

Saving Our Rural Heritage in Southwest Wisconsin:

A Technical Workshop on Barn Preservation

Fourteenth workshop on barn restorations in Wisconsin



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Stonefield State Historic Site
County Hwy VV, Cassville, Wisconsin

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Grant County Welcomes You!

Welcome! Grant County is located in the very southwest corner of Wisconsin, at the confluence of the Wisconsin and the Mississippi Rivers. The workshop location is Stonefield State Historic Site in Cassville, WI, right off County Highway VV. As you travel to and from the workshop, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the scenic rural landscape of southwest Wisconsin, dotted with those “red farm buildings” that this workshop is all about.

While you visit, consider: driving the Great River Road along the Mississippi River; Wyalusing State Park overlooking the confluence of the Mississippi and Wisconsin Rivers; Governor Nelson Dewey State Park, directly adjacent to the workshop site; the Dickeyville Grotto; and drive the many rural roads and visit the many small communities of beautiful Grant County. For more information, see our website at : www.grantcounty.org or call: (608)723-2125.

Register Early!!!
Space is limited to the first 150 paid individuals

For motel and hotel accommodations, see our websites at www.grantcounty.org, or www.cassville.org or call (608)725-5855.

For workshop information, call the Grant County UW Extension Office at (608)723-2125. For barn preservation information, call Roger Springman, Barns N.O.W! at (608)223-

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Our Most Diverse, Field Learning Opportunity Ever!

On April 25th and 26th you can celebrate the “Year of the Barn” with an outstanding, field learning opportunity. **Twelve barn experts from a wide variety of disciplines** will be at the Stonefield State Historic Site along the Mississippi River in Cassville, WI to teach you the latest in technical skills and share information on barn preservation strategies and needs. If you own a barn needing attention, are a contractor wanting to learn more about preservation skills, or a barn enthusiast just wanting to enjoy these wonderful structures, **this WILL BE the place to be in 2003.**

New Setting: New Features

The Stonefield State Historic Site provides an ideal backdrop for a barn preservation workshop. Two barns, one substantially renovated, are located on the property along with the Wisconsin State Agricultural Museum.. In addition, over one dozen other rural structures dot the property. All buildings will be open to workshop patrons at no extra charge.

This dynamic setting offers unparalleled learning opportunities. You may:

- 1) attend an all-day, hands-on stone masonry workshop on Friday, April 25th.
- 2) visit with one dozen contractors at our Saturday contractor fair.
- 3) hear nearly one dozen instructors speak during four sessions on Saturday.
- 4) take an optional bus trip to a round barn and two stone barns, one of which is now a pottery workshop.

All of the above is in addition to our Friday evening social hour and evening program featuring Wisconsin’s very own rural folklorist, Jerry Apps, author of “Barns of Wisconsin”.

Stonefield Speakers and Topic Review

Contractors are the backbone of our workshops, and we have some of the best coming to Stonefield. They include Mark Mitchell of Mitchell Construction Burnett, WI; Bryon Perona of Country Craftsman, Salem, WI; Bob Childs of Childs Moving Contractors, Boscobel, WI; Gary Goyette of Old World Wisconsin; Mike Woodford of Woodford Brothers, Apulia Station, NY; and Roland Sardeson of Mineral Point, WI.

These contractors will be providing instruction and information on roofing options (metal and composite), the importance of barn cabling/straightening, post and beam repairs, minimizing pest damage, wood treatment techniques, foundation repairs, adaptive re-use planning, ventilation/insulation for 4-season applications, moving old structures, and barn assessment (what’s wrong with my barn). Contractors will be demonstrating materials and techniques **You are strongly encouraged to bring photos or diagrams of your barn project to receive the best advice from contractors and other attendees.**

Because barn owners and enthusiasts also have non-contracting questions and concerns, a number of other specialists will be on hand to share their knowledge too. This group of speakers will be talking on such topics as adaptive re-use options, the liability aspects of barn ownership, state and federal tax credits, and the history and “art” of barns.

Stonefield Featured Topic

Few preservation topics are as important to barn owners as “what should I do with my barn?” Keeping barns in agricultural uses is often not practical these days. Without a re-use option or purpose, and one that can generate some income, it is all too easy to let barns simply “go down.”

Two outstanding speakers will be giving adaptive re-use talks on Saturday morning. Chuck Law, UW-Extension specialist has catalogued preservation projects throughout the state and will be giving an overview of his findings. He has extensive experience with barn preservation and represents Wisconsin in the National Barn Alliance. Mike Woodford from the Woodford Brothers in New York is America’s largest barn contractor and works from the East Coast to Minnesota. Mike has undertaken extensive barn repair and adaptive re-use projects of all kinds and will be sharing his knowledge with us.

Special Feature: Stone Masonry Workshop

On Friday, April 25th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Stonefield State Historic Site is sponsoring a day-long, hands-on stone masonry workshop. Roland Sardeson of Mineral Point, WI will be the instructor and he will provide technical advice and skill training on such topics as joint preparation, sand grading and mixing, mortar mixing, lime mortar, Portland mortar, color, and restoration vs. repair. This will be a hands-on workshop. Come with your old clothes on and be prepared to learn from one of the area’s best. This is a limited enrollment workshop. Reservations will be on a first-come, first serve basis. Only 20 openings are available. The cost is \$30 per person.

Look at the Entire Workshop Package! Something for Everyone!

The main workshop begins Friday afternoon, April 25th at 4:30 p.m. with a social hour at the Dewey Barn inside the Stonefield State Historic Site. After meeting contractors and fellow barn enthusiasts and exchanging your barn pictures with them, an on-your-own dinner will be available and will be followed by our evening program with Wisconsin’s premier rural folklorist, Jerry Apps.

Saturday, April 26th we will reconvene at 7:30 a.m., for a free continental breakfast. Breakfast will be followed by a plenary program featuring Chuck Law and Mike Woodford reviewing adaptive re-use options and planning. At 10:30, the contractor fair opens in an adjacent tent and you will be able to visit with contractors or attend the first one of four sessions (each with three separate topics). Right after lunch, those people interested in the optional tour to local barns can leave. If you want more instruction and time with contractors, three sessions will be held throughout the afternoon. That’s it! An action-packed day of learning from the experts. Oh, and just so you are prepared, Barns N.O.W! will be hosting a silent auction and selling numerous Barn AGAIN! publications to help raise funds for its many important activities.

Registration Form

Registration will be limited to the first 150 paid people.

Registrations are due by April 11, 2003. Our workshops have nearly always “sold out”, so if you want to attend, **DO NOT WAIT TO REGISTER.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Workshop Fees: \$60 per person or \$100 per couple.

Registration fee includes Friday social hour with hors d’oeuvres; Jerry Apps program; Saturday continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks; bus service, and conference packets.

EXTRA: Friday, April 25th Stone Masonry Workshop.

Fee is \$30 per person.

Fees:

Main Workshop:

of participants ____ @ \$60 or ____ @ \$100 (for two) = \$ _____

Stone Masonry Workshop

of participants _____ @ \$30 = \$ _____

Friday Night dinner (not included in registration fee)

of participants _____

Saturday afternoon barn tour (no charge) Space may be limited.

of participants _____

Make checks payable to : UWEX-Grant County. **Send this panel**

with your check to the following address by April 11:

UWEX- Grant County, PO Box 31, Lancaster, WI 53813

Credit Card Payment Option : If you want to pay your registration

fees via Visa or Master Card, please call the UW-Extension Office at 608-723-2125 during regular business hours and provide your credit card number along with its expiration date.

Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation notification and

Grant County map. **If you must cancel**, please do so by Friday, April 11, 2003. Cancellations after that date cannot be refunded.