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Save the Date!

2018 Annual Meeting – July 21st

The 2018 Annual Meeting will be held July 21, 2018 at the Dull's Tree Farm located between Lebanon and Frankfort, Indiana. Registration begins at 8:30 am; program starts at 9:00; and concludes at 4:00 pm.



another heritage barn, and several log cabins, to their property.

Artists and photographers will be on hand to display their work. Various items will be for sale. Contractors and barn experts will be available to answer your barn repair questions so be sure

The meeting will take place in a newly reconstructed heritage barn that was moved to the property from Carroll County. You'll view beautiful iconic heritage barns from across the state and learn more about why it is important to be good stewards. For barn owners, you'll learn more about the Heritage Barn Tax Deduction and how to go about claiming this tax savings in your county.

Barns have been on the move this past year and we'll learn about three such barns that have moved to new homes – one across the road, another to the next county, and one to Australia. During the Annual Meeting you'll learn more about what IBF has to offer and what you can do to get involved. You'll also learn about the two recipients of the Mauri Williamson grants and their plans to conserve their barns. The day wraps up with the story of the Dull Family and why they chose to invest not only in their old barns, but to move

You will be able to enjoy lunch and breaks overlooking the beautiful Christmas Tree Farm.

to bring good quality photographs of your barn.

More detailed information and registration will be available soon at: www.indianabarns.org.

Fun! Informative! Interesting!
Educational! Totally delightful!
Join us July 21st!



Landmark Timbers

The Van Reed Barn

by Kurt West Garner

Levi Van Reed had made his first purchase of land in Warren County in 1836, but did not settle in the county until 1844. From that time until his death in 1877, he began to acquire large sections of land that his family cultivated. Van Reed's land holdings at his death totaled over 17,000 acres. His prosperity, derived from the agricultural development of his land, permitted the exceptional quality of design found in his large brick Greek Revival house and barn constructed on this farmstead he purchased in 1856. Van Reed was elected to the board of Warren County Commissioners in 1867, serving one three-year term, after which he retired to his farm.

The barn on the Van Reed Farmstead is an example of a Sweitzer barn. Its origins are decidedly Pennsylvanian, like those of the Van Reed family. It is the only example of a Sweitzer barn in Warren County and is relatively rare in Indiana. The size and quality of construction of the barn also relate to the prosperity realized by the Van Reed family's agricultural pursuits. The barn has four bays and is considered large for the time period and region in which it was constructed. The foundation is composed of large buff-colored cut stone rather than rubble or ashlar commonly found in barn construction of this period.

The barn has several features that made it important to the development of agriculture and livestock. One bay of the barn contains a threshing floor for threshing grains grown on the farm. The bay has double doors on its front facade and a



large single door on its back facade. The barn was conveniently positioned to allow the doors to be opened and permit air flow from the southwest to separate the chaff from the grain. The barn also has a hay hook carriage on a wood rail and a hay loft. The basement contains a number of well-



preserved livestock stalls and riggings to permit the enclosure and feeding of livestock. The forebay of the Sweitzer barn is a feature that permits sheltering of livestock housed in the basement. The livestock stalls of the Van Reed barn and the granary on the main level demonstrate the importance of livestock

to the farm. The commodious area provided by the large four-bay barn's basement and protection by the forebay both demonstrate the concern the Van Reeds had for healthy livestock.

Indiana Landmarks worked with later owners of the property, the Kramers, to receive it and place protective covenants on the buildings before offering it for sale to a preservation-minded couple. The Van Reed Farmstead was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2015.

Mauri Williamson Barn Preservation Grants Awarded

The IBF board and grant committee are happy to announce the first recipients in the Mauri Williamson Barn Preservation Grant program. With 21 applications received, the grant committee had its work cut out for them. Choosing only two among such a long list of worthy projects was not easy. In the end, the barns selected were those owned by Jeff and Lisa Becker at the McMahon-Long-Zellers Farm in Fulton County and William and Ingrid Koressel at the Delap-Fyffe Farm in Monroe County. Each recipient will be awarded \$2,500 toward rehabilitation of their barns.

The Becker Barn

Originally part of a 2,000-acre ranch with several hundred head of cattle and a large dairy barn (it burned over 15 years ago), the Becker's barn was constructed c.1915 as a private grain elevator



The barn owned by Jeff and Lisa Becker at the McMahon-Long-Zellers Farm in Fulton County

building. It has three pass-thrus with cribbing between. It has a floor weight and scales, chutes for grain in the center bay, buckets on a belt-driven system for picking up grain, and a large hopper in the top, with stairs all the way up to the fourth level. It would have been quite a marvel when it was built and is a rare resource on Indiana's agricultural landscape. Lisa, who is also one of our county reps, stated in the application that despite all the needs of the building the grant funds will be used toward the top priorities which are repairing the roof and structural members.

The Koressel Barn

At the Koressel's property, the three portal wagon/implement shed is a rare barn type built to support agricultural activity, specifically to house and shelter wagons and assorted farm machinery. The building dates to c.1840 and is part of the Delap-Fyffe Farm, a contributing resource in the Maple Grove Road Rural Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Prior to applying for the IBF grant, the Koressels had also consulted with Bob Sherman with the National Barn Alliance, and he confirmed the rarity of the building. Doing much of the work himself, William will be using the grant funds to straighten and stabilize the building which may necessitate some disassembly and new material. But the couple's goal is to steward and rehabilitate all the buildings on the property as closely as possible to their original configurations.

Both applicants plan to begin work on their projects right away. Attendees at the IBF annual meeting on July 21st at Dull's Tree Farm near Thorntown will be treated to a presentation on the grant projects, which will no doubt include many photos and project updates. Information about the grant program can be found on the IBF website at <http://www.indianabarns.org/grants>. Applications for the 2019 round will begin to be accepted this fall until the deadline of January 31, 2019.



The barn owned by William and Ingrid Koressel at the Delap-Fyffe Farm in Monroe County

Save the Date for the Annual IBF Barn Tour



The Jennings County Historical Society and the Indiana Barn Foundation invite you to Jennings County for this year's Indiana Barn Foundation

Barn Tour on Saturday, June 23, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The annual tours are an important fund raiser for IBF. Tickets will be \$10.00 per adult in advance, and \$12.00 the day of the tour. Children under 14 years old will be free. A list of local restaurants will be available with the ticket.

Jennings County, established in 1817, is located in the southeastern part of Indiana and has a long farming history. The barn tour route will take participants past four historic cemeteries from the early 1800's

and the county's two surviving covered bridges. Most of the barns on the tour have served as working barns for family farms. Eight or more



barns will be included on the tour including the Stream Cliff Farms barn built in the 1850's, the Peter Kinder Barn built in 1876, and the barn at Oak Grove Farm (James Benson Curtis Farm) built around 1853. This barn includes a horse race track and tour goers will be able to view horses on the

track at various times throughout the day. Barns from the Amick, Sullivan, and Artz families will also be included. Tour goers will also enjoy a hot dog roast and other fun offerings. The North



American House and Museum will serve as tour headquarters to welcome tour participants to historic Vernon. The town is home to both the state's oldest county courthouse and the state's first railroad overpass. The house will also have on display the Indiana Bicentennial Barn Quilt, on loan from Melba Shilling.

Tickets will be available beginning May 1st through the IBF website at <http://www.indianabarns.org> and the Jennings County Historical Society's website at <http://www.jenningscounty.org/> or in person at the society's office at the North American House, 134 East Brown Street, Vernon, IN. For more information call the historical society at (812) 346-8989 or visit the IBF website or the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/indianabarns>.

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Welcome New Members!

Lisa Becker Family
Andrew Claphan Family
James and Patricia Creighton Family
Mike Goss Family
Joyce Jensen Family
William and Shelley Koressel Family
Della Logan
Teresa Naum
Kyra Noerr Family
Sandra Powell
Andy Redman
Paul Rymer Family
Edgar Stuckey
David Wechter Family

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