

Fall 2011



# Case-Barlow Farm

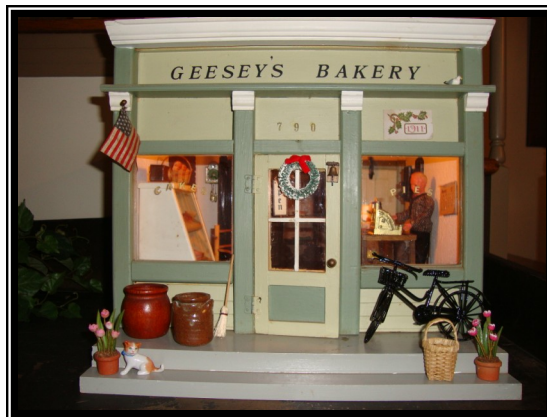
*2nd Annual Doll House Exhibit & Holiday Tea*

*This Year Featuring a Toy Train Room by Jack Belby*

**By Connie Price**

Old and new, big and small, they are all different than the previous year and the dollhouses are back at the farmhouse. After having a successful doll house exhibition last year, we are now making plans for our second annual holiday fundraiser. At the current time, we have over thirty doll houses and room boxes scheduled for set up in mid-November. Two new features have been added this year. On the second floor, there will be a Toy Train exhibit featuring the personal collection of Jack Belby and also a local craft store which will include items for purchase such as books, teas, and much more.

Dates have been expanded this year to include a preview night. Imagine a candlelit evening with holiday music, food and wine in the farmhouse decked out in holiday greens and decorations. You will need reservations if you would like to join us in seeing the doll houses in all their holiday splendor before the exhibit opens to the public. The preview party will be held on November 20, 2011 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the tickets are available for purchase at \$50.00 per person. Please leave your name and phone number on the farm's voice mail (330.650.0591 or email: casebarlow@aol.com and we will get back to you with more details about attending this special event. General admission tickets may be purchased at The Learned Owl Book Store or at the door. Holiday raffle tickets are available for purchase. Some of the doll houses will be for sale.



Geesey's Bakery circa 1911 found at the Medina Antique Mall

Dates & times for this year's doll house exhibition are:

November 25, 26, 27 & December 4, 11, 18 One o'clock to four o'clock each afternoon

Tickets: Adults \$20.00 / Children \$10.00

Group Rates Available & Private Parties Upon request

## *Case-Barlow Receives Donation from Hudson Community Foundation*

**By Bob Porter**



Bob Porter, President of the Board of Trustees, of Case-Barlow Farm accepts the generous contribution from Hudson Community Foundation's Richard K. Warfield, Chair-Grant Committee for \$1,000.00. This contribution will be used towards the restoration of the bank barn, specifically, the cupola on the top of the barn. This improvement will serve two purposes. The first will be to restore and preserve the cupola. The second will be to eliminate access of pigeons that enter the barn through the cupola, and therefore, move us closer to the point when the interior of the barn will be able to be used by the community and begin to generate funds for the ongoing operation of Case-Barlow Farm. The Case-Barlow Farm Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge with gratitude this donation from Hudson Community Foundation and for their continued support of Case-Barlow Farm.

## October 2nd, 2011 Fall Harvest Fest Was A success!

The rains let up and the sun came out just in time for our annual Fall Harvest Fest on October 2nd. Everyone enjoyed the hay wagon ride in from the Barlow Park parking lot courtesy of the Joanne & Jack Grace family.

New this year were the gentle and adorable donkeys from the Donkey & Mule Association of the Western Reserve that wandered through the crowds and enjoyed the apples and attention from their admirers.



Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War this year, we were honored to have the 5th Ohio and the 29th Ohio Companies join us for the day showing life in the war fields, sharing their marches, drills and talking with the event goers.

The day was packed with old fashioned trades: blacksmith, broom & rope maker, making butter, noodles and bread, potter and so much more. Crafts including candle making and pumpkin decorating added to the enjoyment.

Barn owls, hawks & a screech owl, alpacas, colorful parrots, hens and baby chicks were a great hit. Also new this year was a plastic duck race on rain gutters with old fashioned hand pumps!

We wish to express our sincere thank you and gratitude to our special sponsors this year: Dr. Steven Johnson, Dr. Robert McElhinney, Carriage Insurance Agency, Robert McKenica, Allstate Insurance, Robinson Lawn & Garden Center, Dr. Ronald Stein, Sean Hettinger, Jo Metoyer, Dr. K. C. Aiken, Jim & Patty Kurtz, Nicole Salmon, State Farm Insurance & Hudson Heritage Association.

Thanks to generous friends of the farm, a number of wonderful gifts were raffled. Everyone who came to the fest was given a free ticket and many lucky winners were drawn. Lauren Senderoff is one of the many delighted winners. Our guests came from far and wide, a quick check showed guests from Berea, Port Chester, Mantua, Canton and Medina. A total of 23 communities in addition to Hudson were represented. We are so happy to be able to share our "Hudson gem" with so many others and let them experience an "old fashion" farm fest.



### Hudson Montessori Middle School

By Meera Sehgal,

Case-Barlow Farm Manager for the micro-economy unit

North House Specialties, a small business run by students at Hudson Montessori Middle School, recently had the opportunity to be at the Hudson Farmers Market. We sold products that came from our plot at Case-Barlow Farm as well as other student-made products.

We not only prepared our products for the market; we also had the marketing committee make labels for each product and flyers for the business. We are learning all that goes into running a small business, including the skill of interacting with customers. We are happy to say that we sold almost every product we brought to the farmers market, which brought joy to our school community. It is great to see hard work pay off when the local Hudson community is able to enjoy the delicious jams, gorgeous flower bouquets, and fresh herbs.

As you may be able to tell from our variety of products, the farm plot at Case-Barlow is doing great. There were a few glitches in our farm plot at the beginning of the season, but we fixed them and moved forward. This year has not been the most opportune year for farming due to weather conditions, but we do have some wonderful products that worked well for the fall sales. We have some very large gourds that look beautiful. We are also very excited to see that we had some corn stalks and large sunflowers. As we learned this year, we may not always have the products we hoped for, but when something does not grow or when we do not have what we hoped for, we work through to find a solution. These experiences we have at Hudson Montessori and at Case-Barlow are hands-on and help us prepare for the future.





## It Is Not Too Late to Become A Member of Case-Barlow Farm

By Julie Kodatsky

There has never been a more exciting time to become a partner with one of Hudson's fastest growing cultural amenities. Thanks to continued support from many of you, Case-Barlow Farm has come a long way since being incorporated as a 501c3 organization in 1996.

- The house has been completely restored on the first floor and is available to northeast Ohio organizations and businesses for meetings, special events and programs. Some of the second floor is being restored now.
- The colonial garden, a project of the Case-Barlow Farm Garden Group, provides gardeners a unique study of assorted heirloom perennials suitable for local planting.
- Roof replacement was made to the rare bank barn and a sub-floor added to the 2nd level. Walkways have been rebuilt with commemorative bricks purchased in previous membership campaigns.

However, there remains much to do as we focus on the future.

- Completing the renovation and repairs to the historic barn for future use as one of Hudson's largest indoor gathering places.
- Restoring and renovating the Granary/wagon shed, and corn crib.
- Landscaping of the grounds including installation of a split rail fence at the Barlow Road perimeter.

Thank you for your previous support in helping us install the commemorative brick walkways near the farmhouse over the past 2 years. We again ask for your assistance in our effort to build a split rail fence along the Barlow Road entrance to the property. You can help us with this effort through your 2011 Annual Membership. The tranquil setting of Case-Barlow Farm provides the perfect backdrop for recreational, family and community sponsored events.

Please join us in our effort to preserve a precious resource of Hudson's historic past while enriching the lives of area residents today and for years to come. Your membership continues to form the core of support for Case-Barlow Farm. The membership forms were sent to you in September, if you did not receive one or have misplaced the form and would like to join, please email to: [casebarlow@aol.com](mailto:casebarlow@aol.com) or call 330.650.0591 and we would be happy to send you another invitation.



### The Creative Writing Club

The Creative Writing Club has been meeting for several years on Monday nights in the farmhouse. Girls ages 9 to 15 years old that have an interest in writing are always welcome to join. The girls share their writings and discuss style, vocabulary and more. Recently, we learned a few new words with this exercise. What are the male, female and baby names for each of the following animals? Chicken, horse, rabbit, cattle, cat and duck. The answers may surprise you. We would love for you to join the writers & Barbara Bos. There is no charge to participate. Call or email the farm for more info.

### 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 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.

### The Old Corn Crib Is Getting a New Look

This may not look like much, but the corn crib is on its way to being restored. Thanks to your support through events and membership, Sugar Creek Builders jacked up the crib, moved it off its foundation, created a new foundation and have now placed it back on the original site. We are in



the process of getting a final bid to rebuild this special corn crib saving as much of the original wood as possible. The Barlow family, as with all struggling farmers of the day, patched and repaired the farm building with items on hand. In the picture you will see old tires, chains, large round saw blades, and the steel roof from the old windmill and silo which was used to extend its life. Stop by next spring to see the finished corn crib!

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**Questers Donate John Brown 's Letter**

CBF is pleased to accept a framed copy of the last letter written by John Brown to Lora Case the day before Brown died at Harpers Ferry. The original document is owned by the New York Public Library. Jamie Parry, of Hudson, transcribed the letter and the Anna Lee Questers presented it to CBF.

CHARLESTON, JEFFERSON CO., VA.  
2nd December, 1859. "LORA CASE, Esq.

"My Dear Sir: Your most kind and cheering letter of the 28th November is received. Such an outburst of warmhearted sympathy, not only for myself but for all those 'who have no helper,' compels me to steal a moment from those allowed me in which to prepare for my last great change, to send you a few words. Such a feeling as you manifest makes you to 'shine (in my estimation) in the midst of this wicked and perverse generation as a light in the world'. May you ever prove yourself equal to the high estimate I have placed on you. Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is, as I understand it, an active not a dormant principle. I do not undertake to direct any more about my children. I leave that now entirely to their excellent mother, from whom I have just parted. I send you my 'salutation with my own hand.' Remember me to all your and my dear friends.

"Your Friend,  
"JOHN BROWN"

**Hudson's Fire Protection**

Fires were always a concern to farmers. In fact, several small fires happened at CBF. Evidence of one of these fires is still visible in the NW corner of the bank barn.

- 1800 Bucket brigades & wet blankets
- 1842 Hook & Ladder Co. of Hudson
- 1849 16 men to pull a 2-wheel hose cart
- 1853 A small fire pump purchased \$250
- 1858 Horse drawn hand pumper \$621.17  
Button & Blake, 16 men to operate pumper
- 1879 Water cisterns at Baldwin & Main, Aurora & College, and the Village Green
- 1896 Dept. housed at town hall, Church St
- 1911 Pumper used for last time
- 1928 Village buys Seagrave Truck
- 1930 Township organized its own Dept.
- 1932 Township buys Ahres Fox Truck,  
both housed at Church St. Station
- 1945 Pumper loaned to Summit Historical Society.
- 1954 New station at S. Main & Streetsboro
- 1963 Old pumper brought back to Hudson
- 1979 New station house on South Oviatt Street

