

Fall 2013



Case-Barlow Farm

1890 Bank Barn Renovation-- Key to Future Success of CBF

CBF is kicking off its biggest fundraiser in our history with this article. With restoration complete on the wagon shed, garage, corn crib, and outhouse and 80% of the farmhouse complete, we are moving to the Bank Barn and Milk Houses as our last big projects for the buildings. We have had literally dozens of requests by the community to use the barn over the last several years but were unable to comply due to the condition of the barn.

With an estimated \$500,000 required to put the barn in good shape and useable, we have already raised \$81,000. Those funds were used to put a new roof on the barn, restore the cupola, repairs to the barn floor, build 3 new stairways, repair doors, complete tear outs on the lower level, and do some maintenance issues to stop further demise of various parts of the barn.

We will start from the ground up with repairs being the restoration and repair of the foundation and sills, followed by the rebuilding of the bank leading to the main level of the barn, new insulated siding which will include the rebuilding of all the external doors of the barn so they open and close correctly and with ease, electrical, lighting and cleaning. These first restorative projects will make the barn a usable facility for individual events. Firm estimates in hand for them are \$8,340. for the foundation, \$28,500 for the rebuilding of the bank, \$56,000 for new siding and repairs to doors, and \$12,000 for staining the siding. Estimates are being developed for the remaining Phase I projects.

Phase II projects include new insulated windows, heating, restoration of the lower level, addition of a farm museum, flooring, another entrance off the main floor, rebuilding animal stalls, completion of fire exits, lighting and more.

This Bank Barn will be a tremendous asset to the community and will be a further attraction to the farm while helping make the farm a self sustaining facility through revenue generation. If you are interested in supporting the effort through financial donations, sponsoring a particular project by donating the funds to complete it, adopting a project with a community group, or a group of friends to raise the money necessary to complete the project, are interested in discussing how you or your organization can be involved, contact the farm at the numbers listed in this newsletter. You can also remember CBF, a 501C3 Not for Profit Organization, with your tax deductible donations to help you meet your end of year tax requirements, or think of CBF in your estate planning.

We look forward to working with individuals, the community and its various groups and organizations to help make this great asset come to life again after so many years. This facility is for the community, and needs your help. Call us today!

Restoring the Bank of the Barn Needs Your Help!



We are looking for a donor or group of donors interested in helping financially with the restoration and repairs of the stone foundation, and the rebuilding of the bank leading to the main level of the barn. Firm estimates in hand for the foundation work came in at \$8,340. The Bank rebuild and landscaping will cost \$28,500.

These two projects must be done first in order to level the building and to stop further damage being caused by the bank caving in on the foundation of the barn. As you can see in the pictures, very old temporary repairs done to the foundation need to be replaced to stop ongoing damage. We cannot move forward until these projects are complete.

Getting these projects complete will help stabilize the barn and give a good foundation for the remaining restoration. We are at a standstill until we raise this money. While we are applying for grants from foundations and seeking out corporate partners, these are never enough. We can't do it without you.

Picture weddings, antique shows, group events, theatre, concerts like Apollo's Fire, and much more all being held at CBF **This barn is yours..help us save it!**



Fall Harvest Fest Was A Huge Success!

The day was picture perfect, fall was in the air, excitement was all around and everyone was having a great time! Over 1400 guests joined in the fun. There was something for everyone. Hay wagon rides were generously provided by Jack Grace and pony rides by 4-H group, "Crazy Critters". Our wooden cows stood still for milking, while the children were churning butter near the house. A "Mind-Bending -No Left Turn Maze" captured visitors for awhile. The Black River Boys entertained with patriotic and Civil War songs and marches. Apples were taken from the old farm apple trees, and making apple juice is hard work according to the children and Johnny. Two wagon trains pulled by garden tractors carried the tiny tots throughout the farm. Of course, crafts were made by everyone including corn husk dolls and candles. Smiles were from ear to ear as everyone



The Black River Boys

Mike Scott, "Johnny Appleseed"



Lucky Winners

Lucky Winners had wonderful prizes thanks to our generous raffle donors at the Fall Fest.

Giant baskets of goodies, including breakfast to dinner foods, wonderful toys, games and holiday décor, were presented to Mike Torchia, Marianna & Bill Roxbury, Kelly Potter, Liz Yeakley, Traci Weygandt, Saurabh Madan and Bob Hirsh.

Gift certificates to Luchita's Restaurant, Hudson's Restaurant, Hower House and the Nail Spa were won by Karen Smith, Mary Melkerson, Kayla Kandar, Nadia Yang, Lynn Fetsko, Connie Shaffer, George Morrish and Megan Kresse.

Bill
Roxbury
& grand
daughter



enjoyed the small petting farm animals including a pot belly pig, chickens, hens, alpacas, goats and even a donkey named "Throcky".

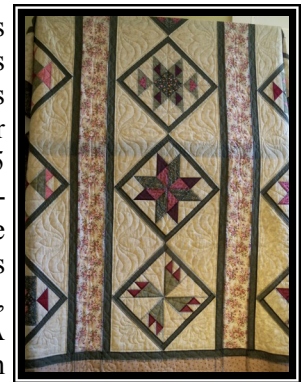
The farm house was busy showcasing the domestic chores and handicrafts of the early settlers and farmers, including weaving, tating, bread making, rug hooking and more. Beautiful quilts were displayed, some made over 150 years ago.

"Abe Lincoln" and "Harriet Tubman" were our guests for the day.

Thank you to all who came and enjoyed Case-Barlow Farm Fall Harvest Fest. If you were unable to come, you missed a wonderful time.

Unique Quilt Benefit Raffle

Quilts are part of our history and culture. The early colonists brought quilts with them. The pioneers took with them quilts made in their original homes, often by family and friends, as farewell gifts, and they made more along their journey to their new homes. This beautifully hand made quilt, which took 5 years to complete, has been generously donated to Case-Barlow Farm by Diane Herendeen. The Quilter's Sample Pattern uniquely offers a variety of patterns throughout this standard-queen size bed quilt. The soft tones of greens, whites, rose and pink will enhance everyone's décor. A benefit raffle is being held on May 11th, 2014. You can purchase a chance for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00. This beautiful quilt will be on display and chances will be available at the Dollhouse Exhibition during the month of December or call CBF at 330.650.0591 for more details.



"Pemberly" Remembered at the Farm

In honor of the book *Pride and Prejudice* written by Jane Austen in 1813, the Learned Owl and CBF offered guests a step back in time on Sunday, October 27th. In keeping with this era, participants learned about Regency clothing, dancing, games and more. In addition, well known local archivist Tom Vince stopped by to speak about this fascinating period in time. Costumes of the period were generously provided by The Weathervane Playhouse.

The language of flowers was discussed while tussie-mussies were made to take home. "Who could deny love, devotion and the tender feelings when handed a tussie-mussie." A unique raffle and refreshments were also enjoyed.

The CBF Vision Statement: "Connect people with history, arts and culture complement and enhance the education and cultural offerings of community and region and captivate the learning mind."

CBF Barn Quilt Raising

Not quite an old fashion quilting bee, but just as beautiful. The CBF Barn quilt took many hours of love to design and paint it on wood, and many muscles to raise it up. The quilt now stands proudly near the historic bank barn for all to enjoy. The Barn Quilt is a variation of the "Sawtooth Star Block", a traditional block that dates from pre-civil war times.



Thanks to the hard working committee members, our quilt is one of a few making their debut around the Ohio. Please drive by and enjoy!

Victorian Child's Room Underway

Inside the farmhouse, a great deal of planning is going on. A group of 10 volunteers from Anna Lee and James Ellsworth Questers are hard at work creating a child's room. Furnished in the period of 1880-1910, and containing treasures from earlier in the 19th century, the room is beginning to take shape. Friends of the farm have donated an early bed, a trundle bed, quilts, a shelf, mirror, antique school books and a doll's tea set. On long term loan from the Hudson Library and Historical Society have come wonderful objects including two 19th century prams, two early trunks, a cradle, a doll and alphabet blocks. Bruce LaPierre is making closet shelving for a display of children's clothing and shoes. The committee plans to have the room finished before the Dollhouse Show in November. Members of the committee are: Meigs Adams, Dotty Culhan, Gay Grell, Diane Herendeen, Diane Kempton, Jamie Parry, Jan Sutton, Suzanne Strobl, Barbara Warner and Marti Young.



4th Annual Doll House Exhibition Featuring a Toy Train Room



Doll House Kitchen of Patricia Schron

Plans are underway for the 4th annual Doll House Exhibition featuring a toy train room. Over 35 wonderful doll houses and room boxes will be on display for the very first time at CBF. The committee will once again transform the house into a child's (and adult's) delight with doll houses in various rooms, trains upstairs and delicious cookies and punch in the dining room. The historic 1830's farmhouse takes on an "Old Fashioned" feel as you see the mantel and window sills glisten with candles and winter decorations.

Patricia Schron, of Hudson, will be displaying a large doll house that belonged to Carol H. Pulk. Carol received the doll house as a child in the 1950's and lovingly decorated and collected hundreds of items for it over the years. It even offers ceiling lights of that era. As you look closely you will see the kitchen refrigerator opens to find fresh food and vegetables, the cupboards are also stocked with food, even the kitchen table offers "Dunkin Donuts". The mother of the house is dressed in her early morning robe and has curlers in her hair. Carol also designed and created a memory box of Pat's life. Carol collected and reduced photos of Pat's family, friends, faith, school, career, marriage and hobbies. This was a treasured Christmas gift given in 2007. Sadly Carol passed away in 2011 of cancer. But what a wonderful idea for all of us to make and give to loved ones.

Doll House Exhibition Featuring A Toy Train Room

November 24th Preview Party

RSVP only \$50 per person

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

November 29, 30

December 1, 8, 15, 22

1-4 pm each day

Admission

Adults \$15 Children \$5

Group Rates Available

Do not miss the candlelit evening Preview Benefit Party on Sunday, November 24th. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be offered while you enjoy being the first to see the doll house exhibit, toy train room and beautifully decorated farm house. Tickets are \$50 per person, reservations required. Please call 216.956.0848 for details and reservations or email the farm.



Memory Box of Patricia Schron

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Thank you

We could not do it alone, but with your help the farm is a very special place for all.

- Whacky Weeders, Mary & Joyce- keep our gardens beautiful
- Portage Glass- replaced glass windows on the barn
- Bug Busters- saved us from a hive of yellow jackets
- Denver Collins-helped raise the Barn Quilt
- John Miles-helped with getting electric working in the barn
- Martinizing Dry Cleaning of Hudson-preserving & cleaning of the drapes
- R. B. Thomas Electric Co.-added electric circuits to the garage



Connecticut Hay Knife

Among the more plentiful old barn relics is the hay knife. Wide, heavy and with the blade on the outer edge, most people wonder how hay could be reaped with it. It didn't reap--it cut out portions of the hay from the haystack. The hay-spade and hay-saw did the same thing. The hay-spade knife, however, doubled as pumpkin cutter in the days when pumpkins were animal food. Pumpkin stalks tended to choke animals, so pumpkins were cut from the top and the stalks destroyed. The slender, sharp reaping hook became an American design of rare beauty by the late 1700's. But during the late 1800's the art of cutting gave way to the art of slashing, and a sickle is a better slasher. (Museum of Early American Tools)

Generous Gifts to the Farm-Thank You

Connecticut Hay Knife, butter churn, crocks, coffee grinder, tin egg holder, baby walker, wicker baby scale and many more household items given by Grace and Ken Blower.

Gretchen Hubach donated several kitchen items including a hog stretcher that belonged to her grandmother and was used in butchering. It is a stick or piece of timber used to spread open a slaughtered animal which is to be hung by its hind legs. The hog is then hung with the "Gambrel" in preparation for butchering. Check out our new items at your next visit.

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.

