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"For the Barns!"

Travel back in time and enjoy this rare opportunity to visit inside seven historic barns near Gettysburg.

HGAC presents the "Historic Barns Tour of Gettysburg and Adams County" on Saturday, September 18 from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm.

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. There will be animals to see and pet!

Check-in time to start the Tour is from 10:00 am until noon at the Historic Round Barn.

Admission is \$35 per adult in advance and \$40 on the day of the Tour. Youth under age 18 are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. "We are hoping that parents and grandparents will bring their kids to see these great old barns. Photographers, bring your cameras!" said event chair, Bob McIlhenny.

After checking in and exploring the Historic Round Barn and Farm Market, guests can drive to the other six barns in any order and stay as long as they like. There will be a scavenger hunt called "Barn Quest" for students to identify architectural details of Adams County barns.

Proceeds from this rain or shine event will benefit the award-winning HGAC Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program. In 2020 the HGAC Barn Preservation Project was selected by Preservation Pennsylvania to receive the "Henry A. Jordan Award" for outstanding historic preservation efforts at the local level. Since 2013, HGAC has provided matching grant funding to owners of historic barns in Adams County to make needed repairs.

Learn about these icons of Adams County's vernacular architecture. All the barns on the Tour (other than the Round Barn) are of a construction style known as the Pennsylvania Barn. They all share two distinctive features: 1. there is an entrance to the second floor of the barn for wagons by means of a ramp or bank of built-up earth and 2. The front of the barn has a cantilevered forebay that is an extension of the upper floor that overhangs and shelters the entrance to the livestock stables on the lower level.

Each barn on this unique Tour will feature activities that are fun and educational. The Rice Fruit Company will be offering several varieties of their locally grown apples for tasting and eating. There will be a timber framing demonstration and fresh pressed apple juice to taste. Other activities will include plein air artists at work, a quilt display and demonstrations of tatting and lace making by the Panera Tatters. Living historians will discuss mid-19th century Quaker culture in Upper Adams County and their work to help freedom seekers. There will be



"This Pennsylvania bank barn in Southwestern Adams County is one of seven barns you will be able to visit during this year's HGAC Historic Barn Tour of Gettysburg and Adams County."

a horse show demonstrating riding skills used by Cavalry during the Civil War and explanations of Civil War era medical practices by living historians at the George Spangler Farm through the courtesy of the Gettysburg Foundation. Local cider producers, Ploughman Cider and Good Intent Cider will offer cider tastings. Special guest, Chloe Plesic of CP Rabbitry will be on hand to charm everyone with her blue ribbon-winning rabbits.

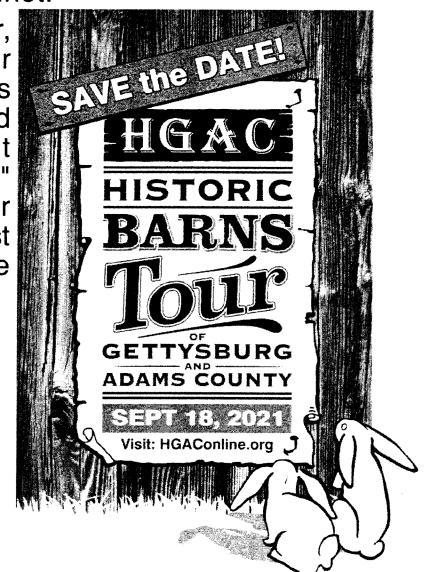
To purchase registrations for the "Historic Barns Tour" by credit card or personal check, visit the HGAC website at www.HGACOnline.org

Pre-tour registration ends Sept. 11. Event Sponsorships are also available on line.

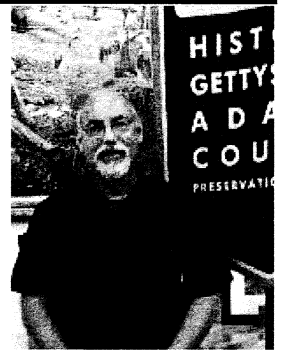
Registrations will be available on the day of the Tour at the Historic Round Barn for \$40 per adult. Cash or check preferred at that time.

For additional information, contact event chair, Bob McIlhenny at 717-420-6500 or RMcilhenny@comcast.net or Curt Musselman at 717-659-8827 or shinbone605@comcast.net.

After the Barn Tour, participants, volunteer event staff, barn owners and friends are invited to an informal Dutch treat happy hour "Gathering" at the Thirsty Farmer Brew Works located just across the road from the Historic Round Barn.



Preserve and Change ...



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Welcome to the Historic Gettysburg-Adams County Preservation Society (HGAC) newsletter. The last 18 months have been filled with changes that have touched everyone in many ways. Public activities like our annual meeting and dinner were postponed. However, HGAC work continued—all closely tied to our roots, our foundation and our mission statement.

Committee work, programs and task forces put in the effort to continue or launch activities that will make you proud to be associated with HGAC. We cannot thank you enough for your membership, your support and/or your participation.

Anne Zabawa, immediate past president, has been the soul of HGAC. I am humbled to pick up from where Anne has taken us. New officers and a quorum of new board of directors stepped up to leading HGAC at the June board meeting. An exciting time is ahead as we go public in 2021 and beyond. Planning and organizing is continuing with renewed energy. We look forward to accomplishing our preservation goals.

Congratulations to the new officers, new board members, staff, committee members and volunteers. Congratulations to all the membership and supporters as you have come through difficult and uncertain times. Our thoughts, prayers and optimism are for you and for a strong, healthy and energized future.

As Anne once said, "HGAC has been an integral part of what makes and keeps Adams County historically strong." I couldn't agree more. Your support and participation will allow for continuing and new projects, funding, education and investment in our youth ultimately leading to preserving the historic assets of Adams County. We pledge to:

- Broaden our communication so you can fully participate and take advantage of what your HGAC has to offer
- Highlight talents, experiences and skills of our new board members
- Provide information about programs in a timely way
- Offer opportunities for you to volunteer, share your enthusiasm and to connect.

I appreciate you reading this brief note of commitment to Preserve and to Change here at Historic Gettysburg Adams County Preservation Society. I considered the idea of just writing, "pardon our dust, under construction." However, that wouldn't be fair to the incredible work completed during the pandemic. In this newsletter, you can read of some of that work and we'll be bringing more to your attention – far more than construction dust! We'll stay in touch so please check www.HGACOnline.org for updates, contact information and detail.

In closing, author William Faulkner is quoted as saying, "History is not was, it is." I had to read it several times until it made perfect sense. Our place in History is. We are changing so we can preserve. Thank you for the opportunity to take this journey and to serve with you.

Keith J. Schultz
HGAC President



photo by Gettysburg Times / John Armstrong

Summer at Spangler Mid-summer Update

Stop splayed, undersquinted scarf joints; hay trolley, grapple, and track; oak, poplar, and chestnut timbers; marriage marks on ghost mortices: these highlights and more are just a few of the many wonderful details the George Spangler barn holds within its preserved structure. More importantly, the many other secrets scattered throughout the barn are revealed by the HGAC Preservation Committee docents during the "Summer at Spangler" program on Sundays at the George Spangler Farm, a partnership with the Gettysburg Foundation. The HGAC docents have enjoyed an engaging flow of visitors from many different states and have introduced them to the wonders of our magnificent Pennsylvania barns. A visitor's initial contact is with a docent at the display table. There, being introduced to the Pennsylvania barn, they then learn of our award-winning HGAC Barn Preservation Project. Hands-on items such as scarf and mortise & tenon models, wooden pegs for joint reinforcement, and various period-correct tools help prepare the visitors for the more detailed tour of the barn then conducted by the docents. Not every visitor wants a tour, but all visitors have questions that the docents are able to answer. The interchanges have been fun, spirited, and informative for docents and visitors alike. A nice benefit has been the ability to promote not just the Barn Preservation Project but also the upcoming Historic Barn Tour on September 18th, in which the Spangler Barn will be a featured barn. The majority of visitors are from surrounding counties and other, close states, and the prospect of a day full of barns and activities clearly caught their fancy. Our "Summer at Spangler" will continue on Sundays through August 15th and we will make a special appearance at the Foundation's "Family Days" on September 4th and October 9th.

Questions? Contact Greg Kaufmann, gregkauf15@gmail.com.

See you at the barn!



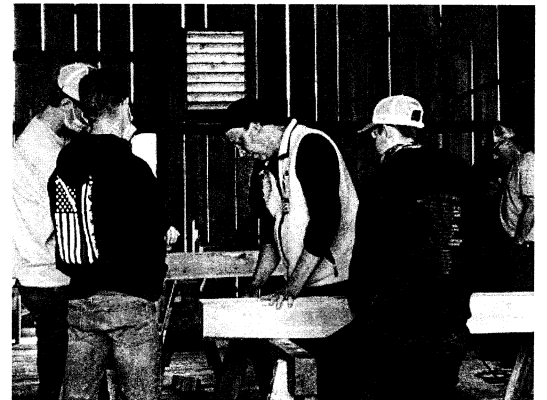
Successful Learning Lab at the George Spangler Farm

On May 5, 2021, the HGAC Investing in Youth Task Force once again engaged adults and youth in learning about historic buildings and building techniques. What did it take to have a successful historic preservation learning lab?

- 14 Adams County Technical Institute Building Trades Students
- 8 Gettysburg High School Media Students with both still and video cameras
- 1 teacher from each class
- 3 timber framers as lab instructors
- 2 guest speakers from WarehausAE
- 2 representatives of the Gettysburg Foundation
- 1 pilot of a picture taking drone
- 6 representatives of HGAC
- 1 registered historic barn

In partnership with the Gettysburg Foundation, we were able to host students at the historic Spangler Farm. WarehausAE, the architecture firm that handled the farmstead restoration, shared pictures, information and a student-popular 3-D rendition of the barn. Timber framers displayed historic building tools; demonstrated building techniques and guided students in creating a model support structure. Media students captured the learning lab with their cameras.

Our thanks to all who made the day possible with your time, talents and donations.



student's learning how to build a bent.



student videographer recording the students building the bent.



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We will be happy to set-up a time for delivery of your donations or to make purchases at your convenience.

All proceeds of our sales and additional donations will help fund HGAC's preservation efforts in Adams County, as well as the upkeep of our historic G.A.R. Hall.

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To view new items in our inventory: <https://www.facebook.com/HGACOnline.org/>



EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS PROGRAMS

August 17, 2021 "Fights for the Flag at Gettysburg"

Licensed Battlefield Guide Deb Novotny is a retired American History Teacher from Gettysburg High School. She is an expert on Evergreen Cemetery and the civilians buried there. She has been a Licensed Battlefield Guide since 1975.

"It was a great honor to carry the flag for your regiment. There are so many interesting stories involving the flags during the Battle of Gettysburg." Join Licensed Battlefield Guide Deb Novotny as she shares some of the stories of the brave soldiers, both North and South, as they captured or defended the Flag. Hear about the ruse of the 149th PA, the Railroad Cut 2nd MS, Sgt. Benjamin Crippen, W.F. Faucette, a flag captured and never returned, mending the flag staff during the fight, and many more stories.



September 21, 2021 Deb McCauslin introduces "Veterans of the U.S. Colored Troops from Gettysburg and Adams County."

October 19, 2021, Licensed Gettysburg Town Guide, Elaine Leslie introduces "Rosie the Riveter, Don't Mess with Harry the Neck and other Gettysburg Town Unknowns."

Please see our website for more information on our upcoming programs.

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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.**

A HOMESPUN Christmas in the Making!

Homespun Christmas is gearing up for a phenomenal Christmas Season 2021!

All of the Homespun committee elves are working hard to bring you homemade and semi homemade items to give to your friends, family, and others.

Our "baker elves" will be baking up a blizzard of yummy treats for everyone!

Let's not forget Mamie Eisenhower's amazing fudge that we will also be selling for gift-giving.

This year's Homespun Christmas is scheduled for Saturday, December 4th from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

We hope to see you all there!

Colleen Lingle
Chairperson



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