in pulling this together.

If you were a guest at the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet in May held at the United
Lutheran Seminary, then you heard the news of the newly installed “John and Mary Horner
Fund for Barn Preservation”. This is a new edition to our fundraising efforts for our Barn
Grant Program. A message about this new fund is further in this newsletter. As this fund
develops, more information will become available on how to participate and give to this fund.
This fund will be designed to ensure that grant money will remain available for historic barns in
need of repairs and for historic barn owners who could use the boost to get the work started.
Last January, our Board of Directors met in our annual Planning Board meeting. As usual our
discussion was lively, enthusiastic and full of interesting ideas. One idea, however resonated
with all of us in the room. As all non-profits know, engaging the younger generation to
continue the much needed and valued work of each organization is key. HGAC has
implemented an “Investing in Youth” initiative. More information about this initiative and how
to get behind us in this effort is further in this newsletter.

Ralph Serpe of the Adams County Community Foundation made the statements in a recent
Gettysburg Times article that the “quality of community would suffer greatly without
non-profits many consider indispensable,” and that “local non-profits whose work is so
important, so vital, that ensuring their long-term stability and growth is priority one.”
These statements could not be more true when it comes to the historic preservation of our
Adams County landscapes and structures. HGAC’s participation in this year’s Adams County
Community Foundation’s Giving Spree on November 7th of this year, hopes to build on
our “Investing in Youth” initiative and the concept that this initiative is “too important to fail”.

Anne S. Zabawa
HGAC President

The 13th Annual BarnART Show & Sale was held from June 6th to the 9th at
G.A.R. Hall. Thirty-eight artists participated, submitting over seventy pieces in various
media, including paintings, photographs, prints and drawings. A special exhibit
of architectural drawings by Ryan Stricker and scale models by Loy Elliott served
as a centerpiece for the show. Paul Mangan was this year’s Event Chairperson and
host. Local artist and educator Jill C. Rakowicz was this year’s judge.

The Opening Reception was well attended by members of the community. A full
house at the G.A.R. Hall enjoyed the

art and the delicious refreshments provided by Preservation Committee members and other
HGAC members. Awards were presented following a greeting by Barn Preservation Project
Founder and Director Curt Musselman.

2019 winners are as follows:

Fine Art
1) Treat Yourself by Linda Toki
2) Haunted? by Ted Scarpino
3) The Blue Barn by Mary Jo Bennet

As determined by this year’s Judge, Jill Rakowicz, Wed. 6/5/19

Many thanks to all of the HGAC staff and volunteers who helped to make this event a big success!
HGAC’s Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet was held on Monday evening, May 6th, 2019 at the United Lutheran Seminary Refectory.

This year’s Restoration Award Winners are:

Johns Farm, circa 1870s, Plaque #143
Ron Frenette and Mike Tallent
811 Johns Avenue, Gettysburg, PA

William G. Leas Mansion, 1897, Plaque #142
Carol Carlson and the late Richard Carlson
400 West King Street, East Berlin, PA

The 2019 Barn Preservation Award:
Stone of Scone Barn:

HGAC’s Annual Banquet is always a terrific event – a celebration as an organization of our shared vision for preservation, and an opportunity to recognize the extraordinary efforts throughout the county that are ensuring that our historic legacy remains for future generations.

This year’s Barn Preservation Award was presented to Bob and Patricia Rodgers, owners of the Stone of Scone Barn between Littlestown and McSherrystown. An 1820’s brick-end barn, the structure had fallen into disrepair, with failing masonry; water intrusion in the rear wall; dilapidated roofing and siding; and compromised joinery in the timber frame.

Launching a full-scale restoration effort in 2016, the Rodgers replaced the roof and siding and reinforced the joinery with steel cables and brackets. A concrete wall was poured against the failing rear foundation, and contractors Bob and Jeremiah Ross constructed a new stone wall inside the concrete. The 1920’s concrete lower floor – part of a dairy retrofit – was replaced with brick pavers, and damaged portions of the original brickwork were removed and re-laid. New louvers and doors were installed throughout, and massive exterior grading served to mitigate the damaging water intrusion.

A welcoming exterior landscaping overhaul, with low stone walls and brick paths complementing the original architecture, crowned the stunning achievement. The Rodgers hope to share the barn as an event venue, hosting retreats, seminars, and non-profit gatherings going forward.

With a new lease on life, the Stone of Scone Barn will stand for at least another two hundred years – thanks to the Rodgers for their tremendous contribution to the historic fabric of Adams County!
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At the Historic Daniel Lady Farm

Every third Saturday,
April through October
10 AM to 2 PM

For an Inventory List:
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All purchases support
HGAC’s ongoing preservation efforts!

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SALVAGE WAREHOUSE REPORT

Sales at the warehouse have been a little slower than last year, but the quality and quantity of donations has kept us very busy. We have some very interesting doors, shutters, a very nice ACORN OAK wood/coal burning stove, and a wide variety of door knobs, power tools, and other small items. As of this writing, we will salvage an early farm house (doors, windows, bricks, etc.) and pick up several donations of more doors, shutters, and lumber. It is very encouraging that the Adams County community has been very helpful to us by donating items for us to sell.

This year (on June 1), we sponsored a booth at the Gettysburg Green Gathering where we presented the Salvage Warehouse program activities as well as other HGAC programs. This provided a good chance to explain and publicize our program to like-minded attendees. The presence of our three members resulted in several donation calls (including the ACORN OAK stove). We intend to display at this gathering again next year.

I am very pleased and thankful for each of our volunteers who enjoy talking to people about our program and other things as well as getting their hands dirty salvaging items that might otherwise be discarded.

Barry Towers

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HGAC Barn Preservation Project
and Grant Program

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HGAC ARTISAN LISTING

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HGAC maintains an “Artisan Listing”
with names of reliable carpenters, timber framers, masons, roofers, painters, and other contractors who have been recommended by other HGAC members.
Visit: www.HGAConline.org and Click on “Artisan Listing”
2019 EDUCATIONAL SPEAKER PROGRAMS

AUGUST 20: "THE OLD KEYSTONE STATE SPEAKS TODAY: GETTYSBURG'S PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS REUNION OF 1889."

Of the 90,000 soldiers who served under the United States flag at the Battle of Gettysburg, nearly one-third were Pennsylvanians. On September 11 and 12, 1889 many of those Pennsylvania veterans returned to Adams County for Pennsylvania Day, a 48 hour festival which commemorated the wartime services of these men. Tens of thousands of visitors gathered to witness this spectacle, to dedicate most of the Pennsylvania monuments upon the Gettysburg battlefield, and to deliver and listen to speeches about combat, death, union, treason, slavery and emancipation. Codie Eash, of the Seminary Ridge Museum, presents his research of what those who were present said and did during their return to Gettysburg, when their words and actions illustrated their collective memory of participating in the Civil War's bloodiest battle upon the soil of the state they called home.

SEPTEMBER 17: THE PARALLELS OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG AND THE EVENTS OF 9/11, AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

The Battle of Gettysburg produced the highest casualties and was a turning point in the American Civil War. 9/11 claimed the largest loss of life from a foreign attack on American soil and has defined and shaped our response to terrorism to this day. Additional accounts from both civilians and participants, a "first person narrative," have helped us to both learn and understand the factual details of both events. Presenter, Ken Zaveckas, has a unique perspective on both events in that in Ken’s earlier life as a former history teacher was “Gettysburg” as his first practicum. On 9/11 he was a Chief Officer serving with the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) and participated in the rescue and recovery operations.

OCTOBER 15: CAMPAIGNING WITH GRANT: A CHARACTER STUDY OF THE GENERAL IN THE LAST YEAR OF THE CIVIL WAR.

Brigadier General Horace Porter returns to the GAR Hall to share his military experiences with General Grant as his aide- de-camp during the Civil War, the 4 years after the war and through Grant’s first year as President of the United States. Porter remained friends with Grant until Grant’s death in 1885. When Horace Porter spoke in the GAR Hall in 2016 Porter shared that he discovered the remains of Revolutionary hero John Paul Jones in Paris when he was Ambassador to France. What notable historical event did Porter do for his longtime friend Ulysses S. Grant? HGAC welcomes back, living historian and Vietnam veteran, Michael Reetz, to once again present another part of Brigadier General Horace Porter’s remarkable Civil War military career, and ambassadorship to France.

The HGAC educational speaker programs are held in the handicapped accessible historic Grand Army of the Republic Hall (G.A.R.) Doors open at 7 PM with the event beginning at 7:30 PM.

These free, no reservations needed evenings, are held the third Tuesday evening of March, April, May, June, August, September, and October at 53 E. Middle Street, Gettysburg.

THE BETTER ANGELS OF OUR NATURE

(Little Julie is a fictional character who does not believe in extraterrestrial beings)

Dear Little Julie,

I know you do not believe in angels, but there ARE still angels among us. One of them is named Mary Dollier who lives in far away California. In April, she came East to hear a program at the G.A.R. Building in Gettysburg, entitled, "Historic Horner Homestead House," sponsored by HGAC (Historic Gettysburg/Adams County) and presented by John Horner. She was hosted by our president, Anne Zabawa, the night before, with dinner and conversation. Mary attended the program and then spent several hours the next day at the Horner House, with John and Mary Horner, discussing matters of mutual concern. After she returned to California, she wrote back in part,

Dear John and Mary,

John, over the years of reading your stories on line and seeing firsthand the presentation you gave about the Horner Family Farm, I have felt your deep love and passion for Pennsylvania and its roots. I too share a common love and appreciation for the history of this country, specifically Pennsylvania and Gettysburg. Starting this year and for the next 10 years, I would like to make a donation to HGAC for $1,000. Each year it will be given in the name of John and Mary Horner. I want to help continue the work you have aspired to for so many years.

Mary Dollier

The result of this has been the establishment of the John and Mary Horner Fund for Barn Preservation. It is our hope that that this Fund will enable more and more barn owners to preserve their historic structures.

So you see, Little Julie, there are angels out there after all, and we should be grateful that they bless us with their generosity, care and concern.

John Horner

THE BETTER ANGELS OF OUR NATURE

PREVERSE
Do you agree with these statements?

- A skilled building trade workforce is necessary to preserve historic buildings.
- Youths, adults working with those youths, and young adults are an untapped source of HGAC members and the building trade workforce.
- Keeping and attracting new members is essential to assure that the HGAC mission continues well into the future.

If you agree, you'll be pleased to know that your Board is enthusiastically announcing the next big thing for HGAC – an Investing in Youth initiative. The initiative will begin with three programs:

1. Local Historic Buildings Appreciation Program, offering both interactive, on-site and electronic media learning, to attract youth, adults working with them and young adults.
2. Historic Buildings Appreciation and Preservation Professional Development Program for teachers to introduce lessons in their curricula.
3. Internship and Apprenticeship Program to financially support youth as they pursue careers in historic building, preservation and restoration trades.

Funding for the initiative will be the HGAC priority for the November 7th Giving Spree hosted by the Adams County Community Foundation. More information will follow.

Leading the initiative implementation are Bonnie Braun, Chair; Bob McIlhenny and Carly Marshall. They invite HGAC members, and interested others, to join them in making these programs happen. Contact Bonnie to ask questions, offer suggestions and/or volunteer at 301-335-4335 or bonnie.braun.927@gmail.com

HGAC BARN PRESERVATION PROJECT

The Barn Survey Trail
Since the Spring Newsletter, HGAC volunteers have mustered an impressive showing, adding 24 barns to the Adams County Barn Registry. Venturing out into our idyllic rural landscape, our survey teams engaged with barn owners and applied the new Survey Form to thoroughly document the structures, bringing the total number on the Registry to 342! All the owner outreach, surveyor training, and documentation development is paying off, and we’re poised to continue this momentum in the months and years ahead.

HGAC Educational Speaker Series
On June 18th, Barn Preservation Specialist David Maclay detailed the brick-and-mortar preservation efforts on eight of the barns on the Adams County Barn Registry. Two Barn Preservation Award recipients – the George Spangler Barn and the Stone of Stone Barn – were highlighted. In addition, projects on six other Registry barns, four of which received HGAC Barn Preservation Grants, were explored: Jones, Pulig, Bennett, Boritt, Reightler, and Tostol. Before-and-after photos, with work in progress documentation, delved into the nitty-gritty of various threats that face our historic barns – and their effective remedies.

Preservation Pennsylvania Conference
In June, Barn Preservation Project Director Curt Musselman and Barn Preservation Specialist David Maclay participated in Preservation Pennsylvania’s 2019 Pennsylvania Statewide Conference on Heritage at Wilson College in Chambersburg. There was a tremendous buzz about our project, and it was repeatedly held up as a model for future preservation efforts throughout the Commonwealth.

Our sessions were well attended, and served to reinforce our standing as a leader statewide, joining the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; State Historic Preservation Office; South Mountain Partnership; Historic Barns and Farm Foundation of Pennsylvania; National Barn Alliance; Heritage Conservancy; and the Timber Framers’ Guild in solidarity and collaboration as we tackle the many facets of physical, substantive preservation of these iconic structures.

David Maclay
President Anne Zabawa stands with Yien Saechau, member of the United States Marines, winner of the 12 lb cannon replica donated to HGAC and raffled off at the 156 Gettysburg Reenactment.

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Civil War Period Dance music will be provided by ... The Susquehanna Travellers
Only 100 tickets will sold!
Proceeds benefit HGAC's Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program.
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