



Michigan Barn Preservation Network

Promoting appreciation, preservation and rehabilitation of Michigan barns, farmsteads and rural communities.

2021 Barn of the Year Nomination Application Information

Every year, the **Michigan Barn Preservation Network (MBPN)** acts 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. It also recognizes 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 its current 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. Those nominations selected for an award will be recognized in the Spring of 2021.

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 February 1, 2021.

Application materials may be scanned and e-mailed to: klanderson42@gmail.com or mailed 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

2021 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 digital photos as listed below (12-24 maximum). Do not send prints. Any prints must be scanned and converted to a digital format. All photos must be provided in digital format on CD or thumb drive or e-mailed with your completed application. Provide a list identifying the photos 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.

(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**.

2021 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)

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 _____

Briefly About the Barn:

Date of construction _____

Date acquired by current owner _____

Date(s) of significant restoration

What inspired you to preserve it?

Most Unique Feature _____

Applicant Information (if not owner):

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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