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HGAC 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Historic Gettysburg Adams County held its annual meeting on May 25, 2022, at the Battlefield B&B on Emmitsburg Road in Gettysburg. HGAC members and guests were able to partake of refreshments provided by the Warehouse Gourmet of Hanover and mingle until HGAC President Keith Schultz called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

President Schultz noted that it had been two years since the general membership has been able to get together, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and commended HGAC members and volunteers for keeping HGAC's programs alive and operational.

Those programs included the Barn Tour and Homespun Christmas Holiday Market in 2021. Upcoming programs include the 14th BarnArt Show & Sale in June and a Civil War Barn Dance in October. After a two-year hiatus, the Educational Speaker series began again in April and features six speakers this year. HGAC volunteers continue to lead Underground Railroad Tours at McAllister's Mill, and the Architectural Salvage Warehouse and Summer at Spangler weekend programs proceed full force. HGAC's Barn Preservation Project maintained its barn survey and barn grant program unabated throughout the pandemic. In 2021, Giving Spree contributions for HGAC totaled more than \$21,000.

A new HGAC project and partnership was forged in 2022. HGAC is working together with students from the Gettysburg Area High School to create new Civil War Hospital markers, as many of the signs in the area have fallen into disrepair. HGAC members Greg Kaufmann, Bonnie Braun and Bob McIlhenny were recognized for their work with the project.

200th Anniversary of the G.A.R. Hall

Schultz noted the soul of HGAC can be found in its headquarters at the historic G.A.R. Hall and 2022 will mark the 200th anniversary of the building, which began as a Methodist Church. A celebration to mark the anniversary is planned for November. Schultz recognized HGAC member Bruce Kile as the keeper of the G.A.R. Hall, and noted that on May 18, the Borough of Gettysburg presented HGAC with a Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) Appreciation Award to honor the building's 200th year.

Four awards were presented at the meeting:

House Restoration Award

House Restoration Committee Chair Kendra Debany presented the 2022 House Restoration Award to Jeff and Stephanie Shaara for their renovation of "**Red Patch**" on West Confederate Avenue. The house was built by Union Brevet Major General Charles H.T. Collis, who commanded the 114th Pennsylvania Volunteers. Construction began in 1898, based on a design of a house in Somerville, NJ. The house was completed in 1900, and Collis died in 1902. The name "Red Patch" comes from the symbol of the First Division of the Union 3rd Corps in which Collis served.



HGAC's 2022 House Award, from left to right, Red Patch owners Jeff and Stephanie Shaara, HGAC House Preservation Award Committee Chair Kendra Debany and HGAC President Keith Schultz.



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Barn Preservation Awards

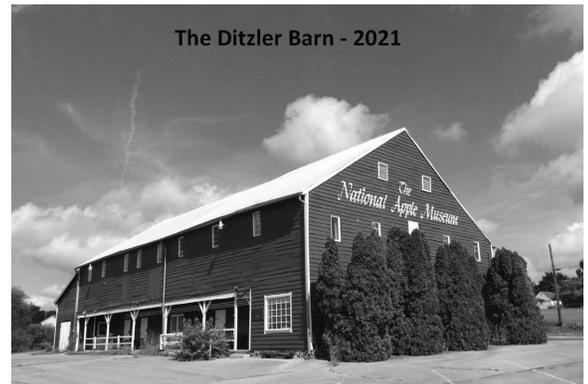
The HGAC Preservation Award for 2022 was presented to David and Cynthia Salisbury for the exceptional work that they have done repairing, rehabilitating and preserving the **Scott Barn**, #146 on the HGAC Historic Barn Register. The barn is located in Freedom Township at 320 Scott Road and was built in 1870. It measures 75 feet by 46 feet and is 38 feet tall. The timber framed, Standard Pennsylvania Barn has a stone foundation featuring beautiful carved granite quoins that contrast nicely with the other stones which are local shale and sandstone. The award plaque was presented to David Salisbury by Curt Musselman, Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program Executive Director, at the recent HGAC BarnArt Show & Sale.



HGAC's Curt Musselman, left, presents the 2022 Barn Presentation Award to Scott Barn owner David Salisbury.



The Scott Barn - 2022



The Ditzler Barn - 2021

The **Ditzler Barn**, #265 on the HGAC Historic Barn Register, was honored with the 2021 HGAC Barn Preservation Award. The award was accepted at the meeting by Bob Wenger and Dick Mountfort, members of the Biglerville Historical and Preservation Society. The barn, located in Biglerville, is the home of the National Apple Museum and was renovated to create room for the museum. It has been thoughtfully maintained and preserved by the Biglerville Historical and Preservation Society. The circa 1857 Standard Pennsylvania Barn includes a later wagon shed addition, and measures 91 feet by 52 feet and is 41 feet high. The building provides a perfect venue for barn-related events such as the Barn Preservation Workshop hosted there by HGAC in 2018.



The Cornerstone Barn - 2020

The **Cornerstone Barn** in Franklin Township, owned by Kathleen Reilly and the late Parry Baer, was honored with the 2020 HGAC Barn Preservation award. The barn is located on Crooked Creek Road in Franklin Township. The 19th century barn is a Standard Pennsylvania Barn measuring 71 feet long by 45 feet deep, including an 8-foot forebay. Parry and Kathleen purchased the barn in 2017 and in 2019, they undertook extensive repairs and restoration of their barn with the help of the Stone Ridge Construction company. The barn received a

new roof, new siding, three vented cupolas and two pent roofs.

David Papa, Kathleen's nephew, accepted the award and presented a video of the barn's restoration that was made by his son Ben.

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"Best Ever BarnArt Show"

Julie Myers had a very difficult job to do. As judge of the 14th Annual HGAC BarnArt Show & Sale, Julie had to decide which artworks would receive awards in the categories of fine art and photography among the 85 pieces in the exhibit. Julie's experience for many years as an art instructor at Gettysburg Area High School helped her select the award winners who received a total of \$3,000 in total prize money. To Julie Myers, HGAC says, "Thanks for a job well done!"

Each year, Historic Gettysburg-Adams County (HGAC) hosts the BarnArt Show & Sale at their headquarters at the G.A.R. Hall on Middle Street in Gettysburg. Proceeds benefit the HGAC Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program. This is a unique art exhibit that features artworks in various media that depict a barn or a detail of a barn. HGAC volunteers like to say that, "This is the largest collection of BarnArt under one roof in the known universe."



In addition to Julie Myers, many thanks are owed to the contributing artists and to Paul Mangan who again served as exhibit curator. Thanks also go out to the many volunteers, local businesses and individuals whose generous support made the event a success. Thanks to Darryl Wheeler for great event photos. A new video by Katy Clowney, titled "Barns by the Numbers" featuring dramatic aerial images of Adams County barns, debuted at the BarnArt Show.

This year's BarnArt Show was the most successful ever held, bringing in over \$13,000 and distributing well over \$6,000 to artists in prizes and sales of artworks. Events like the BarnArt Show raise money that HGAC uses through its grant program to provide funding to owners of historic barns so they can make needed repairs. Since 2013, owners of 40 barns have received over \$59,000 that resulted in \$300,000 spent by grant recipients on structural repairs to Adams County barns.

From the volunteers of the HGAC Preservation Committee, led by chairman Curt Musselman, we salute everyone who made BarnArt 2022 a great success.

For the Barns,

Bob McIlhenny

Congratulations to all the BarnArt Show winners!



From left to right: Mary Moores, first place fine art, for *Lemmon's Barn*; Joh Ricci, second place fine art, for *tapestry of Wild Flower Farm*; Rex Craven, third place fine art, for *Old Blue Barn*; Geoff Grant, first place photography, for *Sherfy Farm*; Dorothy Marquet, second place photography, for *Barn on Wet Plate*; Dawn Whitmore, third place photography, for *County Road Red Barn Home*; and Rodney Rosenzweig, Artist's Choice award for *East Berlin Barn #1*

Not present for photo: People's Choice Award winner Angela Davies for the photograph *Nightfall*.

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It's time to look forward to HGAC's Civil War Barn Dance on **Saturday, October 1**, hosted this year by the beautiful Beech Springs Farm in Orrtanna.

Travel back in time as HGAC Members Wayne Belt and Norma Calhoun call dances to the live Civil War era music of the Susquehanna Travellers. Dancers in period clothing complete the picture.

Admission is \$35 per person in advance, \$40 at the door. Light refreshments are included. Doors open at 6 p.m., dancing starts at 7 p.m. Period attire is encouraged, but NOT required.

This event is held rain or shine and attendance is limited to 100 persons, so purchase your tickets early! Tickets to the Civil War Barn Dance may be purchased through Eventbrite by visiting www.HGACOnline.org.

HGAC's Barn Preservation Project Committee would like your assistance with donated items for our Silent Auction. Items of interest may include event tickets, gift cards, travel packages, quality craft items, framed quality artwork, items of interest for history buffs and reenactors, tour passes or donated cash to purchase additional auction items. **Join us in making HGAC's Civil War Barn Dance a success!**

The Susquehanna Travellers will return to the Civil War Barn Dance to provide dance tunes from the period. Thanks go out to the band for providing the musical tracks featured in the video by Katy Clowney, "Barns by the Numbers" featured at the recent BarnArt Show & Sale.

Proceeds from the Civil War Barn Dance benefit the HGAC Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program, providing funds to assist owners of historic barns to make needed repairs. Since 2013, a total of 40 historic Adams County barns have received the benefit of over \$59,000, resulting in \$300,000 spent by grant recipients on structural repairs.

HGAC members wishing to assist with this upcoming fund/friend raiser, or for more information, please contact Bob McIlhenny 717-420-6500, or Anne Zabawa 717-339-9047 or visit www.HGACOnline.org.

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Students Help HGAC Replace Civil War Hospital Signs

HGAC first posted roadside Civil War Hospital Signs in 1983 near the public and private structures that served as hospitals during the Battle of Gettysburg. The signs were updated in 2001 and now are once again showing their age. Some are even missing. In 2022-23, HGAC will replace signs at an estimated \$15,000 cost to be underwritten by donors.

HGAC's Preservation Committee and the Investing in Youth Initiative decided to work with the Gettysburg Area High School's Technology Students Association to fabricate the new signs. This group creates signs to raise funds for their competitions.

Under the direction of teacher Stan Licharowicz, seniors Elliott Walker, Cole Redding and Logan Moseley designed and constructed a prototype sign. After seeing the results, HGAC requested the students take on producing replacements for all 35 hospital signs. By the end of May, the students had completed eight signs, which will be installed this summer. Other students will then continue to work creating the remaining signs in the fall.

In unsolicited remarks, each senior mentioned something that he'd gained by being involved in the project. These testimonials align with the goals of the Investing in Youth Initiative.

- **Elliott** said he knows he's a better citizen because he was involved.
- **Logan** said he had never even noticed the signs until this and now is so aware he sees them everywhere.
- **Cole** said he's proud to be part of this community that preserves history.

These three students have become youth members of HGAC.



HGAC members Robert McIlhenny, left, and Greg Kaufmann, far right, with GAHS Technology Students Association students Elliott Walker, Cole Redding and Logan Moseley and the Civil War Hospital signs they created.

Montessori School Students Experience Barn Quest



On April 7, students and teachers from the Gettysburg Montessori School participated in a tour of the George Spangler Barn. They used the Investing in Youth Barn Quest scavenger hunt as they looked for architectural features. Greg Kaufmann and Bonnie Braun led the tour. Students said both the Quest and tour were fun!

Summer is here. If you have student-aged family members, friends or neighbors, please encourage them to do the Barn Quest. They can download the Barn Quest at:

<https://www.hgaconline.org/barnquest>

We've been told that adults enjoy participating along with their young ones. So put on your questing goggles and start driving! Submit completed youth Barn Quests at the link above. All completed Barn Quests will be entered into a drawing for prizes, which will be held in October 2022.

EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS PROGRAMS

The HGAC Educational Speakers Program will continue with three more lectures in 2022.

These free programs are open to the public on the third Tuesday each month in the historic G.A.R. Hall at 53 East Middle Street in Gettysburg. Doors open at 7 p.m. and presentations start at 7:30 p.m. No reservations are needed, and the hall is handicapped accessible.

August 16 – *Fights for the Flag at Gettysburg:* It was a great honor to carry the regimental flag. Join Licensed Battlefield Guide Deb Novotny as she shares some of the stories of brave soldiers, both North and South, as they captured or defended their flags. Hear about the ruse of the 149th Pennsylvania; the 2nd Mississippi at the Railroad Cut; Sgt. Benjamin Crippen of the 143rd Pennsylvania Infantry, and many more.

September 20 – *Veterans of the U.S. Colored Troops from Gettysburg and Adams County:* With research compiled by the Adams County Historical Society, Deb McCauslin will share the untold stories she discovered about the African American troops who marched through Richmond and then witnessed the Confederate surrender at Appomattox.

October 18 – *Introducing Rosie the Riveter, Don't Mess with Harry the Neck, and other Gettysburg Town Unknowns:* Elaine Leslie, a Licensed Gettysburg Town Guide, has compiled intriguing short stories including tales of a Revolutionary War incident, an African-American fighting for the Union at the Pardee Field and a Civil War love story.

For more information click on www.hgaconline.org, visit the HGAC Facebook page or call Regina Hollar at 717-334-8312.

Homespun 2022 returns to the G.A.R. Hall

HGAC's Homespun Christmas and Holiday Market will be returning to the G.A.R. Hall this year! COVID concerns last year led to a change of venue for the market, generously provided by the Battlefield B&B. This year, the G.A.R. Hall at 53 East Main Street will host the Homespun market as part of Main Street Gettysburg's holiday festival, which will run from Friday, December 2 through Sunday, December 4.

Planning for Homespun is currently underway by HGAC board members, who will decide the days and hours of operation. The market will include some guest vendors and HGAC's traditional bake sale. We are calling on all our members who are crafters and bakers and who wish to participate in the market to please contact HGAC Secretary Coleen Dee Berry at hstgettyac@aol.com.

Watch for more details in the Fall Preserve!

HGAC Summer Programs Continue

Architectural Salvage Warehouse seeks new donations

Got vintage? HGAC's Architectural Salvage Warehouse will take it!

The Architectural Salvage Warehouse Committee is seeking to add to the warehouse's inventory. If you are willing to donate your vintage furniture, tools, decorative items or old architectural items such as doors, shutters, windows, mantelpieces, fixtures, carvings, doorknobs, etc. —please contact the committee by emailing histgettyac@aol.com. You can also call the HGAC office at 717-334-5185 and leave a message. HGAC volunteers will be happy to come to pick up your items!

The warehouse will be open for business at the Daniel Lady Farm, 986 Hanover Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the following Saturdays:

- July 16
- August 6 and 20
- September 3
- October 1 and 15

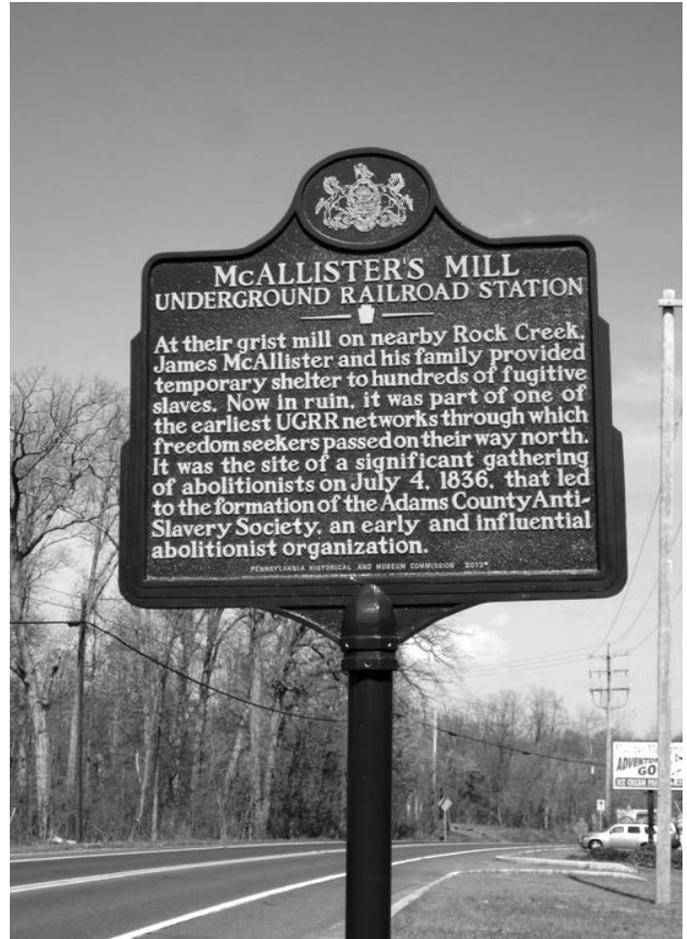
In addition, the warehouse will be open during the Daniel Lady Farm's Antietam re-enactment weekend on Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by to check out our ever-changing inventory of Adams County antiques and collectables for your restoration activities!

Summer At Spangler 2022

HGAC's Summer at Spangler program continues at the George Spangler barn in Gettysburg on Sundays until August 14. HGAC volunteers will be on site from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to share their love for and knowledge of our beautiful Pennsylvania barns, using the stellar Spangler Barn as a teaching tool.

Your HGAC Barn Preservation Project docents will also be present from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during special open admission "Family Days" on Saturday, September 3 and Saturday, October 8. The George Spangler Barn and Farm is located at 488 Blacksmith Shop Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Plan on a visit to learn more about the barn as a sterling example of vernacular architecture, along with its stirring history as the 11th Corps field hospital during and following the Battle of Gettysburg. Questions can be directed to Greg Kaufmann at gregkauf15@gmail.com. Click on www.hgaconline.org/summer-at-the-spangler-farm for more information.



McAllister's Mill Tours

Underground Railroad tours will be conducted weekly throughout July and August at McAllister's Mill, located adjacent to the National Military Park at 1360 Baltimore Pike. Tours leave from the south end of the old Mulligan MacDuffer's Mini Golf Course parking lot every Saturday at 11 a.m. Suggested donations are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults

The site, now a ruin with foundations and waterways still intact, was most probably the first site in Adams County that people seeking freedom found on their flight north from slavery. The mill site is privately owned and is not open to the public. HGAC has permission of the site's owner to access the property.

For more information, please call 717-659-8827. All contributions support HGAC's preservation activities.



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JOIN US AT HGAC'S ANNUAL PICNIC!

- Where:** 825 Camp Gettysburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325
When: Sunday, August 21st, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
What:
- Bring a covered dish – either a side or a dessert
 - Bring your own adult beverage
 - Grilled Hamburgers and Hotdogs provided
 - Iced Tea / Lemonade / Water provided

Please let us know you are coming! Please RSVP by August 12.

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