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HELP US SAVE THE HISTORIC WILDER HOMESTEAD BARN!

The Buckland Historical Society is excited to embark on the restoration of its classic circa 1798 English barn, an extraordinary three bay structure replete with an authentic threshing bay and hayloft. This historic barn and 1775 Wilder Homestead, a generous gift from the Wilder family in 1978, are uniquely situated on 43 acres of prime farmland and forest. This distinguished property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Buckland has a rich history of weaving; from the days of Mary Lyon, Founder of Mt Holyoke College, who sold her homespun cloth to help pay for her education, to the famed “Buckland Weavers”, a long tradition of weaving has grown and flourished. We have established a Weaving Room in the west end of the barn where today two antique looms are used for teaching and production.

Today we are asking all who support history, agriculture, and the art of weaving to donate generously to the restoration of the Wilder barn not only for the purpose of perpetuating its legacy of weaving, but also to provide a permanent place for Colonial activities, educational endeavors and community engagement. With your support the barn will become a unique center for cultural opportunities for the entire community as well as a destination site for heritage tourists.

We are eligible to apply for a construction grant under the second phase of support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. With your contribution we can raise \$150,000 to qualify for a one-to-one match that would fund a reconstruction and preservation project to address the barn’s issues in the roof, the foundation, the siding, and the interior timber frame.

Enclosed for your convenience is a self-addressed envelope. Thank you for your generous support.

With gratitude,

Michael McCusker
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