

Michigan Barn Preservation Network
*Promoting appreciation, preservation and rehabilitation of Michigan barns,
farmsteads and rural communities.*

2020 Barn of the Year Nomination Application Information

Every year, the Michigan Barn Preservation Network (MBPN) takes steps to honor those who make the extra effort to maintain their historic barn with integrity. It also recognizes that barns must adapt in order to survive, so it seeks as well to honor those who have modified their barns in a sensitive, creative manner to accommodate an alternative use; and that a corporation may have more resources on hand with which to do the work than an individual farmer. To reflect these variables, the MBPN has developed the following award categories:

- Continuing Agricultural Use
 - Family (Private), Non-Profit or Commercial
- Adapted to Other Uses
 - Family (Private), Non-Profit or Commercial

The Michigan Barn Preservation Network (MBPN) invites you to submit your nomination for a “Barn of the Year” designation in one of the categories listed above. A nominated barn can, but need not be owned by the applicant. The application may be completed by the property owner, a contractor, a neighbor or relative, or anyone else who has a specific interest in the barn being nominated and who has the property owner’s permission to do so. Barns nominated in previous years may be nominated again.

In order to qualify, a barn must retain its integrity as a barn, regardless of use. Barns will be judged for (1) completeness of information presented in this application, (2) sensitivity and integrity of repairs or modification, (3) visual appeal, (4) creativity, (5) thoroughness of work, and (6) amount of effort expended to repair and maintain the barn. The winning nominations will be presented an award at the MBPN annual conference on February 29, 2020.

A completed application must include these parts:

- (I) Nomination Form (attached)
- (II) Written Narrative
- (III) Photos
- (IV) Michigan Barn & Farmstead Inventory (attached)

See next page for complete requirements for each section of the application.

In order to be considered, nominations must be postmarked by January 25, 2020.

Mail your completed application to:

MBPN Barn of Year Committee
11530 Peach Ridge Ave.
Sparta, MI 49345

For additional information, contact Keith Anderson, Chair, MBPN Barn of the Year Committee at (616) 540-6701 or klanderson42@gmail.com

2020 Barn of the Year Nomination Application Requirements

(I) NOMINATION FORM - Complete the information on the enclosed form.

(II) WRITTEN NARRATIVE

Using additional sheets please address as much as possible of the following:

1) Description.

Describe the exterior of your barn: What shape does its footprint have (include the length, width and height of the building, if known). What materials are used for the foundation, walls and roof? What kind of roof does it have— gable, gambrel (hip) or something else? Does it have an access ramp? A walkout basement level? Are there any decorations present (cupola, brackets, painted arches, etc.) that are not readily seen in the photographs? Is there an associated (paved? fenced?) barn yard? Describe any other unique features.

Describe the interior of your barn: How is it framed (logs, hand-hewn timbers, 2x4s, etc.)? How many bays does it have (a bay is the space between vertical support posts along the length of the building; most barns are three or more bays in length). Are a granary, stanchions/gutter system, or other features present? Any unique features?

2) History.

Please describe as much history of the barn and the associated farm as possible. Include date of construction, names of builder, original and subsequent owners, dates of ownership, dates and kinds of changes to the barn, past and present uses (with dates, if possible). You may tabulate some of this information if you prefer. Please also list other farm buildings present and those which have been removed.

3) Barn Rehabilitation.

Describe the work done to preserve the barn. Please be detailed. Has the barn been lovingly maintained throughout its life? Or was there a major rehabilitation project undertaken? What was the nature of the work?

(III) PHOTOS

Please provide photos as listed below (12-24 maximum). Photographs should be high quality digital images or high resolution scans suitable for reprint, enlargement and display. Identify each photograph with relevant explanations.

1) **Exterior Photos** to include: Front, Left elevation, Right elevation, Back elevation, Oblique angle, Unique features

2) **Interior photos** to show framing and other construction details and unique features

3) **“Before” and “after” photos** if applicable.

(Photos cannot be returned. Your submission indicates approval and permission for photo use by the MBPN)

(IV) MICHIGAN BARN & FARMSTEAD INVENTORY

Please fill out and submit with your application. The inventory is used to establish a database of information about Michigan agricultural buildings. Additional information and guidance with the survey form can be found at the **Michigan Barn & Farmstead Survey website**.

Please provide your information and photos in (1) hard copy format for display and sharing, and (2) in electronic format on a CD or thumb drive for archiving.

2020 Barn of the Year Nomination Form

Owner Information:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Member of MBPN? Yes No
(Need not be a member to be eligible)

Barn Information:

Barn Name: _____

Address _____

Township _____

County _____

Original address (if moved) _____

Township _____

County _____

Applicant Information (if not owner):

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Member of MBPN? Yes No
(Need not be a member to be eligible)

Briefly About the Barn:

Date of construction _____

Date acquired by current owner _____

Date(s) of significant restoration _____

Why have you preserved it? _____

Most Unique Feature _____

Category of Submission:

Please check one under category A or B --

A. Continuing Agricultural Use

____ Family (Private)

____ Non-Profit

____ Commercial

B. Adapted to Other Uses

____ Family (Private)

____ Non-Profit

____ Commercial



Michigan Barn and Farmstead Inventory

DATE _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS _____

OWNER'S NAME _____

OWNER'S ADDRESS _____

COUNTY _____

TOWNSHIP _____

BARN

CONDITION

- good
- fair
- poor
- altered
- ruins

ROOF SHAPE

- gable
- gambrel
- gothic
- half monitor
- mansard
- monitor
- ogee
- round
- shed

ROOF COVERING

- asphalt shingle
- slate
- steel: corrugated
- steel: ribbed
- steel: standing seam
- wood shake
- wood shingle
- other: _____

SIDING

- steel: corrugated
- steel: ribbed
- wood: battens
- wood: horizontal
- wood: v-groove
- wood: vertical
- other: _____

PAINTING / DECORATION

Painted?

- no
- yes. Color: _____

Names/dates/decoration?

- no
- yes. Describe: _____

OTHER FEATURES

- cupola
- dormer
- lightning rod
- ventilator
- weather vane
- other: _____

FOUNDATION

- bank
- bridged
- on grade
- piers
- raised
- ramped

FOUNDATION MATERIALS

- boulders
- cement block
- field stone
- field stone – split
- field stone – dressed
- glazed tile
- poured concrete

FARMHOUSE

CONDITION

- good
- fair
- poor
- altered
- ruins

ROOF SHAPE

- gable
- gambrel
- gothic
- hip
- mansard
- shed
- other: _____

ROOF COVERING

- asphalt shingle
- slate
- steel: corrugated
- steel: ribbed
- steel: standing seam
- tile
- wood shake
- wood shingle
- other: _____

SIDING

- color: _____
- aluminum
- brick
- concrete block
- stone
- vinyl
- wood: horizontal
- wood: vertical
- other: _____

OTHER FEATURES

- cupola
- dormer
- lightning rod
- porch
- weather vane
- other: _____

FOUNDATION MATERIALS

- cement block
- field stone
- field stone – split
- field stone – dressed
- glazed tile
- poured concrete
- other: _____

SKETCH OF FARMSTEAD LAYOUT



FARMSTEAD BUILDINGS

If building does not exist, check the N/A box.

CONDITION	ROOF SHAPE	ROOF MATERIAL	SIDING MATERIAL	FOUNDATION TYPE	FOUNDATION MAT'L	OTHER FEATURES (color, trim, etc.)
CHICKEN COOP <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair <input type="checkbox"/> poor <input type="checkbox"/> altered <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> N/A						
CORNCRIB <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair <input type="checkbox"/> poor <input type="checkbox"/> altered <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> N/A						
GRANARY <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair <input type="checkbox"/> poor <input type="checkbox"/> altered <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> N/A						
HOG HOUSE <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair <input type="checkbox"/> poor <input type="checkbox"/> altered <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> N/A						
MACHINE SHED <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair <input type="checkbox"/> poor <input type="checkbox"/> altered <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> N/A						
MILK HOUSE <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair <input type="checkbox"/> poor <input type="checkbox"/> altered <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> N/A						
OUTHOUSE <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair <input type="checkbox"/> poor <input type="checkbox"/> altered <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> N/A						
SILO <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair <input type="checkbox"/> poor <input type="checkbox"/> altered <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> N/A						
WINDMILL <input type="checkbox"/> tower <input type="checkbox"/> wheel <input type="checkbox"/> gearbox <input type="checkbox"/> tail <input type="checkbox"/> N/A						
OTHER: <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair <input type="checkbox"/> poor <input type="checkbox"/> altered <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> N/A						
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