

# Case-Barlow Farm

## *CBF Annual Toboggan Party is Set for Saturday, February 19*



The date and time are set now we wait for Mother Nature to provide the snow! Toboggans will be available from the farm, but participants may bring their own. Tobogganing will take place on Saturday, February 19 from 10 am to noon.

The farm's rolling hill provides an excellent spot to enjoy this fun winter activity. No snow on February 19. No problem! A "snow date" make-up will be Saturday, February 26. This event is free to the public and includes a chance to warm up in the farm's Big Red Barn with hot cocoa, hot apple cider and cookies graciously provided by The Burton D. Morgan Foundation.

There are so many things to enjoy at Case-Barlow Farm. Tobogganing is an activity that might have taken place in a very similar way when the farm was first established. Case-Barlow Farm is continuing to offer these recreational activities to enable residents to learn more about farm life. "The event is free for all, but donations to CBF are always welcome," said Ned Kendall, CBF Trustee.

For more information, visit [www.casebarlow.com](http://www.casebarlow.com). Please check for weather updates the day of the event.

## *Now Booking the Barn*

Love is in the air in February, and many couples who became engaged during the holidays are starting to plan their special event. CBF just might be the perfect location for your wedding. Case-Barlow Farm is one of the area's most unique venues for a wedding or special private gathering. Situated on a picturesque historic farm in quaint Hudson, the farm's lovingly restored Big Red Barn features a beautiful gathering place with modern amenities including restrooms and a full-service bar.

Although only in its second year of offering private barn rentals, the venue has become a popular choice for those looking for a breathtaking indoor space that also includes all-encompassing views of the 5 acre farm. Wedding venue rentals are available from May-October and can accommodate up to 200 people. During the shoulder season (May-July only) small groups can book the barn for 1/2 day events. Those who book a 2022 event for under 100 people in May-July will receive a reduced rate. Perfect for birthday parties, private events, graduation parties, and other smaller gatherings, this new package allows for events under 100 people for up to four hours, plus 1 hour for set up and tear down. Contact Katie Mang, venue coordinator, for more details.

The best way to see if Case-Barlow Farm is the perfect place for your special event is to visit the farm. Schedule a time to visit the space by clicking the event inquiry button at [www.casebarlow.com](http://www.casebarlow.com).



## Grant Awarded from Hudson Community Foundation & the State of Ohio



The CBF grounds now have a specialized surface in place adjacent to the Big Red Barn to allow easier access to the building, as well as provide an environmentally-friendly surface that will maintain the beauty of the farm's landscape.

Julie Lindner, of the Case-Barlow Farm board, wrote a grant to have a portion of the geo grid materials and installation provided by the Hudson Community Foundation. CBF was notified that they had received a \$2,500 grant from the Hudson Community Foundation.

"In 2020, CBF installed a geo grid surface from the rear entrance of the barn to improve access to the barn for caterers, florists, rental companies and others while maintaining the appearance of the grounds. This fall we expanded the geo grid to the east to facilitate parking and maneuvering of vehicles. The expansion of the geo grid surface was completed in December 2021," said Lindner.

Lindner added that CBF has received a \$35,580 Cultural Facilities grant from the State of Ohio that funded much of the geo grid work. However, a match of \$5,942 was needed in order for Case-Barlow Farm to be able to accept the grant.

"The \$2,500 in funding from Hudson Community Foundation to aid in meeting this requirement leveraged the entire \$41,522 project," she said.

"The entire board and many friends of CBF are grateful for the support from the Hudson Community Foundation. This grant allowed us to enhance the offering of the farm's beautiful event space in the renovated barn. The space has been used this past summer and fall, and we have already scheduled several events in 2022. The addition of the expanded geo grid area allows us to provide an even better experience for our guests," said Linda Matty, CBF Board President.

The Hudson Community Foundation wrote in its awarding of this grant, "Hudson Community Foundation is proud to support your organization as it works to strengthen and improve the Hudson community."

## The History of Paint Colors Explored

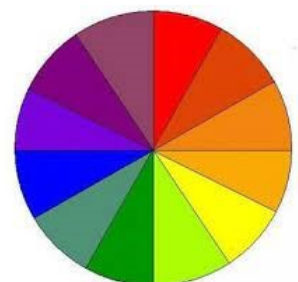
*by Pat Eldredge written in Oral Histories of Long-time Hudson Residents*

*Taken from an article which appeared in 1978 in The Hudson Hub*

"The earliest houses in New England were seldom painted. They may have been tarred, at times, for protection but the use of paint for decorative purposes was almost unknown. With the coming of Georgian style to prominence came the popularity of exterior paints. Nearly all exterior paints were oil based. By 1710 painters' colors, imported from England, were advertised regularly in Boston newspapers.

"When Britain sought to increase revenue from the colonies, it used the Stamp Act to put a tax on paint colors. Domestic manufacture of pigments began in secret for it was forbidden in the colonies. By 1800, Dr. James Mease spoke of paints of twenty-two different colors. With the Greek Revival, white became the dominant color. White houses were meant to be illusions of marble temples. Pale yellow and gray were also used at times. The color used for exterior shutters was a bright green which tended to turn black with age. In the 1820s, 30s and into the 40s, Greek Revival virtually swept the country so that the hills were literally "templed," and every town had its abundant share of white pediments and pillars. It was, perhaps, the universality of the neat, symmetrical, white Greek Revival buildings which brought about the revolution in architectural concepts we call Victorian. The Gothic Cottage was the first style of Victorian houses that became popular. The idea with paint colors was to have the house blend into its surroundings, not to stand out.

"Photographs of Hudson in the nineteenth century clearly show that trim was painted a different color than the body of the house. If Hudson houses ever created a "white" town, it was before 1850 or after 1905 when Hudson's benefactor, James W. Ellsworth, began imposing his preference for white on his model hometown. Whether a house should be white or a color (or a variety of colors) depends on the time and style in which it was built."





## Busy and Exciting Holiday Season at CBF!

CBF's fifth annual Turkey Tot Trot, courtesy of Acme Fresh Market, Hudson, included over 70 children, all vying for a chance to win a frozen turkey for their family's Thanksgiving dinner. Grouped by ages, there were even qualifying heats at some age groups. The children ran as fast as they could toward the finish line. Each age group from ages 3-12 had a winner, but all of the children were applauded for their hard work and determination, especially in the chilly weather. Hot chocolate and cookies helped to warm their bodies and spirits.



The Christmas holiday season was ushered in with two teas at the historic Case-Barlow Farm house. A tea for adults was held on December 3 and 4. Attendees enjoyed handmade smorgasstratas, soup and special tea desserts. A floral arrangement to take home for the holidays was made by those attending. On Sunday a Gingerbread Tea, just for children, was such a delight. Hot chocolate "tea" and delicious gingerbread treats were served and the children made ornaments to take home.



Santa in the Barn, a special holiday tradition, offered children the magical opportunity to visit with Santa in the Big Red Barn, tell him their Christmas wishes, and then enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and homemade cookies graciously sponsored by the Burton D. Morgan Foundation.

Although Santa went back to the North Pole, a Winter Wonderland Open House took place on Sunday, December 19, in the barn. The Open House allowed visitors to enjoy the beautiful holiday decorations, with over 30 decorated Christmas trees and a generous dose of holiday spirit. "Kodak Moments" were everywhere! Over 200 guests enjoyed the festive barn and hot cider and cookies.

Watch for next year: plans are already underway for another spectacular holiday season.



### 5114 Darrow Road Another Hudson Historical Barn

1880 - The Octagon Barn, an ingenious design to feed the dairy cows from a center hay stack was built.

1961 -Mid-City Squadron 401 of the Civil Air Patrol held indoor and outdoor drill display areas and classrooms.

1969 -Dodd's Antiques owned by Mary and Bill Jr. used the barn.

1975 -The Smithers Company, Smithers-Oasis Division—Ted Smithers remodeled the building, using the original wood as the interior wall structure. The barn's sliding door, windows, cupola and circular second floor are functional in this historic restored office complex.

*This is documented in "Musical Chairs on Main Street, Hudson, Ohio" by Alice Johnson, 1979.*



### Hudson Has Three Questers Chapters

The Questers promote a love and preservation of antiques and historical landmarks. There are three groups in Hudson: David Hudson Chapter, James Ellsworth Chapter and Anna Lee Chapter.

All three Quvester chapters have helped research and furnish the interior of the Case-Barlow farmhouse with period pieces, served as docents for many events, and helped preserve and restore the historic farm since its establishment as a community resource in 1996. Cleopatra's Crew is a dedicated group of Quvester volunteers who take responsibility for the care and cleaning of the historic farmhouse on a regular basis. These women are invaluable to the success of CBF.

In 1944, Jessie Elizabeth Bardens founded The Questers to further knowledge and education about antiques, and to encourage preservation, restoration and conservation of historic buildings, sites and antiquities. Questers take great pride in their personal education about antiquities and their collections, in sharing their knowledge and collections with other Questers and enjoying friendship with other members. The highlight of their meeting is a program on a collection or historic site researched and written by a member. Questers is both a national and international organization.

Research papers prepared and presented by the Hudson Questers are stored at the Hudson Library & Historical Society. In addition to CBF, the members have worked on preserving the Hudson clock tower and chimes, restoring graves at Markillie Cemetery and researching the Underground Railroad information.

Questers membership is open to anyone who wishes to preserve and enhance yesterday's treasures. For more information, contact David Hudson's President, Eileen Guinta; James Ellsworth's President, Karen Smith; or Anna Lee's President, Gay Grell. It's an excellent way to learn about history and help with the preservation of Hudson.

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### Winter on the 19th Century Farm

Work on an Ohio farm did not slow down during the cold of winter. While most of the food preservation was complete for the year, except butchering and maple work, the daily routine of cooking, cleaning, mending and laundry did not change that much for women. Inspection of the root cellar and other storage spaces to make sure the food there stayed fresh could take up time for the family trying to make food last until the next growing season. This would include checking the jams and pickles for mold, scraping the mold off or using those items first, and making sure rotting apples or potatoes did not spoil what was touching them. There was also more time in the winter for extended projects like sewing family clothing and quilting.

In the 19th century, without modern central heating, keeping the family warm was a big task; it was a constant battle. Hauling and splitting wood or arranging for coal to be delivered cost both money and time. As time went on, most families relied on cast iron stoves, but there was no constant supply of heat once the occupants of the household retired for the night. Many homes, including Case-Barlow's house, had grates cut through the floor to allow the heat to rise to the bedroom areas.

No matter the cold weather, activity in the barnyard continued throughout the winter. For the Case and Barlow families, being dairy farmers, milking took place two times each day. For many farmers, hog butchering was a necessary activity for the cold months. Without a modern source of artificial refrigeration, 1880's farm families relied on Mother Nature and the cold weather she provided to keep meat from spoiling.

Other jobs for the winter were fence building, mending equipment, husking shucked corn, hauling wood. Tasks also included collecting maple sap and boiling it into syrup. A favorite treat was tasting taffy-like maple syrup poured over fresh snow. Families got together for taffy pulls and popcorn evenings, social and fraternal group meetings and lectures.

Ice cutting and skating happened on local ponds, rivers and creeks, and coasting was a favored sport if hills could be found.

