

Spring 2019



Case-Barlow Farm

Hop to the Farm and Gather Your Eggs on Saturday, April 20!

Come one, come all! On Saturday, April 20, 2019, Case-Barlow Farm is hosting its 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers to children ten years of age. The farm yard will be filled with plastic eggs, hidden in the garden beds, behind trees, around the fencing just waiting to be found by your excited children. There will be a separate area for the very young. The hunt begins at 11 a.m. Bring your baskets, and be on time to enjoy all the fun!

This event is free to all families. Come, have fun and happy hunting!!



Mid-Winter Tea Showcases Styles from Victorian Time to Today

Well, Buckeye Chuck and Punxsutawney Phil were wrong! On February 2, against their will, Chuck and Phil emerged from their sleep to predict the weather. Chuck and Phil predicted an early spring, but it did not come. In 1979, the Ohio legislature made Buckeye Chuck Ohio's official groundhog. Using groundhogs to predict the weather came from Germany. A long-held German tradition states that if a hibernating animal sees its shadow on February 2, six more weeks of winter will occur.

Case-Barlow Farm does not have a groundhog, but on Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10, Case-Barlow Farm hosted a wonderful Mid-Winter Tea. Clothing styles were from the Victoria Era through today's modern styles.

Guests were treated to a wonderful formal tea with a variety of teas, petite sandwiches, fruit and desserts.

Through the generous clothing donation of The Hudson Players and various Hudson ladies, our models were able to show fashions from the early Victorian era to the roaring twenties, on to homemakers and professional ladies of the '40s, bell bottoms, go-go boots and even mini skirts of the '60s on through to the '70s. Julie Burner, new owner of The Grey Colt of Hudson, spoke and provided the clothing for the fashions of today. Professional models with Barb Stitzer Photography and Actors Conservatory Ohio of Hudson wore the clothing, walking around the dining tables, so each guest could have a close up look of the fabric and styles. A wonderful time was had by all. It was chilly and gray outside, but warm and cozy in the farm house.

Models: Grace Cerutti, Karli Czartoszewski, Madelyn Geible, Ava Hollenback, Heaven Johnson, Amara Keister, Jessie Rotundo and Tenley Stitzer



Do You Know the Reason for the CBF Cupola?

Perched on the roof of the CBF barn is a small tower called a cupola. Cupolas could be individualized by the farmer, so some barns have more than one. A cupola was an important part of the barn having two very different purposes.

A cupola was a way that the farmers could show their wealth, their status in the community in which they lived and their own artistic ability. Farmers often personally designed their cupola making each one very distinctive. The CBF cupola is very special showing the wealth and family status of both the Cases and the Barlows who were leaders within the Hudson community.



On farms in the US, cupolas were not only decorative but very useful. A cupola provided needed ventilation, both for grain and for animals. Grain could explode or catch fire if it was put into the barn while still green and moist or packed too tightly.

A cupola helped remove the moisture. Thomas Duran Visser wrote in the *Field Guide to New England Barns and Farm Buildings*, "To reduce the amount of feed required by animals during the winter, some farmers recommend that barns should be built with battens nailed over the cracks between the sheathing boards to reduce drafts, while others covered their barn walls with wooden shingles or clapboards."

"But farmers soon found that tight barns could lead to problems. The breath from cattle, together with the vapor raising from the manure, which defies all attempts to keep it below the floor if the cellar is warm, covers, not only the floor over the cellar, but the beams, and the whole underside of the roof, with pearly trickling drops for weeks together during the winter. If the doors are thrown open in order to evaporate this moisture, you lose the benefits you have been seeking in making a tight barn, by reducing the temperature so much that cattle require more food, while the effect is to reduce the flow of milk in the cows."

"Many large and valuable barns have been very much damaged by being placed over a manure cellar without proper ventilation. To remedy this problem, farmers began installing ventilators, known in New England as cupolas, over an opening left in the center of the top of the barn. The first ventilators were simple louvered boxes with gable roofs, mounted near the ridge of the barn."

It is said that the cupola makes the barn special and at the same time, it was an important feature on the rural landscape.



*****CBF is available to rent for your private family, business or community event. Please email: casebarlowfarm@gmail.com for more information and to reserve your date.

Santa in the Barn was a Magical Morning



Santa arrived at CBF on a cold winter's Saturday morning. Children and parents were excited and awaiting his arrival. They had prepared their lists and wanted to be sure Santa would not forget them. Natalie Gartner, owner of Little Miss Party Planner, decorated the barn in a "Winter Wonderland" with Santa relaxing in a large comfy chair provided by Suburban Sit of Hudson. Professional photographer Lauren Michelle, owner of Baby Photo Love, captured the children and their families for this very important meeting.



Our North Pole Post Office was open for those who had not yet written their very special letter to Santa. A Marine Corps representative was on hand to receive your generous toys and donations for their annual "Toys for Tots" program. Through the generosity of Home Depot, the children were able to hammer, paint and create wooden toys to take home. New this year was the "Hudson, Ohio Depot", a wonderful electric train display courtesy of Jack and Pat Belby. Jack and Pat have an extensive collection of new and vintage, large and small trains and were able to share them with the children. The trains ran for hours in the CBF wagon shed. All enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies courtesy of CBF volunteers.

If you missed our magical event this year, do not worry, this popular event will return next December.



Maple Tree Tapping at CBF

Betsy and Rod MacLeod shared the details of turning maple sap into maple syrup by tapping one of the CBF mature maple trees.

It is believed that making maple syrup and maple sugar is uniquely American. The Native Americans slashed the wood of maple trees and collected the sap, boiling it down. The early settlers in the New World learned the Native American skill and improved on it.

During the Civil War, the northern territory faced a shortage of non-cane sugar because their supply from the south was cut off. Northerners were encouraged to collect sap for their necessary sugar.

The Hudson area had many aged maple trees that were perfect for tapping, thus making this area a leader in maple syrup production.

A Hudsonite revolutionized the maple syrup processing with the invention of the evaporator. Gustave Henry Grimm partnered with farmer Horace Clark (who lived at what today is known as Maple Wood Farm in Hudson) to patent the dropped flue "Champion Evaporator" which efficiently boiled liquids such as sap. It reduced the boiling time for sap from 12 hours to 4 hours. G. H. Grimm Manufacturing Company was established in 1882 and moved to Ravenna Street. The Evaporator Works shopping and office area is now located in that space. Although Grimm moved to Vermont in the late 1890s, the Hudson branch of G. H. Grimm Manufacturing remained in Hudson until 1945. Leader Evaporator, presently located in Swanton, Vermont, later purchased the Grimm's company.

Caption: CBF volunteer Betsy MacLeod watches as Hanna Clark inserts a spile at the maple tree tapping demonstration.



Spring Civil War Drill

Corporal John Barnett, of the 19th Ohio Light Artillery will be holding their Annual Spring Civil War Drill and Mustering Day at CBF on Saturday April 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Corporal John and his soldiers, both experienced and new members, will practice in CBF fields. The 18th Ohio Light Artillery division comes to CBF's Fall Harvest Fest in September, setting up a camp site and bringing displays of their equipment, medical supplies and sometimes a real antique cannon for all to view and enjoy. The Spring Civil War Drill is open to the public; John and his soldiers encourage everyone to stop by.



Save Dates- Upcoming Events

Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 20

Second Sunday Open House—May 12

Second Sunday Open House—June 9

Second Sunday Open House—July 14

Second Sunday Open House—August 11

Fall Harvest Fest— Sunday, September 15

0.05K Turkey Tot Trot—Saturday, Nov. 23

Santa in the Barn—Saturday, December 14

Volunteer Opportunities

Opportunities include one time special projects such as the Second Sunday Open Houses and Fall Harvest Fest as well as ongoing projects in historical research, outreach and serving as a docent. Help from individuals, families and groups is welcome. Boy Scouts are encouraged to do service and Eagle Scout Projects at the farm. Teens can earn service hours anytime of the year.

Please email: Casebarlowfarm@gmail.com for information.

Join Cleopatra Cleaning Crew

Dusting, mopping and caring for CBF's historical farm house has been lovingly completed over the years by the "Cleopatra Cleaning Crew". These ladies have a great time meeting on the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. for coffee, goodies, warm conversations and cleaning. The group meets from April through November. They are seeking volunteers that would enjoy joining them. Please call Karen Smith 330.612.4401 to learn more or volunteer.

1st Annual Turkey Tot Trot



"Get Ready – Get Set – Go" was heard Saturday morning, November 17, as young runners took their marks and ran .05 K. The runners were divided into 5 age groups with winners in each receiving a large, plump 20 pound turkey generously donated by Acme Fresh Market of Hudson. It was a great success. A fun time was had by all.

Congratulations to the Winners:

2-3 years old—Vienna Eizenberg

4-5 years old – Jax Eizenberg

6-7 years old—Sammy Nithang

8-9 years old—Colt Neiman

10-11 years old—Jillian Keller

Tea Towel Raffle—won by
Beth Bigham

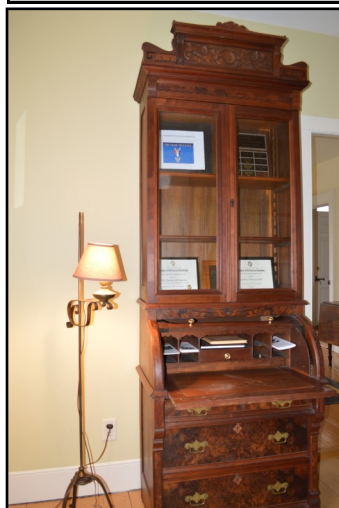
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Historic 19th Century Secretary Donated to CBF



A gorgeous antique Victorian cylinder roll top secretary with burled walnut circa 19th century was recently donated to CBF by Judy Maupin of Hudson. This piece is original including the glass doors.

Judy's parents, the Thompsons, came to Hudson in 1963 and rented the home at 55 Oviatt Street from the son of the Rideout family. The Rideout son was in the military and did not need the furnishings, so he sold the secretary to the Thompsons for \$100.00. He also donated a large, similar bookcase to Hudson's First Congregational Church. When Judy's mother passed in 2018, she knew her mother wanted the secretary to remain in Hudson and donated it to CBF.

The Rideouts have an interesting history with Hudson. They came from Dorset, Vermont to Hudson in 1879 after the untimely death of Samuel's Rideout's wife. Twelve year-old Adelaide moved with her father, sister Bertha, and brother Eugene to Hudson, Ohio, where Samuel established a feed and implement business. Samuel Rideout soon married Mary Lane of Twinsburg and the family settled at 55 Oviatt Street.

Adelaide's childhood in Hudson was typical for the time period. She and her siblings developed a keen interest in photography and the new invention of the bicycle. Thanks to her brother, many images of the late 18th century Hudson survived. His collection is housed in the archives of the Hudson Library & Historical Society.

Adelaide was a theological student at WRA and graduated in 1887. The family was among many who worshipped at the First Congregational Church of Hudson. As Adelaide grew into adulthood, she became very interested in, and ultimately dedicated to, the plight of the less fortunate.

A fellow Hudsonite and church member who felt similarly was William F. Cash. His father, Charles, was Hudson's blacksmith. In 1890, both William and Adelaide traveled to the Santee-Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota to help improve the lives of the Native Americans. On the reservation, Addie was employed as a teacher and William as an Assistant Farm Superintendent. In 1893, Addie returned to Hudson with Frederick Riggs, also a teacher on the reservation. They were married in Hudson and honeymooned on a camping trip on two reservations in Nebraska. Addie contacted TB and died in March of 1895. The home remained in the Rideout family until the 1960s.