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A word to the wise...



ADAMS COUNTY BARN REGISTRY NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION!

The HGAC Historic Barns Tour of Gettysburg & Adams County

After a successful debut in 2021, the HGAC "Historic Barns Tour of Gettysburg and Adams County" will return on Saturday, September 16 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. featuring different barns and new activities.

Travel back in time and enjoy this rare opportunity to visit inside SIX historic barns in Gettysburg and Adams County.

The Tour starts at the Historic Round Barn near Cashtown where guests will receive a map showing the location of the barns featured on the Tour along with a booklet describing the barns and the various activities that will be offered at each barn.

Check-in time to start the Tour is from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Historic Round Barn. This event will be held **rain or shine**.

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TEN ADAMS COUNTY BARNs RECEIVE HGAC BARN GRANTS IN 2023

Since 2013, over 40 barn owners whose barns are on the HGAC Barn Register have received more than \$62,000 in matching grants from HGAC to help pay for the preservation of these historic structures. If you know someone who would like to have their barn added to the register, contact Curt Musselman at (717) 659-8827.



The Clyde Orner Barn

One of this year's grant recipients, located on Brysonia School Road, the Clyde Orner Barn is #253 on the HGAC Barn Register. Constructed in the late 1700's or early 1800's, its appearance is more in keeping with the precursors of the Pennsylvania Barn that still grace the landscape in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.



Barn Tour at a Glance...

- Date: Saturday, September 16, 2023
(Rain or Shine, please dress appropriately)
- Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Check-In Time to start the Tour is from 10:00 a.m. to Noon
- Price: \$35 per Adult in Advance
\$40 per Adult day of the Tour
- Children and youth under 18 are FREE
(children and youth must be accompanied by an adult)

To Register for the Barn Tour visit:

HGACOnline.org

Tour begins at the Historic Round Barn at
298 Cashtown Road, Biglerville, PA 17307

All Proceeds benefit the
HGAC Barn Preservation Project
and Grant Program

“We hope that parents and grand parents will bring their kids to see inside these great old barns. Photographers, bring your cameras!” says event chair, Bob Mcilhenny.

After exploring the Round Barn and Farm Market, participants can then drive to any barn on the Tour in any order and stay as long as they wish. The Tour ends at 4:00 p.m.

The Tour includes privately owned barns that are not usually open to the public. One of the barns on the Tour served as a field hospital during the Battle of Gettysburg.

Each barn on this unique Tour will feature activities throughout the day that are fun and educational. There will be a cider press and cider tastings, and a demonstration of timber framing techniques and the use of a shaving horse and draw knife. Artist, Bobbi Becker, wood carver, Frank Rauscher and members of the Foothills Artists will be displaying and selling their art works. The Panera Tatters will demonstrate tatting and lace making, and Civil War living history characters will tell of life in the mid-

1800’s when the barns on the Tour were built. There will also be live performance of music and dance from the 19th century. Information about state-wide barn preservation efforts will be presented by members of the Historic Barn and Farm Foundation of Pennsylvania (HBFF). Ceramic artist, Tom Starr will describe traditional brick-making techniques and will talk about what it’s like to live in an old brick barn. There will also be a windshield scavenger hunt called “**Barn Quest**” for students to identify architectural details of Pennsylvania barns.

All proceeds from this event benefit the award-winning HGAC Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program. In 2020, the “Henry A. Jordan Award” was presented to HGAC by *Preservation PA* for “outstanding historic preservation efforts at the local level.”

This Tour is a family-friendly event. **All kids under 18 are FREE** and must be accompanied by an adult. **Admission for adults is \$35 per person in advance, and \$40 on the day of the Tour.**

Advance tickets may be purchased on line until September 14 through Eventbrite. Visit HGACOnline.org and click on the Barn Tour. For information about sponsorships, contact Bob Mcilhenny at (717) 420-5600 or RMcilhenny@comcast.net.

Historic Gettysburg Adams County (HGAC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 1975 to foster the preservation and interpretation of culturally significant structures and sites in Adams County, Pennsylvania.

Considering the success of the Barn Tour in 2021, we like to say, “If something is worth doing...it’s worth doing again!” 🏠



This Pennsylvania bank barn is one of the barns included in this year’s HGAC Historic Barns Tour of Gettysburg and Adams County. It is #185 on the Adams County Barn Registry.

BARN OF THE YEAR AWARD



HGAC first surveyed this barn in November, 2014 as #169 on the Adams County Barn Register.



The Barn of the Year Award for 2023 went to Sherry Rogers and Clifford Frost for the extensive work done on their barn on Mount Hope Road near Fairfield.

The Rogers-Frost Barn is a circa 1860 extended Pennsylvania Barn constructed by William Culp, brother of Henry Culp of Culp’s Hill fame. The barn was plundered twice in the summer of 1863 by Confederate troops on their way to Gettysburg.

When Rogers and Frost purchased the property in 2014, the barn needed extensive repairs to failing timbers and masonry. The barn siding and louvers were damaged and deteriorating.

With the help of contractor, Hugh (Sam) McKinney, over eight years, they methodically addressed significant threats to the barn’s existence and completely restored the barn.

Historic Preservation Project Reaches Milestone HGAC Surveys 400th Barn!

After almost 20 years of visiting and surveying barns, a team of volunteers from the HGAC Barn Preservation Project recently added the 400th barn to the HGAC Register of historic Adams County Barns.

Barn owners Wayne and Leila Flickinger and their daughters, Alayna and Sarah, welcomed the barn surveyors to their beautiful three-gable Pennsylvania barn built in 1901 along the Cashtown Road just north of the Lincoln Highway. The Flickingers have owned the barn since 2021, and they have wasted no time in securing the longevity of the barn by replacing gutters, repointing the masonry foundation and making other repairs.

Three-gable barns are somewhat rare in Adams County so the survey team relished the opportunity to photograph, measure and record the architectural details of such a barn that has been so well maintained.



Barn survey team members (L to R): Kendra Debany, Marcia Kile, Bruce Kile, and Curt Musselman with Barn Register #400 owners Wayne, Leila and Sarah Flickinger. There are approximately 1,500 historic barns in Adams County.

One for the Record Books!

2023 BarnArt Show & Sale



Above: (From L to R) ACNB Sponsor, Christine Settle; Dawn Whitmore, 2nd Place Photography; Jaci Rice, 1st Place Fine Art; Open Minds Sponsor, Jay Mackie; John McNulty, 2nd Place Fine Art; Andrew Muenzfeld, 1st Place Photography; Event Sponsor, Dave Salisbury

More than 50 local and regional artists registered to take part in the 2023 BarnArt Show and Sale, the most ever in the event's fifteen year history. "Artists' Choice Award" went to Paul Flury, and Jim Lauritsen's art received the "People's Choice Award."

Below: Following the awards presentations, the capacity crowd attending the Opening Night Reception of the BarnArt Show, raise their glasses for a resounding toast, "FOR THE BARNS!"

If you attended the Opening Night Reception, you couldn't help but feel the excitement! Artists from Adams County and the surrounding area, along with participants from Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia exhibited 108 works of art depicting barns or details of barns.

A special feature this year was a display of photos by Gettysburg Times photographer, Darryl Wheeler. His collection of images titled, "Gone, But Not Forgotten," highlighted barns that have disappeared from the Adams County landscape.

Heartfelt thanks go out to exhibit curator, Paul Mangan, Dickinson College art faculty member and BarnArt Show artistic judge, Tony Cervino, the event sponsors, the artists, the many stalwart HGAC volunteers, and most of all, to the owners of historic barns in Adams County.



A man goes to the funeral of a friend and happens to sit next to the widow. After a bit he leans over and asks if he could say a word.

He walks to the pulpit, turns to the congregation and says, "Plethora." He goes back and sits next to the widow again. She turns to him and says, "Thank you, that means a lot."

Farmer Joe on his way to town passes his neighbor who is cutting notches in the top of the stable door of his barn. When Joe asked why, he was told that the neighbor had just purchased a new mule, and that his ears were too long to fit through the stable door.

Joe suggested that he should just dig to lower the ground floor.

The farmer replied, "It's his ears that are too long, not his LEGS."

If you're 72 or older, please consider making a gift to Historic Gettysburg Adams County (HGAC) out of the annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Ask your retirement plan administrator to make a qualified charitable distribution directly to HGAC. To contact HGAC, visit www.HGACOnline.org or call (717) 334-5185. Turn part of your RMD into a Real Meaningful Donation!



SHERWIN WILLIAMS

Remember, now that your barn has been surveyed and entered into the HGAC Adams County Barn Registry, you can receive a discount on paint for your barn at the Gettysburg Sherwin-Williams Store. Barn owners like you, can enjoy 50% off the price of paint for your barn, up to a \$500 purchase. Simply tell them the Barn Registry number that was assigned to your barn.

For details visit HGACOnline.org

HGAC DATE BOOK

McAllister's Mill Underground Railroad Tours: Saturday mornings at 11 a.m. from May through August at 1360 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg

**HGAC Annual Summer Picnic: Sunday, August 27 at the Battlefield B&B 2264 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg
Bring a covered dish. Please RSVP by Aug. 14**

**An Evening with the Murals: Explore the life and times of artist, Virginia McLaughlin, Friday, Nov. 3 at the GAR Hall
Adams County Community Foundation Giving Spree: Thursday, November 9th**

HGAC Homespun Christmas and Holiday Market: Friday, Dec. 1 through Sunday, Dec. 3 at the G.A.R. Hall

HGAC maintains an "Artisan Listing" with names of reliable carpenters, timber framers, masons, roofers, painters and other contractors who have been recommended by HGAC members. Visit: www.HGACOnline.org and Click on "Artisan Listing."



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Contact HGAC at (717) 334-5185 or email to hstgettyac@aol.com

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