

Case-Barlow Farm

History Comes Alive at Case-Barlow Farm

Living at Case-Barlow Farm was brought to life at CBF for a wonderful group of girls who partied like it was 1904. The Tea Party project was offered through the auspices of Hudson Community Education and Recreation (HCER). The event was hosted by Barbara Bos, Linda Matty and Barbara Warner. The girls enjoyed preparing their own place cards, writing their names in calligraphy with a quill and ink, participating in needlecraft, sewing aprons for their dolls, folding festive napkins for their tea party, and playing turn-of-the century games. Great fun was had in making tea sandwiches and decorating miniature cupcakes for themselves and their dolls.

Thirty year ago this year, Pleasant Rowland developed a line of dolls representing various periods of history. These American Girl dolls showed the lives of children growing up in another era through stories, movies and games. The first three dolls included Kirsten (circa 1886), Samantha (circa 1904) and Molly (circa 1943). Those three were soon joined by many other dolls.

Look for more activities this spring on our face book page. The first two events will spotlight the historical dolls this spring at the Case-Barlow Farm historic house.

An unique class in shoe making (doll sized) will be offered for adults on Monday, February 8th at 9:30 am and again on Thursday, February 11th at 6:30 p.m. with instruction by Dotty Culhan. Dotty, a long time resident of Hudson, is a very talented artist. A highly recognized member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, Dotty was given an American Girl Doll as a gift from her husband and she immediately began making exquisite clothing and shoes for her doll. Dotty will share her knowledge with our guests. The \$25.00 registration will cover instructions, patterns and all supplies to make 1 pair of leather doll shoes.

Samantha's Mystery Party will be offered for youth 8 to 12 years old on Sunday, March 13th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Each person attending will be assigned one of eight fictional characters, and given a script to follow as the party attendees solve the mystery. Refreshments and games will add to the fun. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

To register for either the Culhan class or the Mystery Party, please email your name and phone number to Case-Barlow Farm at casebarlow@aol.com or call 330.554.4689 to reserve your place.



CBF Tree Line with Sugar Maple Trees



In memory of Hub Herendeen, many friends and family members generously contributed to a memorial tree. The Green Mountain Sugar Maple has now been planted near the southeast corner of the CBF property.

Hub, well known and beloved around town, loved Case-Barlow Farm. From 1995 to 2013, he was often at the farm, overseeing the preservation and restoration of the farm house and other buildings, supervising heating, plumbing and other maintenance projects.

He shared his knowledge of farm life with all, guided Boy Scouts through their special individual projects and always had a good story to tell. If you asked him about the icebox in the kitchen and he would tell you about his days as an iceman delivering 25 and 50 pound blocks of ice by hand.

Hub's Can-Do attitude was appreciated by so many. Thanks to all who supported this memorial to a good friend of CBF.

If you wish to donate a maple tree to our tree line, either in loving memory or to create a living history, please call CBF at 330.650.0591.

calling All Shoppers

Even though the Christmas and gift giving season is now behind us, you can still participate.

Case Barlow Farm is partnering with The Amazon Smile



Foundation. The foundation has donated millions of dollars to more than 50,000 organizations.

It is easy--when you are ready to place an order on Amazon, first go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and enter Case Barlow Farm, Hudson, Ohio as your choice of charity. Then simply continue to place your order. You can also save CBF so that each time, it is ready for you. For some of the items that you order, Amazon will donate 5% of the purchase price. CBF will receive a direct deposit to our savings account. It is so simple to do and will help fund CBF.

We thank you in advance for thinking of CBF!

Cleopatra's Cleaning Crew

Cleopatra's Cleaning Crew held their annual luncheon at The Pine Lake Trout Club on December 1st to celebrate the end of another year of cleaning at Case-Barlow Farm. For the past three years, nine members of The Questers: Dotty Culhan, Ann Hardesty, Diane Herendeen, Katie Hoy, Norma Lapiere, Jan Sutton, Barbara Warner, Nancy Wood, and Marti Young, have met every month from April to November to dust, sweep, scrub, and vacuum the Case-Barlow farmhouse. Each volunteer has adopted a room or area of the house. In addition to protecting the antique furnishings, the group makes small repairs, provides household supplies, and identifies things in the rooms that need updating. This year, the group held a Kitchen Shower to provide useful kitchen utensils for entertaining guests in the house. The group's activities are a labor of love as well as an undertaking that carries out the Quester goal of helping with local preservation efforts.



Thank you Ladies for making CBF sparkle & shine

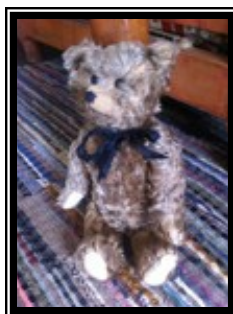
CBF Continues to Improve



The Cases made by hand all the bricks for their home, which was quite a task. But over the years those bricks in the basement of the farmhouse have been deteriorating and have caused the above floors to bow and shift. John Burnell, of Mason's Mark, an historical mason

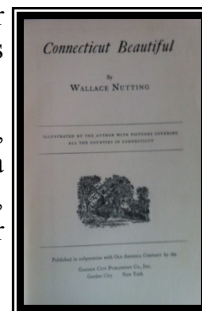
expert, along with some wonderful friends of the Farm, will jack up the sagging beams, remove distorted existing lintels and adjacent brick work, and will then begin to repair the areas. They will reset bricks, remove and replace deteriorated bricks, repoint deteriorated mortar joints, all using historically appropriate materials. They will also be adding a lime wash finish to the bricks to match existing walls.

Thank you so Much for Recent Donations



Lynn & Ned Kendall donated historical books regarding the Granby, Connecticut area where the Case's and our founding town fathers originated.

Sue King donated a lovely, aged, huggable teddy bear, a 60 piece set of stone blocks, and a Victorian doll bed for the children's bedroom.



Thank you!

Trials & Triumphs at Case-Barlow Dairy Farm

In a past issue of the CBF newsletter, we referenced a treasure that had found its way back to the farm. It was a manuscript called "Reminiscences of a Hudson, Ohio Farm Boy" written by Franklin S. Barlow in 1983. Franklin writes:

"Ours, of course, was a dairy farm. Usually we milked thirty or more head with another ten to twenty "dry cows" and young cattle which had not yet commenced to produce. As I recall we regularly produced 100 or more gallons of milk a day. I mentioned earlier the milking machine run in conjunction with our electric plant. It was not a really efficient machine, however, and the gas engine which powered it was a constant source of exasperation to Dad. Finally, I think, he concluded it was easier to do the milking by hand and for several years we did not have a machine.

"Dad always did like to milk by hand--a predilection not shared by his eldest son. He always said he felt it was restful after a hard day in the fields to sit down and milk a dozen or so cows. He did accomplish a lot besides the milking. For many years Dad was president of the School Board and many a prospective teacher had his or her employment interview while Dad milked.

"Even before we boys were old enough to milk there were plenty of chores to occupy us. Quite a bit of the time Dad subscribed to a "milk testing service." Every month the tester would come around, take samples of the milk from each cow and the next day run them through the Babcock tester to determine the butterfat content. Between his visits we had to weight and maintain charts of the production from each animal which in combination with the butterfat tests established whether the cow was good, bad or indifferent. We boys did quite a bit of that. Also when a cow was established as a good one, we made an effort to raise her progeny and raising calves was boys work.

"Back in the 20's sometime we had a really traumatic experience with the dairy. Someone discovered that cattle were subject to tuberculosis and that the disease could be communicated to humans through milk. After considerable political maneuvering it was decided that all dairy cattle must be given TB tests and those reacting positively must be destroyed. Apparently no one had too much confidence in the tests for it was determined that the cattle believed to be infected should be sent to a slaughter house, slaughtered and examined to determine if they really were tubercular. If not the meat could be salvaged, otherwise the carcasses would be "tanked" (whatever that was).

"Of Dad's herd of 50 odd all but a dozen or so reacted positively - though it subsequently developed that the majority were clean. Dad had little confidence in the test however and suggested to the authorities that they take the whole herd. As I recall six or eight of those given a clear bill of health turned out to be "tankers".

"The Federal Government made some remuneration to the farmers for their destroyed cattle but it was a staggering loss none-the-less. Also there was an enormous clean-up job since it was assumed that anything with which the animals were in contact presumable was infected. Dad tore out and burned all the mangers, stanchions, etc., scrubbed and repainted all the walls and ceiling in the stables, tore up and replaced the floors. Only then could he set about replacing his herd which surely would have bankrupted a less provident farmer."



More recently this picture was given to the farm from Roger Bakeman. The Beacon Journal photographer shows Mayor Henry C. Barlow inspecting some new milking equipment on Dairy Day, August 1947, at the Ohio Experimental Station in Wooster. (Pictured left to right) Don Barlow, Mrs. Barlow, Robert Bakeman, and Mrs. Barlow of Hudson; A.C. Grafton, Barbarton and Mrs. Jennie Kreimer, Springfield Township.

Contact CBF to Help in a variety of ways

you have time each month or just a few hours here and there, we would love your help. We have needs inside the house, in the gardens, on the website and at various events. We have both adult and children events that could use your help. Please email Julie Lindner at lindnerj@yahoo.com or call her at 330.656.2573. Emailing or calling will not commit you to work at any particular event, but will enable us to send you the details of the various needs, so that you can consider helping us. Thank you in advance!

The Farm is in need of adult and student volunteers throughout the year. Whether

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"Holiday Memories Quilt" to Be Ruffled



The history of quilts began long before European settlers arrived in the New World. People in nearly every part of the world had used padded fabrics for clothing, bedding, and even armor. With the arrival of the English and Dutch settlers in North America, quilting took on a new life and flourished.

During the early years of American colonization, most women were busy spinning, weaving and sewing clothes for their family, so had little time for artistic quilting. Commercial blankets or woven coverlets were more likely to be used, but during difficult times, when money was scarce or imported textiles limited, many Colonial women had to become creative in their use of materials on hand to keep their families warm. Only in later years, when fabrics were being

manufactured in America and were more affordable, freeing women from the work of making their own yarns and fabrics, did the more artistic type of quilting become more widespread.

In the 100 years, between 1750 and 1850, thousands of quilts were pieced and patched and many of them are preserved. Many of these quilts were so elaborate that years were spent making and quilting them. It is no wonder they are cherished and these precious heirlooms now occupy an honored place in homes and museums.

You can win this beautiful and colorful quilt that was hand pieced and hand quilted by the Twinsburg Historical Society Quilters. The king sized, 96 x 106 inches, has been generously donated by Diane Herendeen. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. For more information and to purchase tickets to win this wonderful handmade quilt, please call 330.653.9480.

Fun on the Farm

CBF is available for you to visit. A tour can be tailored to your request, be that fun filled activities for preschoolers, make and take it for school-aged students, informative talk for history buffs or video conferencing for your specific requests. CBF is also yours to rent for a special dinner or party. Call for dates and details.



Zachary enjoys The Solon Early Childhood PTA field trip.