

# Case-Barlow Farm

## *Santa is Coming to The Big Red Barn*



Santa will be stopping at the CBF on Saturday, December 8 to see all the good little boys and girls of Northeast Ohio. This will be a perfect time for your children and grandchildren to talk with Santa and let him know that they have been very good! Santa will be in the barn from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Baby Photo Love, Little Party Planner and Suburban Sit are collaborating to create and capture that special moment with Santa in a professional holiday photo with Santa and your family for a small donation to CBF.

Santa's helpers will be in Santa's Workshop to assist your children in making wooden toys donated by Home Depot. Don't miss the opportunity to write and mail the all important letter to Santa at CBF's "North Pole Post Office". If you enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope, Santa will reply individually to all letters.

Plan to bring a new unwrapped present for a child 1 to 14 years of age to donate to The United States Marines Corps "Toys for Tots" program. Gifts collected will be distributed by the Marines to children in Summit and Tuscarawas counties.

Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while the children play on outdoor toys and complete their activities. Join in with some holiday singing and bell ringing lead by Santa's elves. Before you leave, be sure to snuggle up on a hay ride through the park.

Although activities are free of charge, donations are welcome to help with the preservation and restoration of the 203 year old 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. Be sure to be part of this wonderful tradition!

## *Christmas in Hudson, Ohio in the Late 1800's*

Before 1850, many US citizen did not dream of Christmas at all. The Christmas that Americans celebrate today seems like a timeless weaving of custom and feeling beyond the reach of history. Yet the familiar mix of carols, cards, presents, trees, Santa and holiday traditions come to define December 25th in the United States is little more than a hundred years old. Americans did not even begin to conceive of Christmas as a national holiday until the middle of the 1800's. Like many other such "inventions of tradition", the creation of an American Christmas was a response to social and personal needs that arose at a particular point in history, a time of conflict and civil war, as well as the unsettling processes of urbanization and industrialization.

Tree decoration soon became a big business. As early as 1870, America began importing large quantities of ornaments from Germany to be sold on street corners and in variety stores. Colored printed Christmas cards were plentiful in the 1880's. In 1882, one postal official complained, "I thought last year would be the end of the Christmas card mania but I don't think so now". Christmas gift-giving boomed in the 1870's and 1880's in cities everywhere.

The history of electric Christmas lights began with Thomas Edison. During the Christmas season of 1880, Edison hung strings of electric lights outside his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey. He was hosting a holiday dinner for the delegation from NY and the novel lighting seemed to fit in with the holiday mood. In 1882, the first Christmas tree with electrical lights appeared.

But quoting from "The Diary of Hattie Case Barlow" their Hudson, Ohio Christmas in 1898 was very different: "December 23: Baby and I went up town with Frank to get a few Xmas things. Cold and stormy. December 24: The children had their Xmas tree tonight Christmas Eve. December 25: Cold but pleasant. No one here for holiday. But our own family. The men went Rabbit hunting. Baby and I went to Mother's this P.M. Henry is pleased with his felt boots. December 26 Sunday: Pleasant. Frank was sick all night last night and did not get out to milk. Will went to the train and to Church and took me up this eve. December 27: Snowy. Frank is able to be out again. Today we went up to the Steroptican Lecture & Xmas entertainment this eve. It is warmer." (Will was a hired hand for the Barlows.)



## 2019 Case-Barlow Farm Membership Begins

Your membership dollars and donations are used to maintain the farm and to restore and preserve the big red barn for future use as a reception and performing arts venue.

Recently "Big Red" had its roof replaced and received siding replacement where it was needed. Windows, doors, floor supports, and safety improvements are now complete. Soon to come will be internal and external lighting. Planning is underway for a 2019-2020 barn warming celebration. Because CBF is a self-sustaining non-profit 501(c)3 organization, **receiving no local tax dollars**, your membership continues to form the core of support for Case-Barlow Farm. All memberships are tax deductible.



In 2019 CBF will offer free events for all to enjoy:

- ♦ Tobogganing on the Bank Barn: February 16, snow date February 23
- ♦ Easter Egg Hunt: April 20
- ♦ .05K Turkey Tot Trot: November 23
- ♦ Second Sunday Open Houses—May, July, July & August

Please join CBF by filling in the membership form below and mailing to Case-Barlow Farm, P.O. Box 2143, Hudson, Ohio 44236 or join online at [casebarlow.com](http://casebarlow.com) using your credit card or PayPal account.

### 2019 CBF Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Individual Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Patron Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Family Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$2,000 Benefactor Membership

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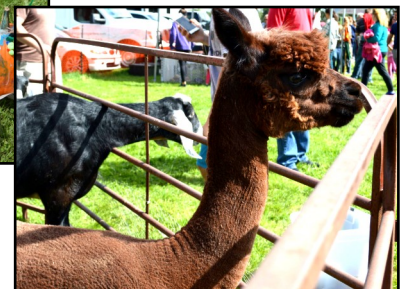
***Remember Case-Barlow Farm cannot exist without your generosity and support!***

## Annual CBF Fall Harvest Farm Fest Was A Huge Success!

Hurricane Gordan decided to visit Hudson and surrounding areas on September 9, so we postponed our Fall Harvest Farm Fest until September 23 and the day was worth the wait. Excitement was everywhere for children and grown ups alike! Approximately 1,000 people had smiles from ear to ear as they enjoyed the small petting animals, "Herps Alive", a Civil War encampment, duck races, pumpkin bowling, ride'em and rope'em, children's crafts, pumpkin decorating and games. On display in the farm house were handcrafts, a quilt show and doll show. Volunteers shared various handcrafts, painting, history and gave tours of the farmhouse.

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 this Fall Harvest Farm Fest a huge success! Mark your calendar to join us again next year on September 15!

A video of the day is available for on demand viewing at Hudson Community Television.





## Acme Community Cash Back

CBF is earning 5% cash back with your help. When you purchase certain items from the Acme Fresh Market Stores, you will notice at the bottom of your receipt, a value for Community Cash Back. Acme will donate 5% of that amount to a charity organization. Please save those receipts for CBF and deliver to the canning jar on the back porch of the house, mail to the P. O. Box 2143, Hudson or call the farm for someone to stop by your home and pick them up. We truly appreciate your generosity.

## CBF Garage Block is Unique

Have you ever looked closely at the block on the white garage located between the farmhouse and the barn? It is rock-faced block, sometimes also called cast stone. According to historical mason, John Burnell of Mason's Mark, "The concrete block was made to look like stone and was very popular around the turn of the 20th century". Rock face block is also referred to as rusticated concrete block or ornament concrete block.



In the late decades of the 19th century and the early 20th century, there was a dramatic shift in building construction in the U.S. which

was spurred by the Industrial Revolution. Methods and materials that had been used traditionally were replaced with new methods and materials, one of which was the development of concrete.

Builders and architects began experimenting with concrete block which was stronger than brick, lighter than natural stone, easy to make and affordable to a broader clientele.

In 1895, Sears Roebuck and Company began selling components and plans for various types of schools, offices and other buildings with some using rock face block. Sears also manufactured the rock face block machines. The company promoted the insulating properties, fire resistance, strength and decorative appearance of the block for everything from foundations to entire homes. As the car became a staple for the middle class, service stations and garages were needed and often built from this rock face block. By 1940, large machines mass-produced cheaper smooth-face concrete block. Many of the small block machines were sold for scrap metal during the Great Depression and WWII.

## Gardeners Support "What's Grownin'"

The gardens at CBF look great thanks to our wonderful group of volunteer gardeners, Debbie and Tom King, Ben Siow, Ann Ingling, Toni and Larry Watson, and Lynn and Ned Kendall. These green "thumbers" cared for the heirloom rose garden, apple orchard, 19th century kitchen garden, pollinator garden and the community garden. In addition, they offered garden tours, tastings and sold excess produce at CBF events.



Ann Ingling planted and nurtured bird house gourds on the garden trellis this past season. Gourds have been used by humans throughout the world for a very long time and for a great variety of purposes. The oldest evidence of gourds dates from 23,000 to 11,000 B.C. Early visitors to North

America found that Choctow and Chickasaw Indians used gourd birdhouses to attract colonies of purple martins to their villages for insect control. Native American children, according to legend, were encouraged to make noise and run through planted areas shaking gourd rattles to frighten off marauding birds. The gourd was probably one of the very first musical instruments. Try planting gourds and making your very own birdhouse and/or musical instruments.

One of the plants in the pollinator garden is a milkweed plant. The milkweed plants seen along roads and in butterfly gardens are known for attracting Monarch butterflies. The plant contains cardiac glycoside, which is not harmful to monarchs but remains in their system and is toxic to birds and mice, so predators know to stay away from choosing this black and orange butterfly for a meal. Milkweed is named because of the milky sap that is exuded when cells are damaged. There are over 140 known species. Some interesting facts: Milkweed fluff has a higher insulation value than goose down. During WWII, milkweed floss was collected as a substitute for kapok fibers which feel like a mix between silk and cotton. The best fibers of some species can be used for rope making, Milkweed fibers are also used to clean up oil spills. Milkweed latex contains about two percent latex and was attempted, without success, as a source of natural rubber by both Nazi Germany and the USA during WWII.



## Jack Jumped Over the Candle Stick



At the CBF Fall Harvest Fest, guests of all ages enjoy dipping and making candles. Close to 500 candles are made each year. It takes a lot of wax for all to enjoy this wonderful activity. If you have candles, white or any color, that you are not going to use, or candles that are partially burned and are no longer needed, please donate them to

CBF. You can drop them on the back porch of the farm house or call to have someone pick them up from your home. Thank You!

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#### Field Trip for Medina Retired Teachers



The Medina Retired Teachers Bus Tour came to CBF on October 18. Thanks to our volunteer docents, Jill Griffiths, Diane Herendeen, Tom King, Ned Kendall, Donna Rakotci, Karen Smith, Barbara Warner and Marti Young who provided refreshments

and guided tours. CBF is regularly used as a unique setting for private parties, tours, or offsite business meetings. To schedule your private tour or time, email or phone the farm.

#### Your Holiday Pictures at CBF

CBF's restored century home offers a very special setting to enhance your family or holiday portraits. Use the historical parlor and fireplace or the antique kitchen and stove as your back drop. Photographer Sonya Ewing captures the perfect poise of Elise. CBF is available for your photo session. Call for details and to reserve your date. 330.650.0591.



#### 1880 Child's Push Sleigh

This Victorian sleigh has been handed down from generation to generation since the early 20th century in the Nanette Glidden Ryerson family. It is made of wood with metal runners. Nanette's mother

remembered her parents taking her and her sister for excursions in Sewickly, Pa about 1912. Thank you Nanette for this wonderful donation to CBF.



#### Amazon Donates When You Shop

Holiday shopping will soon be here. Case-Barlow Farm has partnered with The Amazon Smile Foundation. It is easy: when you are ready to place an order on Amazon, first go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) to select and save 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 in the future when purchasing, it is ready for you. Amazon will donate 5% of the purchase price of some of the items that you order at no cost or effort on your part. It is simple to do and it will help fund CBF. We thank you in advance for thinking of CBF!

