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DISCOVER BATH BARNs SPEAKER SERIES LAUNCHES IN BATH TOWNSHIP

Bath Township, Ohio - The Discover Bath Barns Committee, a group formed to preserve and enhance the barns of Bath Township is launching a speaker series with the goal of educating local residents on the importance of honoring the agricultural traditions of the area, especially the barns used to support those endeavors.

Three events are scheduled to run over the summer. Equally educational and entertaining for barn owners and barn aficionados, these events are free and open to the public, but reservations are requested. Please visit <http://bathtownship.recdesk.com/>.

"The Barn Builders: An Architectural Legacy in Ohio's Rural Landscape"

Presented by Tom O'Grady, Southeast Ohio History Center's Director of Outreach and Director Emeritus. Tom's extensive research centers around the cultural groups that settled in Ohio and the distinct farms and barns they built throughout the state. He has had a fascinating career in several fields including Great Lakes shipping, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and teaching Observational Astronomy at Ohio University.

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

Location: Crown Point Ecology Center, 3220 Ira Road, Akron, 44333

"Barn Again: Understanding Options for Saving Barns"

Presented by Tim Franklin, President & Lead Designer, Franklin & Associates. Tim is a long-time resident of Bath Township. Franklin & Associates was started in 1996 as a full service architectural and construction firm specializing in residential and historical projects. Tim and his team are featured on "Restoration Road" with Clint Harp / Magnolia Network on Discovery Plus, starting May 20, 2024.

Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

Location: The Franklin Residence, 3433 W. Bath Road, Akron, 44333

"Following the Barn Quilt Trail"

Presented by author Suzi Parron Smith. Suzi documented over 1,000 barn quilts in the process of writing her 2012 book, "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement". For her second book, "Following the Barn Quilt Trail", she left her job as a teacher and traveled by RV across the U.S., visiting farms from coast to coast and even Canada. Suzi will join the event from her home in

Florida via Zoom to share stories of preserving America and Ohio's rich heritage - one quilt at a time.

Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

Location: Polka Dot Pincushion, 3807 Brecksville Road #8, Richfield, 44286

These presentations are generously supported by America 250-Ohio, Bath Township Historical Society, Crown Point Ecology Center, Franklin & Associates, and Polka Dot Pincushion.

About Discover Bath Barns

In 2023, Discover Bath Barns was established by the Bath Township Trustees, through the Heritage Corridors of Bath, to sustain a focus on the Barns of Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio to preserve and enhance these structures for the benefit of the community.

The Discover Bath Barns initiative has two main goals. First, to aid willing barn owners in the preservation of the history of their Heritage Barn, in conjunction with Bath Township Historical Society and Museum. The second, to enhance the experience of visitors as they travel the scenic byways of Bath. This also includes a pathway for Heritage Barn owners to enhance their barns through the addition of barn art and barn quilts to the exterior.

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