

Dutch Barn Preservation Society e-news, 11 April 2015

Announcements, minutes
2015 Schedule- tour this month, dates to save.

The **Minutes** of the January DBPS Meeting, with notes on some of the presentations, are enclosed as a Pdf.

1. April Barn tour, mostly Schenectady County & Quarterly DBPS Board and Membership Meeting



10:00 AM, Saturday, 25 April 2015
Meet at the Mabee Farm

1050 Route 5S, Rotterdam Junction, Schenectady County.

We will have our Quarterly Meeting and then go on a Barn Tour.
The tour is still in development-watch for details.

2. A Connecticut Tour- Saturday 27 June 2015. **We will tour sites in East Haven and Northford.** **Meet at 10 AM at 133 Main Street, East Haven, CT**

We have some very interesting sights/ sites - a historic House, a trolley museum, and 5 historic Barns. We promise it will be worth the drive-

In Northford we will visit George Senerchia, a timber framer and barn collector- he has 5 barns from 5 different centuries on his farm, and has been recommended by several members. Here is one of his Class' projects, from his website, from 2009:



But first we will visit John and Marion Stevens' house in East Haven, an early and fascinating House, which John has been studying and working on for years.

After a look at the house, the group will go to the Trolley Museum at 17 River Street.



We will have a round trip on the line (3 miles) then a quick look at the New York horse car John is trying to restore, then head to Senerechia's.

These are not that far away from the Hudson Valley-2 hours 30 minutes from Keith Cramer's house in Albany to East Haven- and we will be carpooling. Then it is only 21 minutes to Northford. Anyone interested in carpooling contact Ned or Keith, or make your own arrangements. Meet at 10 AM at 133 Main Street, East Haven, CT-more details will be forthcoming; please let Ned know if you plan to come so we can get a count for lunch.

3. A Pine Plains, northern Dutchess County Tour- Saturday, July 25, 2015.

Coordinated by Bob Hedges

This will also include our regular Quarterly Meeting. We [Bob] are looking at several possible tours-details will follow. Bob coordinated our October tour in the Hurley area which was outstanding. I've included a few photos of that tour in the January Minutes, which are enclosed with this notice as a Pdf.

4. Not Dutch Barns, but Shaker Barns

Sunday, August 16, 2015, at the Shaker Meeting House in Colonie, tentatively 2 PM.



From the Shaker Heritage Society web site

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Shaker Dairy Barn at the Watervliet Shaker Site, near the Albany Airport, the Dutch Barn Society will join the Shaker Heritage Society and the Society of Architectural Historians to co-sponsor a program and tour:

The Shakers were scientific Communal Farmers- their buildings were therefore, often huge and innovative. Their Dairy Barns are an excellent example-the Round Barn at Hancock may be the most famous, but their High entry level barns were more successful. Lauren Stiles has been studying these barns for a number of years and has recently published a book, *Shaker "Great Barns," 1820's-1880's: Evolution of Shaker Dairy Barn Design and Its Relation to the Agricultural Press* (Clinton NY: Couper Press), 2013. At the Shaker Site next to the Airport in Colonie at 2:00 PM, followed by a tour of the barn and perhaps other Shaker buildings on site. Below, more Shaker Dairy Barns.



5. DBPS Annual Meeting and Tour Saturday, 24 October 2015.

This Meeting will also include a tour, which has not been planned yet. Suggestions are welcome.

Questions, comments, want to volunteer to organize a tour?
contact Ned, nedpratt66@aol.com

Enclosed as a Pdf: January DBPS minutes (not included in online edition)