

DBPS Tour of Greene County Barns, hosted by Ted Hilscher, 26 October 2019

We are planning a **Barn Tour** on **Saturday the 26th of October**, which has been organized by Ted Hilscher, and it will start at the Bronck House at 9:30 AM. We will visit 4 historic barns, each about 5-10 minutes apart, so should finish about 12:30 or 1. We will then go to the Crossroads Brewery in Athens for lunch.

The Bronck House Museum is at 90 County Route 42, Coxsackie, NY 12051;

Directions:

From Thruway Exit 21B, Coxsackie: South on 9W 3¼ miles; turn right on Pieter Bronck Road.

From Traffic Light at 9W and 81: South on 9W 1½ miles; turn right on Pieter Bronck Road.

From Catskill: North on 9W; then left on County Rt. 42

Ted is a member of all three of our groups- DBPS, HVVA, and the Green County Historical Society; here are some of his notes on the barns:

1. Eldred Barn. Bank Barn, with marriage marks on H-frame bents. The orientation of the wagon floor/threshing floor is that of an “English” barn. It appears to me this is original. It is also a possible re-use of the bents from a Dutch barn. This barn does not appear in any of the barn literature. I know of no others like this in our area.
2. Lisk Barn. “English” Bank barn with swing beam, built for Benjamin C. Lisk in 1853. Our area is a little mecca of swing beam barns. I know of four – we will be looking at two.
3. Dietz Barn. “English” Ground barn, 30 x 40 with swing beam. Marriage marks, and hay press. Paul Dietz milked cows here until 1968.
4. “English” ground barn in state of disrepair and heavily modified for use as a chicken house. For me, this will be a good barn to use as a template for how to read and decipher an old barn that has few remaining indications of original use.

If you plan to come and could let me know so we can try to estimate a number for lunch, which would be great.

Any questions, email me, Ned Pratt, at nedpratt66@aol.com