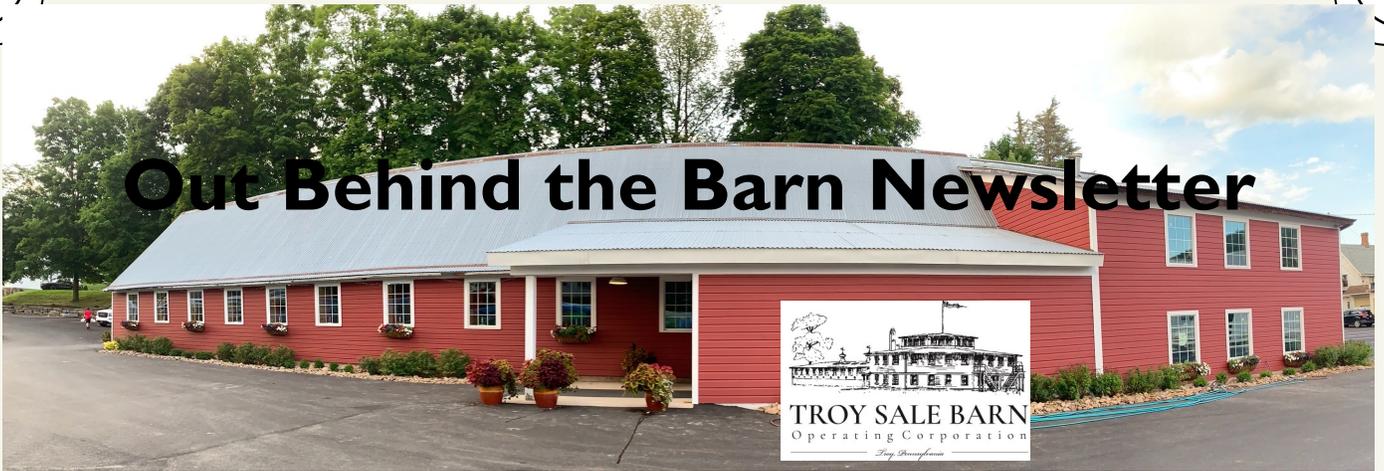


Out Behind the Barn Newsletter



Despite the setbacks associated with Covid-19, the arena restoration is still progressing on a weekly basis. Our dedicated volunteer crew of Harry Davis, Dale Keltz, and Bill Bower are currently installing the sub-floor over the new joists, working together as time and weather permits.

The sheetrock in the arena was completed last year, which makes the arena space seem much larger. Bill Bower refinished the antique plaster of Paris chandeliers donated by C&N Bank that are now hanging just above where the theater seats will be located. We have a limited number of seats available to purchase with an engraved nameplate. Please see the information on the back cover to purchase your seat in the arena—we have limited seats available at \$150 each.

The ADA accessible, multi-stop elevator has been installed and is awaiting inspection. An administrative office was created on the ground floor of the arena with donated office equipment from MC Insurance. The volunteers also completed a utility room for their tools and small equipment storage. New windows were installed in the arena, along with beautiful window casings donated by Bastion Woodworking. The window nametags are now being attached. Thank you to those that funded the windows in the barn several years ago!

Galvanized metal roofing was installed on the wall below the theatre stage to complete the barn theme look in the Founders' Lounge—located on the ground floor of the arena where the veal calf pens once were. Barn volunteers Harry Davis, Bill Bower & Greg Jones ventured to Pittsburgh to pick up a working, usable 1950's soda fountain from a restaurateur. The TSBOC will install the soda fountain down in the Founders' Lounge and plan to have the fountain oper-

ational & usable at our future events at the barn.

The Founders' Lounge will be the perfect place for small, intimate gatherings or meetings—even cocktail hour before or after events in the arena.

Plans have been drawn for the façade entrance on the East side of the barn. The current plans include a timber frame entrance, custom wooden door, combination annual planters, slate roofing adorned with copper flashing, and gorgeous lighting that will showcase the entrance to the Founders lounge. We are looking for a donor to underwrite this entrance.

One day, we hope to turn the North entrance from the kitchen area into a veranda complete with pavers featuring the century-old hand built stone wall. The TSBOC has many plans for the improvement of the barn—we just need the funding to complete them. We are \$125,000 away from reaching our goal for the arena restoration project.

We are always looking for donations that we can decorate the barn with, including pieces of furniture in good condition to remind barn visitors of our ties to our rural heritage. Do you have an antique gathering dust that could be admired by the numerous Troy Sale Barn visitors? Please contact us to make arrangements to donate to the barn for everyone to enjoy!

Schedule Your Event at the Troy Sale Barn!

Reservations for **2021 -2022** events are filling up the schedule quickly!

If you are interested in hosting your gathering here please call/text Nicole Harris for more information.

(570) 337-0815, email

**troysalebarn@gmail.com or visit our website:
www.troysalebarn.com**

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FOLLOW THE PROGRESS!

Signs of the Past

One of the tasks recently completed by the volunteer crew was that of erecting two original cast iron Troy Borough signs. These signs had been erected at each end of the borough, along Route 6. The writing on the sign located at the east end of Troy was "Burlington is 11 miles. Troy was named after the Ancient City in Asia Minor, by Churchhill Barns, Esq, a native of Troy, NY. Troy was founded in 1800." The writing on the sign to the west of Troy was, "Sylvania is four miles," followed by the same information as the other sign.

These cast iron signs, which had been taken down many years ago and stored in the basement of the Troy Borough Hall, were presented to the Troy Sale Barn. After the signs were sandblasted and had a special weatherproof paint applied, they

were erected on the parking lot of the Troy Sale Barn. There are very few of these cast iron signs remaining, with most having been replaced by metal signs, which, in our opinion, lack character.

When you are in Troy, stop to see the signs, and, if you have time, check out the progress we are making at the barn.



The Volunteer's View by Bill Bower

Back in March when the Covid-19 pandemic hit Bradford County, work on theatre at the Troy Sale Barn slowed down and eventually stopped. However, we went back to work when Bradford County became part of the Governor's green zone. For most of this time, there were only two or three volunteers working and progress was slow. Of course, with our self-imposed June 4, 2022—100th year anniversary celebration date we knew that we had to continue working towards this goal.

One accomplishment that we are proud of was the installation of the four chandeliers that once hung in the Half Shire Court House (now the C&N Bank), in Troy—which used to be the county seat of Western Bradford County. The chandeliers were cleaned, rewired and hung by the Troy Sale Barn volunteer crew.

These chandeliers had been removed from the bank, several years ago and stored in a barn. The chandeliers are made of plaster of paris and are quite heavy. With many years of dirt and fly specks, the chandeliers needed to be cleaned and elbow grease was the system we need-

ed to use. Then, a search was made to find paint that matched the original color, along with upgrading to LED lighting. These gorgeous chandeliers are now hanging above the arena in our theatre area.

When the pandemic hit, we were in the process of putting shiplap boards on the walls around the top floor of the arena. These boards have now been stained white appear as if they were whitewashed. A storage room, bath room and office have been erected on the ground floor of the theater, an area now known as the Founders Lounge.

Our volunteer work crew is now in the process of putting in joists and the subfloor for the seating area of the theatre. These seats have also from the old court house. We have been trying to preserve the history of the Troy Sale Barn. You can help the Troy Sale Barn Operating Corporation by purchasing one of these theatre seats for \$150. A metal tag, with your name or that of someone you want to honor, will be attached to the seat. We are also selling pavers for our patio—more information is listed on the back page.

Many people have had a keen interest in preserving the Troy Sale Barn. Re-

cently, we lost one of these staunch supporters. Every time I would see the late Howard Smith, of West Burlington, he would ask how the sale barn was coming along. After giving an update, Howard would always say how anxious he was to see the barn completed. Howard mentioned that he hoped to live long enough to see the barn finished. These final words spoken to me will be an extra incentive for me to see the project to its end.

If you are in the Troy area, please stop to see the work that has been done at the barn. A volunteer will be glad to give you a tour during the weekdays. If a weekday doesn't work for your schedule, we are also able to give tours during the weekend and evenings. Please contact us to make an appointment!



A Donor's Perspective, Jerry & Alice Frantz

I was asked why my wife and I monetarily donated to the Troy Sale Barn. We've always tried to support our local community, but why the Troy Sale Barn? We think the reason is twofold. We've always been interested in local history, and the Troy Sale Barn has played a tremendous role in the development of Troy and the surrounding community. It's a big part of our local history. For that reason alone, it is well worth supporting. More importantly, perhaps, is what the Sale Barn might mean for Troy's future. The Sale Barn already provides a magnificent venue for events such as weddings, graduations, showers, birthdays, anniversaries, memorial services, bazaars, banquets, and other large events. However, when the theater and auditorium are completed, we envision the Sale Barn as a destination for concert buffs and theater-goers, attracting audiences from near and far. It will be a spectacular asset for Troy, and we feel it will provide a large economic boon to the area. We view it as an investment, and we hope others will feel the same way!

The Pandemic Pivot



With the pandemic, we have had to think outside the box when it comes to getting our community involved in the barn.

Our solution was to offer an Archery League & Yoga classes. On Wednesday evenings from 6-8, during the months of January-February, you can join our archery league. You may bring your own

or learn to shoot using our equipment sponsored by Chief Oil & Gas. For more information on our archery league, please contact Veronica Seymour at (570)419-4678.

Chair yoga is led by Jenn Kropf at 9 am on Wednesday mornings, or you can take the Beginner/

Intermediate Yoga at 6 pm on Thursday evenings. All ages and ability levels are welcome! Bring a mat if you have it. CDC guidelines will be followed for all of our events.

Are you interested in offering something to benefit both the community & the barn? Contact Nicole Harris with your idea!

Mark your Calendars

Party on the Patio 6/26/21

Hometown Christmas 11/27/21

Winter Fundraiser Dinner Dance & Auction 1/15/22

100th Anniversary Celebration 6/4/22

The Troy Sale Barn is open to host your events. You must follow all current CDC guidelines during your event.



Purchase a paver to get your Party on the Patio tickets!

Paver sizes: Small = 2 tix, Medium = 4 tix, Large = 6 tickets

Party on the Patio

The west end patio work is scheduled to be completed Spring 2021, featuring a memorial granite paver walkway to enter the barn. The pavers will be engraved by Troy Marble & Granite Works and will certainly outlast our lifetime. The TSBOP hopes to create an outdoor serving station, install outdoor lighting and purchase patio furniture to further distinguish the patio area from the interior of the sale barn to create another usable event space area.

When you purchase a patio paver, you will receive FREE tickets to our Party on the Patio event, scheduled for June 26, 2021 from 6 pm. Legacy Band will be playing your favorite tunes while we enjoy an ice cream social with Bradford County Dairy Promotion. All donations are tax deductible. Our raffle drawing will also take place this evening while we party on the patio. Please see the back page for information on purchasing pavers to get your FREE Party on the Patio tickets!

For the latest upcoming events or to track the progress, visit our website www.troysalebarn.com

Ways to Give

If you are an Amazon customer, please consider selecting the Troy Sale Barn Operating Corporation as your charity of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of all your qualifying purchases to TSBOP, a 501c3 organization.

Simply go to smile.amazon.com or you can follow this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-4661327>
Thank you in advance for your support—every little bit helps!



The Bradford County Commissioners held their meeting at the barn to honor the late Bonnie Bell. In this pic, John Seeley read her senior art thesis.



Mission Statement:

To preserve and promote the historic, rich agricultural and rural heritages of our community—offering a gathering spot to highlight local artisans, farmers, community members and school groups. From wedding venues to quilt shows, archery leagues, farmers markets, FFA events, square dances or art shows and farmers' markets, the opportunities for the Troy Sale Barn's utilization are tremendous whether it is for cultural, historical or recreational activities.

Going After Grants

The Troy Sale Barn Operating Corporation (TSBOC) has been applying for grants to help with funding as we progress through the renovations of the Troy Sale Barn. We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Bradford County Tourism Promotion Agency for \$9,000. This grant will be used exclusively for advertising in our area and other different regions including the Finger Lakes, Pennsylvania Wilds and Endless Mountains region.

Check out our ads in the Endless Mountains Magazine, Mountain Home Magazine, Rocket Courier, special bridal editions and more! We are proud to showcase the Troy Sale Barn and all it has to offer to our surrounding communities—we hope to attract barn patrons from a larger geographical area through this grant—which enhances our communities economic well-being.

Donate Today!

The Troy Sale Barn Operating Corporation is a certified 501c(3) non-profit organization that is committed to reviving the Troy Sale Barn into a valuable community space. An undertaking of this magnitude can only be completed with the support of our community partners and residents interested in the cause. Any and all donations are fully tax deductible the proceeds going directly to the restoration effort of the Troy Sale Barn. Please contact us for more information!

Fill out this form and return to donate: **50 Ballard Street, Troy, PA 16947**

Name: _____

Sponsor a Patio Paver in Memory of: _____

Address: _____

Large Paver (\$500) _____ Medium Paver (\$350) _____

Phone: _____

Small Paver (\$250) _____ *FREE PARTY ON THE PATIO TICKETS!*

Email: _____

Become a 2nd Founder of the Sale Barn \$ _____ (\$5,000)

Sponsor a Commemorative Seat (LIMITED # LEFT):

**Please Make Checks Payable to the Troy Sale Barn Operating Corp.*

Number of Seats _____ x (\$150 Each) \$ _____

Antique donations are also being accepted for the Summer Fundraiser "Party on the Patio." To donate an Antique or Auction item please contact Bill Bower or Nicole Harris to arrange for drop off at the barn.

Chair in Memory/Honor of: _____