

WINTER 2025

HGAC
BARN
PRESERVATION
PROJECT

The Barn Owl

A word to the wise...



ADAMS COUNTY BARN REGISTRY NEWSLETTER

A Brief History of the HGAC Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program

The Historic Gettysburg – Adams County (HGAC) Barn Preservation Project & Grant Program has been successful in promoting and supporting the preservation of the historic barns within Adams County for over twenty years. Our preservation efforts reach into every part of the county and to date, have resulted in over \$500,000 being invested into the local economy with funds flowing to the carpenters, masons and tradespeople of Adams County. Preservation of the county's historic barns also contributes to maintaining the rural character of the county and providing an appropriate setting for the state's agricultural experience center that we expect to see built in the not-too-distant future. Historic barns on active farms are also sought out by tourists and visitors in search of an "Authentic Adams" experience as promoted by Destination Gettysburg.

Since 2005, our partners in preserving historic barns have included the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission (PHMC), the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), the South Mountain Partnership (SMP), the Historic Barns and Farm Foundation of Pennsylvania (HBFF), Preservation Pennsylvania, ten major corporate sponsors, hundreds of individual supporters and over 400 owners of historic barns within Adams County. This year for the first time, we are honored to include the County of Adams as one of our partners in preservation.

The PHMC provided our earliest funding, in 2005, to help establish a local register of historic barns. After 2013, both PHMC and PennDOT assisted HGAC by directing mitigation funds to our Barn Grant Program. The SMP helped us develop a more sophisticated barn survey process and extended our outreach to a greater number of historic barn owners. The HGAC Barn Preservation Project & Grant Program is the first and only county-focused barn preservation program within Pennsylvania and in 2020, it was recognized by Preservation Pennsylvania with the

Barn Grant Applications are Now Being Accepted!

HGAC Barn Grants at a Glance:

- For application guidelines and the application itself, visit HGAConline.org, then type "Barn Grants" into the "Search" tab.
- Deadline to apply is **March 1st, 2025**.
- Maximum Grant amount is now **\$5,000** per barn.

BY THE NUMBERS:

- 20** Years since the HGAC Barn Preservation Project was established with a grant from PHMC in 2005
- 65** Number of barn grants issued to Adams County barn owners, not counting this year's grant recipients
- 418** Number of barns surveyed by HGAC volunteers and entered into the Adams County Barn Register
- 1500** Approximate number of barns in Adams County
- \$100,000+** Dollars awarded by HGAC to Barn Grant recipients...so far!

Henry A. Jordan Award for outstanding historic preservation efforts at the local level. Following the example of the HGAC Barn Preservation Project and after consultation with us, in 2023, the HBFF began a barn grant program open to barns across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Our most important partners, however, are the owners of the historic barns within Adams County who are the ones who ultimately determine the fate of these important historic features in Adams County's landscapes. Of the approximately 1500 historic barns within Adams County, over 400 of their owners have voluntarily placed the barns on the local HGAC barn register, meaning that the barn has been surveyed by HGAC and is eligible for one of our annual barn preservation grants. Since 2013, we have received requests for help from 95 owners of historic barns and we have been able to provide grants to 65 of them. We now expect to receive about 10 applications every year for a maximum individual barn grant of \$5,000. Grant funds are paid by HGAC as a reimbursement to barn owners once they have completed the preservation work and provided their match to the grant funds. 🏠

In 1975 the Historic Gettysburg Adams County Preservation Society was officially chartered by the state of Pennsylvania. A year later, HGAC was instrumental in organizing support for a 13-year restoration project in Gettysburg. Led by former first lady, Mamie Eisenhower, area residents and project supporters lined up to sign a **“Declaration of Restoration”** written by Pulitzer-prize winning writer and Civil War historian, Bruce Catton.

A **“50th Anniversary Date Stone”** will be dedicated at HGAC headquarters, the historic G.A.R. Hall at 53 E. Middle St, in Gettysburg. Date will be Sat. Apr. 5, with a rain date of Apr. 12. The stone was created and donated by Stable Hollow Construction.

HGAC will also host a special **Guest Speaker Series** of four lectures at the G.A.R. Hall on July 9 and 23 and on Aug. 6 and 20.

Other events held during this anniversary year will be the **BarnArt Show & Sale** from June 13-15, and the **Historic Barns Tour of Gettysburg and Adams County** held on Saturday, September 20.

A volunteer and donor **Appreciation Night** will be held in November and the **Homespun Christmas and Holiday Market** will top off the year in December. 🏠

HGAC is Turning 50!

HGAC
HISTORIC GETTYSBURG-ADAMS COUNTY

CELEBRATING **50 YEARS** 1975 - 2025

HG.A.C. ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE WAREHOUSE

THE BONNIE BRAUN INVESTING IN YOUTH Initiative

G.A.R. HALL

HOUSE PRESERVATION AWARD

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD McALLISTER'S MILL

HISTORIC GETTYSBURG ADAMS COUNTY PRESERVATION PROJECT SINCE 1975

SCENES from BARN TOUR 2024

Our Most Successful Barn Tour, So Far. Join us in 2025!

We welcomed 229 participants to the 2024 Barn Tour. With the help of 68 HGAC volunteers we brought in almost \$20,000 before expenses. After checking in at the Historic Round Barn, participants toured the historic Daniel Lady Farm, the Schroeder Farm on Pumping Station Road, the National Apple Museum, the Entwistle Barn on Table Rock Road, and the Manor of Maske Barn just off Goldenville Road.



Our heartfelt thanks go out to our event volunteers and to our **Barn Tour Sponsors:**

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| ACNB Bank | Liberty Warbirds |
| Destination Gettysburg | Daughters of Union Veterans |
| Stable Hollow Construction | Hickory Bridge Farm |
| Open Minds | The French Needle |
| Gettysburg Eddie's | Adams County SPCA |
| Rice Fruit Company | The McIntire Family |
| Adams Electric | Dave and Mary Margaret Kuhn |
| Tom & Linda Ritter | The Sign of the Buck |
| Kathleen Reilly & 7 Sky Farm | American Mapping |
| Ploughman Cider | Larry Musselman & Lois Edwards |
| Susie & Tim Hirt | Dayhoff Construction |
| C.S. Davidson | Mister Ed's Candy Store |
| Hollabaugh Bros. Market | Sherwin-Williams Paint |

Just some of the many activities during Barn Tour 2024.

Meet Our New Friends at the Heartfelt History Gettysburg Gift Shop!



**Gettysburg's
Finest
Gift Shop
Experience**

327 Baltimore Street near the Shriver House and Mr. G's

**Civil War
Memorabilia**

**Historical
Souvenirs**

**Books About
the Civil War**

The Gettysburg Gift Shop is a must-visit destination for Gettysburg visitors and history enthusiasts!

Whether you're visiting the nearby Gettysburg Battlefield, the National Cemetery, or simply enjoying the town's rich history, our shop is conveniently situated to offer you a unique selection of historical souvenirs and memorabilia.

With ample parking available and located within walking distance of Gettysburg's major attractions, the Gettysburg Gift Shop from Heartfelt History is an ideal spot to find meaningful keepsakes that capture the spirit of this historic town.



Now Featuring: HGAC Witness Tree Items!

Magnets, Ear Rings, Buttons and Lapel Pins made from the American Sycamore Tree just across the Street from the Shop.



WITNESS TREE MAGNET

**Shop Online at: GettysburgGiftShop.com Email: Anthony@heartfelthistory.com
Store Hours: Tues & Fri 5:30-8, Sat 1-7, Sun 1-5:30 Phone (717) 592-8792**

A Long-Term Partner in Barn Preservation

What a Difference a Coat of Paint Makes!

For the past nine years, the Sherwin Williams paint store in Gettysburg has offered a discount on exterior paint and stain to barn owners whose barns are listed on the HGAC Barn Registry.

After a barn has been surveyed by HGAC, the barn owner can enjoy a 50% discount on the purchase of up to \$500 worth of exterior paint and stain. For advice about paint failure and application suggestions, contact:
Sales Rep. **Todd Crouse** at (717) 773-0099.

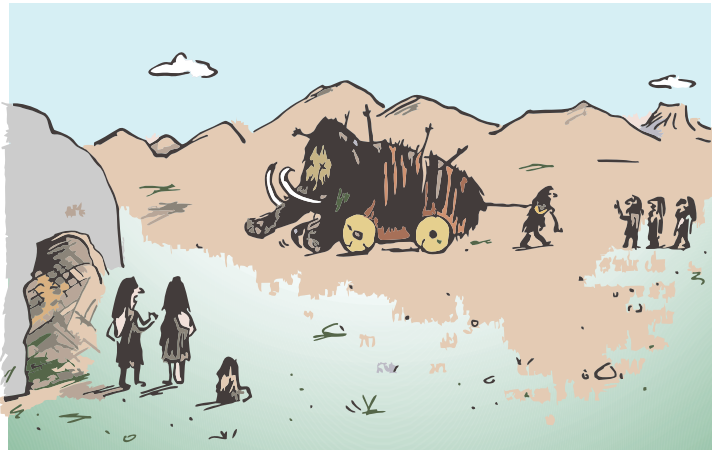


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Phone: (717) 334-3315
35 D Camp Letterman Drive
(Just off Rt. 30 East of Gettysburg)
Gettysburg, PA 17325

To enjoy the discount, visit the store and tell them the Barn Registry number that was assigned to your barn, (which follows your name on the Barn Owl mailing label).



“Once he invented the wheel, it was only a matter of time before he came up with the food truck.”

If you are age 70 and one-half years or older, please consider making a gift to **Historic Gettysburg Adams County (HGAC)** from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Ask your retirement account administrator to make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) directly to **HGAC**. QCD amounts up to \$108,000 may be excluded from your taxable income.

If you are currently subject to the required minimum distribution (**RMD**) rules because of your age, QCDs will count towards your annual RMD.



Designate your donation to benefit the **HGAC Barn Preservation Project**
HGACOnline.org or call (717) 334-5185.

For details visit HGACOnline.org

HGAC 2025 DATE BOOK

The Underground Railroad at McAllister's Mill



Enjoy a guided tour of Gettysburg's only officially recognized Underground Railroad site. These one hour walking tours are offered Saturday mornings at 11 a.m. from May through August at 1360 Baltimore Pike in Gettysburg. No Reservations are Needed.



Opening Night Reception: Friday, June 13 from 6-8 p.m. The Show continues through Sunday, June 15 at the G.A.R. Hall at 53 E. Middle Street in Gettysburg.



From 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. tour FIVE historic barns in any order and stay as long as you like. Rain or Shine. Kids under 18 are FREE!



Find old windows, wavy glass panes, shutters, Civil War era doors, vintage lighting fixtures, door hinges, kitchen utensils, door knobs, old boards, household items, vintage punch bowls, and much much more.

OPEN every 1st and 3rd SATURDAY APRIL through OCTOBER Located at the historic Daniel Lady Farm 986 Hanover Rd. (Rt 116) Gettysburg

“Have Truck, Will Travel!” Folks from the Salvage Warehouse will gladly come to your barn or home and pick up items like old hand tools, wood crates, old time farm implements, harvesting tools, wood timbers, household items, barn doors. What’s in your old barn, home or attic that you could part with?

Contact HGAC at (717) 334-5185 or email to histgettyac@aol.com

OPEN BY APPOINTMENT NOVEMBER THRU MARCH

PERIOD DONATIONS ARE WELCOME! APPOINTMENTS ARE WELCOME!
 Spring House Cleaning is Just Around the Corner!



Plant a Pumpkin Patch for the Barn Tour!

We need lots of home-grown pumpkins to decorate Barn Tour 2025. Plant them so they mature no later than the middle of September. To arrange for delivery, call Bob McIlhenny (717) 420-6500

Why was Cinderella bad at playing basketball?
 She had a pumpkin for a coach.

HGAC maintains an “Artisan Listing” providing names of reliable carpenters, timber framers, masons, roofers, painters and other contractors who have been recommended by HGAC members. Visit: HGACOnline.org and Click on “ARTISANS.”

