



I would like to become a Friend of the Thumb Octagon Barn.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

General Member

- \$10.00/year - Individual (1) vote
- \$15.00/year - Family (2) votes
- Receive quarterly newsletter
- Voting rights and hold office

No membership at this time but please accept my contribution

Contributions to the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, are tax deductible according to IRS guidelines.

Make checks payable to:

Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn
P.O. Box 145, Gagetown, MI 48735-0145



Volunteer Opportunities

*Step into the Past – Share in the Future.
Meet New People.*

Site Development

- Barn Restoration
- House Restoration
- Country School
- Powerhouse

Events

- School Tours
- Concerts
- Tea Parties
- Fall Family Days

Public Relations

- Newsletter
- Archives/Museum
- Publicity
- Tours

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Structures available for tour:

"The Octagon Barn" – 100 Years Old This Year!

- ◆ Barn stands 70 ft. tall
- ◆ 42.5 ft. – length of each wall
- ◆ 8,718 square feet
- ◆ 4 ft. high concrete foundation
- ◆ Loft on 6 sides providing additional 6,904 square feet
- ◆ Two 14 ft. x 14 ft. doors for easy access and cooling
- ◆ Circular track for hay car
- ◆ Sophisticated ventilation system

The Purdy Home – 101 Year Old

"Craftsman" Style House

- ◆ 15 rooms, 3 porches, stone fireplace

Powerhouse

- ◆ Double brick construction
- ◆ Steam boiler & 120v generator
- ◆ 32v Delco DC backup battery system



Garage

- ◆ Columns
- ◆ Prefinished interior
- ◆ 1929 Dodge

Saw Mill

- ◆ 1890s mill
- ◆ Veneer mill

One Room Country School House

School House Museum

Sugar Shack

Grain Elevator

Blacksmith Shop

Cider Mill

Covered Bridge



JOIN US FOR FALL FAMILY DAYS ...

THE 100TH ANNUAL
FALL FAMILY DAYS
SEPT. 7 & 8, 2024
GAGETOWN, MICHIGAN

2024 THEME

"A CENTURY JEWEL"

THUMB OCTAGON BARN

FALL FAMILY DAYS 2024

Thumb Octagon Barn

AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

is open to the public

Sat., May 18 – Sun., September 29

HOURS:

- Monday & Tuesday Closed
- Wednesday – Saturday . . . 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Sunday Noon – 5 p.m.

GUIDED TOURS

ADMISSION:
\$5.00 per person
(Age 6 & under free)



Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn

6948 Richie Rd., P.O. Box 145
Gagetown, MI 48735-0145
(989) 665-0081

www.thumboctagonbarn.org



Located on the border of Tuscola & Huron counties



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THUMB Octagon Barn



AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

Saving the Past for Tomorrow's Future!



2024 EVENTS



FRIENDS OF THE Thumb Octagon Barn
www.thumboctagonbarn.org
GAGETOWN, MICHIGAN

★ 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ★

- ◆ **May 18 & 19 – Opening Weekend**
- ◆ **Wednesday, June 19 – “Tea and Treasures” Tea Party:** 11:30 a.m. (Contact Tammi Hensley at 865-297-6475 for reservations.)
- ◆ **Friday, July 12 – Variety Music – Country, Classic Rock & Roll, and Polka:** 7 – 9 p.m. or later.
- ◆ **Saturday, July 13 – Country Barn Dance:** 7 – 9 p.m. or later.
- ◆ **Saturday & Sunday, July 27 & 28 – Open House Weekend:** Free Tours. Regular Hours.
- ◆ **Wednesday, August 14 – “Tea and Treasures” Tea Party:** 11:30 a.m. (Contact Tammi Hensley at 865-297-6475 for reservations.)

- ◆ **Saturday, August 24 – Teamwork & Timbers:** Learn the art of timber framing (9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) Children ages 10 years & up. \$10 pre-register. Contact Rose Putnam 989-444-9574.
- ◆ **Friday, September 6 – Fish Fry:** Will be held from 4 – 7 p.m.
- ◆ **September 7 & 8 – Fall Family Days:** Step back in time during the 28th annual Fall Family Days held at the Thumb Octagon Barn. Through displays and demonstrations, the style and heritage of farming in the early 1900s comes to life. Large flea market, antique vendors, and crafters on site. Hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily.

- ◆ **Saturday & Sunday, September 7 & 8 – Farmers Breakfast:** 8 – 11 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE:
Parking and traffic for Fall Family Days must enter and exit only from Bay City Forestville Rd.
Check out our website for more event details at www.thumboctagonbarn.org



The Thumb Octagon Barn offers a variety of events for all to enjoy.

Share the experience and make a lasting memory!

- ◆ Open House Weekend
 - ◆ “Tea & Treasures” Tea Parties
 - ◆ Music in the Barn
 - ◆ Teamwork & Timbers
 - ◆ Fish Fry
 - ◆ Fall Family Days
 - ◆ Farmers Breakfast
- Details under Events (at left) or visit our website at www.thumboctagonbarn.org



RENTALS

The Thumb Octagon Barn site is available for special events, from family picnics, reunions, and weddings, to club or group parties. For availability and questions, please call (989) 665-0081.

MEMBERSHIP

Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn are community volunteers committed to the restoration and preservation of this historic site. Help support the preservation with a tax-deductible donation or an annual membership.

- General Member: \$10.00 (Individual)
- General Member: \$15.00 (Family)

