

Highlights from Ohio Barn Conference XI



Group photo (above) by Dan Troth. All other photos by Tom O'Grady



It's a striking scene when two large tour buses pull up to a farm and dozens of barn enthusiasts disembark. A throng of these devotees of Ohio agricultural architecture swarmed toward the open doors of several barns during Friday's barn tour to explore the extreme recesses and investigate subtle details of the barns' histories.

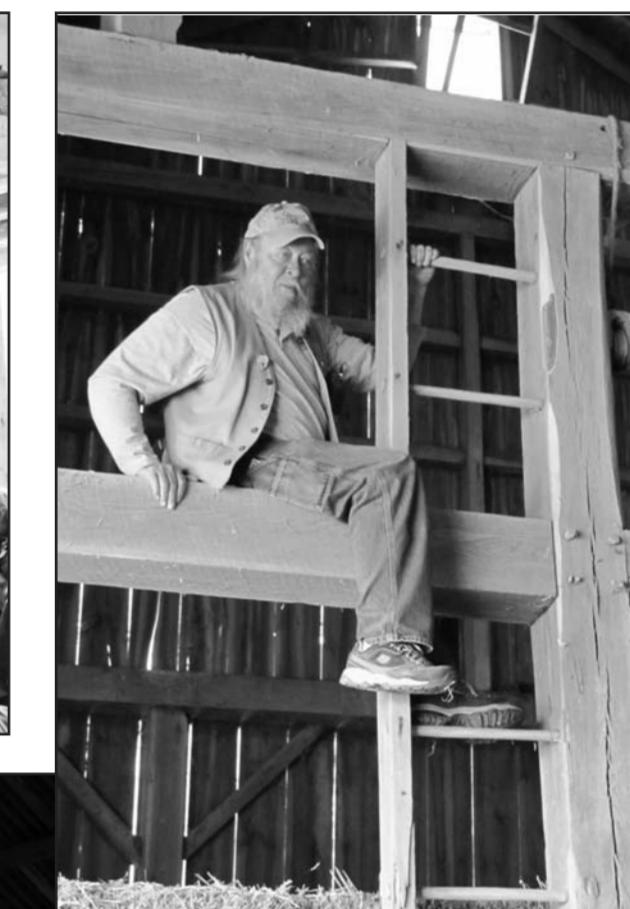
Top right: The Andersons' German bank barn with forebay with ridge-line centered between walls in loft of the barn.

Above: Participants stop for a photo at the last stop on the tour.

Left: Disembarking and assaulting Chester Martin's Sweitzer barn.

Lower left: Chester Martin's Sweitzer barn with the ridgeline centered between basement foundation walls but offset between walls in barn loft.

Right: Barn tour attendees tune in as Rudy Christian and the Barn Detectives attempt to interpret the Lang barn's history from construction techniques and other artifacts of design and materials.



Barns of the Year



The 2010 Barn of the Year Award for Agricultural Use was awarded to Loren and Barb Lang (flanked in photo by Dan Troth and Ric Beck) and their Pennsylvania forebay barn. In the interior photo, note the double purlins and queen posts supporting the roof and the chamfered posts.

Photos submitted by barn owner



Above: Marriage marks XX and XXII meeting their mates in this scribe rule timber frame.

Right: A wooden sculpture that helped support the agricultural economy of early Ohio.

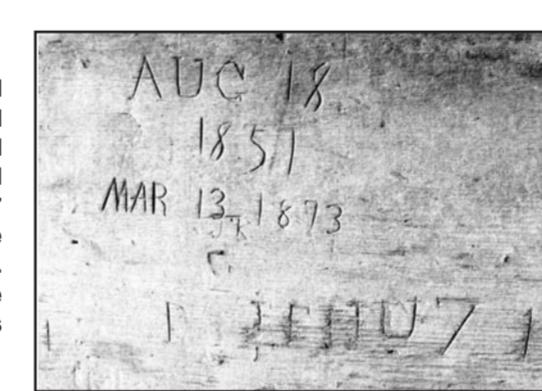


Above: A barn owl. Wise but rare. Strangely spotted in each of the barns on the tour.

Left: Rudy Christian and Chester Martin barn pondering.

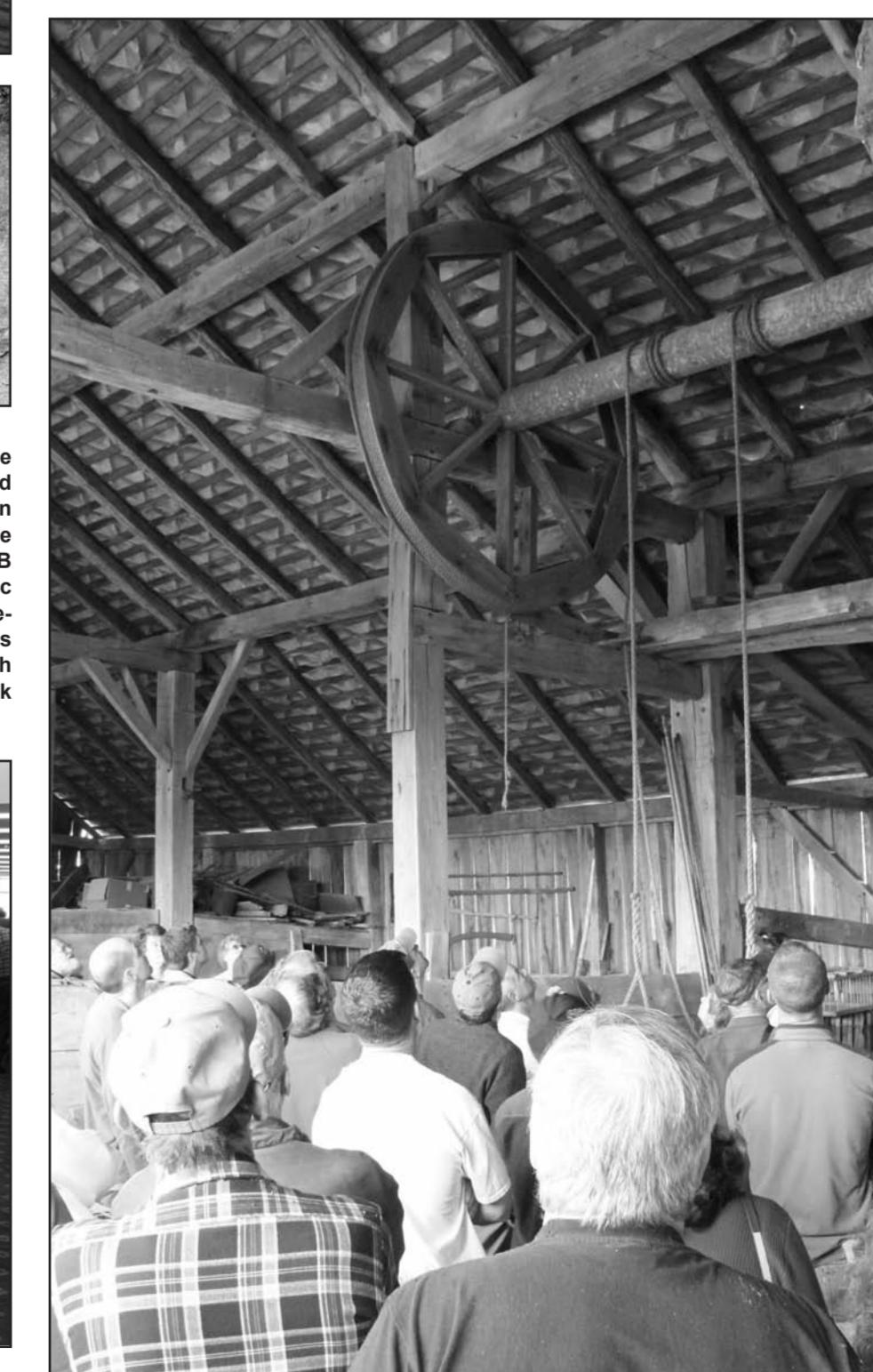
Below: Tour participants consider the work of the windlass in the Weygandt barn.

One artifact that surfaced during the tour was this old board that Mr. Lang found stashed in his barn. Several dates spanning from 1847 through the 1870s were carved into the old board. Artifacts such as this one help piece together a barn's history.



The 2010 Barn of the Year Award for Adaptive reuse was awarded to Brett and Marcia Urian, who rehabilitated an old Pennsylvania German bank barn just outside of Wooster and converted it into a winery and gift shop.

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Indoor barn tour of Lowell Findley's barn models.