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Barns of the St Croix Valley: An Architect's Sketchbook

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Synopsis: With the publication of "Barns of the St Croix Valley: An Architect's Sketchbook", architect Jim Lammers grounds you in the geography, geology and biology of the region and introduces you to its original inhabitants, the Dakota and Ojibwe peoples, European explorers, fur traders and loggers and the settlers that followed them. It is a celebration of regional diversity and architectural expression through a single type of building -- the barn.

Critique: Informatively illustrated with 200 barn sketches, diagrams, and maps, "Barns of the St Croix Valley: An Architect's Sketchbook" is a visual journey showcasing the many and varied barns to be found throughout the Wisconsin/Minnesota St Croix River Valley. A pleasure to browse through one page at a time, "Barns of the St Croix Valley: An Architect's Sketchbook" is recommended for professional and academic library American Architectural History collections -- as well as the personal reading lists of Wisconsin/Minnesota barn enthusiasts.

Editorial Note: Jim Lammers (<https://jimsketcher.com>) was trained as an architect back when freehand sketching was an integral part of the curriculum. He is a tireless writer and relentless sketcher. Jim has been published in professional journals, and his sketches have been exhibited at fine art venues. His first book, "Capture the Moment: An Architect's Guide to Travel Sketching" has been published by ORO Editions. Jim also teaches sketching at Marine Mills Folk Art School.

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