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President's letter:

Looking back with pride, looking forward with hope and resilience

To our friends and members:

Without a doubt, the past two years have been difficult for many non-profit volunteer organizations, and Historic Gettysburg Adams County is no exception. But after the COVID pandemic in 2020 shuttered most of HGAC's meetings and activities, our members and volunteers persevered in the pandemic's shadow during 2021, bouncing back to shine a light on history and move the organization's mission forward.

Thanks to their efforts, HGAC remains resilient. Our programs continue to proactively preserve, provide education, and implement restoration of the historical character of Adams County. In the face of continuing COVID challenges, 2021 was a successful year. Some of our achievements include:

- HGAC's award-winning Barn Preservation project and grant program continued to fund brick and mortar repairs to historic barns. In 2021, for the first time, every applicant received a barn preservation grant to help extend the life of their historic barn. Grant applications are now being taken for 2022 projects.
- The "Summer at Spangler" program began in 2021, part of HGAC's emerging partnership with the Gettysburg Foundation. HGAC volunteers provided visitors with a detailed look at the historic Spangler barn, a sterling example of Adams County's historic, vernacular architectural barn design and recipient of the HGAC Barn Preservation Award in 2017. Programs will continue this summer.
- The Investing in Youth Initiative, which introduces students in the building trades to career paths in historic preservation, held two Learning Labs at the Spangler barn for local students. The Initiative will offer, for the first time, a paid high school internship in 2022.
- Summer weekly programs resumed at the McAllister Mill Underground Railroad site with walking tours. The program remains popular with visitors and residents alike eager to learn about Adams County's role in helping escaped slaves travel to freedom. Tours will resume this May through August.
- HGAC's Architectural Warehouse at the Daniel Lady Farm reopened in July and despite a shortened season, logged its most successful year ever. A grand re-opening is planned for April 2, 2022.

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To the credit of the hard work and dedication of members and active volunteers, HGAC was able to hold two public events in 2021. HGAC's Barn Tour of seven Adams County barns in September drew 250 enthusiastic participants of all ages, and the Homespun Christmas Holiday Market at its new venue at the Battlefield B&B put hundreds in the holiday spirit. HGAC is looking forward to its Barn Art Show on June 9-12, 2022, its Civil War Barn Dance in the fall and another Homespun market.

There is so much to be proud of and so many people to thank for the accomplishments in 2021. At the heart of what has been achieved this past year is the preservation of remembrance. Our local history traces the stories of men and women facing adversity in the past and demonstrating their resiliency. Looking back, we work to capture that resilience that came before us and bring it alive today.

This past November, as the Gettysburg community commemorated Remembrance Day, I enjoyed the annual parade from the steps of the GAR Hall on Middle Street. Besides being HGAC's headquarters, the building has housed countless meetings of first, Union Civil War veterans, and now the Sons of Union Veterans organization, and is known to them as the Corporal Johnston H. Skelly Post #9 Grand Army of the Republic Hall.

As each Union reenactment unit marched up Middle Street, they would pause to acknowledge the GAR hall. It was with a feeling of pride that I watched each officer give orders to his unit: first, the officer would call out Corporal Skelly's name and the post number. Then the command, "Eyes left!" And finally, the unit would salute the period American flag flying over the hall.

Your membership helps to maintain our jewel of a pre-civil war era building, the Grand Army of the Republic Hall, in downtown Gettysburg. The volunteerism and membership in HGAC helps to preserve the experience of history not only in Gettysburg, but throughout Adams County. The HGAC effort spans the physical preservation of hundreds of historic barns, to traversing McAllister's Mill and telling the story of enslaved freedom seekers, to the preservation of a Union Veteran Hall that can be recognized and saluted today. But we could not do any of this without your continued support.

We have so many more stories to tell and many opportunities to become involved in HGAC. If you are a member, please renew your membership for 2022. You'll find a renewal form on page 7 of this newsletter. If you would like to volunteer for programs and events in 2022, please check our web page at www.hgaconline.org for additional information.

So here's to gratitude, resilience and the promise of a new year. We hope to have many more successes to report for 2022!

Keith J. Schultz
HGAC President

Time to renew your HGAC membership!

All 2021 HGAC memberships expire on December 31, 2021, so please renew now! A membership renewal form can be found on page 7 of this newsletter. This year HGAC premiers several new levels of membership, including a \$10 student level. HGAC will no longer offer new lifetime memberships; but all current lifetime memberships will continue to be honored.

The form on page 7 can be mailed to:
Historic Gettysburg Adams County, P.O. Box 4611, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Or you can renew online at hgaconline.org; first click on About, then Get Involved.

Please be sure to include your address and email so that you can receive notifications of special HGAC events. Thank you for your continued support!



HGAC Homespun Christmas Holiday Market a Success

This time, COVID-19 could not postpone HGAC's holiday spirit! After a year off due to pandemic concerns, the HGAC Homespun Christmas Holiday Market returned on Saturday, December 11, 2021, with the help of a new partner, Battlefield Bed & Breakfast.

Battlefield innkeepers Connie Tarbox and Florence and Deb March graciously offered their 1810 barn as a more open-air venue for HGAC's holiday market. Tarbox led a crew of elves who transformed the space into a holiday wonderland. Six vendors joined forces with HGAC volunteers to offer hand-crafted items and home-baked goodies for sale, along with a variety of fresh cut greens for home decorators.

When the market doors opened at 11:30 a.m. on December 11, the response exceeded our most hopeful expectations. Hundreds of shoppers visited the barn – if license plates were any indication, visitors came from at least five different states and Washington D.C. Many visitors chose to make a memory with a Christmas-themed photograph inside the historic inn, taken by HGAC professional photographer Loy Elliot.

HGAC thanks all the vendors who participated: Bobbie Becker of the bobbi becker gallery; Dawn Harvey of Bear and Company; Chris Schultz of Civil War Woodburning; Karen Phillippi of Bits and Bobs; and crafters Meghan Vice and Ashley Keeney – and thank you to Loy Elliot for volunteering his time and donating his photographic fees to HGAC.

A special note of gratitude to the Battlefield B&B for offering their barn as a venue, for the free parking they provided and for all their help organizing the event. Your support is much appreciated! A big thank you also to HGAC past president Anne Zabawa for taking the lead to organize this year's different spin on the Homespun market.

And of course, many thanks to all the HGAC members and friends who volunteered their time and efforts to make crafts, cut greens, bake, and help with set up and clean up! We could not have done this without you!

2021 Giving Spree Results Revealed

Imagine being at the 2021 Giving Spree Results Reveal, opening the envelope labeled HGAC and finding a check for **\$21,593.94!** The funds included \$1,185 from the Giving Spree stretch pool—HGAC's portion of a pool provided by sponsors of the Giving Spree.

Of the total donations, \$6,205 was added as forever gifts to grow the endowment established in 2020. We are now over the \$10,000 threshold needed to be eligible to receive a payout. Thank you, endowment donors.

The HGAC Board thanks all 71 donors, including the Thomas Cline Foundation, who provided our first foundation gift of \$10,000 intended to support the Investing in Youth program. Both the number of donors and total giving increased over the previous two years.

Thank you to the Adams County Community Foundation for making the Giving Spree possible. Our heartfelt thanks to each of you for giving and/or for getting these gifts to support the preservation mission of HGAC.

Barn Quest Winners Announced



"Barn Quest for Youth" is a scavenger hunt for exterior architectural features of historic Pennsylvania barns. HGAC's Investing in Youth Initiative introduced the quest in the fall of 2021. Our first Barn Quest contest winners are: Lily and Caroline Bannak, both age 14; Maren Miller, age 12; Aubrey Miller, age 10; Paxton Miller, age 7; and Levi Miller, age 7, all of Gettysburg; and J.C. Schulteis, age 14, of Biglerville; and Orion Yoho, age 7, of New Castle, Pa.

Prizes awarded to the winners included passes to the Seminary Ridge Museum and gift cards from Target. The grand prize was a large framed print of bobbi becker's painting, "The Barn Dance," donated and signed by the artist. The name drawn to receive the grand prize was J.C. Schulteis.

Barn Quest is a fun, year-round learning activity for youths under 18. It is an entertaining way to learn about barns for home schoolers, or for any kids who need a break from their devices. Teachers could use Barn Quest as a bonus activity. Spend some quality time with your kids or grand kids on Adams County's beautiful back roads, looking through the windshield to explore our historic barns. We think you'll start to see old barns in a new way.

**Barn Quest is available online at HGACOnline.org or in hard copy.
For more information about Barn Quest, contact Bob McIlhenny
at 717-420-6500 or HGAC at 717-334-5185.**



HGAC Now Taking Applications for Barn Preservation Grants

If you own a barn and want to be considered for a barn preservation grant in 2022, applications are now being accepted for consideration until March 1, 2022. Grants are only awarded to historic barns that are within Adams County and that are listed on the HGAC Barn Register. The Register currently includes over 370 barns, which is about 24 percent of the historic barns in the county. Inclusion in HGAC's Register provides recognition of the barn and the opportunity to participate in the grant program, but inclusion does not legally bind the owner in any way.

It is expected that the grant money for 2022 will help with the stabilization and repair of at least six more historic barns. Once again this year, additional funds are available to HGAC to be specifically awarded to barns in the Adams County Fruit Belt area.

There is no application fee to apply for the grant if the barn owner is an HGAC member. If an applicant is not an HGAC member for the year 2022, their application must include a check for \$25 to become a HGAC member for the year. Application guidelines and the application itself are available online at www.hgaconline.org. Click on the words "Barn Preservation Project" for the list titled "Barn Grant Applications and Guidelines". Click on those words in order to reveal the links to the grant guidelines and application. If you have questions about the grant program, or if you would like to have your barn added to the HGAC Barn Register, please call Curt Musselman at 717-659-8827 or send an email to shinbone605@comcast.net.

Every year since 2013, the HGAC Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program has made grants available to owners of historic barns within Adams County. In 2021, for the first time, every applicant for a barn preservation grant was awarded a grant to help extend the life of their historic barn. Curt Musselman, Executive Director of the HGAC Barn Preservation Project, notes that our success is thanks to the generosity of our Barn Preservation Project sponsors. If you would like to be a part of preserving the historic barns in Adams County please get in touch with Bob McIlhenny, the project's Director of Development, at 717-420-6500.

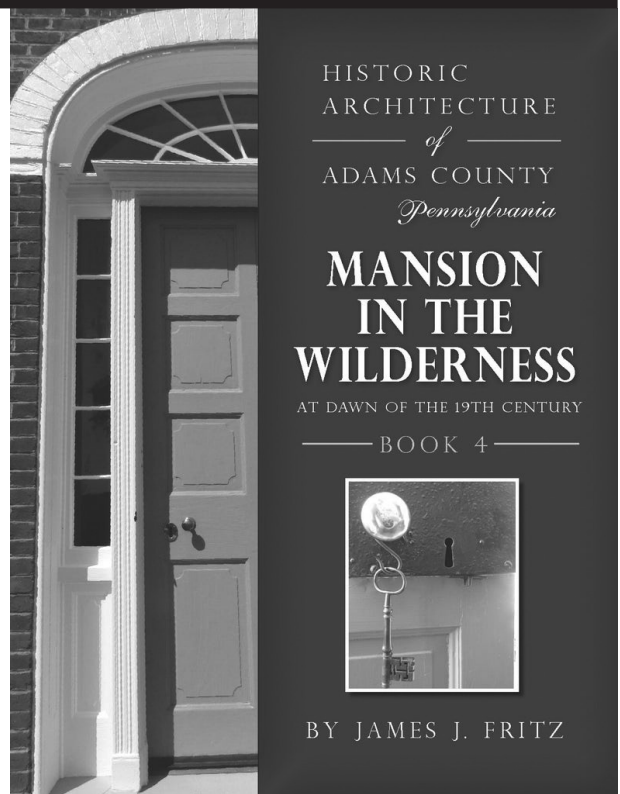
Book 4 of the *Historic Architecture of Adams County* series now available

A new book by historian James Fritz, *Mansion in the Wilderness at Dawn of the 19th Century*, is now available at the HGAC online store. The book is the fourth in the author's *Historic Architecture of Adams County, Pennsylvania* series.

This publication contains photographs of buildings that received the prestigious Preservation awards from HGAC, including dwellings in Arendtsville, Aspers, Bendersville, Biglerville, Cashtown and Littlestown. It also spotlights the Federal period (c.1810) Middlekauff Manor, the "Mansion in the Wilderness" of the book's title,

The book also features for the first time the works of an obscure early 19th-century water colorist from Union Township in Adams County, named Johannes Bart/Bard (1797-1861). Some of his works reside at the prestigious Winterthur Museum in Delaware.

Fritz is a member of Historic Gettysburg Adams County and author of a number of articles on Quaker history. The book can be ordered at hgaconline.org. Click on the store link.



HGAC Architectural Salvage Warehouse 2021 Report

Despite a late start, 2021 was a very successful year for the HGAC Architectural Salvage Warehouse. Our income levels exceeded previous yearly levels.

Dedicated committee members operated the warehouse on all of the formally open Saturdays beginning in July and on many more days by special appointments. They also recommended and implemented new signage on the warehouse building, new methods of displaying our treasures to the public and developed a presence on social media, which we intend to increase in 2022.

We sold, repurposed or recycled approximately one ton of metallic materials that would have otherwise found their way into a landfill. Our sales included glass and wood door knobs, many collectable chairs, tables, beds, fireplace accessories, windows, doors and the usual assortment of small items.

We are looking forward to a grand reopening on April 2, 2022. Stop by to check out our ever changing inventory of Adams County antiques and collectables for your restoration activities. Or just come by and browse!



Abraham Lincoln – Gettysburg Address Honey Locust WITNESS TREE SEEDLINGS \$25.00 EACH

Grown from seeds collected from the only tree in the Soldiers' National Cemetery that was present when President Lincoln delivered his Dedication Speech on November 19, 1863.

The recent demise of the parent tree will bring an end to this project when the existing inventory of seedlings is sold.

TO RESERVE YOUR SEEDLING:
Email or phone Bruce Kile
bwkile@gmail.com
717-334-7854

Pick up seedlings by appointment at 960 Flohrs Church Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307

2022 Membership Registration

Please join or renew online or return your completed form and check to:

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*HGAC is an historic preservation society
with a proud history and an exciting future*



HGAC is a nonprofit organization that spearheads and coordinates efforts to preserve and restore the historic heritage of Adams County's townships and boroughs.

In addition to supporting the many preservation projects of HGAC, membership dues include the following benefits:

- Subscription to "PRESERVE," HGAC's quarterly newsletter
- An invitation to the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet
- Summer Family Picnic
- Advance notice of our projects and events such as the Annual Barn Art Show and Sale, Civil War Barn Dance, Barn Tours, Summer at Spangler, installing and restoring historical markers, our historic barn survey and the Barn Preservation Grant Program.

Thank you for your membership and financial donations, as well as your contributions of time and talent. We have many things yet to be accomplished and our proud heritage will continue with your participation.

Donations and membership dues can be paid at <http://www.hgaonline.org/id2.html> through PayPal or by check.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

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Is this a renewal of a current membership? Yes ___ Is this a new membership? Yes ___

\$10 Student Level – basic benefits as listed above

\$25 Associate/Individual Level – basic benefits as listed above

\$50 Sponsor/Family Level – basic benefits, plus HGAC *Civil War Hospitals* publication

\$100 Sustainer/Growth Level – basic benefits, plus *G.A.R. Building Murals* publication

\$250 Timber Framer/Business Level Partner -- basic benefits plus business listing in all HGAC publications

\$500 Legacy Level – basic benefits, plus copy of *Gettysburg* by J. Fritz

\$1,500 HGAC Preservation Society Level (annual) – basic benefits, plus J. Fritz 4-volume *Architecture* series

Thank You!



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ALL OF US HERE AT HGAC WISH YOU A

HAPPY NEW YEAR IN 2022!

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO
PRESERVE OUR ADAMS COUNTY HISTORY.**