

WI Barn Adaptive Reuse Projects

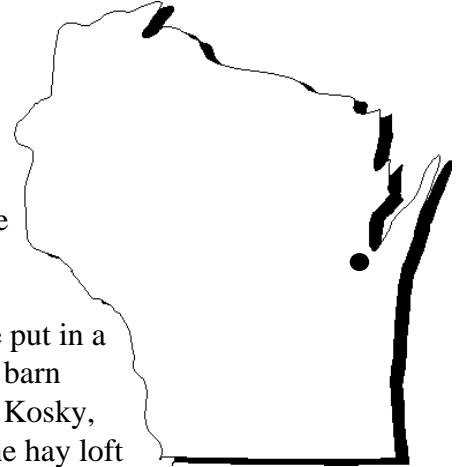
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Present Use: A Country Bed & Breakfast: Birch Creek Inn
Type of Barn: Dairy Barn

Owner's/ Contact Person's Name: Jeanette Flener Kosky: Innkeeper
Address: 2263 Birch Creek Road
DePere, Wisconsin 54115

Date of Conversion: 1970's
Approximate Project Cost(s): NA

Brief Outline of Project: This B&B is in a 1918 barn, which was used as a barn, cows and all, until 1970. The first reuse of the barn was as a women's clothing store. The late Arthur Norgaard converted the old hay loft to a showroom. Dressing rooms and restrooms were installed. Downstairs, in the former cow stalls, he put in a kitchen and a tea room. After Norgaard passed away in 1983, the barn stood empty until 1986. It was then purchased by Jenny and Jack Kosky, the current owners. Their first addition was a major fireplace. The hay loft is now divided into a number of guest bedrooms, a highlight for the B&B. The lower level continues to serve as a kitchen and dining area.



Success of Project: The old barn was remodeled to preserve much of the warmth of the ancient wood beams.

Contractors Used: NA

Project Photographs:

