As you drive over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house ... or another destination this holiday season, you might just spot an iconic barn in the distance. Whether it's historic, renovated or a new barndominium, the scene is quintessentially Chester County.



The Lyster barn, or "barndominium," is a newly constructed home located in Honey Brook. The standing seam metal roof is topped with an 8-foot windowed cupola that's open to the timber frame main floor below. The new owners marked the season with decorations on their entry fence.

* King Construction



It's a Willistown Winter Wonderland! This party bank barn features an open floor plan design, amplified by 30-foot ceilings and timber frame structure, with a chef's kitchen, loft, fireplace and a cozy corner to watch your favorite holiday movies with friends and family.

* Period Architecture



This 1743 historic barn is part of Sweetwater Farm Bed & Breakfast and Winery. It was gutted and completely renovated, maintaining the historic integrity of the structure and using compatible materials (board, batten, stone) and adaptive reuse. This charming reception facility, wine tasting space, wine production and a storage area are open to the public.

* Peter Zimmerman Architects



This horse barn in New Holland features a scissor truss roof and timber frame exterior. When the owners planned a photoshoot with a horse and carriage, the weather surprised them with some snow to provide a perfect setting. The picture was featured on their Christmas cards.

* Precise Buildings