

# Town & Country

Tour of Gardens-Historical Homes-Barns

June 25 & 26, 2022



☞ Tickets: \$15.00 before tour dates begin; \$18 day of tour

☞ Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

☞ Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Daniel Smith

208 South Jennings Street

North Vernon, IN 47265

The historic home of Daniel Smith was built in 1883 by Ernest Tripp. Ernest was a son of Hagerman Tripp, founder of North Vernon. Daniel purchased the home in August 2019 and spent the next ten months completely renovating the two-story, 12-room Victorian East Lake landmark, situated in the middle of two lots on the corner of College and Jennings Street. The late Rosemary Verbarg Guthrie was the last Tripp descendant to own the property. She lived there with her husband, Rowan, for over fifty years. The home is sometimes referred to as the "Guthrie" house by locals.

Original fretwork, pocket doors, stained glass windows, chandeliers, 11' ceilings, 13" baseboards, and a unique built-in ice box are just a few of the home's beautiful features.

Daniel has furnished the home with period furnishings throughout. He loves to have friends and family visit and designed the kitchen with entertaining in mind, which inspired the 9-foot marble island that seats ten people.



"Cy Barn" is owned by Louise Malcomb, Jennings County representative for the Indiana Barn Foundation. Used for years as a pig and equipment storage barn, it needed a new roof and other preservation. Renovation started in 2019 with clearing and building plans. Valley View Construction did the repairs, and the family has worked on various interior improvements. Early in 2022, the corn crib was re-roofed and sided. The purpose of many of the renovations was to illustrate a variety of uses that a heritage barn can have if restored, including a family entertainment area, mechanics bay, wood wrights bay, and art area. The barn was believed to be built around 1900 when Frank and Rosa Gardner Keller occupied the property.

An outstanding feature is the "painted west side," showing an advertisement for Verbarg/Phillips Hardware and Farmer's Supply, formerly Tripp Hardware in North Vernon. Lewis Estal and Edna Malcomb purchased the barn property after Cy Green died in 1965.

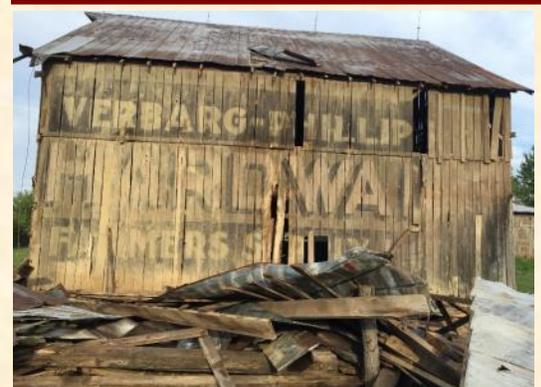
Cy and his family were farmers, raising mainly pigs and a few cattle. Estal used the barn primarily to store old equipment.



## Historic Cy Barn and Corn Crib

6175 W Co Rd 500 S

North Vernon, IN 47265



## Max and Susan Hill

1105 N Co Rd 500 E  
Butlerville, IN 47223



Max and Susan built the Hill family home on 2 acres in 1993. It was created with the modern style in mind. The outside of the house is surrounded by 12 acres of gardens and yard art which is a testament to Max and Susan's affinity for plants. The landscape features many unique seating areas, and Max and Susan invite tourers to use the seating areas to rest and enjoy everything their spacious, artistic, one-of-a-kind gardens have to offer.



## Malcom and Juliana Hill

1065 N Co Rd 500 E  
Butlerville, IN 47223

Home to Malcom and Juliana Hill, the Hill home is one of the first container homes built in Indiana. Construction started in 2014 as a family project for Malcom and his parents, Max and Susan Hill. The home took seven years to plan and complete. The industrial motif is seen throughout the house, including exposed metal walls, conduits, and the original container floors. The creativity and ingenuity of the Hill family are present in every room. An interesting characteristic is that most items used in the house are refurbished or repurposed. A vault door from 1875 made for the Courthouse in Versailles, Indiana, is used as the main front door. A wood stove from 1905 is the centerpiece of the front room. Cemetery urns were transformed into kitchen light fixtures. All back wall windows are salvaged, and the home also features live wood bathroom counters and an oak staircase.



For more information about the world's second-best container home, visit <https://containerhomehub.com/top-10-shipping:container-homes/>

## Jeff and Anna Walker

Two historic homes

East Brown St, Vernon, IN 47282

Jeff and Anna have two historic homes on East Brown Street in Vernon. In 2019 they purchased their gable-front two-story brick home. The home has been renovated over the years and has a living room, kitchen, and entertainment room on the first floor. Two bedrooms are located on the second floor. The entertainment room addition opens to a peaceful garden with various plants and blooming flowers.

Recently, Jeff and Anna had the opportunity to purchase another historic home just a block away called the Jacob Clinton House, which was built in 1834. The two-story brick is currently under renovation. Jeff and Anna wanted to share the various stages a historic home goes through during renovation while walls and ceilings are exposed. It is a rare occurrence that tour guests can view bare walls and other exposed areas of a home that was constructed almost a century ago.



## Barb Cooley's Garden

134 E Brown Street

Jennings County Master Gardeners designed and planted expansive gardens and landscaping around the Victorian structure and throughout the backyard of the society's property. Gardens include rock walls that were once a part of the foundation of the one-room house and old-fashioned plantings of ferns, hostas, and other flowering plants. The gardens are named in memory of master gardener Barb Cooley and her husband, Ralph, who volunteers hundreds of hours tending the gardens.



## Victorian Railroad Office

134 E Brown Street

Vernon, IN

In 2007 the society moved a badly deteriorated but salvageable 1880s pattern home from North Vernon to Vernon for restoration and preservation. The tiny house is only 17'x17' and is the smallest Victorian home in Indiana. During the late 1880s and early 1900s, Eldo Hicks and his four sons operated their engineering business out of the little house. Today the tiny house is a testament to the importance of preserving historical landmarks.

