

How can you help?

Join us as we work with many local, state and national organizations in recording and saving historic barns. In 2007, our hard-working board of directors developed a standard survey to help owners share information on their individual barns. This data is being compiled and retained for future reference by HBFF of PA and Kutztown University.

Since our non-profit organized in 2007, we have been pleased to have conducted three successful barn tours, one in conjunction with the National Barn Alliance's annual meeting in 2008, next partnering with Historic Gettysburg, Adams County in 2009, and in 2010 with a Chester County non-profit called S.A.V.E.

We continue to work to encourage preservation of historic barns through documentation and structural information support. We are hopeful to someday see funding at the federal and state levels for barn owners to do much needed repairs. You can help us with this mission by becoming a member and will receive our bi-annual Forebay Post newsletter and special rates when attending HBFF of PA-sponsored events.

Be part of a strong foundation to save historic barns. Thank you for helping us save barns!

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Barn sketch by HBFF of PA Director Melissa Evans

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Photo by HBFF of PA Director Ken Sandri

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HISTORIC BARN & FARM FOUNDATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania is fortunate to have a strong agrarian history. Integral to the story of the state's flourishing fertile fields that were cleared and cultivated for many centuries and remain productive to this day is the role the sturdy barns played in the settling and use of our farmland. Pennsylvania is one of the few states that has a style of barn architecture that bears its name. Many types can be found across the Commonwealth, ranging from stone and log barns to immense, later-built frame examples.

A familiar silhouette on any farm's horizon here in Pennsylvania, barn architecture that is exhibited on individual farmsteads is as varied as the heritage of the brave and resilient farmers who settled the diverse regions of our Commonwealth's early frontier. The timbers and stones taken from the cleared land and their hard labor created long-standing storage buildings that provided a safe haven for harvested crops and hungry livestock with each generation.

Today, many of these symbols of our agrarian past are being threatened by demolition and neglect. Too often the weather-worn historic barns are razed to make way for "progress" and part of our heritage is lost forever.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO SAVE OUR HISTORIC BARNs?

A group of enthusiastic people are working to preserve and protect these icons of Pennsylvania's picturesque farms. Our goal is to educate property owners and people everywhere about the superb treasure we have on our landscapes. We need to build a network of folks interested in keeping barns that were built before 1960 standing on their original foundations. We also need to create an inventory of the kind of barns that remain on Pennsylvania's farms, their locations, and provide a reason to keep them as part of the integral farm operation. They can also serve as a means of helping local economies through agri-tourism.



This barn was built in 1856 by Augustus and Matilda Leas. It is located in the village of Host, Berks County.

We are excited about having the support of recognized experts and enthusiasts of historic barn structures on our founding committee, including esteemed authors **Robert Ensminger**, **Greg Huber**, **Jeff Marshall**, along with other renowned barn authorities.

We welcome your interest and involvement as members and volunteers no matter what your reason for caring about the preservation of our barns -- our architectural treasures.

Contact us for more information by calling Sheila Miller, HBFF of PA president, at 610-589-5617. Or, you can visit our website at www.pahistoricbarns.org.