

Spring
2023



Case-Barlow Farm

Get Ready for Spring



On Sunday, March 12 residents of all ages are invited to attend two free hands-on workshops and demonstrations. One workshop will take place in the apple orchard; you will learn about pruning fruit trees, fruit tree site analysis, and actual proper fruit tree planting and young tree follow-up care and maintenance. The other workshop will be at the grapevine arbor. Visitors will watch and/or help with the restoration of the old grapevine plants, from rebuilding the grape arbor to understanding renewal pruning on the vines, site criteria, and follow-up care and maintenance. Leading the classes are two of Hudson's experts, Charlie Robinson, a botanist and owner of Robinson Lawn and Garden Center, and Curt VanBlarcum, a certified arborist of Curt's Trees, LLC. Curt and Charlie are proud members of the Case-Barlow Farm Board of Trustees. Both workshops will take place at Case-Barlow Farm, 1931 Barlow Road in Hudson.

Attendees are invited to bring their pruning shears, gloves, and safety glasses to the farm at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 12 to learn from these two experienced professionals. Attendees may be asked to put their new skills to good use, by helping to prune the farm's numerous trees, so that this summer the whole community will be able to enjoy the fruits of their labor at CBF's roadside produce cart. Dress for the weather. Children are welcome accompanied by an adult.

Hop to the Farm and Gather Your Eggs On Saturday, April 8!



Come one, come all! On Saturday, April 8 at 11 a.m., Case-Barlow Farm is hosting its Annual Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers to children ten years of age. This hunt has become a tradition for families. The farm yard will be filled with plastic eggs hidden in the garden beds, behind the trees and around the fencing just waiting to be found by your excited children. Each child should bring their own Easter basket for egg collection. After the hunt, they will exchange their collected eggs for a special treat bag courtesy of the Burton D. Morgan Foundation. The Case-Barlow Farm Easter Egg Hunt is free to the public; however, we ask that all attendees please pre-register in advance to allow the board members to plan for each age group. This event serves as a kick-off to spring and a great time for children to come to the farm. Last year's event included almost 300 children. The Easter Egg Hunt takes place rain or shine. It is likely that the farm will be muddy in April, so attendees are encouraged to please dress accordingly. The hunt will start at 11 a.m. Attendees are asked to arrive early to be in place before the hunt begins. Toddlers will be invited to hunt first, followed by the older children. A parent or an adult must accompany all children. Following the hunt, children will have an opportunity to visit with the Easter Bunny. Photos are encouraged. For more information and to register, please visit casebarlow.com.

Hudson's One-Room Schoolhouse

Memories of Louise Forbush Boyd

“All the district schools in Hudson were built to look alike and they were all painted white. You went in the front doorway. To the right would be a separate place for your coats. To the left was another section where the teacher sometimes would make hot chocolate. During maple syrup season, she would make pancakes. The heating stove was in the center of the room. The teacher would have to arrive early in the winter to light the fire. In the schoolroom itself, there was a platform where the teacher had her desk. That was where the students would recite. The other students were to be working on writing or arithmetic. While the teacher was having other classes. Sometime someone would interrupt. If you raised one or two fingers that meant you had to go to the privy. If you didn't come back right away, the teacher worried but wouldn't dare leave the other students alone in the room. Somebody had to go out and fetch them. It wasn't very convenient going to the privy, especially in the wintertime when we had to wear long underwear.” “Farewell to Farms”, Hudson, Ohio 1987.

Wonderful and Exciting Holiday Season at The Farm!

Children and their cheering family members came out to enjoy the sixth annual Turkey Tot Trot at the farm. Over 90 children participated, vying for a chance to win a frozen turkey for their family's Thanksgiving dinner, courtesy of Hudson's Acme Fresh Market. There were even qualifying heats for some age groups. The children ran as fast as they could toward the finish line. Each of the 5 age groups, 3-12 years of age, had a winner, and all the children were applauded for their hard work and determination. Hot chocolate and cookies helped to warm their bodies and spirits.



In December, lights, festive songs and, of course, Santa, created a fabulous holiday season at CBF. Dressed in greenery and holiday candles, the farmhouse celebrated the season with Queen Victoria, Charles Dickens and Tiny Tim all making guests appearances at its three sold-out holiday teas. Adult guests created a holiday centerpiece to decorate their homes, while at the Gingerbread Tea, the children created and decorated their tree with paper ornaments.

Excited and with bright, starry eyes, children came to talk with Santa in the barn. During two weekends, Santa listened carefully to discover the children's dreams for Christmas.



Decked out with over 60 trees, the barn was home to CBF's First Annual Winter Wonderland. The Friday and Saturday themed open houses featured the Hudson Conservatory of Ballet performing the Nutcracker; music and songs by the Little Dickens Singers, dressed in period attire; holiday songs by the Hudson Community Chorus; plus Olaf, Anna and Elsa danced and sang with the children on the Frozen evening. Each evening the children enjoyed a scavenger hunt for items on the decorated trees. Be sure to mark your calendars today for Christmas at Case-Barlow Farm 2023 holiday season.

CBF Now Offers Diet Root Beer

A long time favorite, Case-Barlow Farm Root Beer is now available as both regular and the new diet version. Case-Barlow Farm Root Beer had its beginning in the Barlow farmhouse kitchen. Hudson's Fire Chief and EMS Director, Jerry Varnes, recalls that Don Barlow and his wife Emily, would hire local boys to help with farm chores, and they enjoyed driving the tractors, harvesting of the crops and storing the hay in the barn. "At the end of a hard day of work, Don might go to the milk house and bring out the bottles of homemade root beer. It was the best treat one could imagine. Don would keep the bottles and the caps. He hammered the bottle caps flat, washed out the bottles and used them again." Today, on the farmhouse kitchen counter, sits a hand bottle-capping device similar to the one that the Barlows might have used.



Try some and enjoy! The 4-pack of root beer is sold at Ace Hardware, 5824 Darrow Road, at Destination Hudson, 27 E. Main Street and also at farm events.

Reviews are in—

Rental of "Big Red" is Very Special!

Heather wedding: "Gorgeous! Everything was perfect for Eddie & Heather's wedding!!"

Robyn Hudson High School After Prom: "The kids had a ball, lots of room to enjoy the outdoor activities and the casino in the barn was great!"

Hanna wedding: "We had our wedding here in October 2021. Not only was it a fabulously beautiful location, but the event staff was perfect. Everyone complimented us on how beautiful the venue was."

Be part of over 200 years of history by making your own history at the Farm! "Big Red" provides a unique atmosphere in the 1890 historical barn, along with room to enjoy outdoor activities and games on almost 5 acres. There is plenty of space for a tent, if desired. Be sure to offer your guests a welcoming drink from our custom made produce cart. Pose in front of the gardens, orchard, corn crib or silo, to create beautiful pictures that last a lifetime.

Only a few 2023 dates are still available to host your wedding, rehearsal, reception, private party or corporate event. 2024 is starting to book up quickly. Contact Jennifer Till, CBF's Venue Coordinator by email at casebarlowevents@gmail.com or call 440.522.1856 to schedule an appointment to view and discover for yourself the special offerings of Case-Barlow Farm.

CBF is on the Hudson Garden Club Tour



Master Bedroom

Case-Barlow Farm will be a featured home and property on The Hudson Garden Club Home and Garden Tour 2023, Friday June 16 and Saturday, June 17. This is the 75th anniversary tour, and CBF is pleased to be part of this very special celebration. Case-Barlow Farm is excited to showcase the entire property. The historical 1831 home will be included along with the kitchen garden, the milk house, the wagon barn, Eleanor Roosevelt's outhouse, and of course, "Big Red." Many guests from out of town and even out of state, will be seeing the Farm for their first time.

With this large property, we need volunteers on both days to welcome guests to the house and other points of interest. Case-Barlow Farm and The Hudson Garden Club hope to make this a very successful tour, and we need your help. If you have time, CBF would love your help. Please go to Casebarlow.com and locate the Sign-Up Genius square at the top of the home page, click it on for information and to register for an enjoyable short shift. Please ask a friend



Children's Room

to join you. CBF thanks you in advance for the generosity of your time.

Volunteers Needed for Spring Yard Clean-up Day April 22

Volunteers ages 15 to 70+ are needed to help pull weeds, spread mulch, trim bushes, and do general winter clean-up on the farm's five acres on Saturday, April 22. The CBF volunteer board simply cannot do all the work without your help. CBF will



have some tools ready for you to use, including wheelbarrows. But bring your work gloves, hat, and whatever you need to work in the yard. If you

have a favorite garden tool, be sure to bring that along. Students from Western Reserve Academy will also be helping. The morning work session will begin at 9 a.m. and hopefully will be completed by 12 noon. Come join your friends and neighbors and help CBF "spruce up" for the busy spring and summer events. Please go to Casebarlow.com and sign up to help. Thank you so very much.

A Fifth Generation Farmer

Memories of Don Barlow

"Don Barlow remembers, with a smile on his face, being enrolled in a one-room schoolhouse and dipping the pigtail of the girl in front of him into his inkwell.

"Being not only mischievous, but hard working as well, Don recalls the long hours it took milking the cows by hand, taking care of the chickens and feeding the hens when he was younger. The job he dreaded most was cleaning out the chicken house, but Don comments, "It was one of those things that had to be done." Don's father, Henry C. (Case) Barlow, former mayor of Hudson from 1946 to 1957, not only raised cows and chickens but beef cattle also. Don remembers the day the inspectors from the state were checking for tuberculosis among the cattle. In the end, the disease was found in about half of the herd. Henry decided it would be best if all the cattle were sold or slaughtered. His decision to get rid of all the cattle turned out to be wise since tuberculosis was later found in the other half.

Crop rotation played an important role in farming on the Barlow farm. Three main crops the Barlow's raised were corn, oats, and wheat. With all of the hardships and problems that came with farm life, it really was not all bad. Actually, it helped bring the family closer and kept it that way."

"Farewell to Farms," Hudson, Ohio 1987.

It's Against the Law—Laws Still on the book in 1971

Ohio Law does not permit sticking your feet out of your automobile door to enjoy the balmy breeze.

A man may not wear a goatee in Massachusetts unless he pays a fee or tax.

It's illegal to sell buttermilk on the sabbath in Springfield, Missouri.

A Lake Charles, Louisiana, law makes it illegal to let a rain puddle remain in your front yard for more than twelve hours.

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CBF circa 1910 Concrete Stave Silo

The tower silo has always marked what most of us see as the traditional farmstead. A silo marked where a farmer lived his life and earned his living. It once was a symbol of a prosperous dairy industry. A silo may seem timeless, but it has only been around just over 140 years. In 1882, there were only 91 silos in the United States. By 1895, there were over 50,000 across the country. By the early 1900's, there were more than 500,000 silos dotting the agricultural landscape of America. Today we see fewer and fewer silos.

For centuries there had been a problem of how to store and carry over crops from one growing season into a winter or dry season where there was less availability of high-quality green feed. Air had to be eliminated to properly ensilage (process of making and storing green fodder in the winter) a crop and reduce the rate of spoilage. Round silos were built in a variety of designs using wood. Around the turn of the century, farmers began to experiment with various types of masonry materials to build silos. CBF's painted concrete stave silo is cylindrical in shape, measuring 44'3" in height from the ground to the underside of the roof and 15'9" in diameter resting on a masonry foundation. It is composed of pre-cast stave, interlocking masonry units, vertically stacked, and secured with round steel strapping and turnbuckles, reinforcing the silo against outward pressure. The conical asphalt shingle roof is divided into 12 segments, with venting toward the tip and exposed rafter tails. A gabled dormer with paired doors on the northeast side provides access, allowing ensilage to be delivered to the silo.

This white silo at Case-Barlow Farm is the third silo that has graced the farm. When the barn was built in 1890, it housed an interior silo. The horsehair plaster on the walls, now shown in the kitchen area, northeast corner under the glass, was part of the original silo. To the left of the barn, exterior northwest corner, the brick foundation is the remains of the wood silo that eventually collapsed.

