
Message from the Chairman

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Cooler and wetter weather has finally arrived. In the Stillwater area, we had a very hot and dry summer but since the later part of August, we have been blessed with ample rain and pleasant temperatures. I know this varies widely even in small areas.

The FoMB Annual Meeting was held at the Mary Knoll Barns in Rochester. It was well attended. These are very impressive barns and there are more pictures in this newsletter. Thanks to Joe Adamson for the great talk on the renovations he and his family have accomplished and the most interesting tour of the buildings and grounds.

At the Annual Meeting, FoMB was fortunate to have a member volunteer and be elected to the Board of Directors. Welcome Wayne Butt! He and his wife operate the John P. Furber Farm in Cottage Grove. This is another great barn where our annual meeting was held about 4 years ago.

On August 1st there was a Coffee Chat held at JR'S Barn in Waldorf. This is a family run wedding venue on their 4th generation farm and has many interesting features. See photos inside.

The Nowthen Threshing Show was another event the group attended on August 20 – 22. We had several members that helped out—thank you!!

More inside this issue.

On Sunday, September 12th a Coffee Chat was held at the Eric Sorenson homestead in Rockford. It was a modest sized but enthusiastic crowd that learned a lot about the history of this early farmstead. More details in the article.

The FoMB Fall Barn Tour will be history when you read this article but it promises to be another interesting tour. Then the following weekend will be the tour. Dinner and equestrian demonstration at Skyrock Farm. A re-cap of this event will be in the next newsletter.

I would like to welcome new members and encourage new and returning members to participate in upcoming events. If you have questions, please reach out through the FoMB website or to me directly.

Bill Bruentrup

Chairman FoMB
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Annual Membership

Thank you for your membership. It's time to renew and it can be done online at www.mnbarns.org or by mail.

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**\$25 Individual \$35 Household
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Benefits of Membership

- Subscription to the quarterly *Barn Door* newsletter with interesting articles, barn photos, and news of upcoming events. Delivered by email, unless a request is made to send it by regular mail.
- Discounted rates on events, workshops, Fall Barn Tour and other events. These discounts will be determined on a per event basis.
- Free “Coffee Chats” that offer networking gatherings at a particular property. These gatherings provide opportunities to learn more the property history, current use, construction ideas and how others have solved similar barn problems. FoMB furnishes light refreshments.

Membership Levels

- **Individual Membership: \$25** (discounts for the member only)
- **Household Membership: \$35** (discounts for the member and immediate family)
- **Corporate / Organizational Membership: \$50** (Includes a listing and business description on the “Resources” page of FoMB website as well as discounts for member and immediate family)
- **Gift Membership: \$35**
- **In Honor of Membership: \$35**



Annual Meeting Re-cap: Mary Knoll Barns



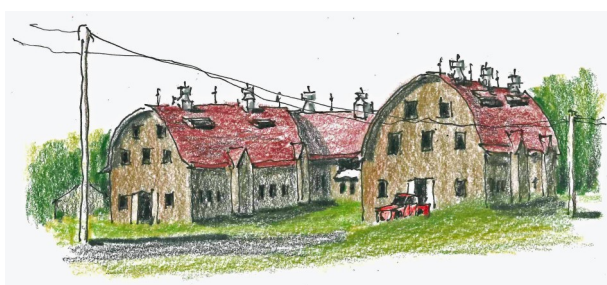
On July 18, about 50 group members gathered at Mary Knoll Barns in Rochester for our Annual Meeting.

Joe Adamson and his family hosted our group for an amazing afternoon for lunch, tour and meeting. Thank you for your hospitality!



The Mary Knoll Farm also known as the St. Mary's Dairy Farm (barn) was built in 1919 by the Sisters of St. Francis to produce dairy goods for St. Mary's Hospital. The barn is H shaped and housed 80 cattle and 10 horses. The Mary knoll barn is over 8,500 square feet on each of it's two levels and had the capacity to store over 2,000 bushels in the feed house. The barn, milk house and water tower are built out of salt glazed tile from Fort Dodge Iowa and it's the largest barn complex using this material left in Minnesota.

Mary Knoll Barns is on the National Historic Buildings register.



Sketch by: Jim Lammers
Drawn on site before the meeting.
Thank you for sharing your talent with us!!



Williams Family Remembers Life on Farm

By: Mark W. Olson, SW News Media (September 19, 2019)



Long before the Williams family lived on the farm at the Arboretum, pioneers Theodore and Sophie Bost settled the site. Gerald Williams has read and re-read the book “A Frontier Family in Minnesota: Letters of Theodore and Sophie Bost, 1851-1920.” It includes harrowing tales of frontier life in Carver County in the 1800s.

The red barn at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is one of Carver County’s most iconic landmarks.

The structure is perched on a hill overlooking Arboretum grounds in Chanhassen, where it attracts a fair number of photographers and painters.

But before it became a symbol of bucolic farm life, it was a real barn, holding real livestock and real crops and providing a real means to survive for the Williams family.

“It was everything,” said Gerald Williams, of the barn. “We made our living on the farm.”

Gerald, 91, and his wife, Carol, 86, of New Prague, and four of their five children, visited the old farmstead last Saturday for the Farm at the Arb Field Festival. The event showcased a new \$5.4 million interpretive center, located off of the Arboretum’s Three Mile Drive, which spotlights Minnesota agriculture.

Gerald and Carol are bemused by the red barn now.

“I can’t believe what they’ve done with that barn, how beautifully they’ve done the inside, all the work and expense,” Carol said. “It’s hard to comprehend.”

When the Williams left the farmstead in 1964, their house still lacked running water and indoor plumbing. They used a wood stove for cooking. The farm didn’t have a phone until 1956.

Now the farm has an elevator, in place of the milk cow stanchions, there are restroom for visitors, interpretive signs hang on the wall, with pictures of Gerald working on the farm back in the day, and quotes from him about how things worked.

“It’s a little overwhelming,” Carol said. “It’s a different world.”

German

Gerald’s grandfather William Williams originally bought the property around 1910. His son Joseph Williams acquired the land in 1918.

The Bahr brothers build the stone base of the barn, with rocks gathered by Joseph, for \$600. The wood portion was built by Joseph and his friends and family, with materials costing \$1,200, recalls Gerald.

“They build a pretty good, sturdy barn. It sure was straight,” Carol said.

Gerald, who had three sisters, grew up with the barn. He was born in a nearby farmhouse and would follow his dad across fields as soon as he could walk. With his blond hair, he earned the German nickname “Schimmel” as a young boy.

Joseph believed in strong horses, and was the last farmer in the area to get a tractor, Gerald recalled. Using horses to work soil heavy with clay was no small task.

“Plowing alfalfa was a horse killer,” Williams recalled.



The Williams family owned a farm on what is now the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum for 50 years. Pictures are the last Williams to live on the property.

Front row: parents Carol and Gerald Williams

Back row: children Joe Williams, Mary Ellen Patch, Connie Shimota, Janice Sticha

Landscape Arboretum Barn, continued



The Williams spoke Dutch and German around the home. Gerald's oldest sister, Grace, only spoke German when she began attending a nearby one-room schoolhouse. The 1872 building has been moved father south along Highway 41, and now serves as a historical interpretive center for Eastern Carver County Schools.

He attended Guardian Anels Catholic School in Chaska, taught by 16 nuns. He'd tell the name of his favorite nun, he jokes, but then he's have to tell the name of his least-favorite nun. He still loves singing the Latin songs he learned at the school.

He attended school through ninth grade, then headed back to the farm. Gerald served in the U.S. Army from 1951—1953, during the Korean

War, leaving the service as a sergeant first class.

Married

Carol, from Cologne, married Gerald in 1951.

Their family continued to grow, and they raised four of the five children on the farm.

The number of dairy cattle also grew, from 15 to 32

The children helped on the farm. Their son Joe learned how to drive a tractor when he was 5 years old.

For baths, there was an oblong galvanized metal tub in the kitchen where they could heat the water. The women and girls bathed first, followed by the boys and men.

For water, the farm used wells and cisterns. For a bathroom, there was an outhouse.

Ultimately, Williams needed an upgrade to continue making a living in farming.

In 1964 they sold the Carver County farm and moved to a farm near New Prague with a bigger barn. The house also had indoor plumbing and running water, but Carol notes that the large barn was the selling point for Gerald.

At the Arboretum, other than the barn, the buildings on the old farmstead are long gone, but the memories are close at hand.

"We got by with so little years ago, but now people have to have everything," Carol said. "I think we were happier way back then, than the kids are today that never seem to be satisfied."

Regarding the new interpretive center, Gerald commented, "it's just terrific."

But teaching people how touch agriculture was back in the day?

"They'll never believe it." he said.

Side note on the outhouse:

The outhouse on the Williams farm was built by Joseph Williams. When the Williams family left the Carver County farm for New Prague, they took the outhouse with them — but not without some difficulty, recalled Joe and Gerald Williams.

While hauling the outhouse through downtown Chaska, coincidentally during a city festival, a deputy stopped them, thinking that they were being smart alecks.

They ultimately delivered the outhouse to their new home in New Prague.

It still stands next to a machine shed.



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Coffee Chat Re-cap: Eric Sorenson Farm

On a pleasant late summer day, FoMB held a Coffee Chat at the Eric Sorenson Farmstead in Greenfield, MN. It was attended by an enthusiastic group of FoMB members as Eric showed us around the buildings. The Sorenson family purchased the farm in the 1960s and is 160 acres. Eric has a history of the original farm family with many amazingly clear photos of the family, buildings, and animals. They would appear to be professionally done, as the quality is so good.

The farm dates back to the 1850s and it still has a log house/barn that dates back to that time. The log house was at one time a house, a barn, and it is now used for a storage building. It has partial loft with a very unique railing made from tree limbs by Eric's father. Eric said the south wall had deteriorated and was replaced and the entire building had the chinking replaced. The brick farmhouse was built in the late 1800s and is in very good shape with many flower gardens around. The farm remained in the same family for over 100 years until Eric's parents purchased it in the 1960s. A few of the buildings have been lost to father time but the ones that remain are in very good shape as they have been kept in good repair through the years.

There is a large bank barn, about 40 x 80 with a gambrel roof and very tall sidewalls built in 1914; it was originally a dairy barn with 2 attached milk houses, then latter it housed beef cattle. There is a Harvestore silo next to the barn that features 2 large cisterns that were used to supply water to the cattle with gravity feed. There is a drive through slatted corncrib, a chicken coop, an old gravity gas pump, and a more recently built double garage. One building no longer there was a large drive through machine shed that was also used to shelter cattle and a couple of smaller buildings.

This is a well-kept farmstead that should be there for many years. Eric said the farmstead and his sister's place next door have been excluded from a zoning change to high density so it should remain affordable to keep in tact into the future.

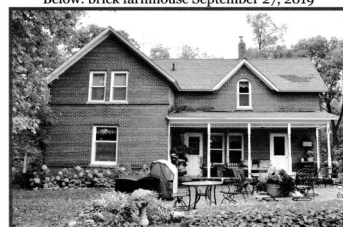
Thanks to the Sorenson family for hosting the Coffee Chat!



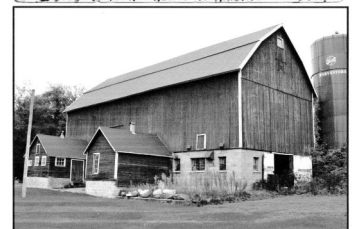
Additional information on the property from Eric: The family that settled on his farmsite in the 1850s was Jacob Carl Kattenacker who married to Anna Mariea Magdolena Brauning. He heard that the house was built in 1860, and the historical society said it is the oldest house they could find in Greenfield. The original house was added onto at a later date.



George Kattenacker Family, Roseville, Minn. about 1913
Above: brick farmhouse c1913
Below: brick farmhouse September 27, 2019



George Kattenacker BARN RAISING - 1914



George Kattenacker's 115 year old barn September 27, 2019

Coffee Chat Re-cap: JR's Barn

On August 1, a group of FoMB members gathered on a beautiful afternoon at JR's Barn in Waldorf. Owners Joel and Renae Groskreutz are 4th generation family owners and they host weddings and special events from May to October. Joel was our tour guide for an amazing afternoon. Thank you for your hospitality!



Jelle de Boef

By Bill Bruentrup



Marlene and Jelle de Boef (1999)
Their Roscoe Township barn before any restoration work

Jelle de Boef 1931-2021

The Friends of Minnesota Barns has lost many of its founding and early board members in last few years. These are people that had a passion for saving old barns: Christina Harrison, John Kuester, Sarah Bowman, and others. The most recent is Jelle DeBoef. I have talked to his wife, Marlene, and couple of his friends recently. His good friend, Bruce Goldstrand, introduced him to FoMB and Marvel Anderson was another good friend.

Marlene tells of how Christina would sometimes join them on barn visits and how Jelle would encourage the barn owner to repair and save the barn.

Marlene says one of the most memorable was an octagon barn in Cottonwood County. The farm's older generation wanted the barn saved and the younger generation thought it was no longer useful—not an uncommon dilemma.

Hashing through the situation over coffee and cake helped clarify the immediate need to cover the hole in the roof.

Sadly, however, the Cottonwood County Historical Society has confirmed that

the octagon barn is no longer standing. Jelle attended a couple of board meetings and other gatherings in the later years and he was a very personable guy. Once you met him you would never forget him! He will certainly be missed.

From His Obituary

Jelle de Boef, 90, from Red Wing passed away on June 16th. He was born in Delft, Holland in 1931 and grew up in The Hague during the WW II occupation. His adventuresome nature led him to immigrate to Australia in the 1950s, to England in the 60s and eventually to the US. Jelle's diverse work resume included precision instrument maker, stud farm hand, DJ, retail sales and 30 years in the food/restaurant business culminating as the general manager of the Zephyr Dinner Train in Stillwater. His semi-retirement found him designing, building and operating Ace Hardware in Zumbrota, eventually retiring to a hobby farm. He was active in Rotary, and a board member of Friends of Minnesota Barns.

Jelle's younger days included folk dancing groups and fencing, becoming the 1960 Tasmanian Fencing Champion. He loved traveling, boating, music, opera, barns, butter, herring, deserts and new adventures. Jelle is survived by his wife of 29 years, Marlene, stepson and step-grandchildren.

Memorials

The Friends of Minnesota Barns would like to thank the de Boef family for naming FoMB as one of the memorial sites to honor Jelle. Our organization received over \$500 in memorials. This is a very fitting way to remember a loved ones passion for old barns and FoMB friends. We encourage others to remember FoMB in their final wishes.



2009—same barn as above with new roof, fresh paint and cupola restored



Octagon barn in Cottonwood County owned by the Anderson family. Barn is no longer standing.

Re-cap: Nowthen Threshing Show

By: Bill Bruentrup

The Friends of Minnesota Barns has had a display at the Nowthen Threshing show for a number of years. Since 2018, we have had the 1/5 scale barn on display that we use to demonstrate how timber frame or post and beam barns were built.

The show days started out hot and humid. On Thursday Bob Jensen, Calvin Mulumba, my wife Raydelle, and I got the trailer in place, the base for the model barn assembled and the awning up and secured.

The show started on Friday and it was even hotter! Shawn and Steve Taylor, Ron Black, and Raydelle helped and we didn't have many people stopping by as there was very little activity on the grounds. We left about 4:30 as strong storms were predicted with heavy rain. The front went through and the weather did an about face.

The barn was assembled on Saturday and both Saturday and Sunday included cool, comfortable temperatures. Jon Nelson spent all day helping on Saturday and there were a lot of people stopping by to talk old barns. Sunday was another very comfortable day with quite a few people stopping by. Thanks to Ron Black and Calvin for helping on Sunday and disassembling the model barn. It is quite a job as there are over 160 pieces plus the roof sections and all the other display items to load in the trailer.

Thanks again to Gerald David of GFD Woodworking in Duluth for designing all the pieces including all the notching and sharing his expertise with the initial assembly and the first time at Nowthen. The antique drill press is always a hit with kids and adults drilling a series of holes in an 8 X 8 and then chiseling out the corners with a square chisel as well as chiseling out the waste in between the holes with a regular wood chisel to make a rectangular hole to receive the tendon on the connecting timber. This shows a typical joint for connecting the structural timbers back in that era. We also display some old time tools to see if people could identify them and how they were used. Some of these tools are home made specialty tools from Pete Pinske's collection. We hand out brochures and upcoming event flyers and showcase the barn photo display created by Helen Zuelch. And we sold 6 calendars!

We are already looking forward to next year!



2022 Photo Calendar Contest

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Annual Barn Photography Contest

- Contest categories: Adult Open and Youth/Student Open. Photographs must include an identifiable part of a barn (inside or out). **Barns must be located in Minnesota.**
- Photos may be taken with any type of camera, phone, tablet, etc. Filters and other camera accessories may be used. **Photos need to be high resolution AND horizontal format.**
- Photographs can be enhanced using computer software.
- By entering the contest, you allow the Friends of Minnesota Barns (FoMB) to use your photograph in the barn calendar as well as in other promotions, advertisements, products, websites, social media sites, and any other way the group sees fit. The photographer will be credited if the photograph is used.
- A photographer may enter three (3) unique photographs into the Adult Open category. Youth/students may enter one (1) unique photograph into Youth/student category. Youth/students may submit photos to the “Adult” category. The same photograph may not be entered into multiple categories.
- A total of 12 winners will be selected and will receive a 2023 calendar.
- Winners will be announced in spring 2022 at the FoMB Annual Meeting.
- Judges will have the final decision on if a photograph meets the criteria.

Updates about the contest will be posted to our website and Facebook page.

Barn Photography Contest

2022 Contest Categories

1. Adult Open (up to 3 entries per person)
2. Youth/Student Open (16 years old and under. One entry per person)

Entry Deadline: Monday, February 7, 2022

Entry Fee: FREE for youth/students and members of FoMB **or** \$25 yearly membership for adults. Yearly membership includes a quarterly newsletter, discounts on tours and barn coffee chat gatherings, great group of people to get to know and so much more!

Submission Information to Include:

1. Name
2. Email Address
3. Home Address
4. Phone Number
5. Category Entering

Email: .jpg digital image (high resolution) and horizontal format to: redbenchvintage@hotmail.com

Mail: 8 x 10 printed photograph to: Clare Hoelderle, 19685 Oak Grove Avenue, Prior Lake, MN 55372. Must be postmarked by entry deadline.

More YouTube Barn Videos

By: Jon Nelson

In the last newsletter, I shared Episodes 1 & 2 of a 21-episode series documenting the restoration and conversion of a barn in Vermont called the Mansfield Barn. Links to the next two episodes are included this time. Each episode is about 3 minutes long. Additional episodes will be shared in future newsletters, but all can be found on YouTube currently, if desired.

Also included is a link to a time-lapse of the re-roofing of a large barn in Ohio. This video is also about 3 minutes long.

There are many videos on YouTube about barn preservation, restoration and re-purposing, with some very well done. If you would like to find other videos on your own, go to the YouTube website and search with keywords such as “barn preservation and restoration”.

If you are reading this newsletter on computer, click on the images below to watch. Keep in mind that you need to be connected to the internet and may need to adjust your volume once they start playing.

For anyone not familiar with YouTube, you can skip the opening commercial, if it occurs, after a few seconds by clicking the button that appears at the lower right, and you can jump ahead at any time by clicking on the timeline at the bottom.



Some “out and about” barn pictures. Photos by Clare



Re-cap: 2021 Fall Barn Tour



Sunday, September 26 was an absolutely beautiful fall day for 32 of us to gather for the 2021 Fall Barn Tour!! We had a full day of touring 5 amazing barns in Waseca, MN.

Fall tour stop 1: Cora Packard-Emery and Nathan Emery, Our Little Funny Farm



Fall tour stop 2: Larry and Marian Fischer



Re-cap: Fall Barn Tour, continued

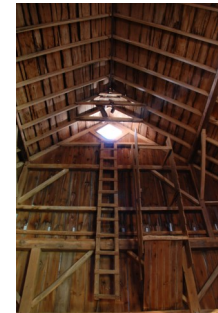
Fall tour stop 3: Dan and Tara Harguth



Fall tour stop 4: Ryan and Kim Kasl



Fall tour stop 5: Dan and Cheryl Forrest



Additional Silo Information

By: Jim Lammers

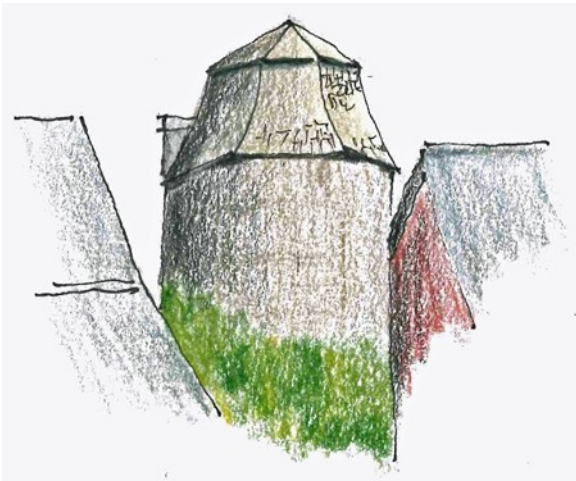
Bill Bruentrup wrote about silos in the 2nd Quarter 2021 newsletter and Jim Lammers would like to expand on that article with the following:

This practice of ensiling fodder to keep it viable over the winter has been around for hundreds of years, but the science wasn't understood until the late 1800s.

How does it work? The concept is pretty simple.

Wet chopped corn, hay, or alfalfa is put into the top of the silo. Its weight helps compress the silage and squeeze the air out. The moisture facilitates fermentation in an anaerobic or oxygen free condition.

The result is not beer or wine as you might suspect but rather lactic and acetic acids which stop the growth of microorganisms thus allowing silage to be stored without decay or mold for several months.



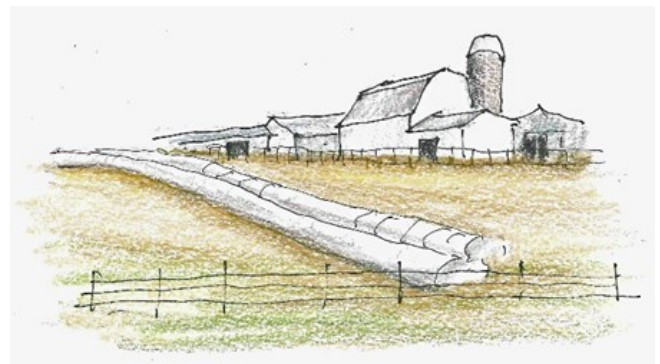
This concrete silo near Marine on St. Croix still has its original cedar shake gambrel roof.



In this unusual 1910 structure in Washington County, Minnesota, the barn roof extends over the silo with a dormer for filling.



A freestanding stone silo covered with deteriorating white painted cement plaster parging. Wolf Creek, Wisconsin.



Bag silos near Ubet, Wisconsin.

This is based on the research for his book *Barns of the St Croix Valley: An Architect's Sketchbook*. It features 150 barn sketches and will be published by ORO Editions fall of 2022.

Pink Schoolhouse Gets a Second Life

By: Dan Greenwood, Mankato Free Press (September 17, 2018)

*** Note from Editor Clare: on the way to the Coffee Chat at JR's Barn in August, I passed by this pink schoolhouse and took a few pictures on the way home!! Enjoy the article and unique schoolhouse.*



Ever since anyone can remember, the small building located between Waseca and Waldorf in Wilton Township was simply known as “the pink schoolhouse.”

Its history was confined to the people that went to school there between its construction in 1882 and closure in 1951. During that era, one and two-room country schoolhouses were the norm – Waseca County had 94 of them – usually with one teacher fresh out of high school and a dozen pupils at any given time.

After two solid years of renovation and a new book documenting the history of country schoolhouses in Waseca County, the public was invited to see the interior on Sunday. About 300 people showed up for the open house and ice cream social.

The pink schoolhouse had no running water, no electricity and a small wood-burning stove. Students had to wear their heavy coats inside the building on cold winter days. Most kids had to walk a mile each way regardless of the weather, and that was after getting up before dawn to do farm chores.

After its closure, the new owners painted it pink with the intention of turning it into a landmark. Lois Yess, whose father bought the building after it closed, told her neighbor DeAnn Britton that the family lived in the schoolhouse for a couple years while they

constructed a larger dwelling to live in. Yess continued to live on the property into her 90s before passing away in 2014.

Britton befriended Yess in the later years of her life, and was the first person outside of the Yess family to see the interior. The building had been used for storage for years, needed major refurbishing and a new coat of paint.

“We grew very close,” Britton said. “I promised that it would never be torn down, and it would always be pink.”

Decorated with artifacts, memorabilia and old school supplies from when the school was in operation, it’s a step back in time to an era when one-room schoolhouses dotted the landscape every couple miles.

Britton originally intended just to fix the basics, but it soon turned into a full scale renovation.

“One thing leads to another, just like any construction project,” she said. “We had the roof done last fall. I put part of this floor in. There were three layers of walls in there that I tore down to the studs. I’d just come over here and work, whenever.”

Britton’s daughter Cassie Meister said her mother spent nearly all of her spare time fixing up and decorating the old schoolhouse.

“She doesn’t sit still, she never stops,” Meister said. “We call her an organized hoarder. She likes to collect things but they are all organized and they all have their own space and place.”

With her hard work, and the time and money donated by neighbors in the Wilton Township community, the schoolhouse now resembles a museum. Like Britton, local author Judy Joecks didn’t initially intend to write an entire book about the schoolhouse’s history, but kept uncovering new details about the pink schoolhouse and others like it in the county.

The newly renovated pink schoolhouse was one of 94 country schools operating in Waseca County in the early 20th century.

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Found on Facebook - “Friends of Minnesota Barns”

Each newsletter
we will feature some barns posted on our
Facebook page that caught our attention!



Photo by Lyle Boehland
Barn in southern Minnesota



Photo by Curt Tilleraas
Barn in Lake Elmo



Photo by David Dowling
Picture before silo demolition day



Photo by Shari Sakry
Barn in Fish Lake Twp



Photo by Loren Hegge
Barn near Nashwauk in northern MN

Pink Schoolhouse Gets a Second Life, continued

“She was going to just write a couple pages about the teachers and stuff here,” Britton said. “It went from maybe 25 pages to 113 pages; she did history on all of the schoolhouses in Waseca County. She put the book together and she says, ‘I think we need to have an open house when we get this done.’”

Joecks said while the renovation to finish the school took longer than planned, it gave her more time to delve further into the history.

“I did a lot of research at the historical society in Waseca looking at old newspaper films,” Joecks said. “I sat for hours and days and weeks and months in there looking at that. I dug out everything that they had and I started calling people. I have over 100 names that I found that went here.”

Joecks, who has written about the area’s history for years compared it to investigative work; finding clues that lead to other clues. She found several students who went there, and later heard stories about the teachers.

One former student told her that the kids would do pranks on Halloween, whether it was tipping over the outhouse or pulling down the school bell and placing it on the ground.

Along with the historical significance the book provides, Britton hopes that the renovated pink schoolhouse will be used for school groups and tours in the future.

“The school is for everyone,” she said. “It’s not for me, it’s for the community.”

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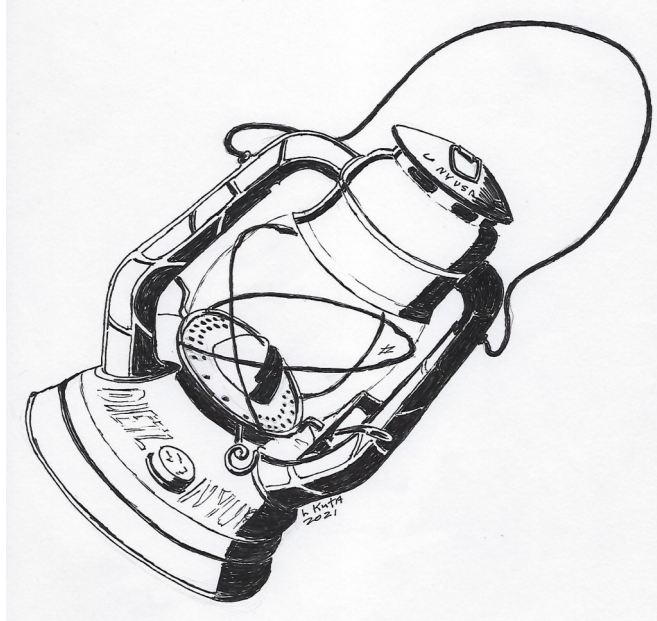
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Beautiful drawing of one of the lanterns at Mary Knoll Barn, Rochester
By LeRoy Kuta

General Announcements

*** We are always looking for barn articles, pictures, renovation projects, personal stories and interesting facts to be used in upcoming newsletters.**

If you would like to contribute, please contact newsletter editor and board member, Clare Hoelderle at redbenchvintage@hotmail.com.

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