

September Highlights

New Locations ... Again!

If you have been driving through Grundy County lately, you may have noticed five new quilt blocks scattered throughout the rural landscape. Alliant Energy, once again, spent the day mounting the beautifully colored blocks in Holland, Grundy Center and Reinbeck locations.



The five new locations include:

"Contrary Wife" & "Contrary Husband", 19605 N Ave., Holland;
"Country Roads", 25058 215th St., Grundy Center; "Flying Geese",
31685 215th St., Reinbeck; and "Goose on the Pond", 20744 W
Ave., Reinbeck. These locations were exciting because the

owners showed so much enthusiasm in their block and the project. Plus, the five blocks will also be seen in the 2008 Barn Quilts of Grundy County calendar.



The new five blocks brought the total number of quilt blocks in Grundy County to 38!
Let's hope to hit the 50 mark in 2008!

MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

If you are already wondering what to give for this year's Christmas gifts, look no further! That's right, don't forget about the Barn Quilts of Grundy County 1st Edition Cookbooks for only \$15. They offer over 300 recipes from Grundy County locals and many more supporters!

Another item to highlight is the price reduction of the Barn Quilt merchandise.

'06 calendars - \$3

'07 calendars - \$5

'06-'07 calendar plus Self-Guided Tour cd - \$10

Self-Guided Tour CD - \$5

Barn Quilt T-shirts - \$10

Barn Quilt hand-drawn prints - \$10

Can't beat the deals or the great merchandise!

August Tours

August brought three more bus tours into Grundy County to view the Barn Quilts of Grundy County. The buses, all bringing 45+ people on each trip, viewed the quilt blocks on the "Loop" and traveled through Wellsburg, Conrad, Beaman, Grundy Center, Morrison, Reinbeck and Dike. The groups came from the Davenport area, Prairie City and Illinois. I even did an evening tour for a group that was staying the night in Waterloo and wanting a little something to do that evening! These large group tours are a great way to get people acquainted with the communities and county with museum visits, short stops for pictures and of course shopping, and much more.

If they visit once and enjoyed themselves, there is a greater chance that they will return for a second or even third time. We strive to make their Barn Quilt Day informational, relaxing and fun. And don't forget about self-guided tours. They are almost better because you have the ability to stop when and where you want and for as long as desired. For information on self-guided tours, contact Kelly at 319.825.3606 or email barnquilts@gcmuni.net.



Iowa State Fair 2007

The Barn Quilts of Grundy County had its first appearance at the Iowa State Fair this August. On Sunday, August 12, the Board of Directors and Project Coordinator traveled down to Des Moines to set-up in the Varied Industries Building. We partnered with Central Iowa Tourism in volunteering to work their booth for that entire day. Thank heavens it was an air conditioned building because that day was a scorcher!

We visited with many State Fair goers and really received a good reception of the Barn Quilt Project from many that have already seen the many quilt blocks throughout Grundy County as well as other Iowa counties.

A special draw to the Barn Quilt booth were the Barn Quilt logo tattoos! The children, and even some adults, got a kick out of the tattoos. The Iowa State Fair was a great way to get a presence and a name for the Barn Quilts of Grundy County by reaching the thousands of people that visit the State Fair. Look for us next year as we hope to remain in the air conditioned building and get our project out to many more!



2008 Calendar

Be the first to own the 2008 Barn Quilts of Grundy County calendar. The '08 calendar will feature 13 new locations and quilt blocks. Calendars will be available for sale in October, but you can order yours today! Calendars are \$10/each. If you'd like to order yours now, contact Kelly at 319.825.3606 or email barnquilts@gcmuni.net for more details.

GOT A BARN?

If you have a barn, corncrib, machine shed or some other farm building that you think has Barn Quilt potential, please give me a call! The Barn Quilts of Grundy County is always looking for new homes for quilt blocks and yours could be next!

Project Requirements:

- Building should be at least 50 years or older.
- Building should be within Grundy County.
- Quilt block should be seen from the road.



If you meet those requirements and would like more information on getting your own quilt block, contact Kelly at the Grundy County Development Alliance at 319.825.3606 for an information packet.

Want More Info?

Please visit our website at <http://www.grundycountyia.com> and click on the Barn Quilt logo to learn more about the Barn Quilts of Grundy County. If you have any questions, or would like more information about any aspect of the Barn Quilt Project, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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