

## **Couple looking for barn to paint**

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Tim and Christine Barnes, Hanover, visited the Flight 93 temporary memorial on Christmas Eve two years ago and were moved.

Now they want to honor the passengers and crew of United Flight 93 by having a design contest and by painting a barn.

When they visited, he was a registered nurse and a medical helicopter flight nurse and she was an accountant. They weren't married then - in an unusual coincidence her maiden name was also Barnes - but they married about a year ago.

"We've always loved barns," he said. "We wanted to come up with a business. There aren't many barn painters still in existence, so we started a barn-painting company."

They began Barn Painting & Advertising Inc. in May. Tim is the president and chief executive officer and Christine is vice president. They do standard barn painting, power washing and can paint roofs with a special paint that seals it to reduce leaks.

"Christine was listening to National Public Radio and heard that barn rooftop ads are coming back," he said. "Then we started getting calls from big companies that want to start marketing on barn roofs in high traffic areas. The farmer gets money every quarter for the rooftop ad. This is a newly developing field."

Between 1890 and 1992, Mail Pouch tobacco paid for barns in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan to be painted to advertise the product. After World War II, many of the barns were painted by Harley Warwick of Ohio. He once estimated that he painted 20,000 barns. Barn advertisements today are often only the roofs.

"We were really touched by the Flight 93 temporary memorial," Barnes said. "We've been to all three sites and this one is most touching."

They've decided to honor those on Flight 93 by painting a barn roof. Since they don't want a nice roof on a barn with worn paint, they will repaint the entire barn for free. They would like to paint a barn either near the crash site or along the main corridor.

"The barn should be at least 60 feet by 40 feet and visible from the road," he said. "The hardest part will be choosing a design and checking with the municipality for any restrictions."

Farmers interested in having their barns considered for the memorial are asked to either mail a photo of the barn to Barn Painting & Advertising Inc., 65

Hemlock Drive, Hanover, Pa. 17331 or e-mail it to [tim@barnpaintadvertising.com](mailto:tim@barnpaintadvertising.com).

The design contest is open to Pennsylvania residents who are at least 18. Contest rules may be obtained by mailing a self-addressed stamped envelope to the company, Attention: Designer Contest Rules. The deadline for entries is April 1. They plan to paint the barn sometime this summer or fall.

"Pennsylvania is one of the states with the highest number of barns," he said. "You don't see as many in New York state as you used to. Barns are everywhere in Pennsylvania."

AmericanProfile.com reports that there were more than 6.5 million barns in the United States in 1920. Now the number is less than half that. Nearly two dozen states have preservationists cataloging and saving barns. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has a program called "Barn Again."

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