

## Plainfield/Hawley Tour of 5 Barns

The Plainfield Historical Society is hosting an historic barn tour, Saturday, Oct. 13, from 1:00 – 4:00, featuring four (4) 19<sup>th</sup> century barns and one new (2006) timber framed barn. What's particularly interesting is that three of these buildings were completely dismantled, the timbers numbered, then restored and re-erected on or near the original site, or in one case on a new site 3 miles away. Two barns are in Plainfield and the other three are just over the town line in Hawley. All are nicely restored and vary in size from very small (12' x 16') to large (33' x 43'). Historically they housed animals and stored hay for winter feed. Today they serve different uses, including: a blacksmith shop and large open loft for family parties, a small guest house for family and friends and of course storage for things such as tractors, canoes and things that come out of the house. Many of you have driven past these barns and may know the owners. Now come join us to see inside these wonderful historic structures, talk with owners and learn their history.



We will meet at the Plainfield Town Hall, parking behind the church, and end the tour at the largest barn where “fresh squeezed cider” and doughnuts will be served. The cost of the tour is \$15 a person and all funds raised will go towards helping keep our historic Shaw Hudson House, 286 Main St. and its attached barns in good shape.

Rich Potter, PHS Trustee and Barn Builder

