

# Case-Barlow Farm

*The First Annual CBF Doll House Exhibition was a Wonderful Success!*

By Connie Price & Barbara Bos

The idea was formed, the committee came together, the need was disseminated and then the panic began. Will we have enough houses and dioramas to make this an interesting exhibit, then will people come? I should have known that in this community of kind and giving citizens, that this event could really happen.....and it did!



Hakes/Schroeder Victorian Mansion



Belby's 1950's era Diner had everything!  
Does the juke box really play music?

Homes, stores and other miniatures arrived at the CBF's farmhouse from all over Northeast Ohio including East Lake, Chesterland, Kirtland, Akron, Peninsula and Hudson; large and small, old and new, pristine and primitive. There were a total of eighteen houses and twenty four dioramas, room boxes and breakaway boxes. Each owner came to the farm the week before Thanksgiving with their prized possessions and over a two day period set up for the exhibit; then four weeks later returned and disassembled, these are truly generous individuals.

More than 200 individuals came out

in the inclement weather to enjoy this very special exhibit with family and friends and enjoyed warming up with tea, cider and pastries.

Even before the last guest arrived, plans were being made to host the Second Annual Doll House Exhibit when several guests asked if their doll house or diorama could be included next year. Yes, indeed! In 2011, there will be all new displays of wonderful miniatures to enjoy. The dates will be expanded to include a preview night as well as continuing throughout Thanksgiving weekend and Sunday afternoons in December. Private showings can also be arranged.



The Jacques General Store sold everything needed including red flannel pajamas!

Thanks goes to all the volunteers who baked, were room hostesses and donated to this event. And a huge thank you to Jan Sutton, Diane Herendeen,

Norma LaPierre, Lonnie Krauss, Pam Sorace, Susan Terkel, Marie's Majestic Miniatures and The Miniature Cellar who donated the beautiful raffle items including a doll house, holiday decorations and other miniatures. Congratulations to our raffle winners: Cynthia Price, Barb McDonald and her granddaughter Katie, Meigs Adams, Linda & Diane Widdowson, Megan Smith and Katie Smith. We will need help again next year, if you have or know of anyone who would be willing to share their houses with us, please call or email Connie at 216.956.0848 or [priceparkside@aol.com](mailto:priceparkside@aol.com).



## Beer Tasting Party was a Great Success

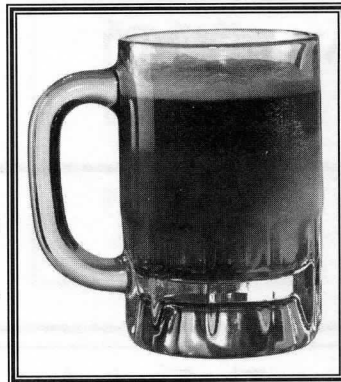
By Philip Leiter

The guests joked that they were eating *drunken tomatoes*.

The Roma tomatoes were marinated in hand-crafted *India Pale Ale* for several days and then gently reduced to create the rich and hearty sauce for stuffed calzone.

That was just one of the dishes paired with local brewer and self-described "beer evangelist" Jennifer Hermann's selection of hand-crafted beers at Case-Barlow Farm on Saturday, October 16th. Of course, the stuffed calzone was paired with the *India Pale Ale*.

In honor of the season, Jennifer crafted *Festbier*, a special ale brewed in the German tradition of the country's very popular Oktoberfest. Traditionally, this beer was brewed in spring and lagered in cellars during the summer months to be served in autumn amidst harvest festivals and celebrations. A creamy, beer-enhanced potato-leek soup was paired with this festive libation. Champagne flutes were used to serve *Raspberry Berliner-Weiss* beer, a tart, highly carbonated wheat beer with subtle raspberry hints that more resembles champagne than beer. "Non-beer drinkers love this one," Jennifer quipped. This was paired with a wild greens tossed salad and Hungarian sausage-stuffed, grilled Portabella mushrooms. Rounding out the evening was a hearty *Russian Imperial Stout* that was served with a pumpkin pie crême brulee. It was a dramatic ending to a palate pleasing experience. Guests enjoyed learning about the history of beer making in America and some finer points of brewing. A tour and brief history of Case-Barlow Farm was conducted by board member Philip Leiter, who also prepared all of the food for the evening.



## Saving the CBF Corn Crib

By Barbara Bos

In our last newsletter we wrote about the Case-Barlow Farm corn crib and the need to repair and preserve it, as you can see from the picture, it has suffered greatly. Thanks to the successful 2010 Membership Drive, the Doll House Exhibition and the Beer Tasting Party, the corn crib is going to be restored.

A corn crib is a type of granary used to dry and store corn. After the harvest, corn still on the cob, is placed in the crib either with or without the husk. The typical corn crib had slats in its walls. These slatted sides of the corn crib allowed air to circulate through the corn, both allowing it to dry initially and helping it to stay dry. 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 such as concrete had also been used. Although there are many variations, most are similar to our corn crib with a roofed bin elevated on posts with walls slanting outward.

A corn crib was a common feature on 19th century farms. The farmer would drive their farm wagon into the crib, stopping to unload corn for the coming winter and drive out the other side. When looking at the roof and sides of our crib, you will see metal pieces of an old windmill that once stood near the present driveway. The windmill panels were economically used by the Case and Barlow families to replace worn or missing roof tiles. Beginning in 1814, the farm was operated as a dairy farm by 5 generations of the same family.

To donate or inquire about this project or for additional information about the farm, please call 330.650.0591.

A Very Special  
Thank You!!

As the snow keeps falling and the snow piles become deeper, Case-Barlow Farm is in good hands. Charlie & Susie Robinson, of Robinson Lawn & Garden Center of Hudson, have donated their services to keep our driveway cleared and this year they have been very busy! Please keep them in mind for your snow plowing and garden needs.



Rental Opportunity

The Farm is meant to be used by everyone in the community for 21st century events. The restoration is taking the home back to the year 1831. Some recent rentals include graduation parties, private dinners, music recitals and bridal/baby showers. If you would like to plan an event for the house or the yard and gardens, please call 330.650.0591 for details.

**All the friends of Case-Barlow Farm --Thank You!!**

## ICL Addressing Workplace Challenges in Northeast Ohio

By Marica Mauter, Director of ICL

Manager of Talent Development, CJ Murphy, introduced Institute for Creative Leadership to her workplace, Dealer Tire. Important to Dealer Tire's culture is continuous employee growth and development. "While the employees grow and keep ahead of the change curve, so does the company," says CJ. ICL designed and facilitated two specific trainings for Dealer Tire.

The first training, involving the company's Emerging Leaders, focused on the principles of the book "The 360 Degree Leader" which helps with awareness of one's own patterns, skills, and strengths. The Instructional Design and Learning Coordinating team attended the second "Train-the-Trainer" session. Using an experiential based learning approach, and a creative blend of theory and practice, attendees learned technique and tools to facilitate with other internal teams.

CJ, who also is an ICL trustee, reports, "Both sessions were highly engaging; deepening our leadership and influence skills go a long way in building healthy communications and efficient ways of working together."

ICL is pleased to help Dealer Tire be the high performing company that they are today with their over 100 years of business in Northeast Ohio.

Next, ICL is working with Jump Start, a nationally recognized nonprofit transforming the economic impact of entrepreneurial ventures and the ecosystems supporting their growth.

## Christmas Gift Box



This beautiful breakaway gift box was created by Jan Sutton and donated to the Doll House Exhibit. Breakaway boxes open to create a room/scene and when closed appears as a gift box.

Jan will be offering classes to teach how to make these wonderful boxes and fill them with miniatures of your choosing. These will be treasured gifts that will be handed down from generation to generation. If you are interested in joining a class, please call Case-Barlow Farm at 330.650.0591.

## A Little Bit of History - Excerpt from "Hudson's Heritage" Book by Grace Goulder Izant



"David Hudson had built a shell of a log cabin for Chauncey and Cleopatra Case when they arrived on their 160 acre lot. The fact that the cabin had only walls and a roof did not in the least dismay the Cases, according to the lively reminiscences of their son Lora. A blanket did duty for a door. For windows, holes were bored through logs which could "slide back and forth under cleats." Lora described proudly how his father built an eight foot long "fireplace of cobble head stones laid up with clay mortar." Local clay combined with sticks made the chimney and clay was daubed in the chinks between the logs. The house was completed just in time to welcome the new baby, Edward. There were to be four more.

Money was scarce, but not food. Chauncey, an expert hunter, had no need to go beyond his own woods to bring in all manner of meat for his big family, hearty fare like bear or raccoon to be roasted or, for a more delicate menu, quail and partridge snared by wheat and trapped in a net. The birds were "made into broth with dumplings" by Cleopatra.

The ingenious Chauncey, fashioning bricks from the clay at hand, built a big oven heated "by nice dry wood burnt to an ash inside it." After removing this with broom and shovel, Mrs. Case tested the temperature with her bare arm. If she could hold it in the oven until she counted twenty, it was ready for her bread. The children ate from trenchers and wooden bowls carved out by their father. Their parents used a set of pewter dishes, cherished relics of the Connecticut home.

Lora's uncle, Gideon Case, and his large family arrived, settling to the north of Chauncey's farm. Soon a room to serve as a school was added to Gideon's log house. When Lora Case was 6 he was sent to this school. Joseph and George Darrow's children also attended. All families had large numbers of children, making a sizeable enrollment. Miss Lydia Rice was the teacher. Like all schools of the period, a main purpose was to enable the children to read the Bible. Children indoctrinated early in Calvinism chanted "In Adam's Fall, We sinned all." The curriculum was up-to-date enough to include Noah Webster's new speller. The teacher in those days had to have good penmanship and the pupils generally wrote legibly. Discipline was a strict no-nonsense variety, enforced by a good birch switch."

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## *A Wire Connects CBF & Western Reserve Telephone Company*

**Excerpt from "Hudson's Heritage" Book by Grace Gouler Izant**



Grace Izant writes in 1984 that "in our new life, Weldon Wood's telephone system was an experience in itself. Our phone was installed by Raymond Pettingell. His grandfather, William Pettingell, had served as treasurer of the college for many years. He had come from London where he and his partner were tailors to George IV, and William's mother and wife were "staymakers" and "stayfitters" to Victoria as princess and queen.

The telephone exchange functioned on the second floor of the bank building. Its chief and, for a while, sole operator was Annie Cameron. As our phone number, we were assigned 175--no exchange, merely the three digits. The figure represented the company's 175th hook-up.

Subscribers, however, had little need of telephone numbers or even a directory when Annie was on the board. You merely lifted the receiver and told her you would like to talk to Mrs. Jones. From her high perch above the busy corner of Main and Aurora streets, Annie surveyed all Hudson's comings and goings. She would inform you she had just seen Mrs. Jones--she would probably refer to her as "Mary" Jones--go into one of the stores. Annie said she would ring you when Mrs. Jones had returned home. And she kept her word.

Annie reigned by night as well as by day. A popular topic at social gatherings was to conjecture how Annie got any sleep. Actually, the management (meaning Weldon Wood) had installed a couch for her convenience. And Annie took advantage of it, as was realized by every subscriber who tried to rouse her to put through a call in the wee hours. But no one ever thought of complaining if she over-dozed now and again. Annie was too good to lose.

Mr. Wood would be amazed at how his grandsons, the Case brothers, have developed his little company. Weldon Case is chairman and chief executive of Alltel Corporation, the nation's fifth largest independent telephone system. One unit is the Western Reserve Telephone Company, greatly extended and headed by Weldon's brother, Nelson Henry Case.

The Cases are conscious of their inheritance. Their line, through their late father, Harry Case, reaches to Chauncey Case, a Connecticut native who purchased a large tract of land in Hudson in 1814." (Now the site of Case-Barlow Farm on Barlow Road.)