

Winter 2013



Case-Barlow Farm

Welcome 2013



2012 was a wonderful & exciting year at CBF!

This past year brought good times to the members of the farm, to the visitors and to the buildings. Thank you to everyone who attended our events, generously donated time and money, supported the membership drive and “fell in love” with Case-Barlow Farm. Since our founding as an organization in 1996 we have been able to enjoy so many good times together. This past year brought excitement to the farm with many improvements and additions:

The James Ellsworth Questers restored the Clayton Eugene Wadsworth bedroom.

Our cupola now stands proud and regal because of a generous donation provided by Mayor William and Debbie Currin through the James M. Ewell Foundation.

The wagon shed was restored with the generosity of the Jack Grace family and other donors and is now open during tours.

With the help of the local Questers, we were able to open the house to the public for tours on a regular basis.

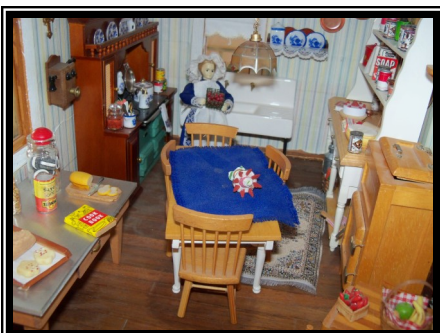
With your membership and generous donations new roofs were installed on the back wing of the house and the wagon shed, the brick walkways were finished, the milk houses are now open for viewing, and many other projects were completed.

Winter Fund Raiser-Dollhouse & Train Show- a Success!

Three years and counting - again we were able to display dollhouses and room boxes that have never been shown at CBF before. We are still amazed at how many people in our area are miniature enthusiasts and keep stepping forward to share their hobby with us.

We started our annual fundraiser on the Sunday before Thanksgiving with a fun filled evening. As guests arrived they were able to get their picture taken in our newly restored wagon shed by climbing into an authentic 1890's two passenger cutter sleigh with a Christmas tree, sleigh bells ringing and all the old farm tools in the background. You could close your eyes and imagine that you were transformed back to your grandfather's farm. Guests then hurried down the candle lit walkway into the farmhouse for a glass of wine, delicious appetizers and desserts.

Attendees at the exhibit this year were able to view 35 houses and room boxes, a complete village with beautiful toy train sets from the early to mid 1900's, a “hands on” room filled with toys to play with and one remarkable horse. How rewarding it is for us to see children, parents and grandparents attend the exhibit together. Often we overhear plans of how they want to build a house or redo grandma's house that is stored away.



Again this year, because of so many generous people, we were able to achieve our goal of making funds available to keep restoration and educational projects at the forefront of our mission.

Thanks to the volunteers, donors, cookie bakers and a very hardworking committee, we were able to have a successful event. We will do it again next year.

Congratulations: Peter Chudyk-Preview Party Drawing: Pat Schron-Silent Auction Winner; Raffle Winners: Pam Sorace, Ruby Price, Linda Silea, Marilyn Toth, Pat Belby, Michele Plazo & Allison Wood.

Please contact the farm if you have a dollhouse or know of someone who would be willing to participate in our November-December 2013 Exhibit.

CBF Drive Through Corn Crib Soon to Enjoy a New Life!



A vital part of every Ohio farm, the corn crib was continuously used. Time and weather had taken a toll on the old corn crib at CBF. Farmer Barlow used many different, no longer necessary items to extend its life--notice the large saw blades, the metal roofing from the old silo, old doors perhaps from another outbuilding, and even old tires to hold down the roof.

JoAnn and Jack Grace, of Hudson, and lovers of farms, have generously come to the rescue of our corn crib. Sugar Creek Builders will begin this spring to rebuild the crib with appropriate materials and a new metal roof will be added thanks to the Grace's donation.

What is the purpose of a corn crib? After the harvest, corn, still on the cob, is placed in the crib either with or without the husk and allowed to dry to prevent mildew and spoilage. The slatted sides of

the corn cribs allow air to circulate through the corn, both allowing it to dry initially and helping it to stay dry. The slats expose the corn to pests, so corn cribs are elevated above the ground beyond the reach of rodents.

Corn cribs were first used by native Americans and were quickly adopted by European settlers.

Corn crib designs vary greatly. They were originally made of wood, but other materials have also been used. The basic corn crib consists of a roofed bin elevated on posts. Another typical early American design has walls slanted outward. At the same time, corn production began to increase sharply in the United States, drive-through corncribs began to be constructed. They consisted of two cribs on either side of a central drive, all situated under one roof. Some drive-through cribs, had a loft for additional grain storage above the central aisle and side cribs, such as ours does.

While they date back hundreds of years, corn cribs continue to be vitally important to the agricultural industry, and there will continue to be a need for newer and larger structures. Watch our crib come to life once again!

Support for CBF Provides Renovation of the Wagon Shed



The wagon shed made its debut at the Fall Harvest Fest this past October. Through the generous support of each of you, the very sad shed was given a face lift with a new roof, exterior repairs and new doors.

But before the doors could open, many people were needed to come to its aid. Through the generous time and back breaking work, Richard Grell, Hub Herendeen, Boys Scouts and parents of Troop #333 under the leadership of Phil Wiese as Troop Committee Chairman and Ed Kempton, Scoutmaster, along with a "Bob Cat", they leveled out the old existing floor, carried in gravel and created a wonderful new floor.

Antique farm equipment and tools that have been donated to the farm throughout the years were

brought out of the barn, milk houses and garage. The boys had a wonderful time cleaning pieces while discovering what the equipment was used for and how it worked. They could not believe how much time it took the farmers to do each chore.

Gary and Connie Price spent many hours arranging the pieces, hanging the saws, old feed bags, ladders and hand tools along the walls and rafters. What a wonderful display it is.

Thank you everyone--our wagon shed and museum is now open!

CBF Receives Gifts

Generous donations of wonderful historical items are most appreciated to ensure the future of CBF.

Victor Silea donated his grandfathers tools; hand drill, drill bits, hammer heads and sharpening stone.

Three antique quilt racks were given to the farm by Barbara Warner

A child's trundle bed was given by Bev Howlett.

Wish List

WWI Army uniform for display in the Wadsworth bedroom

Circa 1860 Children's items for the planned bedroom restoration

Please call the farm if you have an item to donate.

Annual Membership Drive & Split Rail Fence Campaign

There has never been a more exciting time to become a partner with one of Hudson's fastest growing cultural amenities. Thanks to continued support from many of you, Case-Barlow Farm has come a long way since being incorporated as a 501c3 organization in 1996. So many projects have been accomplished. Now we want to focus on the following exciting projects:

- **Completing renovation and repairs to the barn for future use as one of Hudson's largest historic indoor gathering places.**
- **Landscaping of the grounds including installation of a split rail fence along Barlow Road perimeter.**

We would like to thank you for your previous support in helping us install the commemorative brick walkways near the farmhouse in the past years. We asked for your assistance last year in our effort to build a split rail fence along the Barlow Road entrance to the property. Many responded and this spring we will be able to install a number of sections. We want to continue with the fencing across the entire farm frontage and ask your help with this effort through your Annual Membership to Case-Barlow Farm.

The tranquil setting of Case-Barlow Farm provides the perfect backdrop for recreational, family and community sponsored events. The farm is available to northeast Ohio organizations and businesses for meetings, special events and program. Find out more at www.casebarlowfarm.com.

Please join us in our effort to preserve a precious resource of Hudson's historic past while enriching the lives of area residents today and for years to come. Your membership continues to form the core of support for Case-Barlow Farm.

Donations of \$30 include a one year subscription to the newsletter and a promotional window decal. \$100 or more include newsletter, promotional window decal plus a split rail for the fence with engraved rail tag.

Please make checks payable to Case-Barlow Farm and mail to: Case-Barlow Farm, P.O. Box 2143, Hudson, OH 44236.



Help us build the fence & be a part of all that is growing

Fall Fest Winners Who Came from Near & Far!

- *Halloween Basket: Hannah Duke
- *Tasty Gift Basket: Shannon Casey
- *Hattie Coffee Basket: Joan Hinneberg
- *Salon Techniques Basket: Cathy Smith
- *Goodell Maple Syrup & Breakfast Basket: Kathy Hendrix
- *\$50 Gift Certificate: Joan Buchanan
- *Luchitas Mexican Restaurant Gift Cards: Phil Bos, Emily Malenik, Rich Noel, Barb Hampl, Izzy Abner
- *Nail Spa: A J Mathew
- *Boston Meeker Greeting Cards: Gay Grell

You too can be a winner next year. See you on **September 15th, 2013** for family fun with extended hours **12 to 5 p.m.- Mark your calendar now!**

An Itinerant Painter at CBF--Shannon Casey



For the past 5 years, local portrait artist Shannon Casey, has visited the CBF Fall Harvest Fest, taking on the role of an itinerant painter who might have stopped by the farm to sketch. Her portraits have included James Ellsworth (Tom Vince), Abe Lincoln (Don Reisig), Susan B. Anthony (Belinda Wing), Civil War soldier (Rick Fry) and Captain Amos Lusk, Hudson militia leader from the War of 1812 (Rob Swendenborg).

Shannon says it was fun to get to know the sitters as well as the person and history that each represented.

While painting the Civil War soldier, there were times when he needed to take a break and meet his regiment. After she watched him march with his company, he would return to continue his portrait. When Abe visited, there were many requests to have photos taken with Abe. On her website, she writes, "I always have such fun "visitors" at this outdoor festival. I even danced with Honest Abe during a couple of our breaks..what fun!"

Shannon is a member of the Hudson Society of Artists and the Peninsula Art Academy. Her work can be found in numerous local exhibitions and juried shows. She has a studio in Hudson. She specializes in whimsical portraits and story paintings as well as quick sketch studies in charcoal. She studied art at KSU & portrait painting with Joseph Cintron at the Cleveland Institute of Art.

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Thank You--
Your
Generosity is
Appreciated!

Portage Glass of Hudson who generously replaced a window pane in the milk house on a cold winter day.

Robinson Lawn & Garden Center who keeps the farm driveway plowed throughout the winter.

Robert Drew, CPA who files our reports with the government and keeps us legal.

Open House Tours & Pop-Up Art Show

Tours of the Case-Barlow farm house, gardens, milk houses and the wagon shed will begin again in May and continue through October on the second Sunday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., on a regular schedule. 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. Tours are free, with donations gratefully accepted. Our volunteer docents are available to share the history and answer questions. If you wish a private group showing, call the farm and arrangements can be made. Anyone interested in helping with the tours is encouraged to contact the farm for orientation and volunteer opportunities.



In conjunction with the first weekend of the 2013 Open House Tours, CBF is delighted to announce that the Hudson Society of Artists will host a Pop-Up Art Show the weekend of May 10th, 11th and 12th. There will be an opening cocktail party on Friday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Watch the Hudson Hub for additional information.

**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.

