

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.

Since our non-profit organized in 2007, we have been pleased to have conducted seven successful barn tours. One in conjunction with the National Barn Alliance in 2008. Historic Gettysburg, Adams County in 2009. 2010 with a Chester County non-profit called S.A.V.E.. 2011 in Franklin County. 2012 in the Lebanon Valley. 2013 in Saucon Valley of Northampton County and in 2014 in Washington and Somerset counties.

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. As a member, you will receive our bi-annual *Forebay Post* newsletter and special rates when attending HBFF of PA-sponsored events.

Barn sketch by HBFF of PA Member Melissa Evans

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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 are building a network of people interested in keeping barns that were built before 1960 standing on their original foundations. We also are creating an inventory of the kind of barns that remain on Pennsylvania's farms, their locations, and history. We are pleased to be partnering with the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center at Kutztown University in this effort. They are serving as a repository of our completed standard surveys.



This barn was built in 1856 by Augustus and Matilda Leiss. 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 Board and as members of the Historic Barn and Farm Foundation of PA.

We welcome your interest and involvement no matter what your expertise or reason for caring about the preservation of our barns — our architectural treasures.

Contact us for more information by calling Jeffrey Marshall, HBFF of PA president, at 215-240-5815. Or, you can visit our website at www.pahistoricbarns.org or find us on Facebook. We are always looking for volunteers who want to get involved. Have fun and learn more about Pennsylvania barns at the same time!