

FOND DU LAC COUNTY WELCOMES YOU!

Fond du Lac County and the City of Fond du Lac are located at the base of beautiful Lake Winnebago at the headwaters of the Fox River Valley. Our workshop location, the UW-Fond du Lac, is found in the northeast corner of Fond du Lac, right off State Highway 23. As you travel around Fond du Lac, you will have an opportunity to enjoy some of Wisconsin's most dramatic glacial hills, dotted with those "red farm buildings" that this workshop is all about. Welcome!

Register Early!!!

Space is limited to the first 150 paid individuals.

A wide range of motel and hotel accommodations are found in the Fond du Lac area. To reserve your room, please call:

**Fond du Lac Area Visitors and Conventions Bureau,
1-800-937-9123.

The University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture, UW Cooperative Extension, provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX requirements. UW Extension programs are open to all persons without regard to race, color, ethnic background or economic circumstances. Advise us at least two weeks before the event if you are handicapped and desire special accommodations (including dietary requirements). All requests will be kept confidential.

For workshop information, call the Fond du Lac County Extension Office at 920-929-3173. For barn preservation information, call Roger Springman, President, Barns N.O.W! at 608-223-9548 (evenings).

The Fond du Lac County Extension Office would like to thank the Continuing Education Office for their special help in assisting with credit card registration.

B.A.R.N.S. Workshop

Saving Wisconsin's Rural Heritage:
A Technical Workshop on Barn
Preservation

Thirteenth workshop held on barn restorations in Wisconsin

May 3-4, 2002

University of Wisconsin Fond du Lac
400 University Drive
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

This workshop is brought to you by:

University of Wisconsin - Extension
Barns N.O.W. (Network of Wisconsin)
State Historical Society of Wisconsin
Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation

A Terrific Opportunity to Learn in the Classroom and Field!

On May 3rd and 4th you will learn barn restoration skills and techniques from the experts. Four experienced contractors will be presenting technical information in a classroom setting then demonstrating an assortment of preservation techniques at three barns. This workshop will keep you with contractors all-day long.

If you are the owner of a barn that needs restoration or are considering a new use for your barn, a contractor interested in learning more about barn restoration, or are simply a barn enthusiast wanting to enjoy a day talking about barns, this workshop is for YOU! This workshop is being sponsored by Fond du Lac County UW-Extension, Barns N.O.W! (Network of Wisconsin), State Historical Society of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation.

Your Learning Opportunities

Whether you need to repair your barn, undertake a complete restoration, or want to convert it to other uses, the same broad principles apply. You will need to:

- *Find out what's wrong (or right) with your barn,
- *Understand your barn preservation options, and
- *Develop a barn preservation or adaptive re-use plan.

Our four contractors will help you accomplish the above by not only providing direct instruction on common needs like roof replacement, foundation stabilization and tuck pointing, and post-beam repair, but answering your very specific questions on your barn as well as looking at your barn photos or draft preservation plans. You will come away with your questions answered on Friday and Saturday. In addition, a considerable amount of time will be spent in the field looking at adaptive re-use opportunities and options, with particular emphasis given to information on how to properly ventilate, insulate, and seal a barn for indoor uses.

Fond du Lac Theme Topics

Lots of people own barns and want to move them and other people would like to purchase a barn and move it to their property. Well, just how practical is it to take down and re-locate a barn? To help answer this question, two contractors will be presenting case studies on their experiences with relocating and reconstructing barns during our classroom period. You will come away with a very good sense of how practical this option is as a self-help or a contracted-out project.

Another high interest topic relates to the re-use of barns as facilities for boat or equipment storage; reception centers for weddings, dances, or workshops; and small enterprise activities. These uses raise issues regarding liability exposure, insurability, and proper construction to keep insurance costs down. To help look at these issues, an underwriter from the Rural Insurance Company will provide some classroom instruction on Saturday morning.

Our Saturday afternoon field trip will include three barns, and buses will take everyone to every barn. One barn has been converted to a high-end horse barn with full air handling. Our second barn is a small gambrel barn being converted to an international craft business. Our third barn is a typical Wisconsin barn exhibiting a wide variety of common maintenance and repair problems.

Who You Will Be Learning From

- * *Byron Perona* owns Country Craftsman in Salem, Wisconsin, specializing in alternative use conversions, such as barns to homes, churches, or museums. His technical specialties include rib steel roofing, timber frame repairs, and barn re-siding.
- * *Mike Woodford* is co-owner of Woodford Brothers of Apulia Station, New York, America's Largest barn restoration company. His company offers comprehensive services, everything from barn take-down to straightening to post-beam repair to barn remodeling. More information can be found at www.dreamscape.com/woodford.
- * *Dennis Bender* is owner of Bender Builders Inc., Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, a twenty-six year old company handling barn and farm building restoration of all kinds. Denny's specialties include structural repairs and exterior siding work. More information can be found at www.benderbuildersinc.com.
- * *Mark Mitchell* owns Mitchell Construction, Burnett, Wisconsin. Mark handles a wide range of farm building repairs and offers complete barn restoration. He specializes in barn straightening, insurance work, rib-steel roofing, and barn dismantling/reconstruction.

Look at the Entire Workshop Package! Something for Everyone!

Friday, May 3rd starting at 4:30 p.m., we will gather at the University of Wisconsin Fond du Lac Commons/Cafeteria for an evening of socializing (free hors d'oeuvres) with our contractors and other barn owners. Bring your photo albums along! After an on-your-own dinner in the cafeteria, we will have a presentation by Harley Buchholz, retired farm editor of the "Fond du Lac Reporter" who will give a very entertaining talk on the agricultural history, including barns, of the Fond du Lac County area.

Saturday, May 4th, we will reconvene at the campus Commons/Cafeteria at 7:45 a.m. for a continental breakfast. After introductory remarks, our contractors and our representative from Rural Insurance will provide classroom instruction through 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be promptly served. At 12:15, buses leave for our three-barn tour and everyone will visit every barn over the next four hours. Snacks will be available throughout the afternoon. We will arrive back at the campus around 4:30 for a final round of questions and answers. 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 Barn AGAIN! publications to help raise funds for its many activities during the workshop.

Other Opportunities in the Fond du Lac Area

The Horicon Marsh "Melodies Series" of topics and tours can welcome you to spring at this nationally-known wildlife preserve just east of Fond du Lac. "Wander Country Roads in Fond du Lac", a series of audio cassettes that take you through different parts of Fond du Lac County. For further information about these programs and other information about Fond du Lac County, please call the Fond du Lac Visitors and Convention Bureau at 1-800-937-9123.

Registration Form

Registration will be limited to the first 150 paid people. **Registrations are due by April 24, 2002.** Our technical workshops have always "sold out", so if you want to attend, **DO NOT WAIT TO REGISTER!**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone(____) _____

Workshop Fees: \$60 per person or \$100 per couple.
Registration fee includes Friday social hour with free hors d'oeuvres, Harley Buchholz program, Saturday continental breakfast, Saturday lunch, bus service, and conference packets.

of participants _____ @ \$60 or _____ @ \$100 = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: UWEX-Fond du Lac County. **Send this panel with your check to the following address by April 24th:**

University of Wisconsin Extension, Fond du Lac
Rm. 227 Administration/Extension Bldg.
400 University Drive
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Credit Card Payment Option: If you want to pay your registration fees via Visa or Master Card, please call the UW-Extension Office at 920-929-3173 and provide your credit card number along with its expiration date.

Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation notification and Fond du Lac County map. **If you must cancel, please do so by Friday, April 26th.** Cancellations after that date cannot be refunded.