



Press Release – February 16, 2010

Trent Hills Heritage Barn Photo Contest Winners Announced

TRENT HILLS, ON: At today's Council meeting, to celebrate Heritage Week, the winners of the Barn Photo Contest were announced. Prizes for the winning photos were awarded by Heritage Committee Chair, Des Conacher, who on behalf of the Municipality, congratulated the winners and thanked them for helping to promote an awareness and appreciation for our rural architecture. The Committee wanted to celebrate the barn as a significant element in our rural landscape. The barn is a symbol of the importance of the role that agriculture has played in the history and development of our community. As farming practices evolve the uses of the many existing farm buildings have changed.

Although many barns are still in great shape and function as they always did, there are those that have seen better days and have become liabilities and financial burdens. The Trent Hills Heritage Committee and the Municipality would like to thank all of the photographers who participated in this contest. We now have over one hundred photographs that will become a basis for the Municipality's growing photographic record of our historic farm buildings. We hope to share these with the public in upcoming projects such as a celebratory Heritage Barn Poster and perhaps a calendar.

The prizes were awarded as follows:

1st Prize - Schellé Holmes, Warkworth, ON

2nd Prize - Isabel Veldhuis, Port Hope, ON

3rd Prize - Bonnie Russell, RR#4 Warkworth, ON

The winning photographs will be posted on the Trent Hills website www.trenthills.ca

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