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BarnArt Show and Sale returns in June!

HGAC's 15th annual BarnArt Show and Sale will feature a full house of 50 artists at the historic G.A.R. Hall, beginning with opening night on Friday, June 9 and running through Sunday June 11.

For the first time, the show will host a total of 50 artists from Adams County and the surrounding area, in addition to those traveling from Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. All the artworks accepted into this unique exhibit must include a representation of a barn or a detail of a barn.

The exhibit will be held at the historic G.A.R. Hall at 53 East Middle St. in Gettysburg. All three exhibition days are free and open to the public. Proceeds from this popular event will benefit the Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program sponsored by HGAC.

The Opening Night Reception on Friday, June 9 will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The exhibit will then be open to the public on Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, June 11, from noon until 4 p.m.

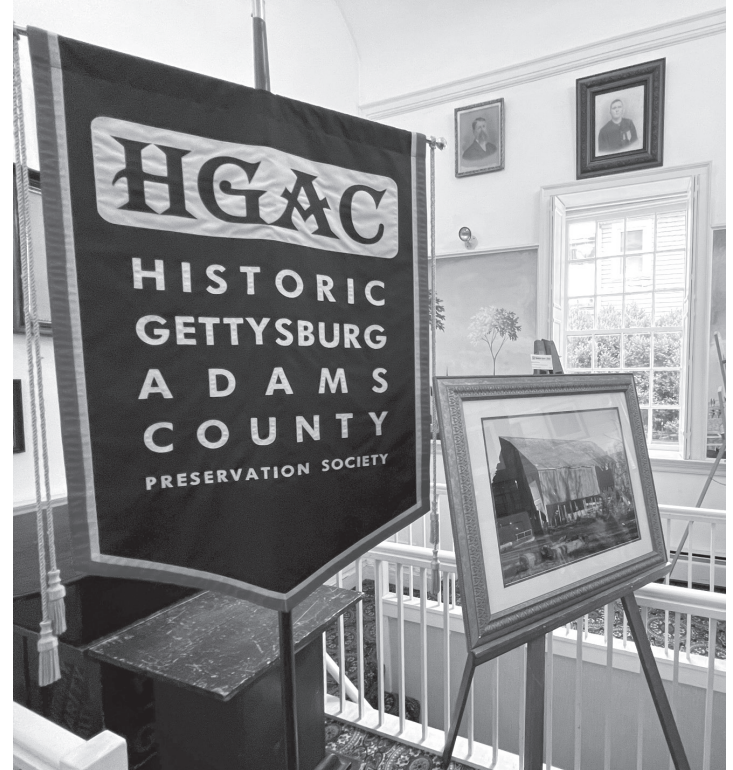
Winners of awards will be announced during the Friday night reception at 7:30 p.m. Two cash prizes of \$1,000 will be awarded: one for Best of Show in Fine Art, and one for Best of Show in Photography. Opening Night attendees can cast their votes for the ever-popular "People's Choice Award." The "Artists' Choice Award" will be given to the artwork voted best by participating artists.

The special feature of this year's BarnArt Show and Sale will be a display of barn photographs taken by Gettysburg Times photographer, Darryl Wheeler. The collection of Wheeler's images is titled, "Gone, But Not Forgotten," and will highlight historic barns that once graced Adams County's rural landscape.

If you like barns and if you like art, then this event is for you! Come see the show that some say is the "largest collection of barn art under one roof."

For more information contact BarnArt exhibit curator, Paul Mangan at 717-357-3145 or Bob McIlhenny at 717-420-6500.

Please note: The G.A.R. hall is now at capacity for the BarnArt exhibit and can no longer accept additional artist registrations.



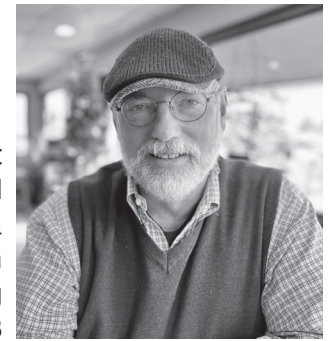
BarnArt and Barn Tour Sponsorships available

Do you want to help sponsor HGAC's BarnArt Show or the 2023 Historic Barns Tour, or BOTH? You can donate as a sponsor online.

To review the Sponsorship Prospectus and Sponsorship Order Form, please visit hgaconline.org and click on the DONATE link at the top of the home page.

President's letter

Spring meeting and spring spruce-ups



Spring is once again upon us — and that means it's time to get together for the HGAC Annual Meeting. This year you are invited to join the HGAC Board of Directors and committee chairs for a sit down dinner at the historic Dobbin House in Gettysburg on Wednesday, May 24. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Announcements will be made about the 2023 Historic House and Historic Barn Awards.

On page 7 of this newsletter, you will find an invitation and an order form. Tickets will cost \$35 per person. You can mail in the form or go online to order at www.hgaconline.org. Tickets will be limited, so place your order soon!

As our programs and events get underway as winter finally fades, the HGAC board has undertaken some spring projects to spruce up the G.A.R. Hall. Trees have been cut and trimmed back from the east side of the building. The board has approved the renovation of the bathroom on the main floor of the hall, which will be finished before the BarnArt Show begins. The worn information plaque on the sidewalk in the front of the building has been replaced with a clean copy, courtesy of MainStreet Gettysburg.

And with the anticipation of the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg this July, the National Park Service has agreed to help HGAC clean both the Adams County Civil War monument in front of the building and the memorial to the original Methodist Church in the back of the building, along with the two cannons facing the street.

There's a lot of events and programs to look forward to this year – read all about what's coming up here in the newsletter.

Hope to see you at the May meeting!

Keith Schultz
HGAC President

Don't forget to renew your membership!

If you have not paid your membership dues yet, now is the time to send them in! You can mail in the membership form on the back of this newsletter. Or go online to www.hgaconline.org – click on the Membership link at the top of the homepage. You can then choose to pay via PayPal, or download a membership form. Membership forms can be mailed with checks to: HGAC, P.O. Box 4611, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Our members are the foundation of our organization, and the primary reason we pursue the many projects we undertake. Your contribution will be used to help fund our broad range of preservation projects.

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HGAC Sponsors Field Trip to National Preservation Training Center

Twenty-six Building Trades students from the Adams County Technical Institute, along with their instructor Dave Snyder, recently enjoyed a morning away from their crafts workshop – only to visit another workshop, this one at the National Preservation Training Center (NPTC) in Frederick, Md.

The field trip, sponsored and coordinated by the Investing in Youth Initiative of Historic Gettysburg-Adams County (HGAC), exposed the students to various facets of the work and training undertaken at the NPTC. Experienced National Park Service preservationists, who staffed the work stations, guided the students through extensive presentations on carpentry and wood-crafting.

The NPS guides also gave students an in-depth explanation of the scope of work a preservationist performs, along with describing the incredible challenges of working with significant historic structures and the range of tools used in the work. In addition, other trade crafts such as the science of paint and shellac, the challenges of historic glazing and the historic production of glass were covered.

The tour also included a look at warehouse operations as well as NPTC's state-of-the-art, hazardous lead removal/handling facility. Guides emphasized the importance of mathematics and chemistry as the knowledge that underlies this work. In all cases, the students learned specifically what a new hire would undergo in terms of training and expectations.

Lori Munson, the ACTI Workforce Development officer, and HGAC Barn Preservation Specialist David Maclay also accompanied the students and reinforced the continuing need for trades craftsmen in timber framing and masonry to help preserve the barns of Adams County.

As the visit concluded, Ranger Jessica Bender, an experienced NPS mason herself and currently the Training Administrator for the NPTC, shared information on two programs open to high school trades graduates. These programs can be thought of as “proving grounds” since the positions are not permanent government jobs but are either internships or temporary hires. In both cases, however, this experience would bolster an individual's job application when pursuing a permanent NPS position since the work would be performed under the supervision of an experienced NPS preservationist. Bender emphasized the continuing and growing need, and consequently, the opportunity that exists for young craftsmen to enter the preservationist workforce as the field is starting to show signs of stress from a shortage of workers.

Greg Kaufmann, HGAC coordinator for the Investing in Youth Initiative, summarized the experience as “exposing the students to another, valid career path to answer an important need” as opposed to residential housing or commercial building. Kaufmann also noted the NPTC workforce travels all over the United States to perform critical preservation work. So, if someone has a “wanderlust” to see the world, this career path presents such possibility.

As the students departed, they carried with them an understanding of both the career possibilities as well as the important role our NPS historic preservationists play in maintaining our nation's most significant historic structures for future generations.

– Article by Greg Kaufmann



Jessica Bender, NPTC Training Administrator and experienced mason, addresses the group explaining the mission of the center and the career opportunities available to building trades students.



Helen Kachur, a NPTC wood-crafter, explains the intricacies of paint and shellac in historic preservation to the students while Lori Munson, Workforce Development officer, observes.



Mark Andros, Supervisor of the NPTC wood-crafting section, discusses various wood-crafting skills expected of a new employee.

Architectural Salvage Warehouse opens at Daniel Lady Farm

Opening Day for HGAC's Architectural Salvage Warehouse on April 1 was a big success! Thanks to all who stopped by to browse and say hello. The take for the first day was more than \$1,100, all of which will go to support HGAC's varied preservation programs, as well as maintaining the G.A.R. Hall at 53 East Middle Street.

Warehouse days will be held the first and third Saturday of each month from April through October, at the historic Daniel Lady Farm, 986 Hanover Road in Gettysburg. The next dates the warehouse will be open are April 15; May 6 and 20; and June 2 and 19.

Our ASW managers, Kendra Kaufmann and Andie Donahue, the self-proclaimed "Salvage Sisters," and their highly skilled team of dedicated volunteers are re-energizing the warehouse with their unique brand of humor and a deep appreciation for the HGAC mission. Andie and Kendra have expanded the focus of the ASW to include creative upcycling of their acquisitions rather than just storing them as-is. When an item comes in, its condition is evaluated and its needs are determined. It may need to be repaired, refurbished, repainted, or simply cleaned a bit.

The Salvage Sisters believe that by reimagining, repurposing, or updating salvaged items, they can add value to the piece. With a bit of work and a good dose of creativity, unwanted cast-offs are made more appealing to a greater audience and become treasured keepsakes of their new owners.

So stop by and check out the 2023 inventory! Can't make it to the farm? Send an email to histgettyac@aol.com for an appointment to view warehouse items. If you wish to donate items to the warehouse, please email Kendra and Andie at the above email address.



Summer at Spangler returns for 2023 Season



A key pillar of HGAC's charter is education. Within the Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program, this education centers on our regal Pennsylvania Standard barns. Thanks to a continuing partnership with the Gettysburg Foundation, HGAC can promote knowledge of our Adams County barns through the family-friendly Summer at Spangler program.

This year will mark the third season for Summer at Spangler, which takes place at the George Spangler Barn and Farm, located at 488 Blacksmith Shop Road in Gettysburg. The barn is not only a stunning example of a Pennsylvania bank barn, but also was employed by the Union Army as a field hospital during the Battle of Gettysburg.

HGAC docents will be present from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Spangler barn on the following Sundays:

• June 11, 18, 25

• July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

• August 6, 13

Access to the farm on these dates is by shuttle only. Visitors can get shuttle tickets at the Visitor Center's ticket counter. See the Gettysburg Foundation's website for further specifics.

The Foundation also hosts three "Family Days" when admission is free and a visitor can drive directly onto the farm without the shuttle. These special days this year will be on the following Saturdays: May 27, September 2 and October 7. HGAC volunteers will be present on these dates also.

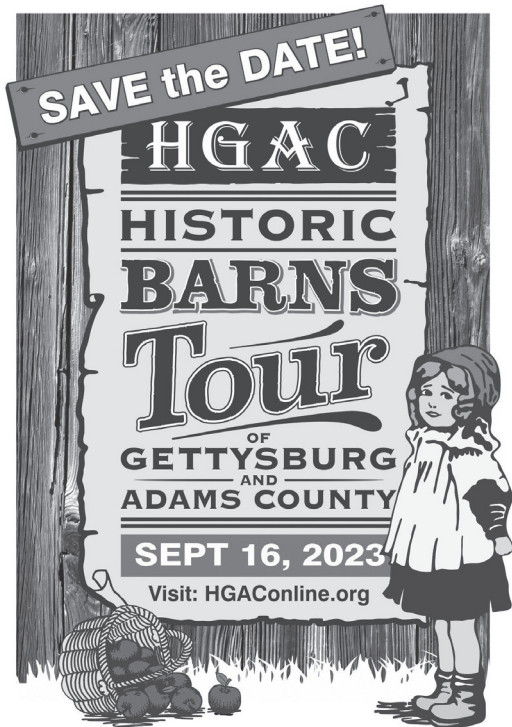
At Spangler, HGAC volunteers discuss not only the history of barns in our region and their agricultural use, but also highlight specific information on the Spangler barn such as design considerations and construction techniques. The informational, child friendly, hands-on display at the barn has historical tools, model joinery and construction diagrams. Come find out some little-known facts about our barns and the many aspects of their utilization over time.

... And speaking of the George Spangler Farm

HGAC would like to thank author Ron Kirkwood for his excellent and informative talk on the importance of the George Spangler Farm during the Battle of Gettysburg at the first Educational Speakers program for 2023 on March 21. Kirkwood is the author of *"Too Much for Human Endurance: The George Spangler Farm Hospitals and the Battle of Gettysburg"* and is currently working on a sequel.

In his talk at the G.A.R. hall, Kirkwood outlined why the George Spangler farm was the most important farm in the Battle of Gettysburg, revealing factors that have been overlooked for generations. During his presentation Kirkwood also talked about some newly found information about Confederate Brig. Gen. Lewis A. Armistead's time at Spangler and described how the Spangler family and their farm suffered while their land was occupied.





HGAC 2023 Historic Barns Tour of Gettysburg & Adams County

Save the date! Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023. Rain or Shine

Hours of the Tour are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Features six historic barns in Gettysburg/Adams County area.

Proceeds benefit the HGAC Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program.

The tour starts at the Historic Round Barn at 298 Cashtown Road, Biglerville, PA 17307. Check-In to start the tour is from 10 a.m. until Noon at the Round Barn.

Price is \$35 per adult in advance, Kids under 18 are FREE!

Click on www.hgaonline.org to purchase tickets on Eventbrite.

Day of event price is \$40 per adult

Children and youth must be accompanied by an adult

After checking in at the Round Barn, participants will receive a tour booklet with information about the Tour and a map showing the locations of the barns as well as other points of interest. After exploring the Round Barn, participants may then drive to any barn, in any order and stay as long as they like.

Take an Underground Railroad Tour with HGAC

Beginning in May, HGAC's Underground Railroad tours will be conducted weekly at McAllister's Mill, located adjacent to the National Military Park on 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. from May through August.

The site, now a ruin with foundations and waterways still intact, was 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. Suggested donations are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. All contributions support HGAC's preservation activities.

For more information, please call 717-659-8827.



Have you taken the Barn Quest challenge yet?

"Barn Quest for Youth" is a windshield scavenger hunt for architectural features of historic Pennsylvania barns. The challenge of Barn Quest is to locate, identify, and learn about 12 interesting exterior details of the Pennsylvania bank barns that are so unique to our region.

As part of HGAC's Youth Initiative, Barn Quest encourages all youth to become invested in the preservation of our architectural heritage. Kids under age 18 who submit their completed Barn Quest forms are entered into a drawing held on October 31 each year. Last year, eight Barn Quest winners were selected and all received valuable prizes.

To get your copy of the Barn Quest form, contact HGAC at histgettyac@aol.com or try the Barn Quest challenge online by visiting hgaonline.org. Try taking a drive in the country some afternoon, and take the Barn Quest challenge with your kids and grandkids!

HGAC ANNUAL MEETING AT THE DOBBIN HOUSE

Come join us for the HGAC Annual Dinner Meeting at the historic Dobbin House
Wednesday, May 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

- ★ Enjoy a sit-down dinner in the Abigail Adams Ballroom, with an entrée of your choice.
- ★ Help us celebrate the 2023 Historic House and the Barn of the Year awards
- ★ Learn what HGAC has planned for 2023.
- ★ Hope to see you there!

The Dobbin House is located at:

89 Steinwehr Avenue • Gettysburg 17325 • 717-334-2100



Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Cash Bar and cheese plate until 6:15 p.m. when dinner will be served

Please choose your entrée(s)

- _____ Filet Mignon
- _____ Maryland Colony Crabcake
- _____ Hunter-style Chicken
- _____ Vegetable Pasta

Program begins at 7 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$35 per person and are limited, so purchase yours now!

Yes, I plan on attending _____ Number of guests _____

Name _____

Email address/phone number _____



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