

# Dutch Barn Preservation Society e-news, 11 March 2010

Dear DBPS Member- some exciting news-

## Educational Barn Model

A very large Dutch Barn model is being built as an educational and promotional tool by the National Barn Alliance (NBA). NBA received a grant to construct three models representing iconic regional barn styles.

The Dutch Barn was chosen to be the first model built, partly because DBPS is an organizational member of the NBA, and also because DBPS and many of our individual members are recognized as national leaders in barn research, documentation and preservation, and of course, because the Dutch Barn is a national icon, as seen in the NBA logo.

The NBA will be the owner of the model and DBPS will be able to use it for our events and school programs. It will be made of pine and oak and be 12 ft wide x 10 ft deep x 8 ft tall. It will have a value of approximately \$7,000.

The model and its large scale are meant to engage school children and draw them into the concept and process of a real barn raising. There will be some large and heavy pieces that will require teamwork and organization. There will be teacher's material and class exercises to accompany the model. DBPS already has a well-developed curriculum for introducing Dutch architecture into New York State school's 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade local and state history studies.

DBPS members Peter Sinclair and Roberta Jeracka are working on the model research and design and Brandt Bolding is creating an instructional/assembly video. The model timber pieces will be built by two members of the Timberframers Guild, Kim Balfour and Jim Doyle.

We hope to have the model debut at the Timberframers Guild May TTRAG conference which will spend one day at our headquarters, the Mabee Farm Historic Site.

The goal is to have this model used by us and to be loaned out to schools and other historic groups & sites. If you are an educator, curator, historian, or have a compatible event, and would like to use the model, please let us know.

More details will follow and updates may be found at [www.dutchbarns.org](http://www.dutchbarns.org) and [www.barnalliance.org](http://www.barnalliance.org)



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