

Case-Barlow Farm

Wilt Thou Come a Wassailing? December 1st, 2017



"Here we come a-wassailing
Among the leaves so green;
Here we come a-wand'ring
So fair to be seen.
Love and joy come to you,
And to you your wassail too;
And God bless you and send you a happy New Year."

Most are unaware, even though this song is as traditional and familiar as most any English Christmas carol, the song is among the season's more questioning, an evocation of a holiday custom that pretty much puzzles modern celebrants. The term has evolved in English for more than a millennium, from its origins as a simple greeting, to its use as a toast in drinking, to its absorption into holiday customs.

Case-Barlow Farm invites you to join us in the ancient tradition, A Wassailing Party, on Friday, December 1, from 7:00 to 10 p.m. The historic farm house will be festively decorated for the holiday season. Throughout the evening, Dennis Bowers will present traditional music of the centuries with the hammered dulcimer and his wife, Kaja will entertain with her guitar. Of course, a holiday evening would not be complete without Christmas caroling, leading us will be Tampa Murphy, past Worship Leader and Music Director at Christ Community Chapel in Hudson. Historical parlor games, "Shut the Box", "Acey-Deucey" and "Jackstraws", you will be enjoyed by all. The evening will feature wine and beer plus an array of heavy hors'oeuvres, sweets and desserts, and a wassail celebrating ceremony for all to enjoy.

Limited space is available and reservations are a must. Tickets are \$75 per person. Please call Leah Roth 330.607.0470 for additional information and reservations. Send a check made payable to Case-Barlow Farm, P. O. Box 2143, Hudson, Ohio 44236 or buy online at casebarlow.com. All proceeds from this very special evening benefit the ADA handicap accessibility requirements for usage of the barn

Join Santa in the Big Red Barn

Santa will be stopping at CBF on Saturday, December 9 to see all the good little boys and girls of NE Ohio. This will be a perfect time for your children to talk with Santa and let him know that they have been very good! Santa and his sleigh will be in the barn, affectionately known as "Big Red" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your cameras and make memories with Santa and the vintage sleigh while enjoying hot cider and cookies.

Santa's helpers will be in Santa's Workshop to help your children make wooden toys donated by Home Depot. Mail your letter to Santa at The North Pole Post Office.

Plan to bring a new unwrapped present for a child 0 to 14 years of age for The United States Marines Corps "Toys for Tots" program. Gifts collected will be distributed by the Marines to children in Summit and Tuscarawas counties.

Snuggle up on a hayride through the park and, when you return, children's outdoor play toys will be waiting for your family. Be sure to join in with some holiday singing and bell ringing.

Although activities are free of charge, donations are welcome to help with the preservation and restoration of the 202 year-old Case-Barlow Farm. Parking and entrance will be from the rear of the barn via the Barlow Farm Park driveway. The main doors slide open at 10 a.m.



Merry Christmas to All!

CBF Membership Offers New Features for 2018

Supporters of CBF will notice something exciting when renewing or starting their 2018 membership. Our brand new **Family Farm Club** is included for anyone joining CBF at the \$100 and above level. Each month, a special free event just for Family Farm Club members will be offered. Activities include 2 mornings for tobogganing on the barn bank, maple tree tapping, an Easter egg hunt, May pole dance, 2 family movie nights, Hudson fireworks special seating, making ghost gardens, a turkey tot trot and an special invitation to visit Santa in the Big Red Barn.

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granddaughter Ava inspecting

the shipment of 5 classic wooden

American Flyer toboggans with

and

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How to Join - Your memberships are tax deductible!

*All Memberships of \$100 or more include admission to all Family Farm Club Events

Online: casebarlow.com using your credit card

Mail In: Complete this form and mail with your check made payable to: <u>Case-Barlow Farm</u>, P.O. Box 2143, Hudson, Ohio 44236

| \$5,000.00 & Above Membership - Chauncey and Cleopatra Case Member* \$1,000.00 - Henry and Mary Case Member* \$500.00 - Franklin F. and Hattie Case Barlow Member* \$200.00 - Henry C. and Isabel Sackett Barlow Member* \$100.00 - Donald and Emily Barlow Member* | hill behind the "Big Red" barn. Toboggans were donated by friends of CBF. |
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| \$ 50.00 - Donald C. and Helen Barlow Member | |
| Member Name: | |
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| My employer will match this contribution: Yes No | |
| If ves. matching employer name and information | |

Interested in History?

Volunteering Opportunities Await at CBF

However you see yourself involved, there is a place for you at CBF. Some people enjoy helping with field trips and other events; some working in the gardens; some producing publications and other are interested in oral history and online research.

Perhaps you are the person to represent CBF at the Council of Historical Institutions and Preservation Societies (CHIPS). CHIPS meets every other month on the second Saturday at one of the dozens of members organizations, so attendees get an opportunity to visit each others' facilities. The meetings provide time to socialize with other fellow history enthusiasts, to see and hear about their facilities, and to benefit from the sharing of activities, plans, concerns and accomplishments among these historical groups in Summit and Portage counties.

Individuals, school and community groups, and teens looking for service hours are most welcome to volunteer at CBF.

Accepting Reservations for CBF



Case-Barlow Farm is the perfect historical setting for your private party, wedding or baby shower, club meeting, family or corporate event. You can rent this beautifully restored home for your special event. The barn, wagon shed, gardens, arbors and vast fields provides a wonderful back drop for photography sessions. Field trips and historic tours can be tailored to your request. Contact the farm by phone or email to have our event coordinator help you plan your next event.

Annual CBF Fall Harvest Farm Fest was a Great Success



September 10 was a perfect, sunny and warm day for the annual Fall Harvest Farm Fest. Excitement was in the air and over 1500 adults and children enjoyed the day. Hay wagon rides continued throughout the day. The wooden cows stood still for milking, while the children churned butter, made candles and crafts to take home. Smiles were from ear to ear as everyone enjoyed the small

petting farm animals, Birds in Flight Raptors, Herps Alive, a Civil War encampment, duck races, square dancers, pumpkin bowling, antique vehicles, farm house tours and quilt show, and so much more.

Thank you to all who came and enjoyed, to the many sponsors who generously donated and to all the volunteers that gave of their time to make the 21st Fall Harvest Farm Fest a huge success! Mark you calendar to join on Sunday, September 9, 2018.

Newly Planted Historical Roses

Roses have a long and colorful history. They have been symbols of love, beauty, war and politics. The rose is, according to fossil evidence, 35 million years old. Garden cultivation of roses began some 5,000 years ago,



probably in China. Roses were in such high demand during the 17th century that royalty considered roses or rose water as legal tender, and they were often used as barter and for payments. Roses are once again enjoying a resurgence in popularity, specifically shrub roses and old garden roses.

George Harison created the Harison's Yellow Rose in his Manhattan garden in the 1830s. This beauty was lovingly taken by pioneer women across the wilderness to their new homes in the west. Packed away with other valuables, tender cuttings and roots were stowed in buckets, rooted in potatoes and even in tea cups. This rose can be found all along the pioneer trails. In fact, CBF has had a couple of these rose bushes in the garden for many, many years. You need to wonder how it arrived at CBF.

Thanks to a generous donation by a friend of CBF, the farm now has its own historical rose garden. Charlie Robinson, of Robinson Lawn & Garden Center, researched and obtained 14 historical rose bushes, all varieties that were introduced before 1900. He and his crew created the rose garden complete with a stone bench made from a CBF stone slab and stones. They also moved the Harison's Yellow rose bushes to this new garden, where they now hold a place of honor.

Historical rose varieties selected include: Autumn Damask (prior to 1819), American Beauty (1874), Baronne Prevost (1842), Calocarpa (prior to 1891), Cecile Brunner (1881), Duke of Edinburgh (1868), General Jacqueminot (1853), Kazanlik (prior to 1850), Madame Plantier (1835), Marches Boccella (1842), Mrs. Anthony Waterer (1898), Paul Neyron (1869), Perle dOr (1884) and Vicks Caprice (1891).

Amazon Donates When You Shop

The holiday and gift giving season is quickly approaching. Case-Barlow Farm is partnering with The Amazon Smile Foundation. The foundation has donated millions of dollars to more than 50,000 organizations including CBF.

It is easy--when you are ready to place an order on Amazon, first go to Smile.Amazon.com and enter Case-Barlow Farm, Hudson, Ohio as your choice of charity. Then simply continue to place your order. You can also save CBF so that anytime throughout the year when purchasing, it is ready for you. Amazon will donate 5% of



the purchase price for some of the amazonsmile items that you order at no cost or effort on your part. It is so simple to do and it will help fund CBF. We thank you in advance for thinking of CBF!

Ellsworth Hill School's

Charlotte's Web Success Story

The classic story of Charlotte's Web was brought to life for second graders. After leaning about Case-Barlow Farm's Big Red Barn, CBF's farm history and its educational mission, the students and staff had a chance to buy raffle tickets to win a Charlotte's Web basket filled with a stuffed Wilbur, a bucket of slop (candy for the slop), the DVD, a hard back cover copy of the book, a Templeton rat finger puppet, cotton candy for the fair theme and so much more. The students supported this

mission with their raffle tickets. The 5 for \$1 ticket sales raised over \$1,130 to help with **CBF** restoration. Thank you, Charlotte, Wilbur and the Ellsworth teachers students a n d families.



Fall 2017

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Eagle Scout Projects Benefit Gardens



Two Boy Scouts completed their Eagle projects at CBF this year.

Eagle Scout Candidate, Joey Marsicano, of Troop 777 replaced the decayed garden arbor. The project required extensive resizing of the cedar lumber to match the original arbor design. The new arbor has been water treated with an environment friendly coating before installation to preserve the arbor for years to come.

Elliot Ortiz-Witter, Eagle Scout Candidate of Troop 333, built a well-like structure over the wagon barn cistern. Inside this structure are two water pumps which will allow the volunteer gardeners to use the still existing cistern to water the flowers and gardens. The primary pump is DC and is powered by a battery within the structure that is kept charged by four solar cells mounted on the top of the well roof.



Acme Grocery Receipt Collection

Acme Fresh Market Stores are offering their annual Community Cash Back program from August 10 to December 31, 2017. At the bottom of your grocery receipt is a Community Cash Back \$ amount. Acme donate 5% of that amount to local organizations including CBF. Please save your receipts for CBF. Call to arrange for someone to pick them up from you or deposit your receipts in the collection jar on the back porch of the farm house. Thank you again.

Garden Group Grows Great Gardens

Thanks to our garden volunteers, Ron Swiantek, Debbie and Tom King, Toni and Larry Watson, Lynn and Ned Kendall, Ben Siow and Ann Ingling who raised a bounty of flowers, vegetables and tended the apple trees.



These wonderful volunteers also gave garden tours at CBF events and set up a roadside stand to sell fresh produce.

Summer 2017 Newsletter Correction

Elizabeth Siman was misidentified as Elizabeth Smith. Siman, a direct descendant of David Hudson, spoke about her ancestry at the June Second Sunday Open House.