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OLEY VALLEY BARN TOUR: PART IX

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

8 AM - 12 PM OR 1 PM - 5 PM

\$35 MEMBERS/\$45 NON-MEMBERS

**GREG HUBER, OUR GUIDE FOR THE DAY,
HAS EXAMINED OVER 1,600 BARNs IN
HIS CAREER!**

Tucked in the Oley Valley are hundreds of examples of the standard Pennsylvania barn that evolved from early log and stone Sweitzer barns, or flat barns, and English Lake District bank barns. Built in the late 1700s and early-to-mid 1800s, these barns are examples that were influenced by the cultures of the area's German and English settlers. This specific era, which has been called Pennsylvania's golden age of agriculture, saw the erection of a multitude of barns. With the abundance of forest resources that yielded large trees, the construction types were mostly one-level ground barns and banked barns often with dug-out basements. Even with the disappearance of mature trees, barn builders and farmers persevered with erecting barns.

Participants must have the ability to get in and out of their vehicle repeatedly, climb steps and walk short distances.

This tour is a guided driving tour. The cost of the tour is per person, however, carpooling is encouraged. Registration is limited to the first 12 vehicles that sign up.

For additional information please email education@berkshistory.org or call Vicky Heffner at 610-375-4375 (BHC) or 610-413-5543 (cell).



**FEATURING ALL
NEW BARNs!**

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Detach and send with check payable to the Berks History Center, Attn: Vicky Heffner, 940 Centre Avenue, Reading, PA 19601

Name _____ Phone _____

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Please select your preferred tour time: 8AM-12PM ___ 1PM-5PM ___