



Barn Tour Teaser *Old Barns—New Lives . . . a look at working barns*

If you are wondering how to fix up your barn you can get plenty of ideas on our barn tour. Many old barns have the same problem areas and you can talk to builders and barn owners who have solved these problems. We will visit 9 barns at 7 sites.

Thelen Barn Lee Thelen added fertilizer and machinery storage while maintaining a traditional look for his farmstead. Another barn, a new gambrel barn, replicates the traditional look and access for fertilizer storage..

Klein Barn See our June calendar barn in person. This barn, built in 1946 to replace a barn destroyed by fire, used lumber cut from the farm's woodlot. The barn was raised in the traditional manner.

Pat Feldpausch Farms added new siding and windows to an existing barn to build a bird proof parts storage for this 3,000-acre farm. The cost of the rebuild was about the same as a new pole structure, but the results are a piece of "eye candy" for the entire neighborhood.

Irrer Barn The barn at the home of MBPN Treasurer Tom Irrer has a 25 foot-high door and is used to store dry fertilizer for this mint farm. The mint production process will be explained.

Old Red Mill Pavilion began life as a cooperative grain elevator and was restored for a community farmers' market. Adjoining this a new timber frame pavilion built in 2015 with volunteers of the Timber Framers Guild was needed as the market outgrew the original space.

The Spitzley Barn is dedicated to the gathering of family and friends and will serve as our lunch stop. Antiques abound in this barn.