



The Hancock Historical Museum is proud to present the 2024 Historic Barn Tour. This self-guided tour showcases six historic barns in southern Hancock County. **\*\* Start at any location and proceed in any order. \*\***

**From Findlay....**take CR 698 south. Turn right onto CR 26. Turn left onto CR 60. The Bormuth-Rankey-Welch Barn will be on your right.

**From Columbus...**Take OH-31 north to US 68 north through Kenton and towards Arlington. Turn left onto CR 304. Turn right onto CR 698. The Price-Morehart Barn will be on your left.

**From Toledo...**take I-75 S to exit 156 for US-68/OH-15 toward US-23. Take the Lima Ave. exit toward Findlay. Continue on Lima Ave./CR 313 west. Turn left onto CR 60. The Bormuth-Rankey-Welch Barn will be on your right.

### 1) Hartman-Schmehl Barn (c. 1860s)

17123 County Rd 60, Rawson

Justin and Nancy Schmehl have taken great care to preserve this Eagle Township barn, and it has been in Justin's family for several generations since his great-grandfather, Lewis Schmehl, acquired the property in 1912. The land was originally granted to Albert Harrington in the mid 1830s, but the chain of title over the next 75 years is a mystery. This 1860s ground barn remains virtually unaltered - one of the most pristine barns our Ohio timber framing expert has ever seen. The beefy frame is primarily hand-hewn with sawn scantlings and the original wood shake shingles are visible on the interior.

*Featured Activities: Bluffton Baking Company (coffee, tea, scones, cookies, cinnamon rolls); Old Homestead Soaps & Lotions; Pearl Oaks Flower Farm; Narrow Road Homestead; music with Aaron Peterson from 1-4pm*

### 2) Bormuth-Rankey Barn (c. 1860s)

16676 County Rd 60, Rawson

One of the oldest structures on this year's tour, this four-bay barn has hand-hewn posts and early sash saw marks indicating that the frame was likely built before the Civil War. This farm, owned by Ann Rankey-Welch, is a certified Ohio Sesquicentennial Farm, having been in continuous ownership by her family for well over 150 years. Unique features include the original wood shake shingles, a chamfered "brag post", original hay track with hay sling and rigging, and exposed tie beams.

*Featured Activities: Four Haas Forge blacksmithing demonstrations; Equine Art by Autumn; "The Wailing Onion" food truck*

### 3) Traucht-Saum Barn (c. 1877)

8172 State Rt. 103, Jenera

This barn was built by Jacob Traucht in 1877 with architectural and decorative details that would have been the envy of the neighbors! Katie and Wes Saum have been instrumental in maintaining this property since they purchased it in 2016. The raised barn features additional bracing and refined construction techniques to showcase the Traucht's wealth. A "fish belly" tie, self-filling, spring-fed watering trough, and shimmed sill plates to keep the beams off of the foundation are also of note. The decorative louvers and gingerbread trim were masterfully recreated in white oak.

*Featured Activities: East of Cheyenne classic country band (11am-2pm); Hancock Historical Museum Gift Shop and Barn Tour merchandise \*cash only\*; kids' activities; "Kloepfer's Kitchen" food truck*

### 4) Main-Boehm Barn (c.1880s)

20395 County Rd 12, Jenera

This farm has been in Nathan Boehm's family since his great-grandfather, Adam Goetzing, purchased it in 1899. The land was originally settled by Stephen Brown in 1837 and the barn was built by the Main family sometime in the early 1880s. This forebay bank is built of mostly sawn lumber, making it a great example of the transition from hand-hewn lumber. The metal hay track and original wood shake shingles are notable features in the barn. Having only flagstone in the foundation and walls makes this barn very unique. Nathan and Kalynn Boehm acquired the title from Nathan and his brothers in 1999 and have continued to steward and preserve this barn.

*Featured Activities: My Own Backyard Herbs & Flowers; K&J Farms (local honey and maple syrup); Findlay Art League; "Shepherd's Kettle Corn" food stand*

### 5) Pifer-Meents Barn (c. 1930s)

21555 County Rd 698, Jenera

John and Peggy Meents have owned this farm in Van Buren Township since 1988. Although the original owner of the land could not be found in our research, the farm was deeded to the Pifer family in 1865 and remained in their family for nearly 100 years. Built in the 1930s, the barn is an excellent example of a later-era timber frame structure. It was likely one of the last timber-framed barns built in the area before builders transitioned to dimensional lumber. The Meents' use the barn to house beef cattle and for hay and straw storage.

*Featured Activities: Findlay Brewing Co. Hancock Honey Wheat beer and root beer sampling; Alexa's Sweet Treats; "Hancock County Cattlemen's Association" food truck*

### 6) Price-Morehart Barn (c. 1860s)

21706 County Rd 698, Jenera

While the farm was originally settled by John Pugh in the 1830s, this barn was built in the 1860s after the property changed hands to Peter Price. The barn has seen many changes that have kept it functional for generations. For example, it was retrofitted to accommodate a hay track sometime in the early 20th century. It was purchased by the Morehart family in 1958, and they added cement and stanchions for their purebred Hampshire hog operation.

*Featured Activities: JCM Timberworks hewing and timber framing demonstrations; music with the Dulcimer Gatherin' from 11am-1pm; antique tractors*

Pre-sale tickets are available for \$10 at the Hancock Historical Museum and online at [www.hancockhistoricalmuseum.org](http://www.hancockhistoricalmuseum.org). Tickets will be available the day of the tour beginning at 10am at any of the barns (\$15 nonmembers, \$10 members. Cash only). More information about the tour is available on the Hancock Historical Museum's website at [www.hancockhistoricalmuseum.org](http://www.hancockhistoricalmuseum.org), or by calling (419) 423-4433.