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Keeping the Barn: A New MontanaPBS Documentary

Join MontanaPBS November 9, 2020 at 8PM MDT for the statewide broadcast premiere of the new feature length documentary "Keeping the Barn". In anticipation of the broadcast premiere, MontanaPBS will host sneak peek virtual events, which includes a 20-minute extended preview of the film followed by exclusive interviews.

Oct. 30 at 7PM | Screening followed by a Q&A with Producer/Director John Twiggs
Nov. 1 at 2PM | Screening followed by interview with photographer Tom Ferris

To RSVP to one or both of these events, visit montanapbs.org/events.

The 90-minute show follows the Brouwer family, near Manhattan, as they struggle with the cost and complication of fixing the roof on their barn. They discover it is no easy task maintaining their piece of history. During their journey to repair the barn, this program also features Montana families from the mountains of the southwest to the prairies of the northeast as they try to maintain their historic barns.

"It was a privilege to document some of the rich history and heritage of these beautiful barns," said Producer and Director, John Twiggs. "More importantly, we wanted to tell the stories of the families who care for these buildings."

In addition to advanced screening opportunities, MontanaPBS has launched a "Keeping the Barn" photo contest, which asks viewers around the state to document their local barns through photographs. All submissions will be judged by the production team at MTPBS and will put entrants in the running for a prize package courtesy of the station.

To view the film description, upcoming events, information about the photo contest, and more, visit montanapbs.org/keepingthebarn.

Producer and Director John Twiggs brings 30-years of television experience to lead the production team. He has documented Montana history with award-winning programs such as, *Evelyn Cameron: Pictures from a Worthy Life*, and, *Playing for the World: The 1904 Fort Shaw Indian Girls' Basketball Team*. His body of work has earned national awards (Cine Golden Eagle) and regional honors (Emmy).

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