



New Film “The Barn Raisers” to be showcased August 21 in Amelita Mirolo Barn

Free Ohio Humanities Council Event

UPPER ARLINGTON--Friends of Ohio Barns (FOB) is very excited to announce the much anticipated preview of the new documentary *The Barn Raisers* by award-winning filmmakers Kelly and Tammy Rundle of Fourth Wall Films. The Ohio preview will take place Sunday, August 21st at the Amelita Mirolo Barn, 4395 Carriage Hill Lane in Upper Arlington. This special Ohio Humanities Council program will be from 5-9pm. The event will begin with food and drinks, followed by welcoming comments from the Ohio Humanities Council, Friends of Ohio Barns and the Rundles. The 80-minute film will start approximately around 6:30pm. There will be time for questions and discussion afterward.

The Barn Raisers, a historical feature film, tells the story of barns in the Upper Midwest by examining them through the lens of architecture. It paints a cinematic portrait of barns and builders, and reminds us that these remnants from America's rural past are still here to be appreciated and experienced.

The Rundles explore the concept of what barn settings, styles, methods and materials tell us about the people who built them, the life they lived, and the role these vanishing country cathedrals played in the settling and building of a growing nation.

“Friends of Ohio Barns is very excited to have the preview of *The Barn Raisers* at this venue, as we were instrumental in the restoration and repurposing of the last timber-frame structure in Upper Arlington into a beautiful recreational center for the city,” said FOB President Ric Beck. “We are equally proud to be partnering with the Upper Arlington Parks and Recreation Department to make this a free event as they have graciously waived the rental fees.”

This program is made possible in part by the Ohio Humanities Council, a State affiliate of The National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this documentary film and program do not necessarily reflect those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Barn Raisers also received grants from The Iowa Humanities Council, The Wisconsin Humanities Council, The Michigan Barn Preservation Network, The National Barn Alliance and Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area to make the film a reality.

The fiscal sponsors for the project are: Friends of Ohio Barns, the Richland County Historical Society in Richland Center, Wisconsin, the Jackson County Historical Society in Iowa, The Kansas Barn Alliance and KPTS-PBS.

The Rundles are the producers of the regional Emmy® nominated historical documentaries *Country School: One Room – One Nation* and *Letters Home to Hero Street* (co-produced with WQPT-PBS), and the award-winning and critically-acclaimed documentary films *Lost Nation: The loway 1, 2 & 3* and *Villisca: Living with a Mystery*.

Please plan to join us for this exciting event! Reserve your seat now by visiting our website at www.friendsofohiobarns.org and click on the Event Calendar in the menu list on the left side. Find The Barn Raisers Preview event and click the register button and follow the directions to register. If you have any issues with registering please call Sarah at 330-856-9053. This is a free event, but seating is limited, so reserve your spot now!

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