

Fall 2012



Case-Barlow Farm

Our Annual Fall Harvest Fest is Coming - Sunday, October 7th 1 to 5 p.m.

Plans are bigger and better than ever for a wonderful-fun packed day for children & adults.

There will be something for everyone! You will enjoy “Crazy Rhythm” as they sing and play guitar and fiddle throughout the day and then you can dance along with the ‘Western Whirlers’ Square Dancing Club. There will be hay wagon rides and pony rides also. Barred owls, hawks and a screech owl presented by “Birds in Flight Raptor Center” plus new this year, Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary will bring Odessa & Natasha, the goats, 2 cockfighting roosters & Kachina, a dwarf mini horse. The Summit Sizzlers 4-H group will bring small farm animals for petting including a pot pig! Johnny Appleseed will be on hand to make apple juice. Of course, “olde fashion” chores will be



learned including making butter and noodles, rug weaving and washing clothes. While touring our historic 1831 home, you will enjoy the sounds of antique music machines, view hand crafts of our grandparents plus a special exhibit of antique and newer hand made quilts. Don't miss the “duck races”, the gentle donkeys, the cookie walk and the games of our great-grandparents--3 legged race, tug-of-war and more. Your children will have fun making crafts to take home. Also outside will be a blacksmith, candle making, chair caning, pumpkin decorating and a huge tic-tac-toe board. Our wooden cows will stand still for everyone to try their hand at milking (don't worry--it is really just water--for those who are lactose intolerant.) Be sure to register for the raffle prizes. New this year is a vendor section for you to enjoy. Our famous hot dogs cooked on the grill along with snacks and drinks will be available throughout the day. Our recently renovated wagon shed will be open so that everyone can view some of the equipment that was used by farmers both at CBF and here in Ohio.



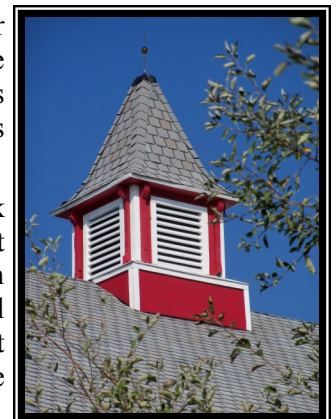
Plan to come early & stay all day--you will run out of time before you run out of activities! Be sure to bring your camera- there will be many Kodak moments!

Admission: Adult \$6.00, Children \$5.00, Toddlers 2 years and under Free; Covers activities, crafts, games & entertainment. Pumpkins & food additional.

CBF Regal Cupola

CBF bank barn was actually built as a large storage barn for hay and grain with the lower level being the home to horses and live stock. The huge doors, when opened, enabled the farmer to take advantage of the wind power to help thresh grain, the area between the doors was the “threshing floor.” The large doors also allowed the farmer to pull their hay wagons into the barn for unloading.

Recently the barn's cupola was renovated and is once again the crown on top of the huge bank barn. Cupolas were designed to ventilate the immense heat generated by the stored hay that was curing in the lofts, a good ventilator would repel lightning. The trend toward ventilation began when each farmer chose to express himself architecturally by designing an individual style of cupola. It also allowed birds into the barn to help control the rodents and insect population. And it provided a high mount for one the farmers' most important tools, the weathervane. Please look up & see our very special cupola when you come to the farm!



Doll Houses are coming back to the Farm!

This will be our third year setting up the Case-Barlow farmhouse with beautiful doll houses and delightful toy trains. As in the past, each dollhouse is new to the show and has not been exhibited before. Our committee works hard to transform the house into a child's (and adult's) delight with doll houses in several rooms, trains upstairs and delicious cookies and punch in the dining room. The historic 1830's farmhouse takes on an "Old Fashioned" feel as you see the mantle and window sills glisten with candles and winter decoration.

Upon entry, each guest is given a puzzle to solve before you turn it in for a sweet treat. We can also arrange a group or individual picture to be taken if you let us know in advance. Here is a chance to make this a special day or evening filled with memories for you, your group, family, friends and loved ones.

Doll House Exhibition & Toy Train Display

To Benefit Historic Case-Barlow Farm

1931 Barlow Road, Hudson, Ohio

Open to the public:

November 23, 24, 25

December 2, 9, 16, 2012

1:00 to 4:00 pm each day

Admission: Adults - \$20 Children - \$5

Open for Groups & for Private Parties:

November 23 thru December 15, 2012

Dates & Times available upon request.

Admission: Adults - \$10 Children - \$5

(Group rates based upon a minimum of 25 individuals)

Special Raffle - Handicapped Accessible - Bus Parking Available - "Hands-on" Children's Room

Enjoy a candlelit evening Preview Party at the historic Case-Barlow Farm on Sunday, November 18th from 5-8 p.m. Be the first to see the doll house exhibit, toy train and beautifully decorated farm house. Tickets \$50.00 per person. Reservations required.

If you have any questions, want to make a reservation or have a house you would like to exhibit at this special event,

Garden Group Learns a Valuable Lesson!

"Friends and foes" is a phrase we often hear and, when it comes to gardening, it is a very important consideration. The Case-Barlow Farm Garden Group couldn't understand why the tomato crop was so poor this year when everyone else seemed to have an abundance of tomatoes. After a little research, it was discovered that there are certain vegetables that do not like to be planted next to each other. The tomatoes were planted too close to some foes. This fact will be taken into consideration with next year's garden.

According to the Farmer's Almanac, vegetables "foes" should be planted more than 4 feet away from each other. But "friends" planted close together help both plants grow better. Here is a list of some common friends and foes:



Bean friends: beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, corn cucumbers, eggplant, peas, potatoes, radishes, squash, strawberries, summer savory, tomatoes

Bean foes: garlic, onions, peppers, sunflower

Corn friends: beans, cucumbers, lettuce, melons, peas, potatoes, squash, sunflowers

Corn foes: tomatoes

Tomatoes friends: asparagus, basil, beans, borage, carrots, celery, dill, lettuce, melons, onions, parsley, peppers, radishes, spinach, thyme

Tomatoes foes: broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, corn, kale, potatoes



"Make-Do's" A Part of Farm Life

The President of the Ohio Questers, Meg Webster, spoke to the James Ellsworth Chapter on her interest in collecting "Make-Do's". "Make-Do's" blend some creative ingenuity with a need to reuse broken and no longer needed items for the original purpose. For example, a broken goblet might be re-purposed as a candle holder or pin cushion.

It was a fitting place for her talk as "Make-Do's" were especially common on rural farms. Several examples are found at Case-Barlow Farm; expired license plates were used to patch holes in walls and floors; windmill blades, huge saw blade and metal roof from the old silo were used to repair the corn crib.

Andrew Baseman, an interior designer in Manhattan, is an ardent collector of "Make-Do's". In his blog, he writes that "Make-Do's" can be found throughout the years. Although some repairs are rustic, other are stunning, using gold or silver to re-attach handles. The level of repair really reveals the status of the owner."

After the informative talk, the Quester Chapter installed their new officers, Katie Hoy and Betty Condon, followed by a delicious basket lunch. Thanks for service was given to outgoing presidents Norma LaPierre and Nancy Wood and to committee members.

There are three Quester groups in Hudson. Each has contributed much to the restoration of the farm. Applying for grants, scrapping off layers of paint and researching the appropriate furnishings are done well by the ladies who make sure that their motto "This Place Matters" matters at Case-Barlow.

Root Beer At CBF

Don Barlow was the fifth in his family line to own and operate their family farm. In 1972, Jerry Varnes, age 12, was hired along with several other boys by Don to help with the many farm chores such as driving the tractor, harvesting crops and storing the hay bales in the barn. Although other crops were grown, the primary crops were hay and soybean during Don's time on the farm.

Varnes recalls that bringing in the hay was a hot and dusty task for which he was paid \$2.00 per hour. At the end of the hard days work, Don might go to the milk house and bring out the bottles of homemade root beer. It was the best treat you could imagine. Don and his wife, Emily, made the root beer in the basement of the farmhouse. Being a thrifty person, Don would hammer flat the bottle caps, wash out the bottles and return them to the farmhouse to be used over again.



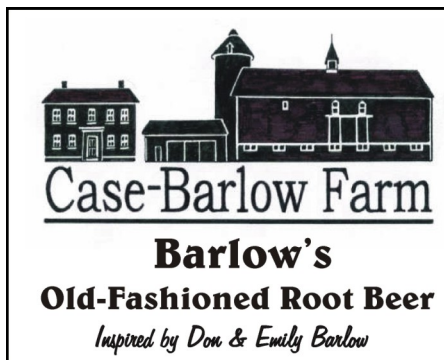
Now Open
For tours!

CBF is delighted to announce that the farm house is now open for public tours on a regular schedule. On the 2nd Sunday of each month from May through October, the farmhouse, garden and grounds are available from 1:00 to 4:00 for visitors.

The self-guided tours start at the front door and lead you through each room with the history and descriptions along the way. Featured items will change often. Currently, antique woodworking tools as used on the farm, the Case family photos and family tree are on display. Several World War I artifacts that the long-time employee, Clayton Woodworth, might have used have been placed in the recently renovated second floor bedroom.

Tours are free, with donations gratefully accepted.

Volunteer docents are available to share the history and answer questions. If you would like to help as a docent, please contact CBF.



The CBF Root Beer is coming back this year with a special private label, it will be available at the Fall Harvest Fest from the same milk house.

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CBF Wagon Shed Renovated With Your Help

The wagon shed was an important part of every farm, and ours had been looking very sad. Now it has had a much needed face lift. Sugar Creek Builders have been hard at work. They removed the slate roof that had been weighing down the shed. The slate was originally on the large bank barn, but years ago when the slate roof was replaced with asphalt shingles, in order to reuse and save money, the slate was put on the wagon shed. The sides of the shed had bowed out under the weight of the slate and 6 years ago Sugar Creek Builders added steel cables and began pulling the sides together, straightening the shed. This year we were able to remove the slate and replaced it with a metal roof (which is period correct). The doors were rebuilt, some boards replaced, holes filled, stones added on the floor and all painted! It will now



Before and after--
wagon shed looking
good as new!



*Rental
Opportunity*

The Case-Barlow Farm is meant to be used by everyone in the community for 21st century events, even though the house is being restored to 1831. Some recent rentals include graduation parties, private dinners, music recitals, business functions and bridal/baby showers. If you would like to plan an event for the house or yard and gardens, please call 330.650.0591 for details.

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collection of farm
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Thank you
everyone, because
of your generous
support of
membership &
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events--we did it!

