



From the Editor...The two-day Barn Repair Workshop at the Palatine Farmstead in Rhinebeck (Rhi-was a success. We finished the wagon doors, the back sill-plate and set a Saturday and Sunday date of October 7 and 8 for the next workshop. We have since been given two large bundles of 25-foot long metal roofing by Williams Lumber of Rhinebeck. Thank you. They are putting roofs on their storage buildings and we plan to cover the barn with this good condition used roofing, that has a few bad spots, that we can eliminated easily. We are now looking for about 400-square board-feet of 4" to 6" wide skip-sheathing, new or used, these boards to be attached to the roof and the metal atop them. *(photographs next page)*

Our next HVVA 3rd Saturday, 10AM meeting will be hosted by Bob Hedges in Eastern Dutchess County at Pine Plains. He will be giving us a tour of the restoration work underway at the Brush House where we will meet in the heart of town. It is a late 18h century log cabin that was probably the first and maybe the only one in town. He has some other nearby sites in mind.

Preparations are underway for the Saturday, September 23, barn tour of Red Hook and Rhinebeck, sponsored by the Winnakee Land Trust and assisted by HVVA. We are putting together a three panel display of drawings and photographs and Bob is planning a tool display.

In the afternoon we will be documenting the Fraleigh/Shutz/Gonzales barn (RH-12) in Red Hook. It is an English three bay plan with a very Dutch roof system.

We will be taking the panel display to Millbrook Village, in New Jersey, October 7 and the Mabee Farm, in Schenectady County, October 21 for the Barn Coalition meeting.



**Palatine Farmstead, Rhinebeck (Rhi-20)
HVVA Barn Restoration Workshop**
left to right: Jonathan Nedbor, Peter Sinclair,
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and Devin Schatzel.

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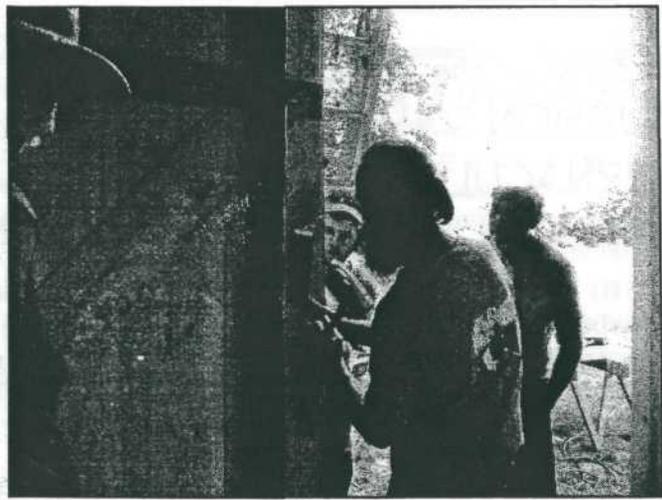
Friday, August 11 I met with Rob Sweeney and Jim Decker at the Lem Boice House (Uls/08) in the Town of Ulster, Ulster County. It was first reported on in the December 2005 HVVA Newsletter, Volume 7, Number 11. (*) Its present owner, Ann Forster, hosted our visit and documentation. Her grandfather, Lem Boice, acquired the farm from the Meyer family in 1905(?). The Meyer date-stone of 1808 may date a marriage in that family and the conversion of the first room from a Dutch jambless fireplace to a jambed. From details that remain the house appears to date from the early 18th century.

It began as a small one-room stone house. It was extended with a second stone room soon after and lastly extended with a room with a very Dutch frame and exposed anchorbeams. There had been a Dutch 3-aisle barn with an added wing behind the house. This was struck by lightning in the 1940's and burned. No early photographs of the barn or house survive. A smaller barn replaced it and a few cows were kept and pastured into the 1960's. In this area of northern Ulster County there are still a number of working Boice family farms.

A small hay field remains behind the house but the surrounding landscape that was once open is now crowded with forest and the house is invisible during the summer. The trees hide its strategic position, backed up against the Catskill Mountains, high on a steep bluff overlooking

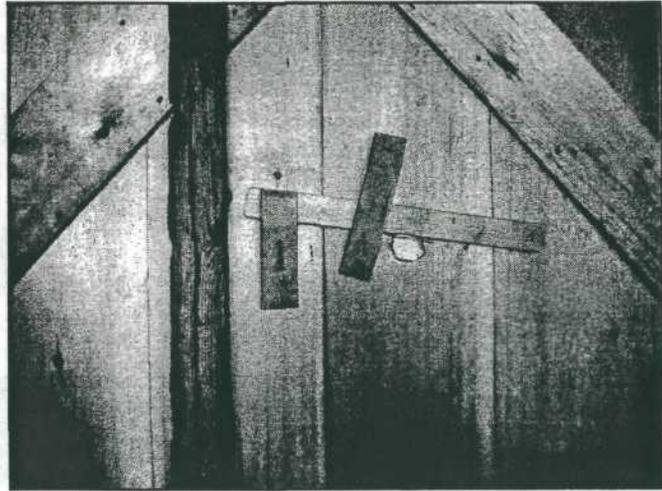
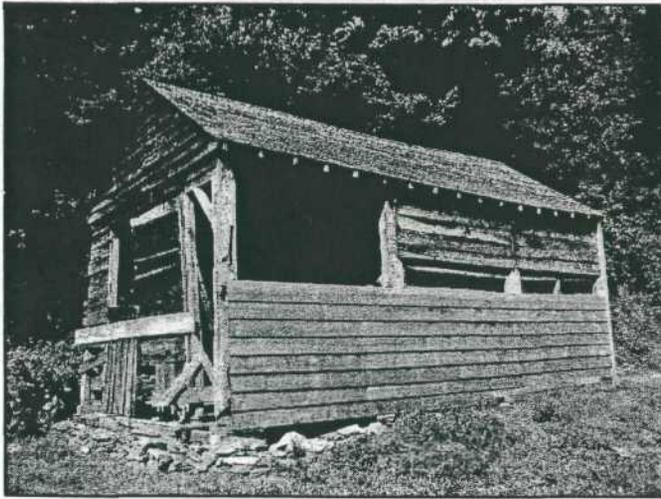
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**Palatine Farmstead, Rhinebeck (Rhi-20)
HVVA Barn Restoration Workshop and making the
Internal Latch for the Two-Part Harr-Hung Wagon Doors.**

photographs by Roberta Jeracka

- 1. & 2. Work on the latch.
- 3. The back of the barn. These three-part wagon doors will be rebuilt with surviving parts. They have key-hinges and open out.
- 4. The dark vertical pole is an early removable center-pole or "middle man" that survived. It is made of chestnut. Normally wooden hinged doors open into the barn like harr-hung, so that the center pole is on the outside. The evidence on this barn suggested that the center pole was on the inside and originally offset. It held only one door shut. The other was held to it with a latch that we designed after one on the Ken Snyder Dutch barn in Saugerties, Ulster County. One or two fingers are inserted through the hole to lift the latch. No key is necessary.

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the rich flatlands of the Esopus Valley. Little is known yet of the history of the house but it would have been an early settlement in this area of the Esopus Valley and its placement seems almost for protection from attack. It was an area were threats of attack and instances of such were present throughout much of the 18th century. But, the position of the house and barns also makes it convenient for the use of the high pasture land below the mountain.

There is evidence in two of the re worked window frames of the stone section of the Lem Boise house that they were originally cross-casement (*Kruiskozijn*) windows with fixed leaded lights in the two upper openings. These sheets of leaded glass were inserted into a groove in the underside of the header. This window treatment seems to predate 1730 in isolated