



Adopt-a-Wheel at the Dahmen Barn



History of the wheel fence

Steve and Junette Dahmen bought the property at the NW corner of Uniontown in the 1950s. What began as a gate building project expanded dramatically when friends and relatives saw Steve's fine example of folk art and kept bringing wheels. Today there are more than 1004 wheels in the fence ranging in size up to 60 inches in diameter. The fence is a landmark whose photo has been in publications such as National Geographic Magazine, and artists and photographers come from afar to use it as a subject for their work.

No longer able to maintain the barn and the surrounding fence, Steve and Junette donated the property to non-profit Uniontown Community Development Association in 2004 with the stipulation that the barn be stabilized and put to a public use, and the fence be maintained. With input from the community, UCDA decided to provide a showcase for the work of the numerous local visual and performing artists by transforming the barn into an artisan center. The entire project has been done with grants along with donations of cash and labor from enthusiastic community members. Today, in the state-of-the-art facility called Artisans at the Dahmen Barn, there are ten artist studios, a retail shop where local art and crafts are sold on consignment, classroom space and an area for concerts, performances and dances. All the studios are occupied and traffic through the barn and sales have exceeded UCDA's expectations. A few things remain to be finished:

- An elevator is needed to make all three levels of the facility accessible.
- Site work is needed to provide better parking and create an amphitheater on the hillside behind the barn for outdoor concerts.
- The loafing shed behind the barn is to become a museum for restored agricultural equipment and needs repair.
- A dance floor surface in the Hay Loft Hall is the last interior item to be installed.

How the Adopt-a-Wheel Program works

Each wheel can be adopted only once. The donor may select a wheel, or one can be assigned. Each wheel is to be marked with the donor's name and a number. Several levels of adoption are available based on size of the wheel. There will be a book kept in the barn that shows where each wheel may be found in the fence, so donors may visit their adopted wheels.

Steam Engine Wheel Donor Club wheels with a diameter 40 to 60 inches **\$100**

Donor receives an 8 x 10 matted photo of their wheel and a certificate with the wheel's number

Wagon Wheel Donor Club wheels with a diameter between 26 and 39 inches **\$50**

Donor receives a 5 x 7 matted photo of their wheel and a certificate with the wheel's number

Buggy Wheel Donor Club wheels with a diameter 25 inches or less **\$25**

Donor receives a certificate with the wheel's number

UCDA is a 501c(3) non profit organization. Donations are tax deductible.

Learn more about Artisans at the Dahmen Barn by visiting www.ArtisanBarn.org



Please accept my donation to adopt a wheel in the magnificent fence at Artisans at the Dahmen Barn at the level circled below.

Steam Engine \$100 Wagon Wheel \$50 Buggy Wheel \$25

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Make check to: UCDA/Artisans at the Dahmen Barn

Mail to: P O Box 36, Uniontown WA 99179

Office use only: Wheel # _____ Fence section _____