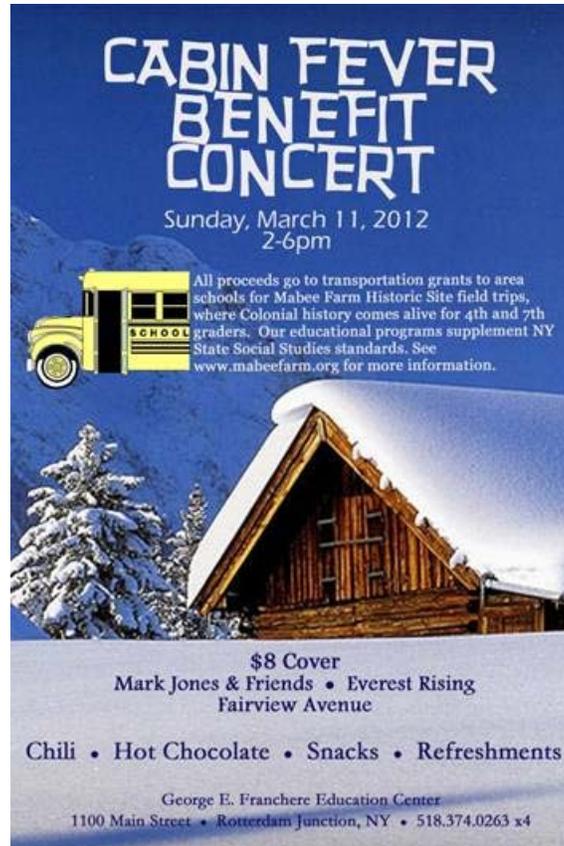


Dutch Barn Preservation Society

DBPS E-News, March 2012 ♦ [www.dutchbarns.org](http://www.dutchbarns.org)

**Fundraiser for School Field Trip Transportation.-This Sunday!  
Mabee Farm Historic Site, to support Field Trips to the site**



Our host, the Mabee Farm Historic Site is having a fundraiser to support the continuation of school field trips, in this time of severe budget cuts. Please join us for an afternoon of live music and spicy chili. **At the Franchere Education Center [at the Mabee Farm site] in Rotterdam Junction**

Please support our host if you can. See larger version of the flyer below.

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## **Dutch Barn Model-**

The barn model is back at the Mabee Farm after winter events in Virginia and Ohio.

We are now taking requests to use the model for the next year.

Please **contact us now** if you would like to have the model at your events or for presentations to your local historical or school groups. The model has been a great tool, both for teaching about Dutch Barns and for raising awareness-both about the DBPS and about Dutch Barns, and historic Barns in general.

However, we have discovered it is very labor intensive- just scheduling it, taking it to the different sites, and rounding up enough volunteers to have a successful outing. We really need volunteers to help this year-please contact Keith Cramer or Ned Pratt to learn how you might help. [info@dutchbarns.org](mailto:info@dutchbarns.org), [Cramerkeith@msn.com](mailto:Cramerkeith@msn.com), or [nedpratt66@aol.com](mailto:nedpratt66@aol.com). You will learn a bit more about how barns go together, and working with the kids is a lot of fun.



We are asking for a minimum donation of \$100 per day, \$200 for big events that pay presenters/performers. DBPS members may use the model free of charge if you can arrange transportation and do the presentation yourself. **We will be having another training session this spring for members to learn how to do a raising. And, we have an instructional video.**

The Model will be at Delaware Water Gap for the Timber Framers Guild conference Mar. 30-April 1. That is, at the **TTRAG**, [Traditional Timber Framers Advisory Group] Symposium, **Pocono Environmental Education Center, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.** Please see <http://www.tfguild.org/confs/ttrag2012/landingpage.html> for more information.

**Barn Model Training- A Training session for the Mabee Farm 4H club is set for 5:30 May 2. Our Goal is to have 4H'ers able to do raisings for younger children at future Farm events.**

### **National Barn Alliance Winter Meeting-**

DBPS Board Member & NBA Board Member Keith Cramer attended the NBA Winter gathering in Dublin, Ohio. Highlights: the NBA may become the heir of the 'Barn Again' program of the National Trust. The Trust is reducing staff and is ending this program, and has donated much of the 'Barn Again' publications and merchandise to the NBA with the understanding that the NBA will now be the national clearinghouse for barn preservation efforts.



The photos of the model above shows our barn model in the Amelita Mirolo barn, a new community center, built from a relocated 1840's barn and a new timber framed hall. This was constructed as a community outreach project of the Timber Framers Guild, and was the site of the Ohio meeting.

The NBA and the Timber Framers Guild have cross-endorsed each other with organizational memberships. Members of both groups will receive discounted memberships to the other group. The Guild has encouraged the NBA to identify and sponsor a Guild community project in which Guild members will volunteer their labor to restore an old barn or construct a new one.

A few folks are discussing a possible new timber barn at the Mabee Farm. Contact us if you are interested.

**Schoharie Update:** the photo below shows DBPS Board Member Al Dietz helping to dismantle a barn that had been moved ¼ mile by the Schoharie flood waters. The owner lost a dozen small farm buildings. This frame, 22x20, 2-story, is available, as is a small carriage shed, 1-story, 14x18



## Upcoming events

**Restoration of Barn Owls in NY State** - co-sponsored with 4H & Mabee Farm. Wildlife rehabilitator Wes Laraway will bring his barn owls and teach the kids to build owl boxes that are needed to attract the beneficial owls back to our barns & farms.

[www.northeastllamarescue.blogspot.com](http://www.northeastllamarescue.blogspot.com)   [www.redmaplefarm.net](http://www.redmaplefarm.net)

For more information, see our web-site, or contact us- [dutchbarns.org](http://dutchbarns.org)

**And a full size [8 ½ x 11 version] of the flyer for the School Trips Fundraiser is given below**

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# CABIN FEVER BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, March 11, 2012  
2-6pm



All proceeds go to transportation grants to area schools for Mabee Farm Historic Site field trips, where Colonial history comes alive for 4th and 7th graders. Our educational programs supplement NY State Social Studies standards. See [www.mabeefarm.org](http://www.mabeefarm.org) for more information.



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