



Press Release

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**For The Love of Barns – Art Exhibit, Barn Tour & Dinner**  
*“A Celebration of Barns through Art & Experience”*

*For the Love of Barns* Art Exhibit, Barn Tour, Dinner & Music, celebrating our love of barns through experience and through the eyes of artists is a collaborative project of the Preble County Fine Arts Center and the Preble County Historical Society.

The art exhibit will run from September 2nd to the 29<sup>th</sup> at the Preble County Fine Arts Center, located at 601 Hillcrest Dr., Eaton. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public. Art center hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 1-5pm. Any artist interested in submitting work in *For the Love of Barns* exhibit may enter up to three (3) works at no charge. Artwork must pertain to barns in some way, be creative, and show us your love of barns! Entries must be received by August 25 at 5pm. Entry forms and further details can be found at [www.takepartinart.net](http://www.takepartinart.net), or can be requested by calling 937-456-3999. One Best of Show award will be given at the end of the show. The winning piece will be selected by visitor vote, so make sure to stop in to see the show and cast your vote for your favorite piece of barn artwork.

A Driving Barn Tour & Dinner, ending up at the Preble County Historical Society, will take place on Sunday, September 12 from 1-7pm. The barn driving tour will start at the Art Center giving guests an opportunity to view the barn art exhibit.

Barn tour, dinner, & music tickets are \$30.00 per person and include:

- One raffle ticket for a chance to win artwork and gift cards along with great local prizes!
- A guided driving tour and stops at four historic Preble County barns with barn historian Steve Gordon:
- Barns on tour: Dick & Cindy Mitchell, John & Jean Tuggle, Jim & Barb Rohl, and the Preble County Historical Society.
- At each barn, Steve will give a casual but informative description of the architecture and history of the individual barns, including its historic and modern uses. He will also discuss how these multi-faceted buildings relate to the history of the farmsteads and the Preble County area. At the end of the tour at the Preble County Historical Society, Steve will be available for any additional discussions and questions the participants may have.
- For more than 20 years, Steve Gordon served as an architectural historian for the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office and then as curator of the McGuffey Museum at Miami University in Oxford, his alma mater. Currently, Steve works as an independent consultant for historic architecture. He has conducted extensive research on historic structures in southwest Ohio, with a special interest in barns and rural architecture.
- The day ends with an Autumn Dinner & Music at the Preble County Historical Center. Autumn dinner (pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw, homemade pies, cookies, & ice cream.
- Live music provided by Warren & Judy Waldren of Oxford.
- For more information, visit: [www.pchs.preblecounty.com](http://www.pchs.preblecounty.com).
- To reserve your tickets, please call the Art Center at 937-456-3999.
- Payment secures your registration, space is limited.