

# Dutch Barn Preservation Society e-news

~ August 2012 ~

Dear Dutch Barn Society Members,

We have been busy this year with our **Dutch Barn Model**, and have been attracting attention and some publicity with it. The Barn Model is part of a larger national program sponsored by the National Barn Alliance- of which we are members.

We got a great reception and coverage by local TV stations as well as newspapers at the National Trust for Historic Preservation National Conference last fall in Buffalo. This winter the model was in Virginia.

**This Newsletter covers Barn Model Events and 2 Lectures this month [plus a concert tonight at the Mabee Farm.]**

## 1. Barn Model Events this summer

On Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> we set up in front of **Montgomery Place** for the Red Hook Community Day celebrating their 200th Anniversary. We were right in front of the Mansion, and not far from where Board Member and Timber Framer Bob Hedges were giving Timber Framing demonstrations.



Left, Montgomery Place, Annandale on Hudson; right, Knickerbocker Mansion, Schaghticoke

Last weekend we were at the **Knickerbocker Mansion** in Schaghticoke. Our Dutch Barn Model, and Keith, made the Sunday Paper-

**Knickerbocker Summer Festival, from Albany Times-Union, Sunday, 29 July 2012, Page D-5, photos by Michael Farrell**



[Caption in the paper:]

### Preserving a Heritage

Members of the Dutch Barn Preservation Society work with Children on a model Dutch Barn-raising Saturday during the Knickerbocker Summer Festival at the Knickerbocker Mansion in Schaghticoke. At left, Keith Cramer of Albany helps 6-year old Kamden Wert of Green Island put in a peg on a model Dutch barn.

This coming weekend we will be erecting the model at the **Bull Stone House Festival**  
The Bull Stone House, 183 County Route 51, Campbell Hall, NY, 10916, [info@bullstonehouse.org](mailto:info@bullstonehouse.org).



The Bull Stone house was built in the 1720's by William Bull and Sarah Wells who were among the first settlers in Orange County. This weekend's festival celebrates the 300th Anniversary of Sarah Wells arrival in what is now Orange County. We will be setting up in their Dutch barn, the only surviving Dutch barn in Orange County. [Wikipedia photos]

## **2. Lectures and a music program**

Once again we are cosponsoring a series of concerts each full moon at the Mabee farm. Tonight is the August full moon, so our August 2, 'Howlin' at the Moon' Music Series will be held tonight in the Mabee Farm's Dutch barn. Info at [www.mabeefarm.org](http://www.mabeefarm.org)

You are invited to two lectures this month- the first already announced, is a Barn Talk at the Mabee Farm on Saturday August 18, on Barns of New York, flyer below; the second, a week later. On Saturday, August 25 at the Schenectady County Historical Society, will cover house barns; this last is also co-sponsored by the DBPS and the National Barn Alliance.



## Lecture # 2, House Barns of America

### "The House barns of America"

Saturday Aug. 25, 3:00 pm.

Schenectady County Historical Society  
32 Washington Ave, Schenectady

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He found a number of House barns in the German area of Eastern Wisconsin; one was a Bohemian, log House barn. He began to search for House barns throughout the Midwest and has recorded many examples, including; limestone House barns in Iowa, stone, log and framed House barns in Illinois, a half-timbered House barn in Missouri, and House barns in Minnesota, the Dakotas, North Carolina, and even in Manitoba. This exploration of vernacular architecture is also a legacy of ethnic settlement patterns. These House barns mark the first American generation homesteads of many Finnish, German, Czech, Russian, and Mennonite families.

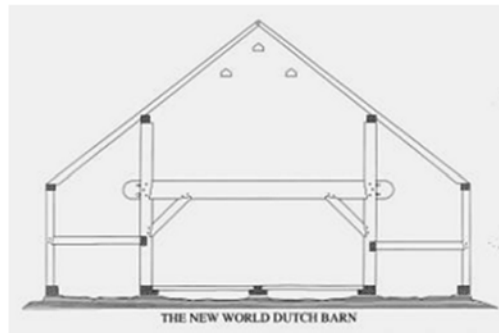
**We at the DBPS are very interested in House barns, as some of the first structures built in New Netherland were house barns, that is the family lived n one end of the structure and the other end was the barn. There is a plan and sketch of one in Shirley Dunn's Article n our Spring 2012 Newsletter, and a house barn was built in our area ca. 1631. .**

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He is currently working on two publications. "**The Great Barns of Illinois, from Log to Stone**" and "**The Housebarns of America**" He keeps current an annotated bibliography of books about barns for the National Barn Alliance's web page.

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**A flyer with color photos is attached as a pdf.**

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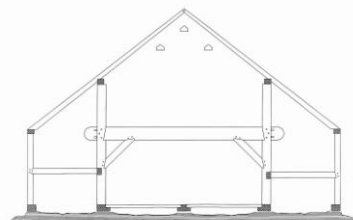
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