

Dutch Barn Preservation Society e-news, 30 September 2014

Save These Dates

Barn and Historic House Tours

Saturday October 11th, 2014 The HVVA will be sponsoring a **tour of Schodack Landing, co-sponsored by DBPS** - details to be determined and announced soon

Saturday, October 25th, 2014 The DBPS will be having a **Barn tour** in the Kingston / Esopus area. This will also include our **DBPS Annual Meeting** at lunch- details to be determined and announced soon

There are openings on the board, and we would love a few more nominations. You may nominate yourself.



Contact any of our current board officers for details- it isn't a lot of work, it is fun, and it is a good way to help save Dutch Barns as well as to help promote an appreciation for our Dutch heritage here in the former New Netherlands.

Current Officers and addresses:

Walter Wheeler, President, wwheeler@hartgen.com;

Thomas Lanni, Vice President, thomaslanni@gmail.com;

Ned Pratt, Secretary, nedpratt66@aol.com;

Keith Cramer, Treasurer, CramerKeith@msn.com

Questions? Contact Ned nedpratt66@aol.com, or leave message at 518-432-0220

Mabee Farm

As most of you know, we are great supporters of the Mabee farm in Rotterdam junction; we helped them get their Dutch Barn, we have our DBPS Files and mailing address at the Mabee Farm, and we co-sponsor events when we can.

The Howling at the Moon concert series is held in the **Dutch Barn**, weather permitting, on every full moon of the summer, and it is a series which

the DBPS has supported for a number of years- and look at this great poster for this fall- advertising the **Concerts on October 8 and November 6.**



This October, the Mabee Farm Historic Site is happy to welcome "The Nellies" as part of the monthly Howlin' at the Moon Concert Series. Admission to the concert is \$5.00. Weather dependent, the concert will be held in the 1760's Dutch Barn, or in the lower level of the Franchere Center.

For more information, please contact Educator/Assistant Curator Jenna Peterson Riley at 518-887-5073, or by email at educator@schenectadyhistorical.org. The Mabee Farm Historic Site is wheelchair accessible, with off-street parking in front of the George E. Franchere Educational Center.

And- our Friends at the Mabee Farm are having a great event on Saturday, October 25th, the **Fall Foliage Festival at the Mabee Farm**. So, if you can't make it to our DBPS Tour and Meeting, this may be the thing for you- and they can use volunteers. Many volunteers come from the Schenectady County Historical Society, but I'm sure they wouldn't mind some DBPS Volunteers as well.

What is better than pumpkins, fall foliage, scarecrows, and alliteration combined? Volunteering! On Saturday, October 25, we need your help. Our newly renamed Fall Foliage Festival at the Mabee Farm Historic Site (formerly Farm & Foliage) is promising to be a great event. As many of you know, it is put on in conjunction with special events crew from Schenectady County. This year we're looking to have everything from our usual pumpkins and scarecrows

to hot cider donuts and a hot air balloon. The coordinator for the County is anticipating a crowd of at least 2,000 people, so we really need many hands to help keep things running smoothly. Below are the different shifts and rolls that I am hoping you can help us fill:

Volunteer Shifts: Friday Afternoon Setup - 1:00-4:00; Saturday Shift 1 - 1:00-3:15
Saturday Shift 2 - 3:15-5:30

Saturday Volunteer Jobs

Parking & Map Handout; Beverage Distribution; House Tickets; House Tours; Barn (Music); Family Activities; FEC Desk; FEC Gift Shop; Relief Person (to give breaks)

Please let Jenna know if you're available Friday afternoon (we'll be putting up the parking, cleaning out the barn, setting up chairs, etc.), Saturday shift 1, Saturday shift 2, or Saturday all day, as well as your top three picks for volunteer roles. She will send out the official volunteer schedule the week before.

If you can help, Contact: **Jenna Peterson Riley**, Educator/Assistant Curator
Schenectady County Historical Society, 518-887-5073,
educator@schenectadyhistorical.org