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## HGAC ESTABLISHES ENDOWMENT

Your Board is excited to announce the establishment of an HGAC designated fund endowment through the Adams County Community Foundation. A gift in memory of Connie Farabaugh, past HGAC president, provided the initial funding.

### WHY AN ENDOWMENT?

1. An endowment is first and foremost an investment in the programs and projects of HGAC.
2. It establishes long-term financial stability and viability.
3. An endowment adds credibility and prestige that attracts donors—both individuals and foundations.

### GIVING SPREE 2020

HGAC applied to participate in the 2020 Giving Spree. We will focus on our goal of raising \$15,000 for the endowment. Information about contributing through the Giving Spree will be sent with the fall Preserve newsletter and posted on our website.

### ORIENTATION TO THE ENDOWMENT

HGAC will be conducting an on-line orientation to the endowment and Giving Spree for HGAC members and donors in September. Participation information will be available in August. A representative of ACCF will share information and answer questions.

Following the Orientation, a set of questions and answers will be sent to members and donors. We want to receive your questions by August 15 via email or postal mail. Please send to: [histgettyac@aol.com](mailto:histgettyac@aol.com) or HGAC, PO Box 4611, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

### PRESERVING HISTORIC ADAMS COUNTY

We hope you will share our excitement about this historic action and see the potential for continued historic preservation in Adams County.

# 45 Years STRONG!



For the past 45 years, HGAC has been an integral part of what makes and keeps Adams County historically strong. I can't think of a better time than now to show my admiration and respect for you, as members of Historic Gettysburg Adams County. We must be doing something right, to deserve your continued support even in these trying times, when our programs and projects are less visible.

I have the privilege of collecting and reading the letters and notes that are sent to HGAC on a daily basis. In the past few months, I have seen our good friends and members move out of state and yet still want to continue their support for HGAC. I have seen many of you step up your membership contributions, as our normal fundraising efforts were going by the wayside. I have seen large contributions to the Barn Preservation and Grant Program, one of HGAC's cornerstone projects, and I have continued to see contributions and enthusiasm to our newly developed and highly anticipated Youth Initiative program.

I admire our membership tremendously for your conviction in keeping historic preservation alive in what may be one of the most important Pennsylvania counties to do so. If you are like me, there are times when you wonder, if there is more that can be done or is there something that you can do to be active with HGAC or help in the process.

As members, I'm hoping that you can see the direction that HGAC is going.... strongly acting on the preservation of the historic buildings and barns that showcase our county and as we develop a youth directed program within our School Systems to bring scholarship and apprenticeships to the historic building trades. We will be joining in partnership with the Gettysburg Foundation at the George Spangler Farm, using the farms newly renovated, state of the art, conference room in combination with the beautifully restored Spangler barn, as a learning experience for historic architecture and structure. In addition, HGAC is developing a program along with the Adams County Historical Society, bringing renewed interest to historic properties within Adams County. This past year slowed us down a bit, but now we are ready to carry on with renewed energy.

This coming year we have several positions opening up on our Board of Directors, we also have a need for leaders in our Educational Speaker Program. You may have an interest in our barn survey process and would like to assist with the processing of survey data or learn what it takes to be a guide for our underground railroad tours at McAllister's Mill, or you might like to spend time assisting at our Salvage Warehouse located at the historic Daniel Lady Farm.

This is your time to share your interests and enthusiasm for historic preservation with HGAC! Reach out! Anyone of our Board members, or committee members would love to hear about your interest and give you that opportunity (717-334-5185). You will find all contact information on [www.HGAConline.org](http://www.HGAConline.org).

Congratulations to HGAC, its Board, staff, committee members, volunteers and members for an excellent run of 45 years!

**Anne S. Zabawa**  
HGAC President

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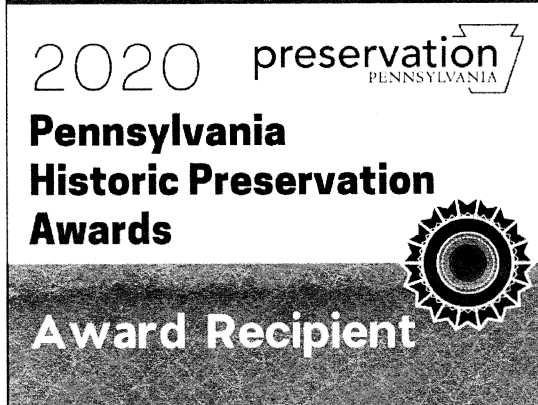
### Investing in Youth Initiative Continues to Receive Support

While our efforts to bring youth and adults together to learn about barns are temporarily on hold, gift giving for the Youth Initiative continues. HGAC recently received three financial donations for the Initiative. Two gifts were to honor youth education; the other, a memorial to honor John H. Malmquist, father of HGAC's President Anne, who gave time and talent to help young people grow and develop.

**Bonnie Braun, Chairperson**



Barn Preservation Project & Grant Program



## 2020 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Award presented to the HGAC Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program.

Preservation Pennsylvania, the commonwealth's only statewide, private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to the protection of historically and architecturally significant places has selected the Historic Gettysburg–Adams County (HGAC) Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program to receive the 2020 Henry A. Jordan Award. Preservation Pennsylvania's awards are presented annually and honor excellence and innovation in preservation practice. "The Historic Preservation Awards recognize a passion for the past, applaud achievements in the present, and inspire a history-rich future for Pennsylvania," said Mindy Crawford, Executive Director of Preservation Pennsylvania.

The Henry A. Jordan Award, which honors high achievement at the local level, is being presented to the HGAC Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program for encouraging and supporting preservation activities targeted at historic barns. This grassroots project to preserve historic barns in Adams County was founded in 2005. The project provides education, lectures, workshops, tours, and demonstrations. The barn grant program provides a monetary incentive for owners to maintain, rehabilitate and preserve their historic barns. The Barn

Preservation Project created and maintains the Adams County Barn Registry that now lists 356 of an estimated 1500 historic barns within Adams County.

This Award is named for Henry A. Jordan (1936-2010), a former Preservation Pennsylvania Board Chairman and life-long supporter of the historic preservation movement. In keeping with Henry's belief that it is at the local level where real historic preservation occurs, this award honors outstanding historic preservation efforts at the local/regional level. As the recipient, the HGAC Barn Preservation Project will receive a custom-made Mercer Tile that will be presented at the annual membership meeting of Preservation Pennsylvania. The HGAC Barn Preservation Project itself recognizes the accomplishments of barn owners in maintaining and preserving their barns in a number of ways. All barns in the Adams County Historic Barn Registry receive a sign bearing the catalog entry number of that barn. In addition, a Barn Preservation Award plaque is given every year to one barn in which extra effort has been put into its maintenance and preservation. This year, the Cornerstone Barn, now owned by Kathleen Reilly and Parry Bair received that award.

To inventory, track, study and recognize the historic barns within the county, HGAC created the Adams County Barn Registry with the help of a grant received from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in 2005. Through that grant, Noble Preservation Services, Inc. provided HGAC with professional advice and ideas for designing and conducting our barn survey and establishing the registry. HGAC realized it would not be able to come up with enough money to pay professional staff to inventory all of Adams County's barns, but among HGAC's 200 members, at least a dozen dedicated volunteers stepped forward to begin the inventory. Volunteers were trained to collect photographs, measurements and other information using survey methods recommended by cultural resource professionals. Every year, about twenty barns were surveyed and added to the registry at the request of barn owners who had heard about the registry through our outreach program. Currently, 356 barns are listed in the Adams County Barn Registry out of an estimated 1500 historic barns in the county.

As the number of barns that were surveyed went from the dozens to the hundreds, the HGAC volunteers gained a much better understanding of the barns particular to Adams County and they have been able to share that and their enthusiasm for preserving barns with the barn owners. After each barn survey is completed, the data from the survey form is entered into a database and the information about the barn, including captioned photos and maps is provided in a report to the barn owner. The report includes a brief summary prepared by an HGAC Barn Preservation Specialist that addresses the unique aspects of the barn along with recommendations for dealing with threats to the barn such as failing foundations, leaking roofs and/or other structural issues.

In addition to providing barn owners with information about their barns, in 2013, HGAC began providing matching grants of up to \$2,500 to barn owners so that they would be encouraged to undertake essential preservation work on their barns. So far, HGAC has provided grants to 17 barn owners totaling \$26,585. Because of the required match, these 17 projects have resulted in over \$100,000 of work being completed on historic barns in Adams County since 2013. An additional eleven barns on the registry will be receiving grant funds from HGAC in 2020. Funding for the grants comes from HGAC fund-raising activities such as our annual BarnArt Show & Sale, Civil War era Barn Dances, special film screenings and Historic Barns tours. One of the innovative aspects of the grant program is that it encourages barn owners to take one-step-at-a-time in preserving their barn, rather than thinking that if they can't rebuild the whole

barn they should do nothing. This foot-in-the-door approach has succeeded and resulted in encouraging barn preservation by many barn owners who would have otherwise been discouraged by the size of the job before them.

Ongoing sponsorship of the project is provided by a number of generous corporate and private donors. And a mini-grant provided by the South Mountain Partnership in 2017 has further expanded the capabilities of the program and provided a replicable barn survey format and a printed Field Guide to the Historic Barns of Adams County, Pennsylvania (soon available for purchase from HGAC).

HGAC's Barn Preservation Project has been steadily growing for fifteen years and it has encouraged local interest in historic barn preservation. The project serves additional County residents and visitors to the County by providing accurate information about historic barns themselves such as; when were they built, how were they designed, what materials were used in their construction and how the barn is historically significant. Project volunteers and staff continue to spread the word about barn preservation by leading tours, appearing on television and radio, giving lectures and providing articles for newspapers.

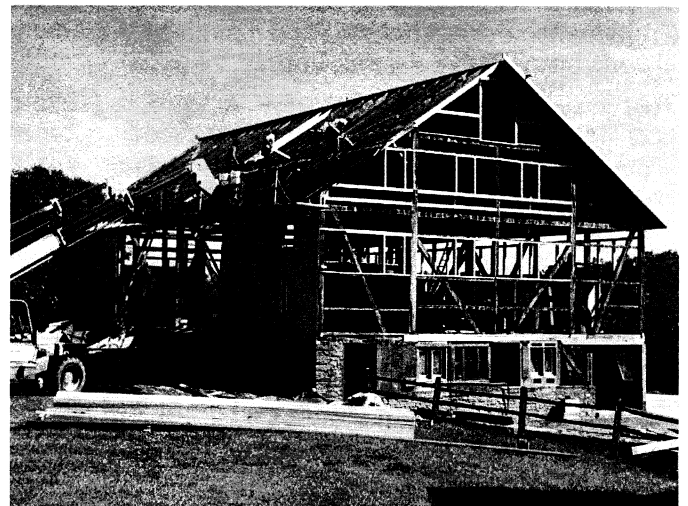
The Barn Preservation Project & Grant Program is led by Founding Executive Director, Curt Musselman, Director of Development, Bob McIlhenny, and Barn Preservation Specialist, David Maclay. HGAC Preservation Committee members who have participated in various aspects of the project for years include; Sarah Kipp, Loy Elliott, Bruce Kile, Marcia Kile, John Horner, Anne Zabawa, Greg Kaufman, Paul Mangan, Jim Bricker, Keith Schultz and Bonnie Braun. For more information about the HGAC Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program, or to have your barn added to the Adams County Barn Registry, please call Curt Musselman at 717-659-8827. More information about the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards is available at [preservationpa.org](http://preservationpa.org).

## Cornerstone Barn Honored with the 2020 HGAC Barn Preservation Award

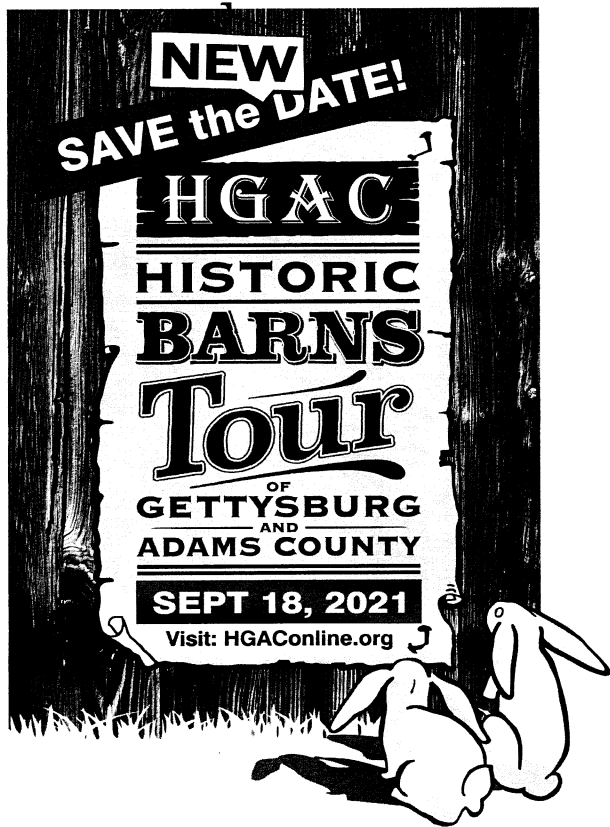
Parry Baer and Kathleen Reilly are the proud owners of the Cornerstone Barn, at the 7 Sky Farm on Crooked Creek Road in Franklin Township, and they are being honored by HGAC with the 2020 Barn Preservation Award for the tremendous job that they did of restoring their late 19th century barn.

The barn had different owners when it was surveyed on July 17, 2015 by a team led by Kendra Debany and was noted as number 185 on the HGAC Barn Registry. The barn is a standard Pennsylvania barn measuring 71 feet long by 45 feet deep, including an 8 foot forebay. Parry and Kathleen purchased the barn in 2017 and between August and October of 2019, they undertook extensive repairs and restoration of their barn with the help of the Stone Ridge Construction company. Their goal was to make the barn look more like the original barn and to add some tasteful, useful accents. The roof was coming off, so replacing that was the first order of business along with removing and replacing any rotten beams. Then new siding was added and the vents, windows and doors were replaced. Three working, vented cupolas and two pent roofs were then put onto the barn.

On our barn surveys, we are always interested in what we can find out about the builders of these magnificent structures, and although we do not know the names of the original builders, the crew that carefully restored this barn is known to us and was composed of Greg Lane and Ike, Sam, Ivan, John, Jason and Nathan Zook. Some of the crew can be seen on the roof in the adjacent picture that shows much of the barn's timber framing without being obscured by siding. The other picture shows the barn in its final restored state, a beautiful sight indeed. Thank you Parry and Kathleen for the effort than you put into restoring your barn and for furthering the work of barn preservation in Adams County.



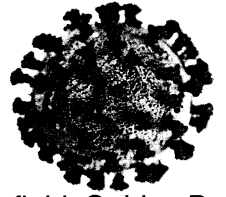
*Submitted by Curt Musselman*



**Please note: The DATE of the HGAC  
istoric Barns Tour has been changed.  
Hope to see you in 2021!**

## 2020 EDUCATIONAL SPEAKER PROGRAMS

Because of the covid-19 virus, the entire HGAC Educational Speaker Program for 2020 has been cancelled. These energetic speakers have all agreed to return to the historic G.A.R. Hall starting March 16, 2021 to share their presentations. Licensed Battlefield Guide, Dr. Richard Goedkoop's power-point program in March will be entitled "Presidents Visiting Gettysburg." Did you know there were at least 26?



Look for the new dates in future PRESERVE issues.

**Regina Hollar**  
717-334-8312

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## EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS PROGRAMS

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### **A Message From Regina Hollar, HGAC Educational Speaker Chairman**

As Historic Gettysburg Adams County heads into the fall of 2020 with January 1, 2021 very close behind, it is time to pass on the chairmanship of the HGAC Educational Speaker Program to new chairpersons with new energetic ideas (and better computer skills!). To introduce HGAC and the G.A.R. Hall to those attending the speaker programs, I feel that these evening programs now should have 2 chairpersons. The Homespun Christmas Committee has generously donated a SONY HANDYCAM with Tripod to now film, record, and preserve all future speaker presentations. Two chairpersons should share the filming, the speaker write-ups, publicity, and to greet attendees about HGAC's mission and the history of the Historic G.A.R Hall.

The entire 2020 Educational Speaker Program has been cancelled due to the corona-virus. March 16, 2021 will be our first program. Thank you to all the 2020 scheduled presenters for agreeing to stay onboard for 2021. The 2020 evenings are now the 2021 programs. This a perfect time to seek out the two new chairpersons, because I'm onboard to transition the already planned speaker calendar and write-ups.

Please consider HGAC members to volunteer for this program that has been a successful happening for Historic Gettysburg-Adams County over the years. I have met many knowledgeable presenters eager to come to the G.A.R. Hall and take the audience back in time to Gettysburg 1863. I became a part of the audience too. The criteria for the subject content is Adams County and Gettysburg history.

Thanks to Bob McIlhenny, who has made a CD to help me publicize via a rack card, not only speaker programs, but also HGAC events for the 11 years I've been speaker chairperson. Thank you to Laurie Harding, our HGAC Administrative Director, for her support and enthusiasm to publicize, these monthly programs, sending out reminder blasts, and especially reminding me that the deadline is near. I am sincerely thankful for the amazing speakers and the joyful audiences all these years with the HGAC Educational Speaker Programs. I'm thankful I overcame my fear of speaking in public by saying "yes."

I may be contacted at 717-344-8312, email hollar63@yahoo.com, or email Laurie Harding at histgettyac@aol.com, 717-334-5185.

Stay healthy,  
**Regina Hollar**



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