



The Barn Door

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The 2011 Barn Tour Season Begins!

The Illinois Barn Alliance started the touring season with an April 11 adventure through McDonough County. Text and photos provided by Bob Sherman. <http://sites.google.com/site/illinoisbarna/>



Illinois Barn Alliance Board Members at the Hammond Barn, 1899, East of Macomb.



The Flack Barn, 1900, Macomb. This has cross-gable construction, allowing no posts under the central hay mow ventilator.



Round Barn, west of Macomb, built in 1914, with round wooden silo in center.



The Everly horse Barn, built in the Stick-Style, 1882. East of Macomb & west of Adair, Illinois.

“ It will not always be Summer; build barns “ , Hesiod, Greek Poet, ca. 640 BC.

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Board Member Profile- Jerri Honeyford

NBA Board Member Jerri Honeyford is a former teacher and joins us from the State of Washington where she is a member of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and the Governor's Council on Historic Preservation. Jerri is also Chair of the State's Heritage Barn Advisory Committee. She has been a leader in establishing their Heritage Barn Program, that has documented and listed over 450 barns in their Heritage Barn Registry. They have given 32 matching grants to barn owners in the amount of \$758,000 to stabilize and preserve these barns.

Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative



Heritage Caucus - February 16, 2011

Join the National Barn Alliance today! Our Mission:

- Encourage the documentation, through surveys and photography, of historic barns and other rural structures throughout America.
- Encourage and support the creation of statewide and local barn preservation organizations and programs.
- Facilitate the sharing of information on barns, their history and their maintenance.



Your membership will help us in our efforts to document and protect our vanishing rural heritage. For more information visit our website at www.barnalliance.org

Membership Categories: \$20.00 Student \$30.00 Individual
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National Barn Alliance, Inc., c/o Vera Wiltse, 5580 N. Chippewa Rd., Coleman, MI 48618

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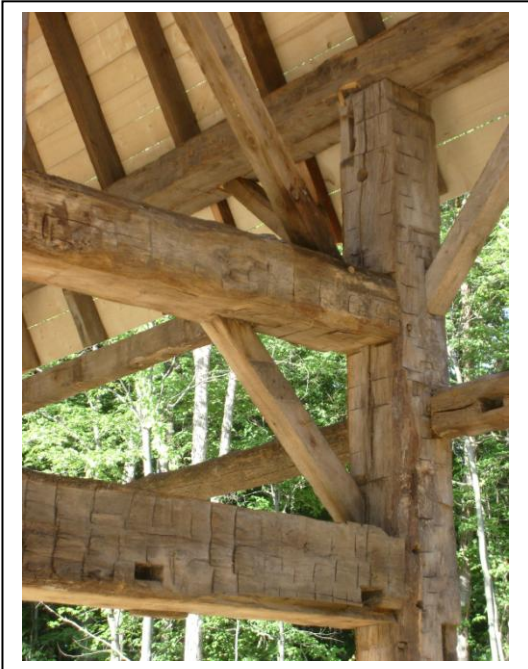
Are You Protecting Your Barn/Investment?-

America’s back roads are a study in contrasts to observe the way people live. Not everyone has the resources to do as they might like in maintaining their property. But extenuating circumstances aside, something valuable may be wasting away. Who would let actual cash deteriorate?

The Internet is a great source of information to support creative thinking about capitalizing on what we have. Heritage barns have value, if no longer for agricultural use, then for a new use as studios, homes, and businesses. But for the barn to retain its greatest value it must be kept in repair. A few loose shingles or metal roofing can be repaired at minimal cost. But when the hole widens, the rain pours in, the flooring and frame are compromised, the foundation washes away, a building of value is wasted. Vines climbing siding and roots growing into foundations spell disaster. Many barn preservation organizations, barnwrights, books, and websites provide advice on correcting problems.

There is a need for people to undertake the repair, adaptation or dismantling and reconstruction of heritage barns. Some barnwrights and timber-framers take on apprentices committed to learning the trade. If a barn cannot be saved, then its wood should be salvaged to help save another barn.

One man’s trash is another man’s treasure. But it cannot be a treasure if it isn’t taken care of. There is no time like the present to capitalize on your own investment.



**Saving the Maplenol Barn in Iowa:
To Move or Not To Move It?**
Here’s a dilemma we see all across the Country.
Both sides may agree that the Barn is worth saving, but the Owner, the West Des Moines School District, wants it to be moved and saved somewhere off its current site. The Friends of the Maplenol Barn believe it should be given a new life and many new uses right where it stands and be fully developed into a community educational and entertainment center. Join the debate-go to- <http://www.savethebarn.com/>

Washington- The Heritage Barn Program has awarded matching grants to help stabilize and repair over thirty structures, including this 1913 Lewis County barn. Originally built by a Mr. Beall for raising rabbits, the fur sold for clothing. It later became a dairy barn. Local people remember playing basketball in the loft during rainy day. Now owned by Mike Peroni, the farm was flooded by the nearby Chehalis River in 2006. Four feet of water and mud invaded the premises. Mike needs the barn for his certified organic produce business, so with this matching grant, he raised the barn to new heights so that it would never again be flooded. Besides replacing the foundation, he also replaced the roof.

BRING THE NBA TO YOUR STATE-

Barns are disappearing from the American landscape. On our website you will find information and links to help save the barns in your hometown. Join our nationwide effort to save the historic farm buildings of the American countryside. [Please become a Member](#) of the National Barn Alliance today.

California- Preservation Napa Valley-2011 Sunday August 28 Details at preservationnapavalley.org

Michigan-Michigan Barn Preservation Network- Stone Foundation Repair Workshop July 16, Sleeping Bear Stone Masonry Workshop June 24 thru 26, <http://www.mibarn.net>



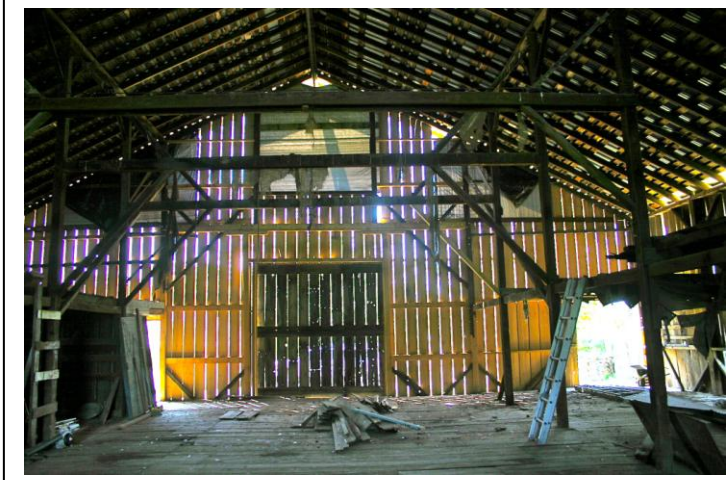
Kansas- The Kansas Barn Alliance uses this model barn to accompany barn talks and displays. Sally Dorr Hatcher, on right, explains to Kathryn West at the Capt. Jesse Leavenworth chapter of the DAR. The talk covered a little history of farming and how barn types evolved as well as rural preservation efforts in Kansas today. www.kansasbarnalliance.org

- Kansas Sampler Festival-Leavenworth May 7 & 8
- Kansas Preservation Conference
- June 2-4 in Topeka at the Historical Society
- BARN FEST '11---Limelight on Limestone at Beloit, Mitchell County Sept. 30 & Oct. 1
- Jackson Co. Barn tour---Holton
- October 15T--GFox@oldhamfarms.com



Formation of a California and Nevada Barn Alliance by Tim Narkiewicz

NBA Board Members Charles Leik and Tim Narkiewicz attended a meeting in May to discuss the possibility of creating a new barn preservation group. A tour of several barns, shown here, was included. Tim gave a presentation on the function and programs of the National Barn Alliance, including: Advocacy, our Educational Outreach (barn curriculum for schools and the barn build program), our role as an informational clearinghouse, and an introduction to our other State barn affiliate organizations, the Michigan Barn Preservation Network and the Kansas Barn Alliance. The group agreed to move forward and begin with the following: create a website to promote the organization, have a geographic area of both California and Nevada, since the Carson Valley and other areas have closely linked barn typologies, and have a mission that includes nostalgic and technical interests, and encompass all pre-1950 barn types .



Build the Barn, Build the Person: Is it possible to use the raising of a barn to help build a person? Absolutely! The NBA, through the generosity of Russell G. Mawby, self-described “barn boy” and retired CEO of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, has purchased two model barn frames: quarter-scale models of an 18th century Hudson Valley Dutch Barn and an 1842 Midwestern Ground Barn. They are 10’x12’, and 8’high. Why create model barns? To stir in kids and grown-up kids, a fascination and appreciation of the traditional art of building a barn without metal fasteners or computer-aided design. What better way to teach than by bringing together a group of people of any age, to plan, organize, fit, lift, adjust, and engage in teamwork through the raising of a barn. As the beams, braces, posts and purlins come together, so too, does respect for the way in which people once worked as a community to accomplish complex tasks. Charles Leik, NBA, said. “Teachers commented on how quickly students, especially those challenged in the classroom, seized the task and demonstrated impromptu leadership qualities, ...A barn-raising dovetails with lessons in American history, mathematics, physics, geometry and the value of teamwork; it honors the men and women who work with their hands.” Designed to work with an American history curriculum, model hosts can adapt the learning experience for any age group. The frames are on loan to Dutch Barn Pres. Soc. and Michigan Barn Pres. Network. For info & to host a raising, contact Keith Cramer, DBPS (cramerkeith@msn.com) or Tammis Donaldson, MBPN (tammis@ekocite.com). By Jan Arnett and Charles Leik



NBA Barn Models Hit The Road-

Our Educational Models will be at Schools, Fairs and Festivals this Summer & Fall in Michigan & New York. Check our website for details.



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1882 Everly horse barn, McDonough County, Il.
Barn Tour with the Illinois Barn Alliance