

BARNs ACROSS MICHIGAN

EVIDENCE OF OUR HERITAGE

Michigan's rich diversity of barns is related to the variety of climate, soil, agricultural practices, and cultural heritage found throughout the state.



**MICHIGAN
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NETWORK**

MICHIGAN BARN PRESERVATION NETWORK PRESERVING MICHIGAN'S BARNs CAN BE ADAPTED FOR AGRICULTURE . . .

AGRICULTURE

Repairing foundations and siding, and changing doors to accommodate large equipment are common ways of adapting barns for agricultural uses.



This barn was dismantled, moved, reassembled, and adapted for agricultural use. Note the enlarged doors.



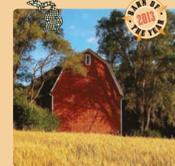
Zingerman's Cornman barn, built in 1837, was dismantled and moved to be the centerpiece of a working farm and venue space.



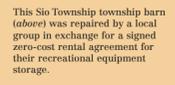
Grand Valley barn was built in 1924 on the site of a much older barn.

COMMUNITY

The Campana Barn, built in 1897, has had three lives: on a mint farm, as a Michigan Department of Natural Resources barn, and now as a museum. Today the Gilmore Car Museum at Hickory Corners houses nearly 180 cars in a number of barns which were saved and moved to this site.



The Augusta Barn Theatre is one of several Michigan barns adapted into theatres. The Augusta Theatre is Michigan's oldest summer stock theatre.



The Ellis Barn at Springfield Oaks (right), an Oakland County park, was relocated from Clarkson and adapted to become a centerpiece of community activity, the site of the county fair, and an events venue.



BARNs AND FOR OTHER USES

Traditional timber and plank frame barns were built prior to the 1920s for small, diversified farming. Agriculture has changed.

BUSINESS



This hog barn was adapted to the professional kitchen of Epicure Catering, owned by Cammie Buehler and Chef Andrew Schudlich. Marsha and Tom Buehler received two MBPN awards for restoring barns at Cherry Basket Farm.



The transformation from a dairy barn to an office space for technology-based businesses has saved the historic Sullivan Dairy Barn and made history with its contemporary office space design.



The Pious Union of St. Joseph (left) was adapted from an abandoned dairy barn. Ground breaking took place in 1995 and in 2000 this church was dedicated.



The Van Hoesen Farm barns (right) have been adapted to the needs of the Rochester Hills Museum, City of Rochester.

HOME

Barns are also adapted into striking homes.

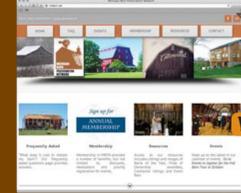


MICHIGAN BARN PRESERVATION NETWORK IN ACTION

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

INCREASING AWARENESS

Quarterly newsletter and website share information about MBPN and provide resources to owners.



WWW.MIBARN.NET

The MBPN website includes sections for: Events, Resources, FAQs, Newsletters, Recognition, Products, a Contractor's list, and Event Barns list. Informational essays cover: Hiring a Contractor, Insuring Barns, Property Taxes on Restored Barns — and much more.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The spring conference brings owners, builders, educators, historians, craftspeople, and others together to learn about barns and traditional agricultural structures. Programs include how-to sessions, history, successes of others, demonstrations, tax credit information, exhibits, local and state preservation activities, and more.



BARN TOURS

Regional barn tours travel the state to visit barns, meet members, learn about others' experiences, and build the network.



HANDS-ON EDUCATION



Regional workshops teach hands-on skills throughout the state. MBPN collaborates with owners and organizations to provide learning opportunities and have a local impact by improving a barn. Topics include maintenance, structure, tools, and techniques.



RECOGNITION

MBPN showcases Michigan barns that demonstrate successful repair, adaptation, rehabilitation, and preservation.



The Lockwood Farm barn (above), near Battle Creek, is one of the Michigan farms or barns listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the nation's list of cultural resources worthy of preservation.

Annual MBPN "Barn of the Year" designations recognize exemplary barns which have been adapted, rehabilitated, or preserved as models of best practices.

"Pride of Ownership" awards honor Michigan barns with structural integrity and visual appeal.

INTO THE FUTURE

LEARN MORE ABOUT BARNs & PRESERVATION
ADVOCATE FOR PRESERVATION
JOIN & PARTICIPATE IN PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES

FLAGSHIP PROJECTS

Activities focus on engaging youth and documenting Michigan's barns.

MICHIGAN BARN & FARMSTEAD SURVEY

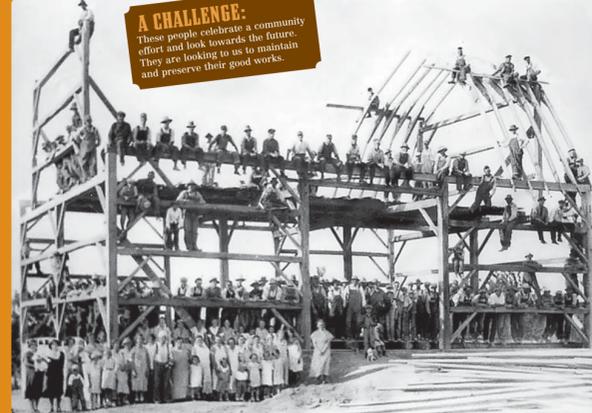
The Michigan Barn & Farmstead Survey brings youth and adults together to document Michigan's traditional barns and farmsteads. With basic training and a common vocabulary data and photographs are collected to provide a record of Michigan barns.

This raises awareness about barns and agricultural history, and educates and involves youth about preservation. We are adding to a searchable database for future research. Check it out at mibarn.net.



TEAMWORK & TIMBERS

A hands-on learning experience for youth and the young-at-heart demonstrates traditional timber-framed barns.



A CHALLENGE: These people celebrate a community effort and look towards the future. They are looking to us to maintain and preserve their good works.

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PRESERVING MICHIGAN'S BARNs

