

Dutch Barn Preservation Society e-news, 13 May 2013



Two interesting Dutch Barn events are scheduled for this coming **Saturday, May 18, 2013**.

Save the date- We are co-sponsoring **a tour of Dutch Barns in Montgomery County**, organized by the HVVA, in the Palatine Bridge Area Saturday. Details to follow.

Also, at 10:30 at the Mabee Farm, Keith will be giving **a training session on the Dutch Barn Model**- this is mostly for Mabee Farm Volunteers, but it is open to DBPS Members, too. If you can't go to the Barn tour, this would be a great chance to learn about the model and see the exhibits on Architecture at the Mabee Farm.

Saturday May 18, 10:30-11:30 am
Mabee Farm Historic Site
Franchere Education Center, First Floor Gallery
1080 Main St, Rt. 5S, Rotterdam Junction, NY 12150

The Mabee Farm Volunteer College- DBPS Board Member Keith Cramer will present an introduction to Dutch Barns with the raising of the Dutch Barn model. Attendees will de-construct and re-construct our 1/4 scale barn model while hearing about the unique features and construction methods of the New World Dutch Barn. This presentation has two goals: as an introduction to Dutch Barns for tour guides, and as a practice session in assembling the barn model.

The model is part of the current exhibit "Architecture of the Farm" which includes a new Len Tantillo painting of the Mabee Farm. Gallery is opened until 4:00 on Saturday.

The MF's Volunteer College is a free series of lectures, demonstrations and workshops for docents and volunteers to broaden their knowledge of the MF and related topics of Mohawk Valley history

and agriculture. The Volunteer College is open to all members of historical societies with the goal of ‘graduating’ docents and tour guides who will provide informative and exciting tours to our visitors and school field trips.

Follow-up News-

The Shafer Barn featured in our Spring 2012 *Newsletter* has been torn down. The owners were under commitment to the NYS Historic Preservation Office to try to find a historic site or organization that could use the salvaged parts. Members of DBPS assisted in having the pieces moved to the Mabee Farm where they will become part of a future maintenance shop and boat barn for the Farm’s two replica bateaux.



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