



## HGAC Now Taking Applications for Barn Preservation Grants

If you own a barn and want to be considered for a barn preservation grant in 2022, applications are now being accepted for consideration until **March 1, 2022**. 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 370 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 2022 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 area. 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 2022, 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](http://www.HGACOnline.org). Click on the words "Barn Preservation Project" so that a list appears that includes the words "Barn Grant Applications and Guidelines". Now click on those words in order to reveal the links to the grant guidelines and application. 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](mailto:shinbone605@comcast.net).



Every year since 2013, the HGAC Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program has made grants available to owners of historic barns within Adams County. In 2021, for the first time, every applicant for a barn preservation grant was awarded a grant to help extend the life of their historic barn and to help preserve the rural character of Adams County. The maximum grant amount is \$2500 which 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.



HGAC Barn Grant Yard Sign (above)

In the 9 years since HGAC Barn Grants were established, we have received 60 applications and have awarded grants to 33 barn owners for a total amount of \$43,500.

All projects are reviewed using ten 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 funded in 2021 included roof replacement, the repair of a masonry foundation, post, pier and sill replacement, door repair and siding replacement.



Curt Musselman, Executive Director of the HGAC Barn Preservation Project, notes that our success is thanks to the generosity of our Barn Preservation Project sponsors. 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.



# 2021 Historic Barns Tour: Supercalifragilis ticexpialidocious!

Photos courtesy of Darryl Wheeler

That's the best word we can think of to describe Barn Tour 2021!

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, Sept. 18, seven barn owners and sixty-four 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. After the Round Barn, all the other barns were from the Civil War era.

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.



PA Ag Secretary, Russell Redding and wife, Nina, (above) get acquainted with the "Commander." (Below) Local timber framers David Maclay (left) and Lee Sornson (right) demonstrate time-tested methods of wood joinery at the Musselman Barn.



HISTORIC ROUND BARN



MUSSELMAN BARN



SCHULTEIS BARN



FEES BARN



RICE BARN



SCOTT BARN



GEORGE SPANGLER BARN

Owners Marty and Sheila Fees welcomed guests to their barn near Cashtown. It featured rabbits to hold and pet presented by 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. A special preview of HGAC's Homespun Christmas welcomed visitors under the forebay. Up on the threshing floor they 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,

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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 tell about 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, to celebrate this successful event, we offer this high spirited toast, **"For the Barns!"**

Bob McIlhenny, HGAC Barn Tour event chair



Astride a shaving horse, or schnitzelbank, local craftsman Doug Keefer demonstrates timber frame peg making using a razor-sharp draw knife

HGAC Preservation Committee member, Bruce Kile, demonstrates the art of making early matches known as "spills."



Freya Qually captures the rural beauty of the landscape "en plein air" at the Salisbury Barn.

HGAC Barn Tour patrons enjoy tasting varieties of locally grown apples by Rice Fruit Company at the Rice Barn.



One of the special highlights of the Barn Tour was the ribbon cutting at the Schulteis barn (above) to dedicate the newly re-constructed "barn bridge" made from trees cut and milled on the property.

Pictured with the scissors (center) is 15 year old J.C. Schulteis, who assisted in building the new bridge with his father, Winn Schulteis, owner of Quaker Valley Orchards and Guest House.

At left, Winn Schulteis (far right) describes historic photos of the barn that served as a safe haven for freedom seekers who enjoyed the help offered by the local Quaker citizenry as part of the Underground Railroad in the mid-nineteenth century. The Schulteis barn is very unique among other barns in Adams County in that instead of using an earthen bank for wagons to access the upper level, there is an actual wooden bridge spanning the distance between the threshing floor and the rear retaining wall. To date, it's the only such barn we have encountered after surveying over 375 barns in Adams County.



## REMEMBERING: John Horner 1928-2021

### How do you describe John Horner?

He was a past president of HGAC. He was a stalwart member of the HGAC Preservation Committee and founding member of the Barn Preservation Project, participating in many barn surveys using an ingenious device he invented to measure the pitch of the barn roof. He often attended committee meetings with a joke he saved until adjournment, sending everyone home with a smile on their face. He was a veteran of countless HGAC Bean Soup Sales, and loyal sponsor of beverages for the Opening Night Reception at the HGAC BarnArt Show. He was proud of his family and their long history here in Adams County, and he was devoted to his family and to Mary, his wife of 70 years. He was a scholar, an author, an artist, a musician, an historian, a generous donor, a leader and an unwavering advocate for historic preservation. We all miss him.



John and Mary Horner at home in 2019



About the Fund logo: Depicted on a shield, the hunting horn is the heraldic device of the Horner Family coat of arms. Always ready to sound the call.

### The John and Mary HORNER FUND for BARN PRESERVATION

In 2019, John and Mary Horner's devotion and friendly hospitality inspired Mary Dolliver, of California, to pledge an annual donation of \$1,000 to HGAC for barn preservation. Mary's donation along with others were used to establish "The John and Mary Horner Fund for Barn Preservation." All proceeds from the Fund are used to provide matching grants to Adams County barn owners to make needed repairs.

To date, The John and Mary Horner Fund for Barn Preservation has received donations of \$12,370.00.

To make a donation to The John and Mary Horner Fund for Barn Preservation visit [www.HGACOnline.org](http://www.HGACOnline.org) and scroll down to the Horner Fund icon. For more information contact Bob McIlhenny at (717) 420-6500

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for 2022..

### DATES TO REMEMBER:



June 9-12 at the GAR Hall  
53 E. Middle Street in Gettysburg  
Opening Night Reception June 9 from 6-8 pm



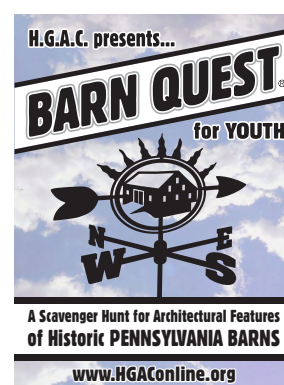
Saturday, October 1st in the Civil War era barn at beautiful Beech Springs Farm. Civil War era attire is encouraged, by not required. A very fun night!

HGAC's "Barn Quest for Youth" is a windshield scavenger hunt for exterior architectural features of historic Pennsylvania Barns. Kids under 18 are invited to join the fun of learning about our great old barns while becoming eligible to win valuable prizes. It's great for home schoolers!

To enter simply scan the QR code to the right and submit your Barn Quest results on line. To use the hard copy paper version, contact Bob McIlhenny at (717) 420-6500 or email to [RMcilhenny@comcast.net](mailto:RMcilhenny@comcast.net) or visit [www.HGACOnline.org](http://www.HGACOnline.org)

Barn Quest is presented by the HGAC Investing in Youth Initiative.

### FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:



### What a Difference a Coat of Paint Makes!

Remember, now that you have had your barn surveyed and entered into the HGAC Adams County Barn Registry, you can enjoy a discount on paint for your barn at the Gettysburg Sherwin-Williams Store. Barn owners (like you) can enjoy 50% off the price of paint for your barn, up to a \$500 purchase.



### WORTH NOTING:

HGAC maintains an "Artisan Listing" with names of reliable carpenters, timber framers, masons, roofers, painters and other contractors who have been recommended by other HGAC members. Visit: [www.HGACOnline.org](http://www.HGACOnline.org) and Click on "Artisan Listing."



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