



# MI BARN

PROMOTING APPRECIATION, PRESERVATION, AND REHABILITATION OF MICHIGAN BARNs, FARMSTEADs, AND RURAL COMMUNITIEs



The Hubbard Octagon Barn will be featured on March 11th barn tour



## 2011 Barn Tour is Sure to Excite

Needing 6,480 square feet, the barn's builder/contractor, William Cummings of Elsie, MI, proposed this unusual shape as opposed to building three separate barns. Harley Wood Hubbard and his son Jerry H. Hubbard liked the idea and construction began in 1912. Finished the following year, the \$5,500 barn contributed to the suc-

cess of the Hubbard's cattle, hog and horse businesses. The other barns on the tour include the Omega Farms Horse Barn as our lunch stop, the Rugh Barn, the Zeeb Barn and the Damon Barn, which has been turned into a house.

## “Agritourism: Your Next Cash Crop?”

Thursday, March 10, 2011

10:00-4:00 at Kellogg Center located on the campus of MSU

Whether you are taking the first steps toward starting a business or just want to explore the possibilities, this workshop is for you. Components of the workshop include an overview of agritourism including a definition of agritourism, agritourism business trends and income data. You will investigate what you have to offer potential customers and discuss liability, insurance, and marketing methods.

Breakout sessions with exercises on topics such as naming and describing your business, profiling your customers, managing

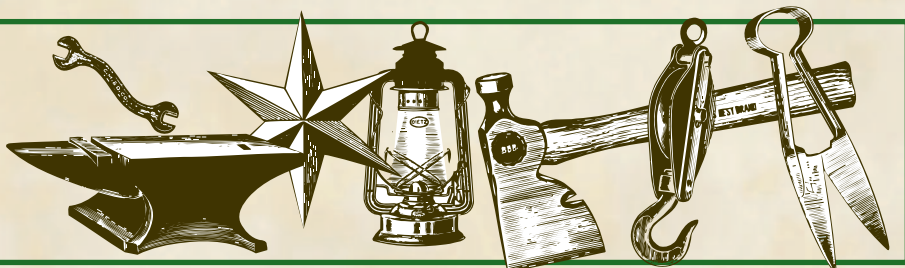
your risk, and pricing and marketing your products and experiences will further help you identify your potential. A panel of agritourism business owners will share their stories.

**Sponsored by:** MBPN, MSU Extension, and MSU Museum

**Presenter:** Jan Jantzen, Rural Tourism Development, Emporia, Kansas.

**Registration:** \$40 includes lunch. Preregistration encouraged.

The Live Auction and the Silent Auction have proven to be great ways for the MBPN to earn money to support the cost of its barn preservation work across the state. If you have items to donate, appropriate to the theme of barns, farms, rural life, and history, contact Vera@Wiltse.com or 989-465-1216.





# 2011 Annual Conference and Meeting



## March 11 and 12 Kellogg Center, MSU

### Friday, March 11, 2011

Exhibit Room Open 4 to 9 p.m.

Big 10 A

#### Barn Tour Schedule

Bus loading – 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Buses depart – 8:30 a.m.

Return to Kellogg Center by 5:00

Awards Dinner: 6 to 8:00 p.m.

Centennial Room

### 11:45 to 1:45 p.m. Lunch

Enjoy a live auction of barn memorabilia!

Silent Auction concludes at the end of lunch.

### Saturday March 12, 2011

8:30 to 3:45 p.m.

Exhibits open

8 to 12 noon

Registration

9 to 9:45 a.m.

Business meeting

10:00 to 11:15 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

#### A. Irreverent Keys to Starting a New Business, Jan Jantzen, Rural Tourism Development, Kansas

Jan has been teaching agritourism courses in Kansas and South Dakota and now brings his expertise to Michigan. Finding new uses for historic barns and farm buildings which generates income for the owner is often a necessary step toward preservation. Jan will help you identify potential agritourism ventures and help you rethink what agritourism can mean to Michigan's economy.

#### B. Preserving Heritage Barns in Miniatures, Dan Manley

Spend an hour with Dan and you will appreciate history once again. Dan has replicated 3 barns and has incorporated unique features in the models. You won't want to miss the stories that go with each barn!

#### C. Finding Hidden Treasures From the Past, Tim Bennett

Excavation of the Warner farm has revealed many artifacts including recent finds from a post-Civil War refuse/burn pit. Have you ever wanted to be an archaeologist? Share Tim's experiences and learn more about the Michigan Archaeological Society.

#### D. Restoration Case Studies - Techniques and Methods, Tim Narkiewicz

This PowerPoint presentation explores barn restoration techniques and methods illustrated by over twenty case studies. Participants are encouraged to ask questions throughout the presentation. Additionally, participants will be able to register at the beginning of the presentation to bring their current projects before the group for group consideration and expert advice. For ease of group discussion, participants are encouraged to bring a "thumb drive" with photos so the entire group can view the particular issues under discussion.

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

#### E. Historical Markers in Michigan: Marking your History, Shannon White, Historical Society of Michigan

Take a look at the numerous ways you can celebrate your history! Shannon will update you on the Centennial Farm program, Milestone Award markers, the state-run green historical marker options, etc.

#### F. The Not So Common Rafter, Joe Miller, Ph.D., P.E., Fire Tower Engineered Timber

How common rafters are installed can affect how they perform and thusly, how the barn performs. Joe will focus on various forms of supporting common rafters and the benefits and downsides to each. This session will help owners and contractors quickly evaluate an existing roof structure.

#### G. Agritourism: The Power of Packaging, Jan Jantzen, Rural Tourism Development, Kansas

You will learn how to package or bundle agritourism activities with food, lodging, entertainment, shopping, etc. to attract more guests from greater distances and for longer stays. Agritourism is the next cash crop! Find out why and how to make it work for you and your neighbor.

#### H. Barns: A Sentimental Journey, Jan Corey Arnett

Writer/photographer, Jan Corey Arnett, invites you along on a photographic visit to heritage barns from Michigan and beyond, sharing vignettes of barns lost and barns saved; days gone by and days ahead. Sit back and enjoy the trip. Expect some surprises.

### 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. Afternoon Sessions

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**J. Breaking Down Barn Conservation: The Past, Present and Future of the Oakland University Threshing Barn, Tammis Donaldson, Stephanie White**

This session will include a complete survey of the Oakland University threshing barn per the Timber Framers Guild's Traditional Timberframe Research and Advisory Group, as well as details on how the barn could potentially endure preservation, restoration, reconstruction, and adaptive reuse.

**K. Preserving Authenticity from the Ground Up: A Historic Farm Relocation and Rehabilitation, Greg Matzelle**

The Oakland County, Lacy-Landon farm story will be shared by Greg Matzelle. He will incorporate local history and material resources, adherence to HDC guidelines, and modern building code requirements balanced over an intense 23 months. This is a restoration project like no other!

**L. Introduction to the Barn Build Project, Steve Stier**

Join Steve for an overview of this 2011 MBPN flagship project. Programs scheduled for the year, curriculum to accompany the barn model, and opportunities for your community will be presented. You will also have an opportunity to interact with the model!



Photo: Vera Wiltse

## Invitation to Model Barn Builders!

We are seeking model barns built by Michigan individuals for a special showing in the conference exhibit room. If you, or someone you know, has built a toy barn or model barn please consider bringing it to the exhibit room on Saturday, March 12th between 8 and 9 a.m. You might be the winner of the "Viewers' Choice Award"! For more details, contact vera@wiltse.com or 989-465-1216.

The MBPN Conference Exhibit Hall is a popular gathering place to shop & swap, ask & answer, show & tell! There are antiques & artists, contractors & collectors, products & paintings, new this and old that. The hall fills fast so call Judy Grant at (989) 426-8129 or email her at jgrant@ejourney.com. to reserve your space.

### Agritourism: Your Next Cash Crop March 10th

\$40 is enclosed: Agritourism workshop, Thursday, March 10th

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Heritage Barns for the Next Generation March 11 & 12

Individual Name (for nametag) \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**MBPN member registration for:**

- \_\_\_ Full conference (March 11 & 12) \$85 per person
- \_\_\_ Friday barn tour and lunch only \$40 per person
- \_\_\_ Friday barn tour, lunch and dinner \$60 per person
- \_\_\_ Saturday (full day with lunch) \$45 per person

**Non-member registration for:**

- \_\_\_ Full conference (March 11 & 12) \$115 per person
- \_\_\_ Friday barn tour and lunch only \$65 per person
- \_\_\_ Friday barn tour, lunch and dinner \$90 per person
- \_\_\_ Saturday (full day with lunch) \$75 per person

Total amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please note if you have any special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

To register for the 2 day conference or Thursday's Agritourism workshop visit the MBPN web site or send payment and form to:

**MBPN, P.O. Box 614, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-0614**

### Membership/Renewal

Fieldstone Annual/one person \$30 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mortar Annual/two people \$40 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-profit Affiliate  
Annual/two representatives, website listing \$50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor/Business  
Annual/two representatives, website listing \$100 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Company or Non-profit Name  
\_\_\_\_\_

Membership Names  
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Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Wood Identification Workshop

Learn to identify woods, whether you have a board, a log, or a splinter. We focus on common hardwoods of southern Michigan and North America, as well as soft woods and non-natives. Students learn to identify woods by studying the growth rings and structure of the wood viewed on the end grain with a hand lens. Use of reference books, samples, and the microscope for wood identification will be presented.

**March 12, 2011, Saturday, 8:30-4:00pm, \$45**

**Cook's Mill, Scotts, MI**

**Visit: [www.tillersinternational.org](http://www.tillersinternational.org) to register**

## The Art of Stone Masonry Workshop

A master mason and a preservation engineer take you step by step through the how and why of good stone laying practice. Learn how to split and dress stone and how to design, mix, and install historic matching mortar. Hands-on stone laying will include both real veneer and solid stone. This class is good for both the hands-on person and those who want to understand how to hire work done well. Learn all the techniques with Tom Nehil, Blair Bates, and Dick Roosenberg at Cook's Mill, Scotts, MI.

**September 8-10, Thursday-Saturday, 8:30-5:00pm, \$280**

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