

## WINNERS OF THE BARN OF HUNTERDON COUNTY ART SHOW

**Gail Angell of Califon, NJ**, was the winner of the drawing at the “Barns of Hunterdon County” photography show at the Hunterdon County Library–North County Branch in Clinton, NJ, a Hunterdon Tricentennial Event. The drawing was held on September 27 at the end of the month-long show featuring photographs of barns from throughout the county by photographer Anne M. Freeman. Ms. Angell voted for **“Yellow Barn with Orange Doors,”** a lovely Gothic dairy barn painted pale yellow with orange wagon doors located in Delaware Township, Hunterdon County, which she won. Over 100 library patrons and visitors voted for their favorite of 71 barns photos on display at the library during the month of September.



The barn garnering the top number of votes was **“Small Barn with Flags,”** to the left, located in Califon. This sweet, small barn features vertical board and batten siding painted a soft rose red with white trim. The side of the barn is weathered, natural wood. A narrow door made of vertical wood planks is painted a pale, weathered gray. An American flag posted above the doorframe is twisted round its pole, but a portion of the red and white stripes blows with a breeze. A six-over-six double-hung window has wooden shutters that are painted a dark teal weathered to reveal a mustard gold color underneath. The windowsill is festooned with an American Flag bunting. A small six-pane window tucked next to the hinged hay door reflects blue sky and white clouds. Another small door is stacked on top of the hay door at the gable peak under the hay hoist. A small azalea bush in front of the barn

provides color in spring.

**“Old Shed in the Woods”** earned second place in the voting. This photo print shows the rustic beauty provided by old, dilapidated farm buildings. Located in Lebanon Township, this old shed is part of a cluster of farm buildings that have been overtaken by woods. The shed features a faded roof and weathered, wide wood plank siding that is falling off. Under the eave and in the gable, narrow wood siding still holds faded red paint. The gable end of the shed has lost most of its siding and is beginning to buckle. Bright green vines climb the front and dead vines lay on the roof. Behind the shed are two faded white barns. Bright orange-red vines and yellow bushes show up against the green foliage. Long grass around the shed has dried to warm beige, and shows impressions of where deer bed down for the night. A strip of bright green grass at the edge of a field appears at the bottom left corner.



Three barn prints tied for third place in the voting. **“Barn with Red and Gold”** is a beautiful Dutch-style barn made of field stone with a steep A-line roof tiled in hexagonal slate tiles. This lovely barn is located in Lebanon Township. Two large board and batten wagon doors are painted bright red. A dried corn stalk stands on either side of the door, with orange pumpkins at their feet, visible through the fence. The bright yellow and orange leaves of a tall tree spread in front of the barn, while softer colors fill in behind the barn. The grass is still bright summer green, lit by afternoon sunlight.

The next third place winner is **“Old Barn with New Siding”** located in Pittstown, Union Township. This photograph was taken shortly after the old barn had been completely resided with vertical board and batten siding. The wood is still fresh with a strong wood color, especially against the muted light of an overcast winter day. The ground floor stables are made of field stone and block. New wooden Dutch doors have traditional X-braces as does the door on the second floor. The windows on the second and third floors have slats to let in air and light. The white metal roof is hipped at the gable ends. A weather vane made of an antique style harness horse buggy and rider perches on top. The street side of the barn is decorated with a wreath, and an old concrete stave silo stands behind it. A horse feeds in the pen to the left.



The final third place winner is **“Christmas Trees for Sale”** located in Clinton Township. This festive, old red barn with white trim has four large wagon doors spreading across the entire front of the barn. The bottom of the doors is stained with mud and green moss. Two wreaths with red ribbons and two hand-cut plywood Christmas tree signs decorate the two center doors. The signs say “Christmas Trees \$25.” Three six-over-six double hung windows provide light and air for the second floor of the barn. A blanket of fresh snow whitens the roof. Soft gray shadows stripe the snow-covered yard in the low winter sun, crisscrossed by tire tracks and foot prints.

All of these and more barn prints from the “Barns of Hunterdon County” show can be viewed on the website: [www.HunterdonCountyBarns.com](http://www.HunterdonCountyBarns.com). Owners of Hunterdon County properties with barns and outbuildings are welcome to contact Anne Freeman to have their barns photographed and included on the website. Owners or former owners are also encouraged to write up histories of their farms and barns to be added to the website, which will be maintained as a pictorial essay of our agricultural heritage. Barns of any type, age and condition are welcome, including horse stables, chicken coops, and other farm-related buildings. Anne Freeman can be contacted via the website or at [anne@annefreemanimages.com](mailto:anne@annefreemanimages.com), or leave a message at 908-246-1411.