

BARN LIGHTS

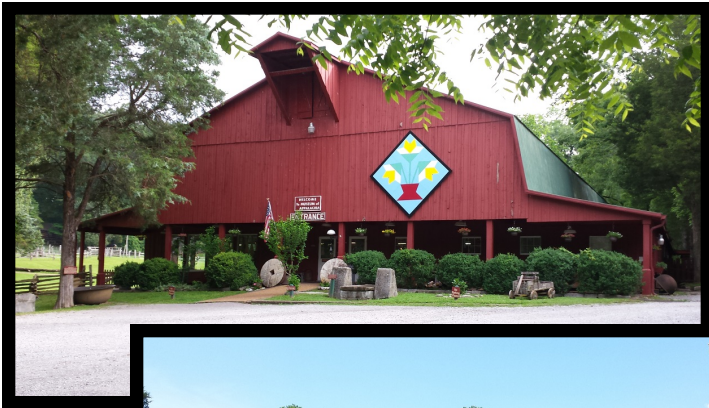
Quarterly Newsletter

APPALACHIAN BARN ALLIANCE

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Looking Ahead: Heritage Farmstead Visits

Share in the excitement that our board members have been experiencing as we move into the early stages of the next phase of our vision. We have begun the steps needed to plan to establish a Heritage Farmstead in Madison County. The idea is so new that even we don't know what our site will look like. What we do know is that we will highlight the Appalachian Barn and the stories that our researcher Taylor Barnhill is gathering. As you have read in previous newsletters, residents have donated farm implements to our organization; thus, we will need to find room to display such items, too. Beyond that, we will just let the process shape the reality.



Museum of Appalachia



Hart Square in Hickory



Johnson Farms Barn in
Hendersonville



Madison Co. Barn at Roper Mountain
Science Center

Brainstorming has been fun, but we are now taking action. Four volunteers (Mike Foster, Jerry Jacover, Susan McChesney and Sandy Stevenson) have taken trips to various heritage farmsteads in the general area in order to get some ideas for the planning stages of our own Heritage Farmstead. The directors have welcomed us with true Southern hospitality, answering questions and providing tours of their locations.



The President's Letter

Normally Spring is the time when we focus on preparations for Barn Month. And we certainly did do that. The fruits of our labors were evident in many of the events. Taylor's lecture about the "Shelter on the Mountain" exhibit at the Rural Heritage Museum had a packed house. We had a great turnout at the Opening Reception for the "Barns of Madison County" at the Arts Center. Also, there were so many positive comments about the panel display at Zuma during the month. Our musician-friend Steve Davidowski told me that he "really learned something" from reading the captions! And, of course, Barn Day itself provided

us with lots of new friends and fellow barn lovers. But, during that same time, some of us were also quite busy visiting heritage farmsteads (see story, Page 1) to gather information as we embark on the planning of our own farmstead. The journey to our goal is proving to be as stimulating as the goal itself. We have found many ideas that we can use. However, the most encouraging discovery is that no one is doing anything quite like what we plan to do! Follow our progress over the next years as we build our dream, and share our excitement!

Sandy Stevenson

A 200 Years of Barn Evolution

Barn Month in May always helps us spread the word about the importance of our barn heritage. The panels that our researcher Taylor Barnhill compiled to tell the story of the Appalachian barn architecture were on display all month on the walls of Zuma Coffee in Marshall. The stories grew out of an article that he wrote for *The Laurel of Asheville*. The captions for the photos are a short chronological history of the evolution of the barn building traditions in our area. Owner Joel Friedman said that this display created more comments than any previous ones—every day!! We know how much people love barns and now we are happy that we were able to provide some important information about the types of barns in such a friendly and popular venue.



Taylor Barnhill & Mike Stevenson mounting the photo exhibit at Zuma Coffee shop in Marshall



Display at Zuma's

Barn Day & Farm to Table Dinner



Judy Ricker's magnificent creation was the centerpiece of the auction



The barn tour was a unique opportunity to get "up close and personal" with the Roberts' barn



Reese Steen, our host for 4 years, was presented a walking stick crafted by John "Bodacious" Beaudet



In the party-barn enjoying the delicious meal provided by Chupacabra Latin Cafe



At the Phillips barn for the Farm to Table dinner—Taylor explaining that some of the logs were white because the cows licked the salt!



Enjoying an amazing meal & staying dry when rain threatened

UPCOMING EVENT

A Toast to Broadway: Performance by Brian Gurl & Liz Aiello

Sunday, August 13 at 3:00 p.m. at the Broyhill Chapel on the MHU campus

Tickets will go on sale July 15. \$20 or \$25 to reserve a seat in Rows 1 and 2

To reserve, email info@appalachianbarns.org or call 828 380-9146 (we will hold at "Will Call")

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