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Annual Meeting & Barn Tour “A Saucon Valley Sampler” June 14 & 15, 2013

Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, PA -- Come to the Saucon Valley on June 14 & 15 for the Historic Barn and Farm Foundation of Pennsylvania's annual meeting and historic barn tour. In its sixth year, the statewide non-profit organization is featuring seven unique historic barns in southern Northampton County and northern Bucks County dating back to the 1790s. Plan to be part of this exciting weekend.

Kicking off this year's two-day event at 4 pm on Friday, June 14 is a visit to a very special stone standard barn dated 1849, known as the John Wagner barn. HBFF of PA members Joanne and Gerald "Jerry" Holum currently own the barn. "The craftsmanship of the Wagner barn is an outstanding rarity and many miles would have to be traveled to see its like," says HBFF of PA Greg Huber.

The Board's annual meeting and banquet will follow at Saucon Valley Acres. "Healthy Practices for Barns: Analysis, Repairs and Maintenance" is the topic keynote speaker Douglass Reed will discuss Friday evening. Reed has 41 years of experience as an architectural historian, craftsman and technical consultant to architects, engineers and property owners on a wide range of historic building types. He is a specialist in historic materials conservation and has been in the forefront of developing the investigative processes used for initial condition assessments of historic structures. A brief business meeting and fun-auction fundraiser will be held.

"Our annual meeting is an opportunity to network with some of the world's foremost authorities on historic barns and people who just simply love to see them on the landscape," said Sheila Miller, HBFF of PA president. Barn expert Robert Ensminger assisted in organizing this year's barn tour and is excited about the size and condition of the seven barns that will be visited. Ensminger is a founding member of the HBFF of PA, along with Miller and Huber. Formed in March 2007, the HBFF of PA has grown in numbers of members and geographical regions since its beginnings. Members live across Pennsylvania and in many neighboring states.

The HBFF of PA invites anyone with an interest in Pennsylvania's treasure trove of barn architecture to participate. HBFF of PA membership is not required to attend, but special rates apply for members of the organization, along with members of the Saucon Valley Conservancy. All participants in Saturday's barn tour must ride on the bus to tour six barns throughout the day. Participants will be guided through the barns by Bob Ensminger and Greg Huber. Huber has written the organization's annual booklet with in-

depth details about each style and age of the barn that is featured on the tour. This year's tour includes a rare horsepower wheel which will be seen at one of the host barns. Although once common on Pennsylvania farms and used in threshing grain, most of these wooden devices powered by horses have been destroyed. Agendas and tour information will be provided to those who register for these events. Space is limited.

The cost of each day's event is \$60 for HBFF of PA members and \$85 for non-members. Spouse price is \$40 for members and \$60 for non-members. Registration for one or both days is required and payments must be received before May 24, 2013.

2013 HBFF of PA Annual Meeting and Barn Tour



John Wagner barn



a rare horsepower wheel

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