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HGAC 2020 HOUSE AWARDS

Historic Gettysburg-Adams County recognized two home owners with 2020 House Award plaques. These annual awards are given in recognition for efforts to preserve, restore, and maintain historic homes in Adams County.



Patrick and Linda Spellman of Littlestown were recognized for **"The Shoemaker House,"** built in 1820. The house is constructed of log with a brick veneer and has been beautifully restored and maintains most of its original charm.



Joel and Cathy Hertz, owners of **"Shaker Ridge,"** circa - 1855, located in Bear Mountain just above Bendersville, received the second award for their reconstructed log home. Most of the work was done by the owners themselves, including handmade cabinetry, flooring, and all interior trim.

HGAC President Anne Zabawa and House Award Chairperson Dean Norwich presented the awards to the homeowners in early November.

The awards were the 144th and 145th presented by HGAC.

A Year Like No Other

As winter steps into place and the year 2020, a year like no other, is in our rearview mirror, I am deeply humbled.

Throughout 2020, HGAC had been blessed with the continued generosity of our members. Through donations and new memberships, media recognition and an outstanding result of over \$7,000.00 through the Giving Spree for our newly established Endowment, in addition to over \$7,000.00 for HGAC's benefit today. Supporters of HGAC have shown their unwavering commitment to HGAC and our endeavors for historic preservation. Please let me say THANK YOU on behalf of HGAC.

I wish to give a personal thank you to Curt Musselman, David Maclay and the Barn Preservation Committee for never losing site of the finish line for our grant through the South Mountain Partnership.

Even with the continuing and current restrictions due to Covid, our Committee Chairs and Laurie Harding, our Administrative Director have done an outstanding job of keeping HGAC on track as we worked through the difficulties of this past year.

As the New Year begins, I can only be grateful for new beginnings. One of the most precious is the birth of my new Grandson, Jackson Spencer Zabawa, born on December 14th. Named after his great, great, great, great grandfather Bloomfield Spencer, a soldier for the 12th NJ during the Battle of Gettysburg.

Jackson will grow up in here in Gettysburg, his home is the original "Wirt's Tavern" a historic home built in the 1700's. Documented notes say that George Washington stayed in little Jackson's home and sat on his front porch to watch the world go by, as Jackson will probably do in the future. There is no doubt in my mind that Jackson will learn the importance of historic preservation, through his parents and his grandparents and his great grandmother and become part of the future of historic preservation here in Adams County.

If all we do is instill the importance of our heritage and preservation of our heritage to the younger generation and to the brand-new generation, like little Jackson, perhaps we as a community can have faith that we will not lose what was important to those who have gone before us.

My best to you all in the New Year!

Anne S. Zabawa
HGAC President



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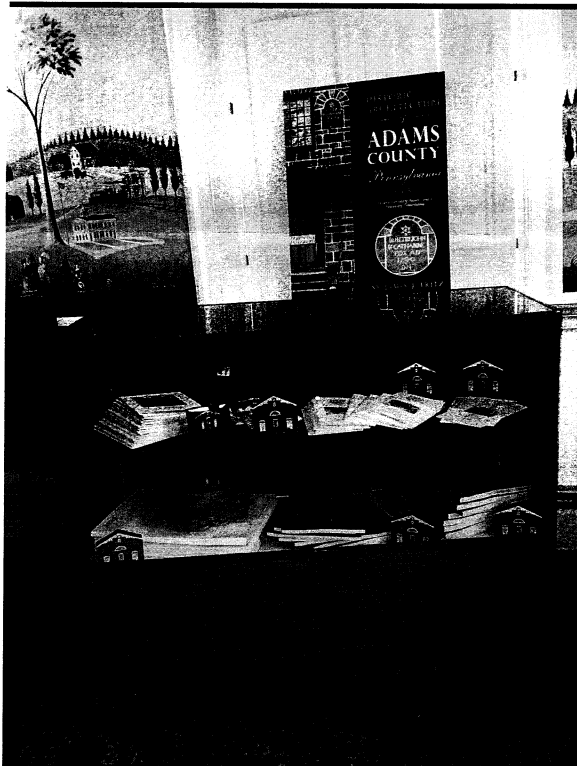
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Online Store

As you may know, fundraising and "name branding" is an important endeavor for HGAC so that we are able to achieve all our preservation missions.

Earlier this year, we saw a need for displaying our online store items and making them more accessible to people visiting the hall located at 53 E. Middle Street in Gettysburg. Laurie Harding reached out to board members for ideas. Bonnie Braun immediately stepped up and donated a beautiful display case. Once she and her husband Bill dropped the case off at the G.A.R. Hall ... Bob McIlhenny stepped up and thought of putting it on wheels for easier mobility. Roger Harding added doors and a lock ... and the shelves were stocked! Together, we are all proud of our new HGAC "store."

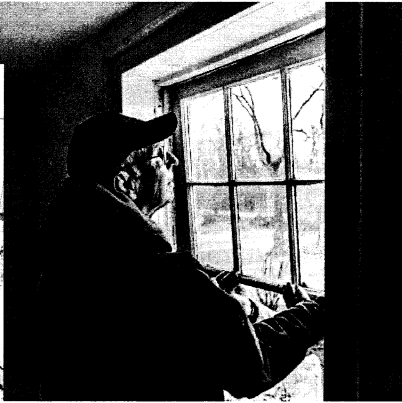
We plan to sell these items at our Education Seminars and all of our HGAC events, as well as on our online store. HGACOnline.org Use the drop down Menu to view these store items!

PRESERVING WHAT WE CAN

Photos by Loy Elliott



▲ Regina Hollar



▲ John Getterman



The idea for the **HGAC Architectural Salvage Warehouse** was born when HGAC members realized that many usable items being sent to landfills could be recycled or repurposed. Parts of old doors could be re-imagined into coffee tables, cupboards, bookcases, and benches. Window sashes could be reborn as large greenhouses, shadow boxes, and picture frames. With a little imagination, old rustic wheelbarrows, metal gates, galvanized tubs and buckets, and even metal beds could reappear as artistic additions to a garden landscape.

What a great idea: provide an ongoing local and inexpensive resource for historic and vintage architectural objects for re-use in today's restoration, renovation and decorating projects.

Owners of historic buildings and construction contractors donate architectural elements which are then sold by HGAC to fund its mission of historic preservation here in Adams County. It's a win-win situation: encouraging preservation while raising funds for HGAC's mission.

The **HGAC Architectural Salvage Warehouse** has a steady stream of old Civil War era windows, shutters, multi paneled doors, porch columns, wavy paned glass, old door locks, hinges and door knobs, vintage tools, old boards and wood molding, lamp parts and globes, split rail fencing, paver bricks and much much more. Most objects originate here in the historic Gettysburg and Adams County area.

Sometimes property owners invite Warehouse volunteers to visit de-construction sites to "salvage" as many objects as possible before demolition is complete (see photos). We encourage you to spread the word to your friends to look in their attic or in their barn to donate gems from by gone days covered in dust or behind cobwebs. So remember the

Warehouse when you need "seasoned" materials for your building or decorating projects.

At this time the **HGAC Architectural Salvage Warehouse** is open by appointment only for sales and donations. Donations can be made by scheduling a visit to the Warehouse, or by arranging for HGAC to pick up donated items. Remember that 100% of sales and donations benefit HGAC's preservation projects, and can be tax deductible.

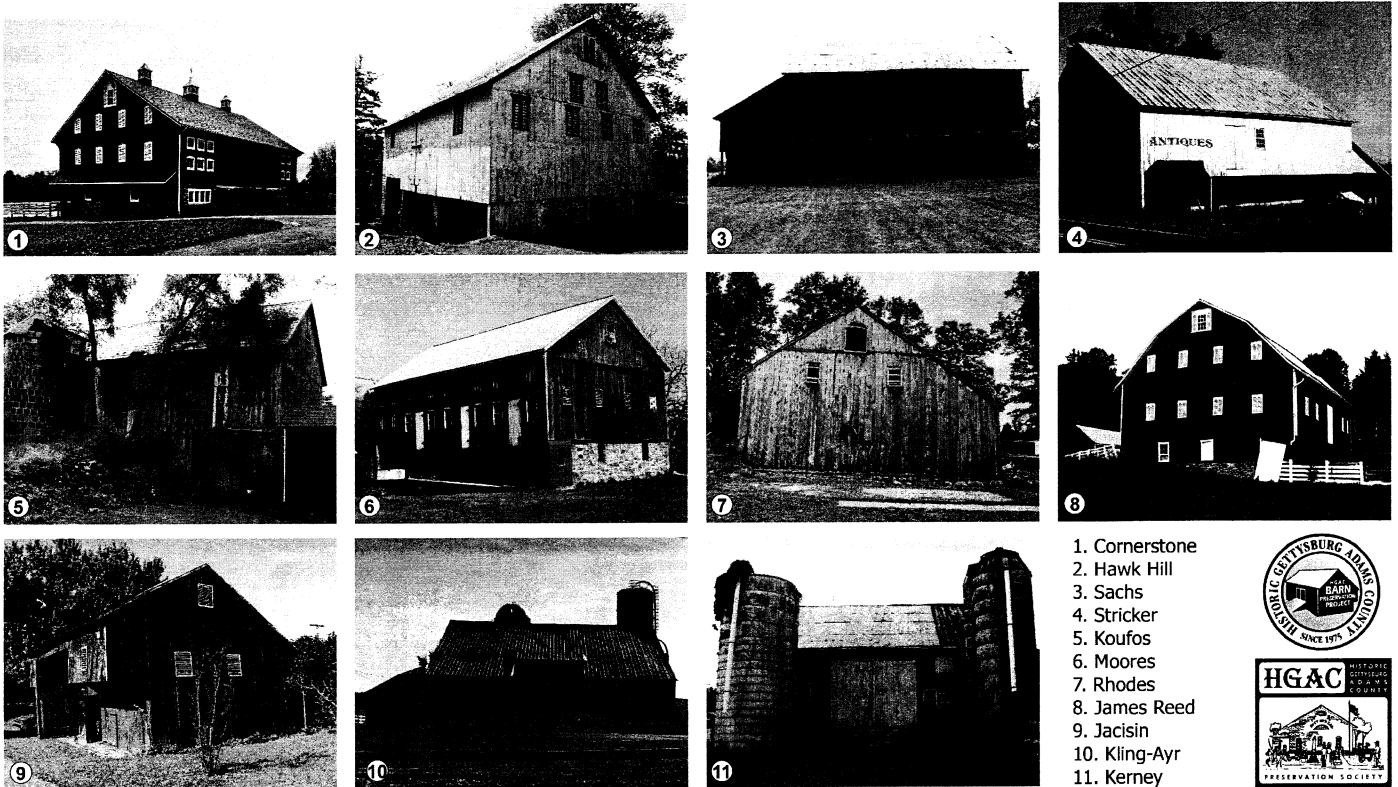
The Warehouse is located at the Daniel Lady Farm at 986 Hanover Road, Gettysburg on Rt. 116 just 5 minutes south from Lincoln Square in Gettysburg.

For more information about HGAC visit:

www.HGAConline.org

**To make a purchase or to schedule a donation contact
Barry Towers at 717-677-6400 or Regina Hollar at 717-334-8312.**

HGAC grants help preserve 11 barns this year



1. Cornerstone
2. Hawk Hill
3. Sachs
4. Stricker
5. Koufos
6. Moores
7. Rhodes
8. James Reed
9. Jacisin
10. Kling-Ayr
11. Kerney



Every year, Historic Gettysburg Adams County (HGAC), through its Barn Preservation Project and grant program makes funds available to owners of historic barns within Adams County, according to an HGAC release.

The maximum grant amount of \$2,500 must be matched by the barn owner's labor or a cash outlay of that amount for materials or contract labor. One of the goals of HGAC is to help fund as many barn preservation projects as possible and to help barn owners by providing technical advice and recommendations.

All projects are reviewed using 10 criteria contained in the grant guidelines including the visibility of the barn to the general public, the age of the barn, the need for immediate repairs and whether the work will help maintain the historic character of the barn. There are often a host of maintenance and preservation issues that barn owners are faced with, and HGAC's grants encourage taking on one project at a time rather than throwing in the towel and demolishing the barn.

The work being funded in 2020 includes roof replacement on three barns, roof coating, replacing gutters, replacing sills, post and piers, gable wall restoration, rebuilding a gable wall, replacing doors, repairing foundation masonry and replacing a barn ramp retaining wall, according to the release.

The barns being preserved this year are shown in the accompanying photos and can be found from Abbottstown to Fairfield and many places in between. Most of the barns can easily be seen from nearby paved roads.

Curt Musselman, executive director of the HGAC Barn Preservation Project, notes this is the largest number of grants to preserve barns on the HGAC Barn Register since grants were first provided by HGAC in 2013.

Our success is thanks to the generosity of our Barn Preservation Project sponsors including the Rice Fruit Company, the Knouse Foods Corporation, the ACNB Bank, the South Mountain Partnership, Beech Springs Farm, Future Stake Inc., the Gettysburg Times, Destination Gettysburg, Sherwin Williams and all of the other individuals who made donations to the John and Mary Horner Fund for Barn Preservation.

One thing that all of our donors have in common is that they value the contribution that these iconic structures make to our historic and largely rural communities. Many of these solidly built barns continue to serve the agriculture industry even though they may be fulfilling a different role than they were originally intended to carry out.

Historic barns no longer used in agriculture still help to preserve the agricultural settings and historic landscapes that are so important to the tourism industry and to preserving the rural character of Adams County.

If you would like to be a part of preserving the historic barns in Adams County by helping to sponsor the HGAC Barn Preservation Project, please get in touch with Bob McIlhenny, the project's director of development at 717-420-6500.

If you own a barn and want to be considered for a barn preservation grant in 2021, applications are now being accepted for consideration until March 1, 2021. Grants are only awarded to historic barns that are within Adams County and that are listed on the HGAC Barn Register.

At the present time, the register includes over 350 barns, which is about 24 percent of the historic barns in the county. Barns are added to the Register by HGAC, at the request of the barn owners.

Inclusion in the register provides recognition of the barn and the opportunity to participate in the HGAC grant program, but inclusion does not legally bind the owner in any way whatsoever.

It is expected that the grant money to be disbursed by HGAC in 2021 will help with the stabilization and repair of at least six more historic barns. Once again this year, additional funds are available to HGAC to be specifically awarded to barns in the Adams County Fruit Belt. Only two of the eleven barns receiving grant awards in 2020 were from within that region of the county.

There is no application fee to apply for the grant if the barn owner is an HGAC member. If an applicant is not an HGAC member for the year 2021, their application must include a check for \$25 to become a member of HGAC for the year.

Application guidelines and the application itself are available on-line at www.hgaconline.org. Click on "The Barn Preservation Project" link.

If you have questions about the grant program after having examined the materials on the HGAC website, or if you would like to have your barn added to the HGAC Barn Register, please call Curt Musselman at 717-659-8827 or send an email to shinbone605@comcast.net.

Giving Spree

November 5, 2020

ACCFGivingSpree.org

2020 Giving Spree a Big Success

Results were recently announced for the 2020 Giving Spree hosted by the Adams County Community Foundation. Altogether, 95 organizations received over \$2.14M. HGAC is pleased to share with you that donors (including stretch fund donors) contributed \$15,284 to HGAC.

Thanks to 16 "Founding Donors", we have \$7,441 (including stretch funds) in our new HGAC Endowment that will grow for future HGAC work. And, thanks to 43 donors, we added \$7,843 (including stretch funds) to the general account for immediate use by the Board. These funds help in replacing money that might have been contributed through normal fund-raising efforts. Ralph Serpe, ACCF Executive Director, personally complimented HGAC on doing so well with our initial HGAC Endowment fund raising.

In this time of immediate needs, our donors said it's important for HGAC to continue working, both now and into the future, to preserve historic Adams County. Perhaps donors value our historic barns and homes as a reminder that well-built, maintained, and/or repaired buildings outlast a disrupter like a pandemic.

What a great group of supporters we have. Clearly, you care about preservation and HGAC.

Thank you one and all.

The HGAC Board of Directors

EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS PROGRAMS

The 2021 HGAC Educational Speaker Programs which are held in the historic G.A.R Hall will remain on hold while the corona virus is still a major medical concern. The starting month is yet unknown. Thank you to the 2020 speakers who have agreed to present their programs in the new 2021 year.

After being the chairperson for the successful HGAC Educational Speaker presentations since 2008, I feel it is time to pass on this program to a new committee of 3 volunteers. HGAC's Homespun Christmas committee has donated a video camera with stand to film all future presentations. Thank you for this valuable asset to HGAC! I will help with the transitioning the first year especially since the speakers are already scheduled. HGAC board member, Keith Schultz has volunteered to come on board. Thank you Keith.

The Gettysburg and Adams County communities have embraced the HGAC evening programs by their attendance in our "step-back-in-time" historic hall. Most first time attendees had no idea this hall was on East Middle Street in Gettysburg. Having a greeter at the entrance to help find seating and answer questions is valuable to spread the purpose of HGAC. I find my speakers by reading the Gettysburg Times and The Evening Sun, along with suggestions made by people I meet. Because of my lack of computer skills, writing-up the speaker presentations and sending out the publicity has been the most time consuming responsibility for me. The camera person will be the key historian for HGAC.

Won't you please consider volunteering to be a part of these monthly popular educational series, held March through October, but no program in July.

I can be contacted at hollar63@yahoo.com or by calling 717-334-8312.

Regina Hollar

Educational Program Chair / 2008-2020



Donation to Investing in Youth Initiative

We are excited to announce a \$300 donation to the HGAC Investing in Youth Initiative. The gift is in memory of John H. Malmquist by his wife, Laura S. Malmquist and daughters, Lea S. Czar and Anne S. Zabawa. Laura initiated the gift saying, "You'll need to have money when you start up again." With such encouragement, the Initiative team is planning for 2021 and beyond.

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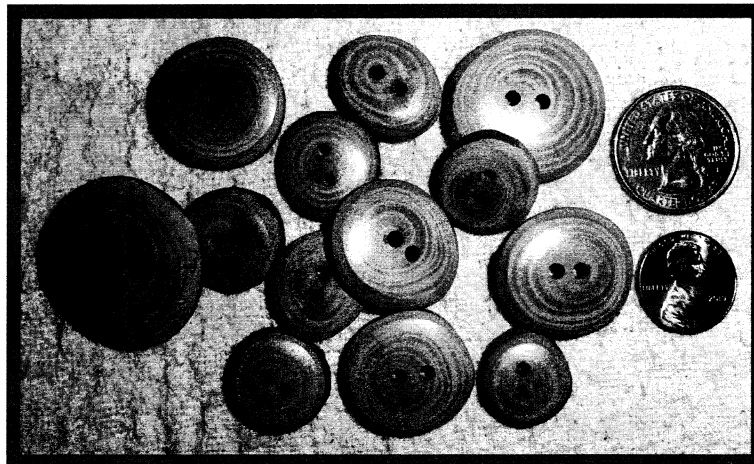
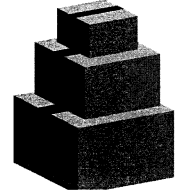
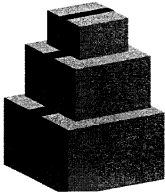
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