

**MICHIGAN  
BARN  
PRESERVATION  
NETWORK**

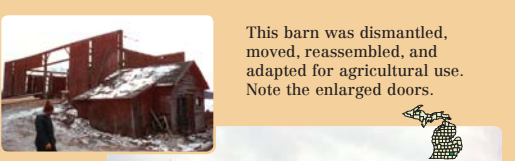
# MICHIGAN BARN PRESERVATION NETWORK PRESERVING MICHIGAN'S BARN CAN BE ADAPTED FOR AGRICULTURE . . .

## AGRICULTURE

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



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



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



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

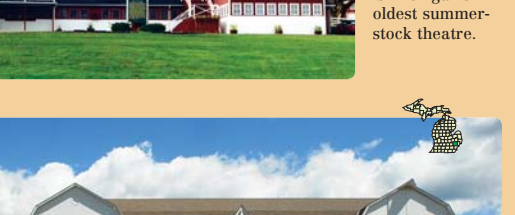
## COMMUNITY

The Campana Barn, built in 1897, has had three lives: on a mint farm, as a Michigan Department of Natural Resources barn, and now 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.



This Shi Township township barn (above) was repaired by a local group in exchange for a signed zero-cost rental agreement for their recreational equipment storage.

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.



# BARN AND FOR OTHER USES

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

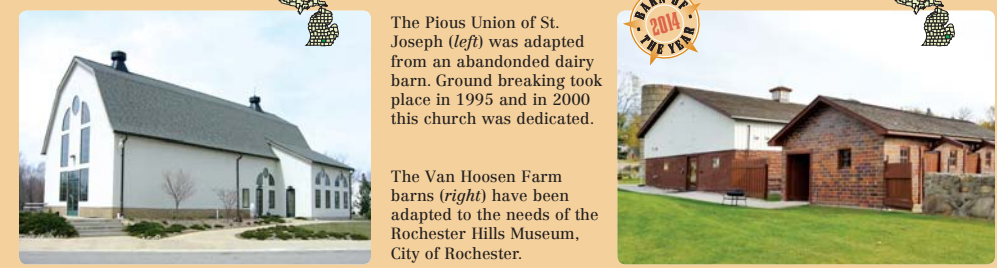
## BUSINESS



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 1993 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.

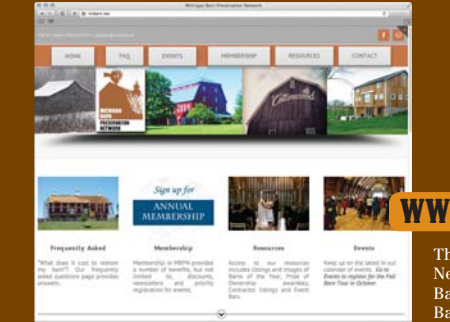


# MICHIGAN BARN PRESERVATION NETWORK IN ACTION

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

## INCREASING AWARENESS

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

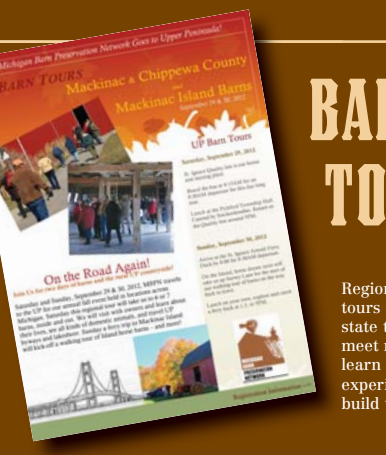


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The MBPN website includes sections for: Events, Resources, FAQs, Newsletters, Recognition, Products, a Contractor's list, and Event Barns list. Informational essays cover: Hiring a Contractor, Insuring Barns, Property Taxes on Restored Barns — and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

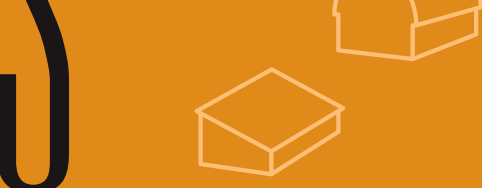
## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The spring conference brings owners, builders, educators, historians, craftspersons, 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

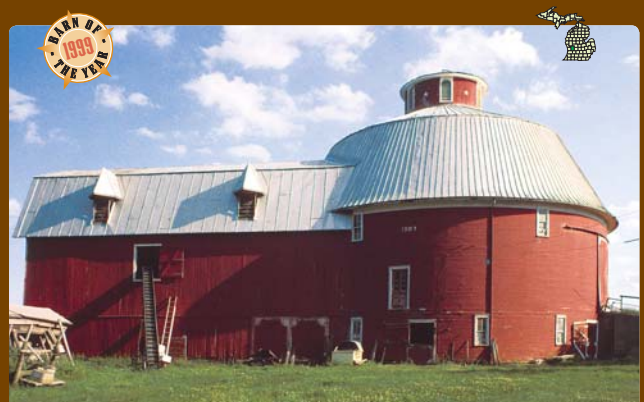
MBPN showcases Michigan barns that demonstrate successful repair, adaptation, rehabilitation, and preservation.



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 BARN & PRESERVATION ADVOCATE FOR PRESERVATION JOIN & PARTICIPATE IN PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES

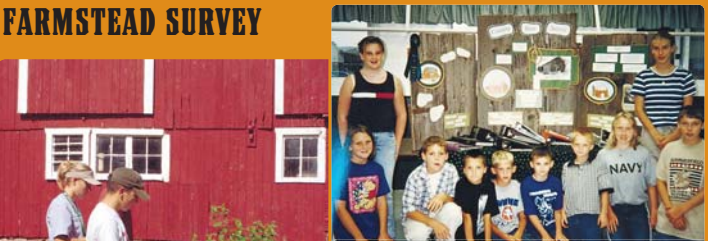
## FLAGSHIP PROJECTS

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.

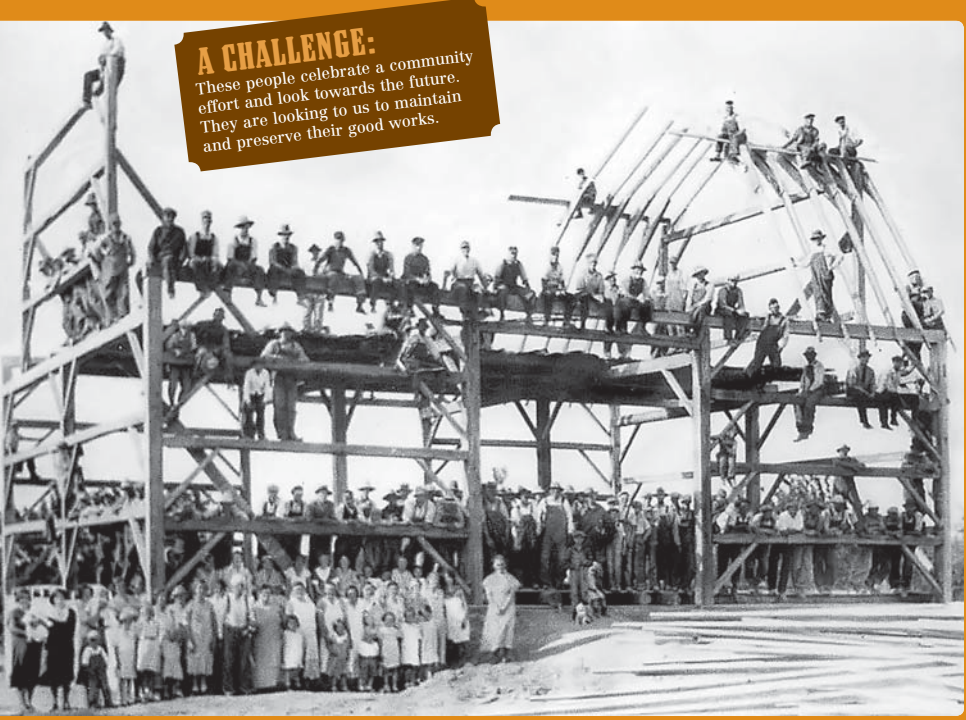
This raises awareness about barns and agricultural history, and educates and involves youth about preservation. We are adding to a searchable database for future research. Check it out at [mibarn.net](http://mibarn.net).



### TEAMWORK & TIMBERS

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

Using a quarter-sized replica of a midwest timber-framed barn, participants learn the parts, the vocabulary, and the cooperative effort needed to raise this American building type that framed barns and other buildings in the 19th century.



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