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Giving Spree—Your Opportunity to Give Now and Forever

Show your support for HGAC! On November 5, the Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF) will be conducting the 2021 Giving Spree as a way for donors to support community organizations like HGAC. Donors have been quite generous with gifts to HGAC at previous Giving Sprees. Our goal is to again raise \$15,000. You have a choice of giving a donation for Today, Forever or Both.

Last year, Giving Spree donors gave \$15,284. Of that, 43 donors contributed \$7,843 to the general fund. We seek your help in meeting or exceeding those contributions to help replace money that might have been contributed through other fund-raising efforts but were cancelled due to Covid-19.

Thanks to 16 Founding Donors, we established the new HGAC Endowment Fund with \$7,441. This year, we want to expand the endowment to support priorities of HGAC such as the Investing in Youth Initiative. We need more than \$10,000 to be eligible to receive payouts from investments.

The HGAC endowment is a simple and forever way for our members and supporters to contribute to the ongoing mission of HGAC. Today gifts will support immediate needs; Forever gifts will support growth of HGAC.

The form to submit with your Today and/or Forever gift is included in the mailing with this newsletter. Be sure to include both our name and number: HGAC, number 53.

You have three methods for submitting your donation:

1. Drop off gifts at the Gettysburg Times, 1570 Fairfield Road in Gettysburg, on Friday, November 5, between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.
 2. Mail gifts using the donation form in time to arrive at ACCF by November 5.
Note: Please mail early to avoid any delays in mail delivery.
 3. Give on-line at ACCFGivingSpree.org on November 5.
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SUMMER AT SPANGLER A SUCCESS!

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Old friends, met. New friends, made. Over the course of 11 days this summer at the George Spangler Barn, eight Preservation Committee volunteers shared their love for and knowledge of our beautiful Pennsylvania barns with many people.

Of course, it was expected that "old friends" of barns would visit and share their own stories with us. One particular story stands out. A young family from Ohio was visiting for the July 4th holiday weekend. After

explaining the barn preservation project and HGAC barn grant program, volunteers began specifying details to be found in the barn. The father interrupted us when we got to the hay trolley carrier system, and shared how he and his siblings would use the hay trolley at their barn, riding it until it released and dropped them into a hay mow. We all agreed this activity must have been the inspiration for today's zip line craze! Another visitor from western Pennsylvania shared that in his area, the barns are called "plank" barns. These encounters highlight the two-way interaction with our visitors -- our volunteers also learned even more about the wonderful world of barns.

Many people who had never encountered a barn, except in passing along a country road, were entranced with the Spangler Barn's simple complexity. Explaining the joinery, the interaction of the two barn levels, and the seeming timelessness of the bent's construction all served to introduce "new friends" to this iconic structure. Our display, which enabled visitors to handle the model scarfs and mortise and tenon types, gave visitors the appreciation of the challenges faced by those long-ago builders. Many visitors, especially those from metropolitan areas, had never considered the true nature of barns and use of these wonderful structures.

An added bonus was having the new Barn Quest architectural scavenger hunt to share with young people as the summer was coming to a close. The challenge to find features on these barns increased their engagement with our barns, an engagement hopefully to be carried on in the future.

The Gettysburg Foundation also asked us to participate in their Family Day programs at the Spangler Farm. Held in May, September, and October, this was another opportunity to spread the message of our Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program. The partnership HGAC has now firmly established with the Foundation (including its support of the Investing In Youth Initiative) will continue to support HGAC's preservation mission. We look forward to future cooperation!

Finally, thanks to all the volunteers who devoted many hot hours to the program. Ultimately, it was your passion for the barns that made Summer at Spangler such a success!



FOR THE BARN!

Bob McIlhenny, HGAC Barn Tour event

There's a lot of truth to the old saying that "You get out of something what you put into it." The HGAC Historic Barns Tour of Gettysburg and Adams County proved that's true! On Saturday, September 18, seven barn owners and 64 volunteers generously donated hundreds of hours of their time to advance HGAC's mission to preserve these architectural icons of Adams County's rural character. It was a good day for historic barns in Adams County!

Led by Curt Musselman and event chair Bob McIlhenny, the HGAC Preservation Committee welcomed 250 participants to the Barn Tour and brought in over \$14,000. Proceeds from the Barn Tour benefit the HGAC Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program, providing funds to barn owners to make needed repairs.

The tour started at the well-known **Historic Round Barn** where manager Jessica Knouse provided valuable advice and hospitality. After checking in, and receiving their Barn Tour booklet and map, participants could drive to any of the other six barns in any order and stay as long as they liked.

The tour included the **Musselman Barn** owned by Curt Musselman and Cecelia Brown. It featured a timber framing demonstration by Lee Sornson and David Maclay, apple cider pressing and tasting by Ben Wenk and Ploughman Farm Cider, and frisky goats to pet.

Owners **Marty and Sheila Fees** welcomed guests to their barn near Cashtown. It featured rabbits to hold and pet, courtesy of Chloe Plesic and her parents, Becky and Chris Plesic of mega-award-winning CP Rabbitry in York Springs.

The **Schulteis Barn** on Quaker Valley Road is owned by Winn and Winifred Schulteis. Up on the threshing floor visitors learned about local Quaker culture during the 19th century with historians Deb McCauslin and Judy Pyle. Deb Conrad and members of the 'Panera Tatters' demonstrated the ancient art of tatting and lace-making. The high point of the day was the ribbon cutting to dedicate the new barn "bridge." Young J.C. Schulteis, who helped build the bridge, had the honor of cutting the ribbon as Gettysburg Times photographer Darryl Wheeler captured the historic moment.

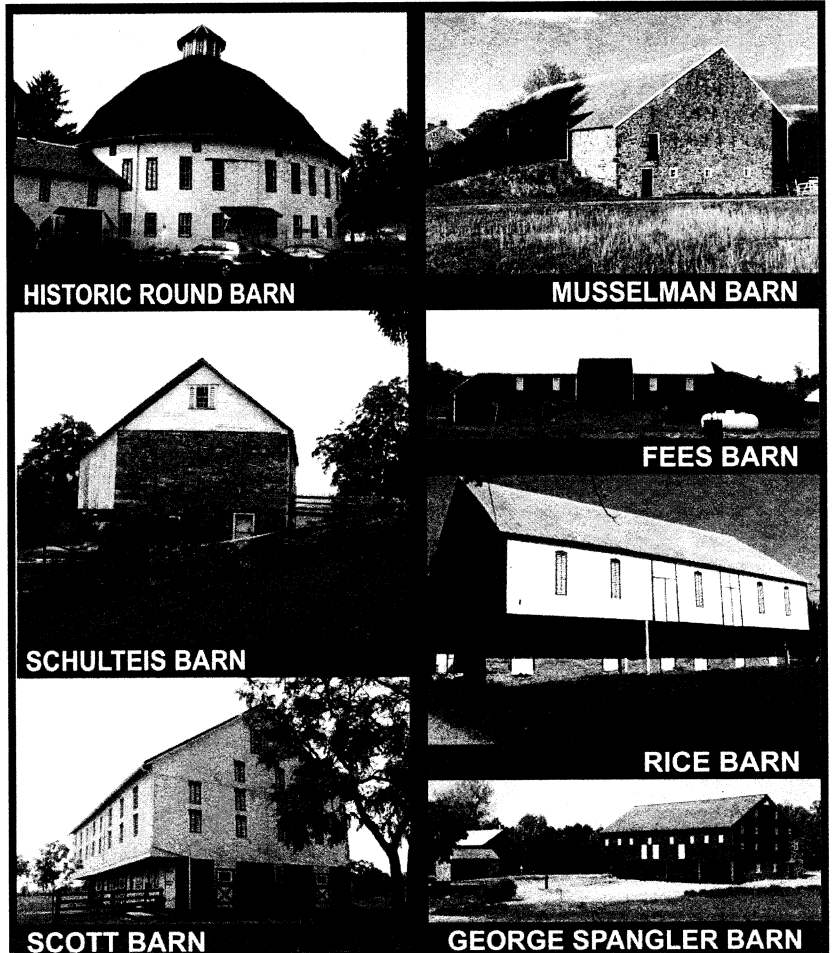
The **Rice Barn** on Cline's Church Road was all about apples! John and Vanessa Rice offered tastings of several varieties of their locally grown apples, and sent guests home with complimentary bags of the apples they liked best. Folks from Good Intent Cider offered tastings and sales of their delicious hard ciders.

Visitors to the **Scott Barn** on Scott Road were welcomed by owners, David and Cynthia Salisbury, whose Civil Acres farm is preserved through an easement held by the Land Conservancy of Adams County. Representatives from the Conservancy were on hand to explain the parallels between its mission of rural land preservation and that of HGAC's mission of historic preservation in Adams County. After all, the Conservancy has a barn in its logo! Local artists who support both organizations were on hand creating paintings 'en plein air.' Thanks to Dianne Lorden, Sarah Maclay, Freya Qually, Don Rinehart and Tom Rooney for their time and talents.

The tour also enjoyed the hospitality of the Gettysburg Foundation at the **George Spangler Farm & Field Hospital** where docents provided an overview of the farm's role during the great battle. Representatives from the design and engineering firm Warehaus York were on hand to describe overseeing the property's extensive renovations. The National Riding Stables of Gettysburg provided a horseback riding demonstration of Civil War cavalry maneuvers in the fields surrounding the barn.

Heartfelt thanks go out to all our many event sponsors, the barn owners, the HGAC guides who staffed each barn and to the many friends who volunteered to make this day a resounding success as both a friend raiser and a fund raiser for HGAC's mission of historic preservation. Thanks also to the excellent event coverage by the Gettysburg Times and help from Destination Gettysburg to get the word out.

From the HGAC Preservation Committee, we offer this high spirited toast "For the Barns!"





A Scavenger Hunt for Architectural Features of Historic BARNS in Adams County

www.HGAConline.org

Introducing "Barn Quest" for Youth!

During the Barn Tour on September 18, the HGAC Investing in Youth Initiative introduced a new activity designed just for young folks.

Barn Quest is a scavenger hunt designed to identify exterior architectural features found on historic Pennsylvania barns. Kids under 18 who take the Barn Quest challenge and return their results to HGAC no later than October 31 will be entered into a drawing to win valuable prizes. Players do not need to be present to win. Grown-ups are welcome to play Barn Quest, but you must be under 18 to win prizes.

The Pennsylvania barn is very common in south central Pennsylvania and northern Maryland, and is easily identified by two distinctive features. A forebay or overhang on the front of the barn provides shelter to the stable doors for livestock in the lower level of the barn. And a bank or built-up earthen ramp on the back of the barn provides access for wagons to enter the threshing floor on the upper level of the barn where hay, straw and grain are stored.

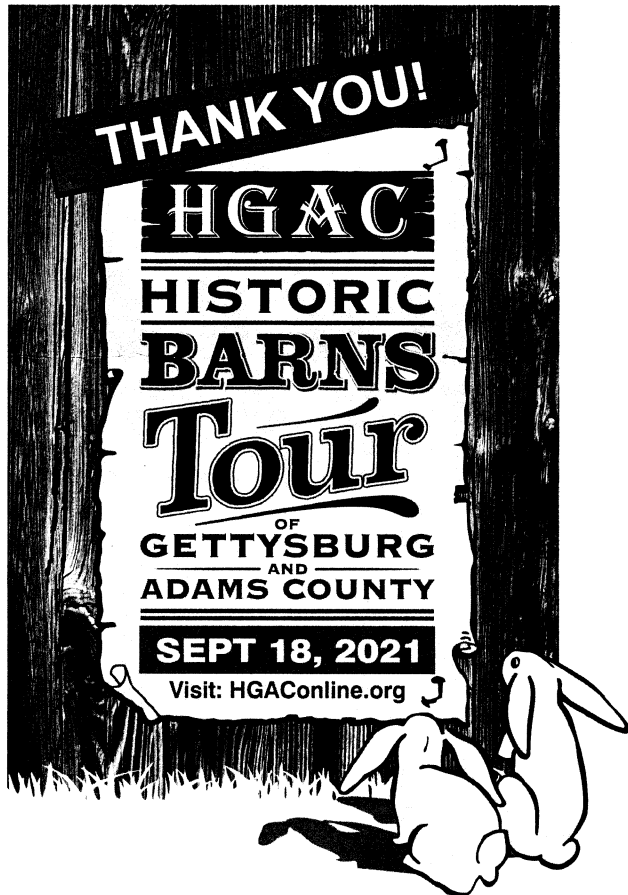
The Barn Quest scavenger hunt challenges participants to find a total of 12 exterior features on barns, such as: a Dutch door, a loafing shed, a cupola, loopholes and quoins. The name of the road or street where the feature was seen on a barn must also be noted.

To play Barn Quest on line, just use your device to read the QR code printed below, or visit www.HGAConline.org and click on "Barn Quest." To receive a hardcopy version, contact Bob McIlhenny at 717-420-6500 or email him at RMcilhenny@comcast.net.



Teachers and home schoolers are welcome to request extra copies of Barn Quest for their classes.

The HGAC September Barn Tour and new youth Barn Quest were featured in the September/October edition of the Companion magazine. Be sure to read what the youth had to say about the Barn Quest. Thank you to the Gettysburg Times editor, writer and photographer for such a thorough story!



Donors and Board Members Tour Spangler Barn

Investing in Youth donors and the HGAC board toured the George Spangler Barn on August 28. Experienced HGAC barn guides provided the tour after a welcome from Paul Semanek, Spangler Farm Site Coordinator, representing our partner, the Gettysburg Foundation.

The Barn is not only a historic treasure but this May was the site of the Learning Lab for youth in the building and media trades. It will also be the site for the October Learning Lab. Thanks to the Gettysburg Foundation for hosting these events.

Interim Office Manager Appointed

The HGAC Board of Directors voted in its October 7 meeting to appoint HGAC Secretary Coleen Dee Berry as interim office manager, beginning immediately. Dee has spent the past 50 years working as a reporter, editor and publicist and has experience in managing both web content and social media. She will work in the HGAC office at the GAR building several days a week, while a search is conducted to fill the current vacant position.

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NEW LOCATION!



Christmas Tree Sales to benefit HGAC

Bruce Kile is once again offering Christmas Tree sales to benefit HGAC.

Five dollars from the sale of each tree will be donated to the G.A.R. Hall building fund!

The trees will be available for sale after Thanksgiving. Bruce will cut and load your tree. There will be many sizes to choose from.

*If interested: Call or email Bruce Kile, 717-334-7854,
bwkile@gmail.com*



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