

BARN LIGHTS

Quarterly Newsletter

APPALACHIAN BARN ALLIANCE

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Farm Dinner *en plein air* at *The Farmer's Hands* in Mars Hill

Our first summer fundraiser is a Farm to Table dinner on Sunday afternoon, July 17, on the property where most of the food you will be eating is grown. Beginning at 3, Taylor Barnhill will lead a tour telling the history of the barns; then you will dine at farm tables under a canopy of trees. Sebastiaan & Ariel Zijp grew up on farms and are passionate about the heritage of the farmsteads that the Barn Alliance is working to preserve. Sebastiaan worked as a chef in NYC for 8 years in some of NYC's best restaurants, so you are in for a treat with his culinary skills and Ariel's talent for flower arranging. The team created this farmstead which offers not just the Farm to Table Dinners, but also cooking workshops, farm stays, and a farm stand. Money from these events is treated as a share of the farm, helping them to pay for the costs that are required to keep a homestead running.



Dining al fresco at The Farmer's Hands

We are able to offer this at \$35 a ticket (\$30 for 2016 members) because the quantity (but certainly not the quality) of the food is less than the amount served at their scheduled Farm to Table Dinners. For reservations, email info@appalachianbarns.org or call Nancy Larkin at 828 230-6982. Only 30 tickets are available.

The President's Letter

We are all just coming down from the tremendous "high" from our 3rd Annual Barn Day! Because of the wonderful media coverage in the wider Asheville area, we sold out of tickets two weeks before the date and began to compile a waiting list. (Now, we have enough on that list to schedule a second Barn Tour ONLY—no dinner—for those who missed out.) The energy on the tour built as we ended our day at the Steen's barn-- as is always the case when we get a bunch of barn-lovers in the same place. Our thanks to all who contributed to the success of both Barn Day and the other events in Barn Month. And, a special thanks to those gracious barn owners who allow us to showcase their properties. Barn Month was preceded by a wonderful surge of growth in April. Two businesses pledged \$1000 to be President's Circle Level Supporters. What a boost that is! Our thanks go to SanStone Madison Health and Rehabilitation and the Weaverville WalMart store for this commitment. And, we have more \$100 Business Supporters than ever. Additionally, our individual memberships reached a new high in April and we are not even half-way into the year. Check out the articles in this issue for the events planned for the upcoming months. We invite you to join our Facebook community to stay connected and

share your pictures and observations about barns and farms in the area.

Sandy Stevenson



"Gershwin with a Twist!" Concert on August 7

Our Summer Concert this year features pianist & vocalist Brian Gurl - together with vocalist Liz Aiello and the music of George and Ira Gershwin. The music will be performed in a variety of styles including ragtime, jazz, beautiful ballads and catchy Broadway hits and even into the world of Doo Wop. How about Reggae, R&B, Rock 'n Roll and yes.... even Rap? That is the "Twist." From an elegant "Embraceable You" to a driving "Summertime" to "Gershwin meets Elvis," this afternoon will provide enjoyment for all.

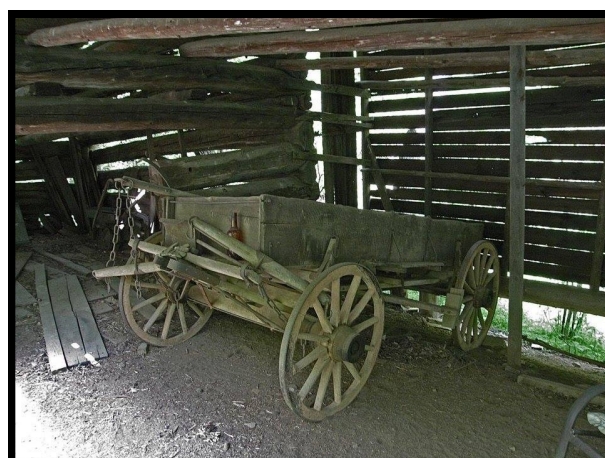
For tickets and information, call 828-230-6982. \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

President's Circle Level

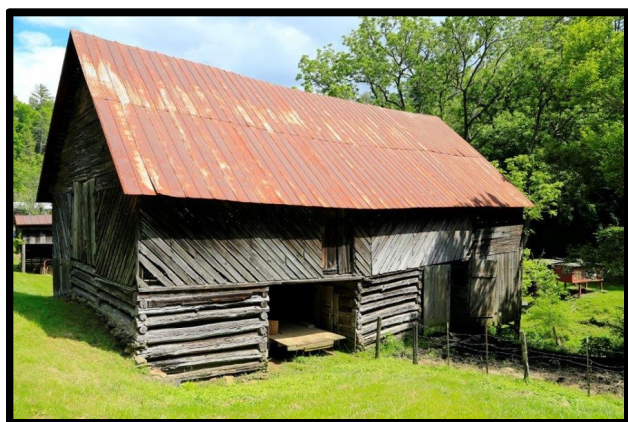
Two different companies made President's Circle level donations in April, illustrating that there is a belief that what we are doing is contributing to the culture of the community. Our grateful thanks to Sherrye Perry, Marketing Manager of SanStone Madison Health & Rehabilitation, and to Jamie Jones, Store Manager of the Weaverville Walmart, for thinking of us in that light. For this \$1000 level donation, the business can choose up to 10 of their employees or clients for a 90-minute historic barn tour led by Taylor Barnhill followed by a short reception. This allows us to reach out to even more people about the importance of our work. Contact us if you are interested in this or other benefits for smaller donations by businesses.



Lookin' at barns...and celebrating Barn Day



A great group of barn-lovers explores one of the Roberts' century-old barns, a rare flue-cured tobacco barn



James & Geneva Roberts homestead multi-purpose barn



Musicians entertain at the dinner catered by Chupacabra Latin Café in Woodfin



Some of the 75 Barn Day guests enjoy appetizers while perusing silent auction items at Steens' barn

The tour included other barns along the route, viewed from the bus, with fascinating narration by barn researcher Taylor Barnhill about history & function.

For those of you who missed it:
BARN TOUR ONLY
Saturday, June 25 2:30 to 5:00pm
\$25 a seat
Email: info@appalachianbarns.org
to order the tickets

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