

Ruby Ellen Farm & Michigan Barn Preservation Network
present

STONE REPAIR

Traditional Stone Foundation Repair Workshop

Saturday • September 10, 2016 • 9am – 4pm

Mortared fieldstone foundations

19th century Michigan barns were commonly supported on lime-mortared fieldstone foundations. Over the years mortar can slowly erode and leave foundation stones unstable. This condition can be corrected by replacing the lost mortar in a process called “re-pointing”.

The basics of re-pointing are fairly simple and can be learned and practiced by barn owners willing to invest the time and effort. If you intend to hire someone to do your foundation repair, this workshop will help you select an appropriate contractor.

Participants will learn the correct mortar mix for repair of 19th century stone foundations and the simple tools and methods needed for effective re-pointing. Proper procedures and techniques in re-pointing stone foundations will be demonstrated. Participants will have ample opportunity for hands-on practice of the skills they have seen demonstrated.

Registration is limited to 15 participants.

Cost: \$10.00 for MBPN members and \$40.00 non-members (includes a 1-year MBPN membership)

Scholarships available in case of need.

For reservations please

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Or call Steve Stier at 517-648-2933

Please bring: a lunch, water-proof gloves, safety glasses, knee pads, long pants and work shoes. Appropriate masonry tools will be provided.

The workshop will be at the barn of the Rex Dobson Ruby Ellen Farm, 5946 South Center Highway, Bingham Township, MI. Enter at the drive at the west end of Shady Lane Road.

