

Dutch Barn Preservation Society e-news, 11 September 2009

Dear Members,

We are working on an expanded **email list** which we can use to get the word out on our events and related events. I've compiled the list from people who have written me, and from the forms people fill out when they join. If you do not want to be on the list, just let me know.

Thanks, Ned Pratt, President, DBPS

Coming Events

There are quite a few good events coming up in part because of the Henry Hudson Celebration.

One very good looking event is tomorrow, **Saturday September 12**, put on by **the Mabee Farm in Rotterdam Junction**. It is a **History Fair, from 10-4 Saturday**. I am enclosing a pdf with their flyer; you may have to open it in Adobe Reader. The Mabee farm is located on Route 5S near Rotterdam Junction. If you haven't been, it is really a great site, including a very large and wonderful Dutch Barn. More, including directions, at their website, www.mabeefarm.org. The Fair is cosponsored by DBPS and HVVA.

Speakers include:

Robert Trent,

independent furniture scholar, former Curator of Furniture at Winterthur and at the Connecticut Historical Society, Consultant at Chipstone Foundation, Sotheby's and Christie's and author of numerous publications including American Furniture 2004, Mr. Trent will speak on the relationship between local Dutch furniture and architectural moldings.

John Stevens

Author of Dutch Vernacular Architecture in North America. Stevens, was Architectural Historian for Old Bethpage Village Historic Restoration, is a longtime member of the Dutch Barn Preservation Society and is the President and a trustee of Hudson Valley Vernacular [HVVA]. Stevens will talk about Dutch Vernacular Architecture in the New World.

William McMillen

Bill McMillen was Supervisor of Restoration for the 300 year old Historic Richmond Town in Staten Island for 40 years and is a well known teacher of historic trades at Eastfield Village and Colonial Williamsburg. McMillen will do an architectural tour of the Mabee Farm's historic buildings focusing on the elements with direct Dutch influence.

More events: **Dutch Barn society Barn tour:**



Do not forget **the next DBPS Barn tour**, a tour of **historic Dutch Barns in Guilderland, Albany county**, led by DBPS Board member Allan Deitz, on **Saturday, September 26, 2009, starting at 9:30 AM.**

Here is Allan's write up of the day:

GUILDERLAND NEW WORLD DUTCH BARN TOUR-Sept. 26, 2009 planned and led by Allan Deitz

A tour of four New World Dutch Barns in the Town of Guilderland has been planned by the Dutch Barn Preservation Society, and co-sponsored by the Guilderland Historical Society for September 26, 2009.

All members of each group, and all non-members are invited to join in the tour free of charge.

We will meet at the Hawes Road (Hallenbeck) Barn, currently owned by Bruce Nelson, **at 6263 Hawes Road at 9:30AM.** Take Route 146 south off Western Ave.(Rt. 20) at Stewarts. Drive through Guilderland Center about one mile to top of a knoll with a cemetery. Turn left (east) onto Hawes Road. There will be a sign there that reads, BARN TOUR. The red barn is on the right about two miles up Hawes Road. Maps will be handed out there for the remainder of the tour.

The second and third barns are both on the historic Frederick Farm and currently owned by Dr. John Powell. Built about 1748, they are the oldest barns currently standing in Guilderland. The Farm is on Frederick Road.

The fourth barn on the tour will be the Black Creek Barn, originally built by the John Fryer family. The original several hundred acres tract allowed John Fryer is the only land that was not leased to the early settlers by the Patroon. John was allowed to buy it. As many as six Fryer farms in

Guilderland are shown on the 1855 Gould Map-owned by descendants of John Fryer, born in 1759. The barn is at 32 Fryer Lane, off the Altamont-Voorheesville Road near Gardner Rd, and is currently owned by Bernard Melewski. We plan to be there at about 11:30 AM.

Reservations for **an optional lunch at Dorato's at Twenty Mall on Western Ave.** have been made for 1:00PM where each person will pay for their meal. Here we can discuss Dutch barns, houses, and socialize. Plan to join this tour inspired by a form of European Dutch architecture found primarily in New York and New Jersey as a result of Henry Hudson's sail up the Hudson River and discovery of our area in 1609.

Questions or comments-email ned,nedpratt66@aol.com