

Case Barlow Farm

Newsletter

Summer 2005

Case-Barlow Farm Wish List

CaseBarlow Farm is looking for the following items to aid in the restoration and authenticity of the farm. If you wish to donate any of the following items please contact Toni at 330-650-0591.

- Antique Wood Burning Cook Stove (circa 1890-1900)
- Two--Hand Pump (circa 1890-1900)
- Underwriter for newsletter

Antique Sink Finds A Home At The Farm

They threw out practically everything including the kitchen sink, but it is now back where it belongs. Connie Price, member of the Board for Case Barlow Farm, was searching a salvage yard in Tallmadge for a sink to install in her potting shed. She saw this sink from the late 1800s or early 1900s and fell in love. Price thought it may be a bit large for her purposes but started asking the salvager about it.

Denny Walker, an architectural salvage dealer, bought the sink years ago at an auction at Case Barlow Farm. Price knew she could never buy the sink for herself because it belonged to the Farm. She called a friend who was on the board at the time and the friend bought it for \$1200 three years ago and agreed to store it until the Farm could reimburse her. The Farm has been trying to raise the money ever since. Board members made private donations but they were still \$550 short.

Fortunately, the Hudson League For Service offered a grant to organizations and special interest groups in the community. Case Barlow applied and received the money needed to finally obtain the original sink.

Originally, the sink would have been found outside near a cistern. Price said it was likely the children would have washed up outside before coming into the house. "That wouldn't be practical for us to do today. What we are going to do is move it inside and put it in the first room you come into when you enter from the back porch which would have been used as the mud room to drop off all you coats and boots and everything."

The sink is made of carved stone with a flat bottom. Price said, "We will build a frame that looks like an old counter with a door underneath. They would have had a cast iron hand pump. We will probably not run the water system into the sink and pump. But what we will do is buy a large plastic container that might hold up to like 50 gallons of water and push it under the sink. It won't be used on a daily basis but for tours and demonstrations."

For more information on tours of the Case Barlow Farm please contact Toni Robb at 330-650-0591.

Seasoned Bites.. news from Case-Barlow Farm Herb Garden



Last spring the herb garden was a dessert bar for the bunnies; this spring with the snow falling into early May, our normal cleanup was delayed by weeks. With spring coming so late, and the temperatures so cool, we really weren't prepared for the heat and lack of rain of early June. The herbs weren't planted until mid-June.

Some years Mother Nature likes to mix things up, so we are always adapting..... but by July and on until mid October, the garden is glorious, bursting with color and fragrance, and pure nectar for the birds, bees and butterflies that are frequent visitors.

It is a fun garden to work in and the garden volunteers from the Hudson Garden Club, are always learning new ways to grow, harvest and use the herbs in their own gardens, and share their knowledge with the herb garden visitors.

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair, Hudson Garden Club

May Day Celebrations at the Farm



Children made crafts and danced a traditional May Pole dance at this year's May Day Festival



Storytellers enacted festive tales throughout the day to the delight of the crowds.

Kitchen To Be Restored

Plans are evolving into action thanks to the Laurel Lake Community Retirement Foundation's grant towards the kitchen restoration project.

Case-Barlow Farm will be starting the restoration sometime this year. "The design of the kitchen was done years ago. It probably started with the late Susan Hansen," said Connie Price, member of the Board, "Now we have the seed money." The first step will be the flooring; then the cabinetry. The new sink will be one of the later projects."

Laurel Lake, an upscale retirement community in Hudson, and Case-Barlow Farm have had a great connection over the years. Price said, "Laurel Lake is very involved. They are excited about the Farm being successful. Groups come out on tours from time to time with Former Mayor John Krum. The windows from the house and will be repaired in the Laurel Lake workshop. We have a friendship and a wonderful working relationship with Laurel Lake. These people have so much knowledge to share."

FROM THE EDITOR:

Case-Barlow Farm would like to thank everyone who came out for our May Day celebration and all the businesses that donated materials. Unfortunately, we had to reschedule the event because of rain, but the sun was high and bright on the 22nd.

This was our first May Day celebration. Kids made May Day baskets, kites, flowers, and crowns. Richard Harrison from Land of Make Believe in downtown Hudson was telling stories. In the middle of the festival was a 12 foot May Pole with colorful ribbons donated by Pat Catan's. Every few minutes traffic on Barlow Rd. slowed down to watch the kids do the traditional dance around the May Pole. Everyone had a great time. We look forward to seeing you next year.

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