



May 18, 2021

Join us to Celebrate Two State-wide Designations!

- **Barn of the Year Award , Thurs, May 20, 2021, 4pm**
- **State Historical Marker Dedication, Sat, July 10, 2021, 11am**



Leelanau County Poor Farm Barn • a Barn of the Year

The Leelanau County Poor Farm Barn has been selected by the Michigan Barn Preservation Network (MBPN) as a 2021 Barn of the Year.

JOIN US Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 4:00 pm

We will host a dedication event at the Poor Farm barn (outside) when a plaque and sign will be presented by board members of the Michigan Barn Preservation Network.

The MBPN Barn of the Year program honors existing Michigan barns that exemplify outstanding character in our state. Over the past two decades, a total of 90 barns from across Michigan have been recognized for their unique qualities and/or preservation efforts. The Poor Farm Barn joins four other Leelanau County Barns with this designation:

- 2000 D.H. Day Barn
- 2014 & 2015 Cherry Basket Farm Barns, catering and events barns
- 2017 Noonan Farm Barn

Information on MBPN's annual recognition program can be found at their site:

[Barn of the Year Program](#)

"These designations will increase the visibility of our project and surely will be an important stop for visitors to Leelanau County who are interested in historic features and cultural tourism.

Vice President Barbara Siepker

"Leelanau County Commissioners and citizen groups have struggled with how the Poor Farm Barn could be used for decades. Implying that if there was no apparent use to justify its existence, it was of no value. I have always thought that structures with good design, good materials and good craftsmanship should be saved.

The best ideas for use may not be known now, but will become apparent in the future -- if it is saved."

President Stephen Stier

"It is quite an honor to be included in these state-wide programs."

Secretary Laurel Jeris

State Historical Marker designation for the Leelanau County Poor Farm and Poor Farm Barn



**SAVE-THE-DATE, Sat. July 10th, 11 am
State Historical Marker Dedication Scheduled!**

This marker honors the Leelanau County Poor Farm and the Poor Farm Barn. The Michigan Historical Marker Program was established by the legislature and governor in 1955. Since then, more than 1,700 Michigan Historical Markers have been placed all across the state—and in several other states and Europe—making Michigan's one of the premier marker programs in the nation.

Each marker reflects important stories of place, event/s or people noting the importance a community places on its heritage and serving as a signpost of historical significance. A marker dedication ceremony is an event of commemoration and celebration that introduces a lasting area resource for tourism, education and heritage.

The Leelanau County Historic Preservation society is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit community and educational organization facilitating the preservation and rehabilitation of historic structures in Leelanau County, MI.

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