

Fall 2019



Case-Barlow Farm

CBF Turkey Tot Trot, Saturday, November 23

Case-Barlow Farm offers a unique way to get your Thanksgiving off on the right foot. Join the CBF Turkey Tot Trot on Saturday, November 23, where children up to 12 years of age can enjoy a fun run with the chance to win a 20-pound turkey for each age group! The Turkey Tot Trot is a free event which gives participants a chance to enjoy the farm during the late fall. The .05K run begins at 11 a.m. at Case-Barlow Farm with a course that runs in the short field and around the barn. There will be five age groups: 3 and under, 4-5 year old's, 6-7 year old's, 8-9 year old's and 10-12 year old's. Runners will take their mark, get set and go. Winners will be determined at the end of each age group.



Everyone can enjoy free hot chocolate served in the wagon barn and the chance to visit the historic Case-Barlow house. While the winners receive a free turkey, thanks to Acme Fresh Market in Hudson, all participants will have a great time and enjoy some fun outdoor activity before Thanksgiving. This is the Turkey Tot Trots' second year; last year's event included more than fifty participants.

"The Turkey Tot Trot is one of our many efforts to encourage children to visit CBF. Through events specifically targeted to children, we have an opportunity to share the history of the farm and our community," said Ned Kendall, CBF event organizer and member of the Board of Trustees. "We encourage our CBF members and friends to join us to cheer on the kids." The race begins at 11 a.m., and registration begins at 10:30 a.m. For more information visit www.casebarlow.com

Santa in the Barn: A family Tradition Continues



Santa in the Barn, a CBF family tradition, returns Saturday, December 14, offering local families the chance to meet Santa, take a photo, and enjoy some unique holiday activities at the farm. This year be sure to check out the live reindeer ready to make your acquaintance outside the barn, where children can pet the furry winter creatures! Take a moment to make a toy, just like Santa's elves, in the wagon barn's workshop sponsored by Home Depot. Feeling a little chilly? Enjoy a toasty hot chocolate and a hot dog right outside the barn. Then head into the Case-Barlow home to make a Christmas craft with some of Case-Barlow Farm's crafty volunteers. Cookie decorating is available on site, with the fragrance of gingerbread filling the home. Elsa and Pocahontas will be making guest appearances in the farm house.

For those who have not experienced the "Santa in the Barn" tradition, it is one that will easily become an annual family event. Santa joins us from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 14, with a chance for families to take their own free photos with Santa in his specially decorated sitting area inside the barn. At our post office area, young visitors can write a letter to Santa that might very well be answered! While enjoying all these events, visitors can learn a little history, with volunteers on hand to tell the story and history of CBF. "Santa in the Barn" event is one of the most treasured events at the farm. Families are encouraged to get a family picture with Santa and then venture outside to take part in all of the special activities planned.

This popular event has been extended by one hour this year. But, there is no reason to stand in the cold to wait for Santa, as the farm's staff will give out numbers so attendees can enjoy the other events while they wait for their number to be called to see Santa. Additional activities include the U.S. Marine Corp on hand to receive donation for their Toys for Tots program. A train display will be running at the "Hudson Depot", the granary side of the wagon barn. Hot dogs and hot cocoa are available for purchase.





CBF Listed on the National Register of Historic Places!

The Board of Trustees of CBF is pleased to announce that the historic Case-Barlow Farm was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on August 15, 2019. The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of properties recognized by the federal government as worthy of preservation for local, state, or national significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture. Listing recognizes

and celebrates the history of Case-Barlow Farm.

“The Board of Trustees of Case-Barlow Farm is thrilled to see this recognition of the historic significance of our beloved Case-Barlow Farm. We believe this listing on the National Register of Historic Places is one more opportunity for us to continue our efforts to share the history of this property with our community,” said Board Trustee Julie Lindner. “We are planning to share this exciting development with our members and visitors through various events in the coming year.”

In applying the criteria for recognizing historic properties, Case-Barlow Farm was found to be significant for **Exploration/Settlement and Agriculture** as representative of the early settlement and agricultural economy of the Connecticut Western Reserve through the migration of Chauncey and Cleopatra Case from Granby, Ct. and the later construction of the 1831 Case-Barlow Farm house and accessory farm buildings. CBF also met the criteria for **Social History** for its association with their son Lowry “Lora” Case and the anti-slavery movement as a stop on the Underground Railroad. In addition, the CBF is significant under **Architecture** as representative of the Western Reserve building patterns from the 19th and early 20th centuries with its Federal style house and utilitarian farm building types.

2019: Sprucing Up CBF



Each year the farm gets better, thanks to the many volunteers who help out daily, weekly and monthly. As you attend events at the farm or simply drive by, you will notice the fresh look on the historic home, with repairs made and paint applied where peeling paint existed before. The grounds were not forgotten mulch

was applied to the trees and gardens, trees were trimmed, and flowers planted. “Big Red” was stained, and major improvements were made to the structure and foundation. Even the driveway had a new and much needed top coat of gravel. The new barn roof project was also completed.

As the seasons change and winter approaches, the north winds and cold will put a hold on the outdoor work. But, as good stewards of CBF, the volunteers are looking for others to join them.

You don’t have to be a master gardener, but a happy “weeder” will do. You don’t have to be a finishing carpenter or professional painter, but a happy willing person is welcome. Many new plans are waiting for the warmer season to return, so please consider joining our wonderful list of volunteers at CBF. Whatever time you can donate to the farm is most welcome. Please email to casebarlowfarm@gmail.com or text/call Ned Kendall at 330.650.4734.



Did the Cases Have Turkey for Thanksgiving?

Records are clear the wild turkey once inhabited the entire state of Ohio. But the widespread conversion of forestland to cropland and wood products during 1800’s, coupled with liberal hunting, apparently led to the near extinction of the wild turkey in 1904. Anyone who has encountered a flock of wild turkeys strutting in a field or awkwardly running across a rural road can attest to their somewhat goofy grandeur. They nest and forage on the ground and prefer to get around on foot, but they don’t hesitate to fly and frequently roost over 15 meters up in the tree canopy. They can even traverse large bodies of water by swimming.

This history of turkey domestication goes back nearly 3,000 years. Native Americans domesticated turkeys, not for their meat, but for their feathers.

Contrary to our modern traditions, there is no evidence that turkey, either wild or domesticated, was served at the first Thanksgiving in 1621. In Ohio, it became popular for Christmas dinner by 1787, but the recommendation of turkey as the Thanksgiving meal’s centerpiece can be almost entirely attributed to popular magazine editor (and composer of “Mary Had A Little Lamb”) Sarah Josepha Hale. Hale was a savvy businesswoman, the 1800’s version of Martha Stewart, and she relentlessly publicized today’s traditional Thanksgiving recipes in magazines and cookbooks. She also petitioned various presidents over a 36-year period to make Thanksgiving an official holiday—not only to champion her idea of what the feast should be, but to designate a day for the nation to give thanks for its blessings. Her request was finally granted by Abraham Lincoln in 1863, and the third Thursday in November finally became the official Thanksgiving holiday.



Help Us Raise Funds. Shop at any Acme Fresh Market Store and collect receipts from August 8 - December 28, 2019. Invite your friends and family to save receipts for you! Send receipts to CBF, PO Box 2143, Hudson, OH 44236 or drop off at the farm’s back porch, where a large canning glass jar is waiting for your receipts.

2020 CBF Membership Drive: Join Now!



Case-Barlow Farm is actively seeking members for the 2020 year. Membership allows CBF to continue its work to preserve the farm. In addition to helping the preservation effort, being a member means you have a farm to call your very own! Members enjoy newsletters and are the first to know of Case-Barlow's many family-friendly events. Members get the opportunity to come on down to the farm for the popular Fall Harvest Fest in September, the Turkey Tot Trot in November, the Santa in the Barn event in December, as well as educational events all year long.

All funds will be used to help operate, preserve and restore CBF. The farm is an independent nonprofit corporation formed to restore the Case-Barlow homestead and to foster for future generations an appreciation for the spirit and heritage of its builders. CBF receives no city funding. CBF is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, has received recognition by the Hudson Historical Society and is a designated Underground Railroad by the Friends of Freedom Society.

The farm strives to be a regional model of historic preservation and adaptive reuse. We engage the community in an authentic interactive experience, offering a perspective of events, issues and people of the Western Reserve from the past to the present. CBF connects people with history, arts, and culture. We complement and enhance the educational and cultural offerings of the community and region and captivate the learning mind.

Members receive a subscription to this newsletter, a CBF decal and email notification of all events. All memberships are tax-deductible. Membership Levels include:

\$50.00 Individual Membership

\$100.00 Family Membership

\$500.00 Patron Membership

\$2,000.00 Benefactor Membership

Members can pay on line at Casebarlow.com or print and submit the membership form by mail with a check made payable to *Case-Barlow Farm*, PO Box 2143, Hudson, Ohio 44236.



*****CBF Historical home and grounds are now available to rent for your private family, business or community event. Beginning in the summer/spring of 2020 "Big Red" will also be available to rent. Please email: casebarlowfarm@gmail.com for more information and to reserve your 2020 date.

A Day of Happiness, September 15, 2019—CBF Annual Fall Harvest Fest



More than 1,500 guests enjoyed the day at CBF's Annual Fall Harvest Fest. If you were unable to join us this year, don't miss next year's happiness!



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SAYPIP Grant Received



CBF wishes to thank the "Seniors and Youth: Partners in Philanthropy Board" (SAYPIP) for the generous grant to plant bayberry bushes in the garden near the back door of the CBF farmhouse.

The early settlers generally made candles of tallow (animal fats) which tended to smoke and give off an odor which can turn rancid

as well. It didn't take long for the early families to discover that the abundant bayberry bush had berries that would give off a waxy residue when boiled. Women would collect and save the bayberry wax that would rise to the surface of the boiling water and make them into taper candles, giving a sweet smelling wax with a long, clean burn. One pound of bayberry wax, required 15 pounds of bayberries, so these bayberry candles were burned only on special occasions. To have a bayberry candle was a luxury. It became a tradition to burn your candle on Christmas and New Year's Eve to bring blessings of abundance in the coming year.

SAYPIP is a collaborative endeavor with Laurel Lake Retirement Community and Seton Catholic School. Eighth-grade students complete the Habits of the Heart curriculum and, with Laurel Lake mentors, experience the excitement of practicing the grant-making process by distributing grant funds to the local community.

Hudson Quester Donation Received

The Quester Chapters in Hudson have generously supported the restoration and upkeep of the Case-Barlow Farm for more than twenty years. Recently the Anna Lee Chapter of Questers presented a donation of \$500.00 toward the restoration of the historic barn. This was made possible by raising funds through special events and state and international grants.

Questers is an international study club which was founded in 1944. Its headquarters is in Philadelphia, Pa. There are 697 Chapters and 11,000 members nationwide. Its major objectives are to stimulate an appreciation of antiques and their collections, and to encourage the preservations and restoration of existing historical landmarks. New members are always welcome.

The Anna Lee Quester Chapter of Hudson was established in 1981. Their first preservation project was the Old Township Burying Ground where the Questers repaired the headstones and restored the grounds after years of neglect.

CBF Board of Trustees Karen Smith and Ned Kendall accepted the donation to the historic farm from Quester members Jamie Parry and Gay Grell.

