



SPECIAL PRE-CONFERENCE EDITION. 2008 - No 45

MI BARN

PROMOTING APPRECIATION, PRESERVATION, AND REHABILITATION OF MICHIGAN BARNS, FARMSTEADS, AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

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STRIVING TO SAVE MICHIGAN BARNS
2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & MEETING MARCH 7 & 8
KELLOGG CENTER, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY MARCH 7

Barn Tour

Buses loading: 8:30 a.m.

Buses depart (Kellogg Center) 9 a.m. to visit five barns, two farmhouses, and a restored mill in Vermontville and Portland. Unique features: a barn remodeled for storage and family gatherings with a special loft; barn with a functional and rare rack lifter; working barns for 4-H animals and sheep; and a barn converted to shelter antique vehicles, memorabilia and to convene events. Also featured are historic farmhouses, one with a collection of antique music boxes, and a restored community mill now used for a summer's farmers' market. Lunch will be at the VFW Hall in Vermontville.

Return to Kellogg Center 5 p.m.

Exhibit Room Open 4 to 6 p.m.

Dinner 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Followed by an entertaining auction of farm memorabilia, unique collectibles, rare magazines, artwork, and other treasures under the artful leadership of auctioneer Chuck Chestnut.

Have something unique and desirable that you would like to donate to the MBPN's fantastically fun auction that helps support programs? Please contact Vera Wiltse or Dan Creyts prior to the conference if you have an item to donate.

SATURDAY MARCH 8

Exhibits Open: 8:30 to 3:45 p.m.

Registration: 8 to noon

Business meeting: 9 to 9:45 a.m.

This meeting is especially important. Members are urged to participate.

Morning Concurrent Sessions

- A. Evolution of the Gambrel-Roofed Barn - Tom Nehil & Steve Stier
- B. Moves, Lifts, Shifts & Restoration - Ken Brock
- C. Creating a Barn Mural - Jan Corey Arnett & Tony Hendrick
- D. Aesthetics to Preservation - Tim Barnes

Lunch

Noon to 1:15 p.m.

Keynote, Rudy Christian, "A Place for Trades, Cultural Change in the 21st Century"

Door prizes

Barns of the Year Award Presentations

Raffle of a Miniature Barn and Corn Crib

Tickets in the Exhibit Room until 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

- E. Barns of the Old Mission Peninsula - Evelyn Johnson
- F. A Timber-Framed Church - Chris Sayles
- G. Barn Foundation Repairs - Max Miner & Steve Stier
- H. Adaptive Uses of Barns - Vera Wiltse

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions 3:34 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- I. Aesthetics to Preservation - Tim Barnes
- J. Evolution of the Gambrel-Roofed Barn - Tom Nehil & Steve Stier
- K. Racklifters & Hay Cranes - George Fogle
- L. Organizing a Successful Barn Tour - Keith Bruder & Sharon Greene

Don't miss the 2008 Business Meeting of the MBPN membership as the newly-completed Strategic Plan is presented, elections are held for new board members, and highlights of recent major accomplishments are shared. Michigan's barns need us. There is no time to waste. Time and talent are greatly needed!



Register Now for One of the Best Conferences Ever

Early registration is encouraged as this year's conference promises to deliver big on a packed two-day agenda. The popular barn conference caps Michigan State University's Ag & Natural Resources Week on campus. Area hotels fill fast as do buses for the Friday barn tour.

This conference responds to feedback received after attendees at last year's conference said they would appreciate some sessions being repeated, suggested improvements to the Barn of the Year Awards program, and said they enjoyed the Friday evening auction.

"One of the things people especially enjoy about the annual barn preservation conference," said Vera Wiltse, conference coordinator, "is the opportunity to share photographs and stories about the care of their barns whether as a work in progress or a proud accomplishment. People love their barns and learn from one another."

The exhibit hall provides a special setting in which to exchange ideas. Exhibitors include barn contractors; companies specializing in work related to barn and farm care such as painters, roofers, and foundation masons; artists; producers of organic products; craftspeople; historic societies; conservancies; and collectors. There is no charge to exhibit. Contact Judy Grant at 989-426-8129 for information and to reserve an exhibit table.

Direct all conference program questions to Vera Wiltse at 989-465-1216 or vera@wiltse.com.

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Fieldstone	Annual individual membership	\$30	\$ _____
Mortar	Annual family membership	\$40	\$ _____
Frame	Annual individual membership	\$50	\$ _____
Contractor	Annual membership and inclusion in contractor's list	\$100	\$ _____
Roof	Annual membership for two (discount conference registration)	\$500	\$ _____
Cupola	Lifetime membership (discount conference registration for two)	\$1000	\$ _____

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Your tax-deductible donation will help defray the cost of newsletter, support programs, or build our endowment. Please specify a restricted use if desired. _____

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Honoree _____

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Occasion _____

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Names (for name tag) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail address _____

MBPN Member registration for :

_____ Full conference (2 days):	_____	\$80
_____ Friday: barn tour & lunch only	_____	\$35
_____ Friday: tour, lunch & dinner	_____	\$55
_____ Saturday (full day with lunch)	_____	\$40

Total Amount Paid _____

Please note if you have special dietary needs:

Non-member registration for:

_____ Full conference (2 days):	_____	\$110
_____ Friday: barn tour & lunch only	_____	\$45
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_____ Saturday (full day with lunch)	_____	\$70

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