

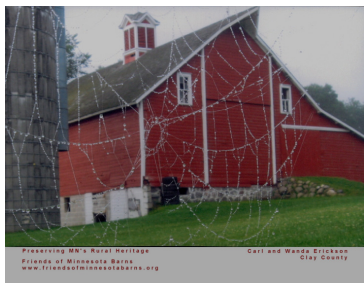
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MN Barn Owners Receive 2009 Awards

Friends of Minnesota Barns (FoMB) announced the winners of their Barn of the Year awards at their annual Fall Harvest Celebration, held at the Woodhill Country Club barn in Wayzata. FoMB is a non-profit organization actively supporting efforts to keep traditional barns and other historic farm buildings part of Minnesota's rural landscape.

The Grand Prize in the farm use division was awarded to barn owners David & Marlyce Logan of Pipestone



(right photo). Grand Prize of the non-farm use division was Carl & Wanda Erickson of Hawley (left photo). Runner-ups included LeRoy Grewe of Gaylord, Mike & Jean Kauffmann of Arlington, Gary & Marjory Becker of Marshall, and Ruth Miller of Buffalo. A special Community Award was



awarded to Maplewood Area Historical Society for their Bruentrup farm. The Thompson brothers of Sabin won a special Family Award. Other barn entries are featured in FoMB's 2010 Barn Calendar sold on the group's website.

This was the second year for the FoMB awards program. Sixty-one barns were entered from all regions of the state, representing 36 counties. The panel of judges included: Marvel Anderson, Volunteer Coordinator of the Preservation Alliance of MN; Doug Ohman, Historical Photographer; Richard Jefferies of Oak Haven; Sherry Stirling, Executive Director of Chisago County Historical Society; and Ruth Tremblay, Artist & Photographer.

Preservation examples from the entries will be posted on the FoMB website at www.friendsofminnesotabarns.org. Awards recognizing barn preservation will be offered by the organization next year with a slightly revised format, an agriculturally based corporate sponsorship, and even more entries. Complete details can be found at their website or by calling 612-338-BARN (2276).

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