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Michigan Barn Preservation Network Accepting Nominations for 2018 Barn of the Year Awards

The Michigan Barn Preservation Network (MBPN) is requesting submissions for its 2018 Michigan Barn of the Year awards. Winners of the awards will be announced at the 23rd Annual Conference scheduled for May 4-5, 2018 at the AgroLiquid Education Center located in St. Johns, Michigan.

The Barn of the Year Program annually honors existing Michigan barns that exemplify outstanding character in our state. Nominated barns must have been built before 1957, and be in-use either for continued agricultural use or adapted for others uses. Barns must retain their overall appearance, including both interior and exterior barn characteristics.



This is the 21st year MBPN has presented its “Barn of the Year” Awards. A total of 69 barns from across Michigan have been recognized since the inception of this award.

Nominations are open to the public and are reviewed and selected by MBPN Awards Committee members.

Award Categories:

1. Continuing Family or Private Agricultural Use
2. Family or Private Adaptive Use
3. Non-Profit Agricultural or Adaptive Use
4. Commercial Agricultural or Adaptive Use

Judging Criteria:

- Completeness of information presented in the application
- Sensitivity and integrity of repairs or modifications
- Visual appeal
- Creativity
- Thoroughness of work
- Effort expended to repair and maintain

2018 Michigan Barn of the Year Award Nominations

Nominations are comprised of four items. All must be submitted.

1. A completed application form
2. A written narrative
3. Photographs
4. A completed Michigan Barn & Farmstead Survey

Nominations must be postmarked by March 23, 2018.

Download nomination guidelines and forms here: www.mibarn.net

Contact Information:

For further information or to request mailed forms contact Keith Anderson, Chairman of the MBPN Barn of the Year committee by calling 616-540-6701 or emailing Keith at Klanderson42@gmail.com

About the Michigan Barn Preservation Network

The Michigan Barn Preservation Network is an active, statewide 501(c) 3 organization of barn owners and enthusiasts who foster the sharing of barn experiences, recognize barn rehabilitation and education successes, and assist in identifying rehabilitation information. Barns are economic resources and symbols of our agriculture heritage. They are attractive images on the landscape. The Michigan Barn Preservation Network is committed to rehabilitation of barns for agricultural, commercial, residential, and public uses.
