

Dutch Barn Preservation Society e-news, 9 August 2015

Dear DBPS Members,

I call your attention to our next program-on Shaker Barns. Although the Shakers did not build Dutch Barns, much of their architecture, including nearly all of their early Meeting Houses, are based on Dutch Framing. They were innovators in Barn Design, and many of their barns were spectacular. The Shaker Church Family Barn at the Watervliet site in Colonie was built 100 years ago to replace an earlier barn that burned.

Sunday, 16 August 2015, 2 PM **Program on Shaker Barns:**

Lauren Stiles will speak on his recent book,
Shaker "Great Barns," 1820's-1880's: Evolution of Shaker Dairy Barn Design and Its Relation to the Agricultural Press

At the Shaker Meeting House, Shaker Site next to the Airport in Colonie at 2:00 PM Sunday, followed by a tour of the barn and perhaps other Shaker buildings on site. A donation of \$5 per person to the Shaker Heritage Society is suggested.



This site was formerly the home of the Ann Lee Home; there are signs on the Airport access road, and the entrance is opposite the old parking lot for Heritage Park, [next to the Barn pictured above] or visit the SHS Web site for detailed directions: <http://shakerheritage.org/about-2/directions-and-hours>

Lauren A. Stiles is a graduate of Lemoyne College, with graduate degrees from Columbia and Brown, now retired from a thirty year career as Reference Librarian at SUNY Cortland Memorial Library. His book concentrates on the remarkable multi-level dairy barns built by the Shakers from Maine to Western New York in the 19th century. Two of the best documented barns were built in at the Watervliet Site [in what is now Colonie]

This program is co-sponsored by the Shaker Heritage Society and the Society of Architectural Historians, Turpin Bannister Chapter. The SHS Gift Shop has copies of Mr. Stiles Book, or one can order it from Hamilton College. [I got mine in less than a week].

Here are more pictures of the barn we will see:



We met at our Barn Tour on July 25th; Meeting minutes will be mailed separately. Our next Dutch Barn Tour, and our Annual Meeting, will be on Saturday, October 24, 2015. Questions/comments? Contact Ned, Nedpratt66@aol.com